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## 100 years old and still going strong

The Great Longstone village Hall (nee institute) began life in May 1907, the Village Hall Committee are organising a party to mark its 100th Birthday. There'll be treasure hunts round the village for the younger ones and trips down memory lane, with a display of old photographs, clippings and a rolling film show in the Village Hall for the rest of us. The movies show Great Longstone from the 50's to present day. If you have any old photographs of Longstone social life you would like to share for the day, let us know! Birthday cake and glasses of bubbly will complete the party atmosphere. Everyone from the village is welcome and it all happens on Saturday 19th May 2007.

Sue MacDonald

## UTE Reaches a Century

When the first issue of Under the Edge fell through my letterbox I was delighted, I never thought I would become quite as fond of it as I have or that it would become as huge a part of my life as it has.

Brian Edwards, our well-known artist, had run community newspapers in Sheffield and having moved to Longstone felt it was a good idea for Great Longstone to have its own paper at the same time the Reverend Clive and Harold Richardson were having just the same thoughts. They all got together and with the help of many residents in the village the rest is history.

Brian offered to get the first issue out and 630 copies were photocopied by David Burns at the Print Room and the trustee band of locals went out to deliver the first issue.

That first issue must have been a nightmare; where Brian got his copy from I don't know but UTE was born

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**UNDER THE EDGE**



**WELCOME TO UNDER THE EDGE**

There has been much discussion over the last year or so as to whether Longstone should have its own community paper. Of course we have the parish magazine centred around the church with additional small community features. However most of the organisations contacted have given their support for a wider ranging publication.

1st 3rd Jan. closed  
2nd 4th Jan. open as normal.  
In Longstone, the shop only, and not the post office counter, is open in the mornings of 28th Dec., and 3rd Jan.  
Paper deliveries will be as normal.

### CHRISTMAS FAIRE

All the pubs and hotels in Longstone and the surrounding villages are presenting special menus for Christmas. Why not call in, look through the menus and book early! Sadly we do not have space to give all the menus but we can list the telephone numbers.  
Bulls Head, Wardlow (01298)871431  
Crispin Inn, Great Longstone 640237  
Eyre Arms, Hassop 640390  
Hassop Hall 640488  
Monsal Head Hotel 640250  
Packhorse Inn, Little Longst.640471  
White Lion, Great Longstone 640252

Monsal Head Cafe will be opening only on Saturdays and Sundays until 18th December when they will be serving each day over the Christmas period except for Christmas Day.

### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Mellor's the Great Longstone Family Butchers remind you to get your orders for Christmas as soon as possible. This year they will close on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th December, opening until 2pm on Christmas Eve. At New Year the shop will be closed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, reopening on Monday the 4th. Tel:640223

### MISTLETOE

Did you know that the bush gave its name to the mistle thrush? *Viscum album* is also known in various parts of the country as churchman's greeting, kiss-and-go, masslin, misle or mislin. As a parasite it grows on other trees, most commonly on apple in this country. Travellers across Normandy will have spotted huge clumps on poplar trees.

At Christmas, play and make good cheer for Christmas comes but once a year!

Brian Edwards, Editor

### CHRISTMAS POST

The Post Office has published a list of their arrangements for offices in this area. 24th Dec. open until 12.30pm.  
25th 26th 27th 28th Dec. closed  
29th 30th Dec. open as normal

thanks to Brian, Clive, Harold and the team of deliverers UTE covers all the villages on our masthead.

Brian retired as Editor when he began to build his house on Miers Lane and Sally and Chris Raynor slipped effortlessly into the role. Time moves on and so does life and after a couple of years as Editor Sally advertised that they wanted to stop, and would a new editor please step forward.

I offered to do the job and as I was the only applicant, got it. What have I

got out of being editor of Under the Edge? I have got a great deal; I know far more about village life than I did before, I have met a great many wonderful people but most of all I know that between us all we have produced a newspaper that the villages really look forward to.

In 2005 I started asking for someone new to take over the role of editor but no one came forward and so I placed a notice in the December issue of UTE saying it was the last

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issue unless anyone came forward to take over. The response was wonderful and people would ring up just to say 'please keep it going' and the start of a new era began.

Instead of one editor we now had three. Anne Bennett, Paul Gill and as a joint effort Sarah Shimwell and Holly Waine took the reins, none of them had any previous experience at publishing. It was an experiment which has worked really well, three different editors with three different views on the world. Sadly Anne left as her new business was taking up time and last month Sarah and Holly edited their last issue, as both of the girls have now left the villages. I am still involved on our committee, chaired by the amazing Peter Askew however we do need another editor to take charge of UTE just once every three months, otherwise we will be reduced down to a quarterly magazine.

