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Longstone Edge Saved



On 18th March 2009, the Court of Appeal ruled in favour of the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) in the long running legal dispute over quarrying on Longstone Edge. The Court voted unanimously to uphold their appeal against the High Court ruling of February 2008 and re-instate the planning inspector's ruling that allows for only a limited amount of limestone to be removed and sold in the course of extracting Fluorspar.

Save Longstone Edge Group Chairman John Lambert said, "We hope this is the beginning of the end for limestone quarrying on Longstone Edge and that we can soon start to think about how to restore this potentially wonderful area in the middle of Britain's most visited National Park."

The dispute has centred around the interpretation of a 1952 planning permission allowing for "the winning and working of fluorspar and barytes and for the working of lead and any other minerals which are won in the course of working those minerals, by turning over old spoil dumps, by opencast working and by underground mining."

The previous enforcement action, that was brought by the PDNPA as a result of

a public enquiry, had limited the extraction of limestone to two parts for every one part Fluorspar. According to PDNPA figures, prior to this limestone was being removed at a rate of fifty parts to one part Fluorspar, with 574,000 tonnes being sold from Backdale Quarry alone in the two and a half years leading up to the enforcement action being taken. However in February 2008 the High Court rejected this interpretation of the original planning permission and had allowed limestone extraction to restart without limitation. The Court of Appeal decision has now overturned that High Court ruling.

John Lambert continues, "Now the Court of Appeal has reinstated the Inspector's report and this means that we can expect that quarrying at Backdale should stop immediately and that it should not resume at Wager's Flat or in other parts of the area covered by the 1952 permission."

The objection to a literal interpretation of the original 1952 planning permission has been that quarrying techniques and mineral prices have changed beyond the scope of what was originally agreed in 1952, when vein materials like Fluorspar were generally

extracted by hand by miners working with pick-axes. Today limestone can be removed in quantities never envisaged by the planners in 1952 and is more valuable than Fluorspar.

Coalition spokesperson, Andy Tickle, said of the Court of Appeal decision, "We are really happy to see a more considered view has been taken about what the planning permission means, and that this iconic Peak District landscape is being saved."

However, the Coalition warns that the situation may not be completely resolved yet. "Although this is marvellous news, it isn't necessarily the end of the story. We do not think that this welcome judgment alone is sufficient for quarrying to be controlled properly in the future. We're now calling on DEFRA to buy out the planning permission completely. Only this will make Longstone Edge absolutely safe from future unscrupulous quarrying," said Ruth Chambers, Acting Chief Executive of the Campaign for National Parks.

The quarry owners have a month to decide whether to try to appeal the case to the House of Lords.

Mark Taylor

Derbyshire Village of the Year

This year's Calor Derbyshire Village of the Year® Competition is now underway and it's organisers, Derbyshire Rural Community Council, are urging the county's villages to show just what their communities have achieved by entering the competition. There is still good time to get entries in with the closing date of Friday 29th May 2009.

In a recent survey undertaken by the University of Sheffield for the BBC, Derbyshire came out on top in the region as the county with "the strongest sense of community"

"The Calor Derbyshire Village of the Year competition is the perfect showcase for villages to demonstrate their sense of community," comments Joe Dugdale, DRCC's competition coordinator. He adds, "The competition is very much about recognising, rewarding and encouraging vibrant and sustainable communities based on what local people are doing for those that live or work there, and is a chance to celebrate their achievements."

The competition is open to villages with a population of 5,000 or less and entrants are judged across four areas of rural village life: people, business, environment and communications.

Entries for the 2009 competition close on Friday 29th May. Those shortlisted will be visited by the Calor judges in June and the awards will be announced at an event in September.

Entry forms and further information can be found by visiting www.derbyshirercc.org.uk or by calling 01629 824797.

New Village Hall Hire Charges

From April 1st the hire charges for Great Longstone Village Hall will be as follows:

Private Parties:

Residents: £5 per hour

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Profit Making Events:

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Outside Business: £12 per hour

Local User Groups: £10 a session

The Village Hall Management Committee regrets the rise but our utilities have increased by 25% over the year. We feel it still represents good value and is an excellent venue for a variety of purposes. Please contact Jane Littlefield to book the hall on 01629 640943.

Julia Morgans
Treasurer

Marmalade Sales

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last year by buying Homemade Marmalade, etc. in Rowland. All the money from sales between March 1st 2008 and February 28th 2009 went to the Edale Mountain Rescue Team, and the total was £2,258.24. Thank you so very much.

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This year's charity is Marie Curie Cancer Care, Derbys., Notts. and E. Staffs. In 2006 we raised £1,286.14 for them and we hope to do even better this year.

Henry Stephenson

The Mystery of the Burning Tree

One breezy day in February, Roger came into the farmhouse and said that he had just seen something out of the ordinary in the churchyard! Every now and again as he looked across the lane from the farmyard, he thought he could see a kind of cloud rising up in front of the church. He had no idea what it could be but it looked rather spooky! When he looked a second time, there was nothing there! He thought he had imagined it until Tom spotted wisps of white near the big yew tree and so they (bravely) went together to investigate. As they approached they saw more "smoke" and thought that perhaps the tree was smouldering inside but there was no fire to be seen and just as they were about to walk away, a breeze began to blow and in no time at all, Tom was covered in white dust! Right away, they both looked up into the tree and realised that it was only pollen that was showering down on them! There was so much of it that the slightest of breezes was creating great clouds of it that quickly dispersed as soon as it was free of the tree.

Isn't nature wonderful! What was even more unbelievable was that Roger had never seen this phenomenon before, despite living on Church Lane all his life!

Cath Cox



The Yew Tree and its pollen



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A number of scams have been appearing on PC's which pretend to be Anti-Virus programs and try to con people into handing over their credit card number or pay money (usually around £30) to remove the items it has found. The items found are made up and it's the actual program that is the virus. They go by various names, some I have come across recently are MS AntiSpyware (no, it's not from Microsoft), AntiVirus 2008 or 2009.

If you find any program on your PC that is asking for money to rid bad software then make doubly sure that its not one of these scams.

David Cox

Helen's Trust Sponsored Run

I have entered this year's Golden Gate 10 kilometre run on Sunday 31st May and have committed to raise at least £350.00 for this important local charity that endeavours to allow people with terminal illnesses to remain in their own homes in their final days rather than spending them in hospital.

Helen's Trust will provide whatever it takes to achieve this aim including nursing care, sitters, help around the house etc, etc. The charity operates in the Derbyshire Dales and Sheffield Area and I know there are people locally who have benefitted from the care they provide.

If you would like to sponsor me there are several ways to do it. The easiest way is by going to www.justgiving.com/rayholmes, or you can use the sponsor form that Nick and Chris have kindly allowed me to place in Casey's shop.

Alternatively you can contact me at 17 The Meadows, on 640659 or E-mail rayholmes7@aol.com

If you want to know more about the work of Helen's Trust please go to www.helenstrust.org.uk

Thank you
Ray Holmes

Neighbourhood Watch

Following an increase in the number of burglaries where offenders have broken into the houses to take the car keys and steal high value motor vehicles, Derbyshire Police advise residents to ensure that your homes are secure and that keys are kept safe, in order to prevent thieves stealing your vehicles.

These incidents have occurred in the Glossop area and New Mills area, but as you are aware these offenders can move around the area. It is vital that you are extra vigilant and if you see anything at all that you deem to be suspicious, take a note of any registration numbers and descriptions of people and call Derbyshire Police on 0345 123 33 33 or 999 if urgent.

It is vital not to leave keys in prominent places where thieves could easily see them, such as hanging up in the hallway, lying in a pot close to the front door or on a kitchen table. This type of crime is still low in Derbyshire but taking a few simple precautions could drastically reduce your chance of becoming a victim of crime.

Lock all doors and windows with good quality locks and activate any alarms before leaving the property or going to bed.

If possible, keep your vehicle in a garage overnight. Never leave your vehicle running unattended while it defrosts.

Police Officers in our Crime Reduction Unit at Buxton can advice on home and vehicle security, please call 0345 123 33 33.

The link below refers to a website produced by the Home Office with practical advice on home security, including a self assessment tool to help you grade the security of your home. www.homeoffice.gov.uk/securityyourhome.

Trisha Mellor

Haddon Hall Fashion Show

20 Pupils from the Lady Manners School will be embarking on an educational trip to Japan in July. The Children will be taking part in many cultural activities and will visit rural and provincial areas, museums and

temples and will be sampling different types of food, papermaking, visiting the business district, and shops. Language lessons and school projects will also be an integral part of the visit.

A variety of local events, some including Japanese themes, have been organised by the school and parents/guardians etc., to raise funds in order to bring the cost down.

The British Council have kindly provided some of the funding, and donations have been received from Bakewell Rotary, The Bulls Head in Ashford, and The Taj Mahal in Buxton, Thanks to all from the Organisers, Parents/Guardians and Participants.