Many thanks to all of our past and present editors, committee members, advertisers, deliverers, and most of all to the many contributors who have helped us to get this far. Please help keep us going, ring either Paul on 01629 640932 or myself on 01629 640926 and then we can look forward to the next 100 issues.

**Suzy Barton**

## Wagers Flat

Still the clatter goes on from 6.am, unhindered and uncontrolled.

The once beautiful Southern aspect of Longstone Edge is daily being demolished and changed into a row of slag heaps reminiscent of a coal-mining area. Of course, the longer the delay in exercising the Enforcement notice, the greater the financial rewards for anyone able to benefit from them. One only hopes that the beneficiaries are limited to those with legitimate interests in either Bleaklow or M.M.C. Lawyers apart, of course. It seems that no amount of representation, either by individuals or pressure groups has any effect on these so-called "PUBLIC SERVANTS", who seem not to have understood the meaning of either word sufficiently, to feel obliged to carry out the roles for which we, as the tax payers, remunerate them. The constant chanting of the 1952 mantra, it seems gives them the unchallenged right to inactivity, with all it's disastrous consequences.

Recently, an application by a property owner in Longreave Lane, in clear view of Wagers Flat, Had his rebuilding application rejected for the following reasons:- "is contrary to Policy 30 of RSS8, Policies GS1 and C2 of the PDNP Structure Plan and Policies LC4 and LH4 of the PDNP Local Plan. "Is in a location clearly visible from the road and other public viewpoints and would detract from the character of the area and thereby undermine the ability to prevent undesirable changes to the National Park landscape—that would harm the valued characteristics of the National Park. Further, "The development plan policies of the PDNPA seek to ensure that proposed development does not harm the valued characteristics of the National Park.

*To achieve this, development will not be permitted where it is incompatible with the policies of the development plan. Development should respect, not adversely affect, and where possible enhance the valued characteristics of the Peak District National Park."*

This is a breathtaking application of double standards. If this government appointed body is unable to exercise its appointed role, what right does it have to take money from the Public Purse in the pretence of carrying out its duties. In the matter of Wagers Flat and next, Beacon Rod, time has now run out. The members should either act now or resign.

**W AND E SCOTT  
ROWLAND RESIDENTS**

### Great Longstone Flower Festival

Saturday 19th May - Saturday 26th  
May 2007

Church Open Daily 10.00am -  
6.00pm Sunday 20th 12.30pm -  
6.30pm

Home-made refreshments including  
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Coach parties welcomed, contacts:  
Judy Fraser-Smith 01629 640478  
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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 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

**Public Questions and Comments** – No questions or comments from the public.

**Apologies for Absence** – Councillor G. Bowering.

**Minutes of the Special meeting** – The minutes were declared true by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Dalton.

**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 item 11 Councillor Wright declared an interest in item 10.

**Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch** – Councillor Wright enquired if the fortnightly mobile police office was being used by parishioners. Councillor Gregory suggested asking the police for feedback.

**School Matters** – Councillor Raynor said there was nothing to report.

**Planning Matters** – Extension to dwelling, 4 Glebe Avenue, Great Longstone. It was decided to have a site meeting at 9.00 on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Planning Decision Notices** – Replacement of dwelling, Green Island, Great Longstone has been refused.

**Financial Matters** – Nothing to report.

**Maintenance** – Roads and paths. Pavement resurfacing - The Clerk reported that DCC are still not able to advise if this work will be carried out this year.

Allotments - Councillor Raynor reported that the allotments looked really good.

Recreation Ground –

1) Ethels house has had the woodwork repaired and the Clerk was instructed to inform the painter to go ahead.

2) Vehicular Access – Councillor Raynor informed the council that when he had tried to gain access to the rec. to remove wood, he discovered that Sunny and Spring Bank were blocked. He tried to contact the owners of the vehicles to no avail. The meeting was closed at 8.21 and reopened at 8.26 after comments from the public. After lengthy discussions it was proposed by Councillor Barton that as there is no official vehicular access on either bank no further action should be taken. This was seconded by Councillor Mason and voted in favour 5 votes to 2.

**Feemouth Yard** – Councillor Wright left the room at this point as he had a prejudicial interest. Councillor Dalton suggested Councillor Wright was inconsistent in that he had an obligation as Councillor to do the best for the Parishioners although he was party to a letter threatening trespass to parishioners on Feemouth Yard. The Clerk reported no reply had yet been received from the Wright Trust and was instructed to try to arrange a site meeting ASAP.

**Wagers Flat** – Nothing to report.

**Carbon Neutral Villages** – Councillor Barton reported he had attended a meeting in Chester that was very inspirational. Other local villages are taking part in becoming carbon neutral, watch this space!

**Skateboarders** – Councillor Mason reported that there had been a second meeting with the skateboarders and

as a result the council are to look into the cost of hiring a mobile skate ramp for a day to assess noise levels. The skateboarders are to carry out a survey to find out the number of people who would be likely to use such a facility.

**Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

**Sports Day** – Councillor Gregory reported that this is arranged to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and will be incorporated with GLCC Party on the Pitch.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 16th May 2007 which will follow the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm

**Paul Gill**

## Well Dressers Required!

One week only July 7th -14th 2007

This years well dressing will go ahead as usual, and everyone from the village is invited to get involved. The well dressing will have to be made in a new place and several offers of space have already been made. We are asking for some keen volunteers from the village to come and help create it. No previous experience is necessary and everyone will be made very welcome.

Jobs will include -

Puddling (putting the clay in the boards)

Wooling ( applying their design to the clay)

Collecting seeds, moss and stuff to put onto the well dressing

Petalling and sticking stuff in making coffee etc.

There will be an infomal meeting in the White Lion on Wednesday 30th May at 8pm for anyone who is interested in helping or you can contact Jane Littlefield on 01629 640943

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## News from Mantell Towers. (Castle Cliffe Guest House)

We recently carried out an interesting social experiment. Normal practice is to seat our guests at their own tables, be they individuals, couples or groups. However, after a particularly aggravating Saturday morning when each of our seven tables for two ordered separate drinks, i.e. tea and coffee, tea and herbal tea, coffee and hot chocolate and so on, we decided that enough was enough, tomorrow we would seat all of our guests at one large table, I would place a large tea and coffee pot in the middle and they could all share and socialize. Having deliberated over the seating plan, the constraints of our dining room forced us to compromise a little and the final result was not one but three tables, an eight, a four and a two. We had always wondered whether our guests would enjoy this arrangement and were curious to see how they would interact at breakfast time. The fish eye lens peephole in the kitchen door allowed us to observe the first couple entering the room. I quickly popped my head around the door to intercept them and to explain the change of seating plan. 'We're having friends over to lunch today' (it was true) 'so

we've had to move the tables in preparation, but don't worry, you can sit anywhere you like.' I retreated to the kitchen to find my order pad and by the time I returned to the dining room only seconds later it was done, the tone had been set, couple number one had placed themselves deliberately down on the one table for two! As subsequent couples entered the room the trend continued. Each looked nervously around the room searching for the safety of an individual table and then reluctantly placing themselves on the alternative. Couple number two sat on one corner of the table for eight, couple number three retreated to the third and so far unoccupied table in order to avoid all danger of having to speak to a stranger! Couple number two (the husband of whom I subsequently named Mr Stiff because of the way in which he sat staring straight ahead, refusing to make eye contact with a neighbour,) did not create an inviting atmosphere at the big table so, when couple number four entered, I was disappointed but not altogether surprised to see them sit on the opposite corner and thus as far away as possible from Mr and Mrs Stiff. Subsequent guests had of course to fill in the remaining gaps and could not avoid having to sit next to someone else. Luckily they soon overcame this problem by shifting their chairs and their body positions so that they were physically unable to communicate with anyone but their partners! The hushed tone of the dining room depressed me each time I re-entered. I tried manfully to engage people in conversation. The weather was not co-operating being unusually unremarkable and therefore

uninspiring as a subject to rally round. I tried walks, I tried evening dining experiences, I tried planned excursions for the day but although individuals would talk to me, no-one seemed prepared to break the ice by turning and chatting to his neighbour. I decide to change tack. Rather than addressing individuals I would introduce a subject for general consideration and comment. 'We're cooking a goose for lunch today' I announced, 'we've never tried it before, does anyone have any experience?' Heads quickly dropped to an in depth examination of their sausages all around the table apart from one brave woman who ventured a dismissive 'very fatty' and quickly returned to her toast and marmalade. At this point I decided to give up and, reluctantly, to concede that our experiment had failed. The Brits truly are an unsociable race! If you have a different experience of communal dining at a B&B, I would be delighted to hear about it.

Jackie Mantell

### Thornhill House Plant Sale.

The event is on Monday the 7th May at Thornhill House and starts at 10.30 Apart from the usual additional stalls there will be a large range of plants just in time for summer. But come early as the best of the plant stocks go quickly. For further details please contact Lucy Wright on 07762 083674

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## W.I. Notes

Our April meeting, chaired by Mrs. Fraser-Smith, after her spring break, was busy as usual, business matters were soon dealt with, and we are holding the group resolution meeting, at Great Longstone, on April 25th to find out details of the resolution to be put to the National Federation at the A.G.M. in June. Those members who were interested in attending the Derbyshire Federation Springtime lunch at Ashford were unlucky as the event was over subscribed. Baslow W.I. is hosting a fun and laughter musical evening on April 19th. Members attended the D.F.W.I. spring council meeting at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield were brought up to date with County matters and found Christine Hamilton's talk amusing and enjoyable. Jennifer Rowson suggested we have walks for members and the first one will start at 10.00am on April 19th meeting up at The White Lion. Work has started on our entry for the Bakewell Show. We had a good turn out of members attending the group meeting at Youlgreave on March 28th. It was reported that the carol service at Youlgreave raised £70 which is to be shared between Newholme Hospital and Youlgreave Church bell fund. This year Great Longstone will host the group carol service on December 7th and Monyash will host the autumn group meeting on October 24th. An update on D.F.W.I. events

particularly "Best of British" cooking on April 23rd (Very appropriate, St Georges Day!) at Shirland Village Hall and also road shows around the county next year to celebrate 90 years! We are lucky that members of the executive committee come to our meetings to encourage us with so many diverse activities. David Hanson then gave an excellent talk about antiques. His expertise is second to none and he was most encouraging with his interest but sometimes low valuations on the exhibits. We were delighted when our very own Chrissie Unsworth won the competition which produced some very attractive antique boxes from group members. Our recent speaker in April, Mr. Ian Wetherley, entertained us with a very enthusiastic talk about bee keeping. Making honey is obviously the main reason to keep bees and beeswax is also a by-product. Honey is beneficial to us as a source of natural sweetness and can be traced back to ancient Egypt. It was found in the tombs of the Pharaohs and is mentioned in the Bible re the land of milk and honey. Keeping bees seems a rather dangerous occupation if you are not careful. Mr. Wetherley first learnt the theory and then got to know bees, receiving many stings in the process due to his inexperience. He stuck with it and now enjoys the benefits of producing his own honey. One queen bee, staying low in the hive can lay around 1000 eggs on a good day. The workers collect nectar from flowers and return to the hive to deposit their collections which will turn to honey and also produce beeswax on the strips of the honeycomb. Equipment is very important, baskets used to be used but did not hold much wax, and then hives of different shapes and sizes were developed. April is the time to check on the Queen and fresh eggs,

also to make sure that no disease is present within the hives. No self respecting bee keeper will carry out these checks without the appropriate veil with jacket and a smoker to jet into the hive to ensure the bees are less aggressive before inspection. Mr. Wetherley made us all laugh when he described chasing swarms of bees and capturing them in baskets to start his daring hobby. I don't think bee keeping would be quite up my street!, but it must be very satisfying to produce your own honey. Our thanks to Mr. Wetherley for such an instructive talk and for showing us the variety of equipment including hives complete with contents. Thanks to Joan Knight and Jennifer Rowson for sustaining us with refreshments and also to our members for supporting our Easter trading stall as well. Our next meeting on May 2nd will determine our final decision on the A.G.M. resolution.

**Pam Smith**

## James Bentley

I have served as the District Councillor for this ward for the past two years after being elected in the by-election of March 2005. Once again I am the only candidate to live in the ward! I firmly believe Councillors should live in the ward, whenever possible, so that they are on the spot and better able to represent the local community.

I also believe the Parish Councils are an essential part of village life and I regularly attend the Parish Council meetings held in my ward.

I have recently been in discussion with the residents of Litton over additional funding for improved play facilities for the children of Litton and the surrounding areas. Derbyshire Dales District Council are keen to promote funding for rural communities and I am keen to ensure that Litton get a fair share of the 'pot'.

As a Longstone resident I am also very aware of the concerns over quarrying at Longstone Edge and Backdale. I have genuine concerns over the phenomenal damage that can now be caused by modern quarrying methods. I regularly raise these concerns and those of local residents with the district council and Patrick McLoughlin MP.

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## Parish Council Elections

On the 3rd May there should be elections for 72 Parish Councils in Derbyshire Dales, but on only 16 will take place. Four villages have lost their councils completely and the rest have either just enough or are a bit below the number of people standing that are required and will have to co-opt additional members in-order to function legally. In Great Longstone there still is a lot of interest in the Council and its role in the community and we will be having an election. In this Parish we have 8 councillors so everyone gets 8 votes. You do not have to use all of your votes but if you put down more than 8 marks your whole ballot paper will be invalidated. Maybe it is the way in which UTE is helping to raise the profile of the council, for good and for bad, that we do still have this interest. UTE has done its bit, 11 people have stood for election, now it will be good to see a high turnout amongst the 634 (or so) registered electors with lots of people taking part in the vote on the day. We will get the council that we vote for, so have you say. Please be aware that the candidates on these pages are randomly placed and profiles unedited.



**Steve Barton**

Great Longstone is a great place to live, but village amenities need to be nurtured, protected and developed. We've lost the Post Office and beautiful Longstone Edge has been transformed into an industrial wasteland.

There are no facilities for teenagers, resulting in a disaffected and bored generation. Looking ahead, climate change and oil price hikes will threaten the viability of the village. The Parish Council needs to raise its sights to tackle these things before they happen, without losing sight of issues such as mending the footpaths and keeping the rec play equipment safe. We've become bogged down in detail over the last four years. I would like to use the next four to move the Parish Council and the village into a new era.



**Melany Davison-West**

As a parish councillor I would take an active role in maintaining this wonderful community. I believe that community matters should not be considered as separate items, for example, how do you get away from the fact that local people are employed to mine for much-needed materials when trying to save Longstone edge? However, here are some of the things that I think may be beneficial: a youth club for the kids; a shelter for people near to the playground ideally; improving footpaths and byways and traffic calming - not speed bumps. I'm friendly, approachable and accessible as I'm around the village lots - either with children, Simon, dog or horse. I'm usually smiling. I teach science. I'm organised. Finally, I get things done!

**Hugh Wright**

I am very fortunate to have been brought up in Great Longstone, and to have been a third generation of

Wrights to have served on the Parish Council.

I support a contest amongst the eleven candidates standing, and the election should focus the minds of electors as to who they think which candidates are best to represent the Parish as public servants on their behalf.

**Suzy Barton**

Having lived in Great Longstone for twenty years I felt it was important that we keep the Parish Council. I have sat through a great many council meetings and do know that the village is as good as its councillors.

I am an active member of the Save Longstone Edge Group because I feel that we, as a village have lost forever a huge amenity - Longstone Edge. I will continue to try to stop the illegal quarrying up there.

I am proud to live in a clean, well looked after village with a good community spirit and will strive to keep it that way.



**Simon Headington**

I am married with an 8 month old son. I work in the village running a business advertising NHS jobs on the internet. I also run a charity, called Volunteer Africa, which supports community development projects in Tanzania.

I have an active interest in village life. I ran the broadband campaign, set up the village web-site, was treasurer of UTE for 4 years and on the village hall committee for 7 years.

I believe that the Parish Council should be pro-active in helping to take the village in the direction that the residents want it to go in the long term, wherever that may be, whilst still managing to deal with the day to day issues.

### **Dave MacDonald**

The qualities that I can offer this community as a parish councillor are sensibility, honesty, and good old common sense on all the issues that affect our village.

I moved to this village 4 years ago with my family. I have restored our family home sympathetically in keeping with the architectural surroundings of the village and become as carbon neutral as possible.

I have been enthusiastically involved in the art show and fell race events in the village.

I care about the needs of families and teenagers in village life whilst taking into account the needs of all members of our community.

I have a wealth of experience in construction, building, project development and architectural appreciation.



### **Wendy Long**

Originally from Stoke on Trent, I moved to the village in 1990. I'm married to Jim, we have 2 beautiful daughters and am company secretary to my husbands engineering business. I enjoy village life and feel I have lived here long enough to have a better perspective on the needs of the village. I would endeavour to empathize with both young and old and give support to the community as a whole. I am often reminded of how village life was, way before my time, and feel this community spirit needs to be retained while moving forward and accommodating changes. If you think I can achieve this, then I thank you in advance for your support.

### **Steve Mason**

I have lived and worked in the locality for twenty-one years having moved from Hampshire to reside in this delightful county. I work from home having become an Independent Financial Adviser fourteen months ago, prior to this I worked for the CIS for twelve years as a tied adviser.

I have where possible tried to be involved with the local community and help where I can. When Peter Askew resigned after giving good service to the Parish Council I felt it was an opportunity to put something back into the village and asked to be considered for the vacancy. The same reason applies for this election, to put something back into the village by representing the community of Great Longstone.



### **Peter Thompson**

I've lived in the centre of the village for the past 18 years. I'm married to Julia Morgans and have two sons who attended the village school and have now moved on to Lady Manners. I am a teacher, and for many years was on the committee of the Derbyshire Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club, representing the interests of over 400 fliers who, like many other groups, make use of the fabulous opportunities this area offers.

I am standing for the Parish council to do my little bit towards helping to improve the lot of everyone who lives in area, by moving things forward in a positive way. I sometimes feel that resistance to change is the guiding principle in local government, rather than judging the quality of change proposed. I fear losing the atmosphere of a working village which we currently enjoy, and becoming a dormitory for surrounding cities instead.

### **Margaret Ward**

I am a retired schoolteacher who moved to Great Longstone 22 years ago. Four years ago I became a Parish Councillor as I felt I had become part of the community.

It has been a learning process and I now feel I can offer more in the next four if I am elected.

My main interests are family, people and children, we have 8 grandchildren. I feel we should try and make an atmosphere of a "village family". The more varied the councillors, providing they live here full time, the better for the whole community.

I hope I will have the opportunity to develop my role as a councillor in the next four years.



### **Roger Topham**

I've lived in the village for 7 years. Married to Jane Littlefield, we have 2 daughters, Eliza at Longstone Primary and Josie at Lady Manners.

If elected to the Parish Council I believe I could provide pragmatic and reasoned input to council matters. I can offer ideas (backed with actions) on ways to maintain, enhance and enrich our village life.

I would encourage the council to seek the views of the whole community across all spectrums of age and background.

I believe the council is responsible for actively addressing both local issues such as protection of our unique countryside from damaging exploitation e.g. quarrying; to global issues such as the initiatives to reduce carbon emissions by moves to become a carbon neutral village.



## Albinism

Some of you know my 2 daughters Stephanie and Sophie, many of you comment on their beautiful blonde hair but most people do not realise they both have a rare condition called Albinism which affects 1 in 17,000 people in the UK. There are many different types of Albinism, Steph and Sophie have Ocular Cutaneous Albinism, which is a lack of pigment or melanin in the skin, hair and eyes; and therefore a visual impairment, (they can only read down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> line on the eye chart).

Having no pigment means they will burn very easily in the sun and are very susceptible to skin cancer. Therefore high factor sun cream, sensible clothing, hats and common sense are used. The worst problem is having very poor vision, even with spectacles. They are sensitive to light and wear tinted glasses to help reduce the glare.

In local areas they will wander round without assistance, they remember where kerbs, bumps and holes are.

Further afield they rely on family and friends to guide them. We do have quite a few falls and knocks but that is part of not being able to see very well as any visually impaired person will tell you! Not being able to recognise people or see friends on the Rec. is annoying so if they don't say 'hello' don't be offended it's because they can't see your face.

I am very proud of Steph and Sophie, even with their poor eyesight they are independent and will have a go at everything.

As Albinism is rare we joined an organisation called the Albinism Fellowship so we could meet others with the same condition, gain information and knowledge, discuss problems and; find solutions to them. Steph and Sophie gain confidence from these gatherings and in order to help fund them we are having a tabletop sale in the village hall on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 10am, please come along and support us.

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## Farming Notes

You might wonder what this man is doing with one arm up a cow's bottom and the other adjusting his trendy sunglasses! In fact he is a Bakewell vet with his new portable scanner, confirming that one of the Charolais cows is in calf. Pregnancy scanning can be done anytime after 30 days. It used to involve setting up a machine close to a electricity point and then bringing the cow into that building, but now with the new equipment comprising of a backpack and flick down eye monitor the work can be carried out almost anywhere on the farm. This causes less work for us and lower stress for the cow. The only downside is the fact that we used to be able to see the images live ourselves rather than wait for the vet's thumbs up or down. Luckily for us most of the Charolais are in calf. Talking of scanning, some more took place recently but not with the Bakewell vets. It was at Calow Hospital with Tom's wife Emma confirming that she is pregnant and expecting a baby in October. What great news, I'm going to be a Grandad!!

**Roger Cox**



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## Police Notes

Overnight on the 18/19th April, offenders stole an agricultural trailer from a farmyard in Tideswell, and also attempted to force entry to a wooden storage shed. Overnight on 19/20th April, offenders forced the doors to gain entry to a garage at a property in Froggatt, Calver, and stole a garden mower and tractor. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of thefts of garden equipment from sheds, outbuildings and garages. Please check the security.

- \* lock your shed with a good quality padlock (e.g. close shackle)
- \* door fittings (hinges, hasp and staples) should be secured with coach bolts or security screws and reinforced at the back
- \* fit a grille or wire mesh to the inside of windows
- \* chain tools together secure to walls to prevent a burglar using them to break into your home
- \* consider a ground anchor for securing your belongings
- \* store fishing rods, golf clubs and other expensive items in your home
- \* clearly mark your possessions with your postcode and house number
- \* keep your shed in a good state of repair
- \* think about installing an alarm and security lighting

For more home security advice, contact your local Crime Reduction Officer, on 0845 123 33 33. Please be extra vigilant, on the look out and report anyone suspicious to Derbyshire Police.

## Blessings

### Rev'd Clive thrower writes

The service engineer came in from the benefice office to the vicarage and asked "Is there anyone here who can pronounce the last rites on the photocopier?" He was joking of course, at my expense, but his question reminded me of the theological discussion as to whether one should bless inanimate objects. Some say only people should be blessed, an authoritative declaration of divine favour. Whereas, others would declare that a blessing of say, the water of baptism or oil for anointing the sick, is acceptable. It is a sanctification (or making holy) of these material things.

These arguments go back to a fundamental one as to the uniqueness of humanity. Are we set apart from the rest of the creation? Certainly the account of creation in the Bible gives us that sense of being special. But is that simply because we are the most developed of sentient beings? As those with the greatest capacity to understand the universe we surely have a particular responsibility – this is analogous to the parent-child relationship that we are familiar with – the parent cares for the child – so too we should care for those less well developed parts of creation.



The season of flower festivals and well dressings begins this month and I will have no qualms about blessing the wells and the people standing around. As we walk the parish boundaries at Rogation I will bless the fields, the animals and the crops since this entire wonderful world is God's creation. By pronouncing a blessing we are acknowledging the sanctity of God's creation and are reminded of our thankfulness and responsibility towards the world.

## Rev'd Clive's Retirement

After more than 25 years as a Parish Priest, Rev'd Clive is retiring in June. His last services will be on 10<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone would like to help us mark this occasion please speak to the wardens, Mike Hirst (640212) or Alan Grant (640132)

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## Notes from St Giles'

*Compiled by Harold Richardson*

Maybe it is my advancing years but the time interval between writing the notes for the last issue and sitting down to write those for the next issue seems to become shorter and shorter. Also, the number of brain cells available to decide what to write seems to reduce at an even more alarming rate!

By the time that you read this we shall have had that most eagerly awaited of all the many meetings that beset us – the meeting to elect the church wardens for the next twelve months followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when we will have been told if the books balanced, if everything has gone well in the past year, what has been done and even what has been left undone, is the church still in one piece and we will have elected the new church councillors for the coming twelve months.

On a more serious note this is all very necessary, not only for legal reasons, but to ensure that the church, which is one of the centre-pieces of the community life in the village and its environs, is being properly managed and is providing the help, guidance and support needed by the people who live in the parish and is doing its job in helping to spread God's word as it was charged to do by Jesus Christ.



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This will become even more onerous next month when we lose the guidance of Rev'd Clive as he and Joy enter into a well earned retirement.

The newly elected wardens and councillors face the task of selecting a successor which will not be easy. I am sure that we shall all pray that they will meet with success and accomplish the task with as little delay as possible.

I feel that it is appropriate to say thank you to the two wardens who have diligently guided us through the past year, which has had its problems too with the re-aligning of the benefice and the forging of new relationships with our new friends in Stoney Middleton and Curbar. Alan Grant and Mike Hirst have had a very difficult year, expending much time and effort in keeping the cart on the wheels, thank you both very much indeed. At the time of writing I do not know whether they are offering themselves for re-election but if they do, and are re-elected I can assure them that next year will not be any easier! Anyway I will report on the outcome of the meeting in the next 'UTE'.

The annual Rogation Sunday Walk will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. It starts after an earlier than usual morning service (10.30 instead of 11.15) from St Giles' Church porch, so that will be about 1130, and makes its way all the way to the Village Hall for lunch!

The exact route is being kept a very closely guarded secret but it will NOT be the shortest route I am assured but it will not be too strenuous – well within the capabilities of the average Himalayan mountain climber! One thing I am very sure of is that the lunch is well worth the effort! But only so long as you have pre-booked it – the booking lists will be available in St Giles' and the Church of the Good Shepherd from 29<sup>th</sup> April until the 6<sup>th</sup> May. If you feel that, like me, you cannot do the walk then you are still very welcome to sign up for the lunch. The event is open to anyone who would like to join in, it really would be great to see you. By taking part you will be keeping up the traditions of many years from the time when the Vicar used to lead the people all round the boundaries of the parish to show them the extent of the parish and to ensure that the markers had not been moved by their neighbours. As if they

would! To reinforce what they had learned the boys would be beaten with nettles at the various marker stones - this will not happen this year as the boys have been granted equality with girls at long last!

On 15<sup>th</sup> there is a 'get together' in the Methodist Chapel at 7.30p.m to discuss the 'Local Ecumenical Partnership', a posh name for the agreement that the congregations at the Chapel and the Church made with each other a couple of years or so ago to work more closely together. Anyone interested in the progress or lack of progress or ideas for what happens next is very welcome to be there.

Then on the 19<sup>th</sup> May the first of the Annual Flower Festivals starts. This is in St Giles' and goes on for a week. More details of other events during the week are available elsewhere in 'UTE' As that flower festival ends, on the 26<sup>th</sup>, it becomes the turn of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Wardlow to hold theirs and it goes on until 3<sup>rd</sup> June when it ends with a special Evensong at 7p.m. The churches will be open every day and refreshments will be available daily in the Village Halls.

I thought that you would be interested to know that for the fifth year running during Lent people met in St Giles' for Lent Prayers every weekday morning at 8a.m for 15 minutes (you may even have heard the bell giving you an early morning call!)

I checked the service register which told me that a total of 417 people attended, an average of 10.4 people on each of the forty mornings and a total of some 104 person-hours (must be politically correct!) of prayer. I understand that a very good breakfast was enjoyed on Easter Eve in the White Lion. Well done!

That's it for this month!

**Harold Richardson**

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## Sundays & Festivals

1 May	Tues	Philip & James Apostles
6 May	Sun	5th Sunday of Easter
13 May	Sun	6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday
17 May	Thur	Ascension Day
20 May	Sun	7th Sunday of Easter
27 May	Sun	Day of Pentecost
31 May	Thur	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

## May Services at St. Giles

2	Wed	9.30am	School Assembly
		10.00am	Midweek (MU) Holy Communion
6	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Palm Sunday
		6.30pm	Evensong
13	Sun	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
			Followed by the Rogation Day Walk
		6.30pm	Evensong
16	Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
17	Thur	7.00pm	Sung Eucharist
20	Sun	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
27	Sun	10.30am	United Churches Service at the Methodist Church
		6.30pm	Evensong

## May Services at Wardlow

6	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
20	Sun	9.00am	Family Service

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## May in the Garden

**Dahlias** – Plant out young plants when danger of frost has past, stake and label each plant. Protect young plants with fleece if weather is cold. Keep pots of rooted cuttings in frames and beware of aphids.

**Herbaceous Plants** – Stake tall plants such as Delphiniums and water newly planted beds. Pinch out the tops of plants which tend to grow tall. Hoe between plants to control weeds.

**Roses** – Spray with roseclear or similar product to control pests and diseases. Keep beds clear of weeds.

**Lawns** – Apply lawn fertiliser and continue regular mowing. Continue to use weedkiller. Apply fungicides for disease control.

**Sweet Peas** – Tie in cordons as they grow. Hoe around plants and mulch in dry weather.

**Chrysanthemums** – Plant out flowering varieties in garden and pom poms. Scatter slug bait.

**Fruit** – Control pests when seen. Tie up new shoots of loganberries. Protect strawberry fruit and scatter slug bait. Feed and water all fruit when swelling. Control weeds around trees and bushes in the cultivated ground. Start summer pruning vines.

**Flowers from seed** – Make sowings of hardy and half hardy annuals when risk of frost is passed. Sow hardy biennials in drills in nursery area.

**Vegetables** – Cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Make sowings of salad crops, summer spinach, French beans and beetroot. Prepare site for sowing marrows, sow runner beans and provide support for them.

**Trees and Shrubs** – Plant out tender young shrubs (Fuchsia, Choisys, Arbutus and Hydrangeas) and water well until well established. Remove dead wood and thin shoots from Forsythias to keep in shape. Cut off dead flowers and thin out weak shoots from shrubs that have finished flowering.

**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** – Remove suckers from lilacs and fruit trees. Control slugs, spray roses, fruit bushes and broad beans weekly against aphids and caterpillars. Apply liquid feeds or dress with quick acting fertiliser and water in.

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16 May – 10.30am Mr. R.  
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**7 May** - Spring Bank Holiday Plant Sale, 10.30am - 3pm at Thornhill House.

**12 May** – Wardlow Quiz £5. A fun quiz for all the family. Starts at 7.30 and price includes a light supper. Contact Janet Robinson for tickets on 01298 872 091

**13 May** – Rogation Sunday walk

**19 May** – St Giles' Flower Festival

**19 May** - 'Dalesmen Male Voice Choir' 7.30pm in St Giles'.

**19 May** - Village Hall centenary party. 11am - 3pm.

**26 May** – Wardlow Flower Festival

**27 May** – United Service in Methodist Chapel to celebrate 'Wesley 300'

**10 June** – '3 Choirs Evensong' at Ashford

**14 July** – St Giles' Church fete Saturday. Crowning of the fete queen and the school well dressing.

**15 July** – St Giles' Choir Anniversary Sunday

**27 August** - Thornhill House Stall at Hope Show.

## Under The Edge meetings

The next Under The Edge meeting is on Thursday 10 May in the White Lion starting at 7.30pm.

The Under The Edge AGM is on Thursday 12 July in the village hall at 7.30pm.

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### Saturday morning collections

**WARDLOW** - May 19th, 7.47 - 9.15.

**LITTLE LONGSTONE** - May 26th, 7.45 - 9.00.

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