A Period Fashion Show is taking place at Haddon Hall on 28th April starting at 10.45am and finishing at approximately 3.30pm. There will be Coffee and Biscuits on arrival and a tour of the Hall and Gardens, followed by a Carvery lunch and the Fashion show. Afternoon Tea and Scones will follow to finish off the day.

Tickets and Further details on this and other events are available by phoning:

01335 310328

or by emailing:

willwoodward@ladymannersderbyshireschuk

Ashford Art Group

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in helping the Longstone Local History group with their project – "Fin Cop-Solving a Derbyshire Mystery", to join us in our support. We hope to produce pictures, sketches and drawings and to help where we can at the "dig" and in any other way. Our group meets in Ashford Old School every Tuesday from 1pm – 3:30pm. You will be very welcome. For more information please ring Sheila on 01629 640 413.

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Laura Frost and school friend Helen Gibbard. The couple then went on honeymoon to Florida for two weeks. Their home is in Sutton Coalfield, Birmingham. Alison is an Analyst with the Police and James works for Barclays Bank. We wish them all the happiness for the future Mum, Dad, Steph, John and the Bump xxxxx

Stephanie Brereton

Babies



Two new babies arrived in Great Longstone over the last month:

Joanne Elliott and Mark Taylor are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, Seth Elliott Taylor (pictured above.)

Seth was born on Saturday 7th March 2009 at 9:11am and weighed in at 8lbs 7oz.

Richard, Amanda and Cordelia Whittlestone are pleased to announce the arrival of Tabitha. Born on 17 February 2009.

Friends of Longstone School Lottery Winners

October 2008

- 1st Denise Coltman
- 2nd Guy Lepski
- 3rd Nick & Elly Smith

November 2008

- 1st Annie Cottrell
- 2nd Vicky Critchlow
- 3rd Sarah Stokes

December 2008

- 1st Libby Knifton Smith
- 2nd Donna Doherty
- 3rd Claire Thurston

January 2009

- 1st Lizzy Murphy
- 2nd Denise Coltman
- 3rd Shirley Moores

February 2009

- 1st Vicky Dawson
- 2nd Kim Cooke
- 3rd Sue Kreit

Thank you to everyone for their continuing support and for helping Longstone school raise funds.

Donna Doherty

Derwent Valley Flower Club

Derwent Valley Flower Club began the 2009 season of flower arranging demonstrations with a return visit by Philip Kershaw. Philip's Cook's Tour visited many places - many of them from Manchester Airport. His unusual containers, unique presentation and colourful flowers transported the audience from Glossop to Gambia, Budapest, Kathmandu, Cyprus, Cairo, Morocco, Hong Kong and culminated in St. Peter's Square with Vivaldi's Music for Two Trumpets.

Christine Oakley gave the vote of thanks and the flower arrangements were raffled. Light refreshments were provided and served by Sheila Stone, Maureen Slaney and Pauline Booker.

Please see the 'What's On' section for forthcoming demonstrations.

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Bakewell U3A

U3A stands for University of the Third Age but it's not really a university and you certainly don't have to have been to university to join.

It is an organisation which brings together people of mature years (over 50 and retired). The basic idea is to draw on the wealth of knowledge, skill and experience accumulated during members' lifetimes and to set up self-help groups which provide an opportunity to share and enjoy interests and activities led by members.

The idea started in France in 1972 and spread to the UK in 1981. It reached Bakewell in 1998 when Meg Laird, a Bakewell resident, recruited 109 members who set up seven activity groups. A national co-ordinating body, the Third Age Trust, looks after insurance and general policy and there are branches all over the country; in this area, Buxton, Chesterfield, Matlock and Ashbourne as well as our Bakewell branch.

Our branch has almost 500 members from over 30 villages as well as the town itself and some also come from Sheffield. It has around 30 monthly activity groups, a £12 annual subscription, three newsletters a year, a social programme and five different walking groups for varying distances and difficulties.

Monthly groups meet in members' homes or in hired rooms or go on visits. Our list of activities is determined by the interests, skills, ingenuity and inclination of members. We rely on people to co-ordinate groups but active participation of all members is a key feature of the movement. A few of the groups meeting currently are; Book Reading, Bridge, Bowls & Bird-Watching, Gardening, Geology &

Genealogy, Haddon Hall & History, Cooking by Men, Creative Writing and Current Affairs, French, Spanish & Latin besides Philosophy, Personal Finance, Enjoying Music and quite a few more! There is also a very popular Theatre Group.

Personally I have found it a great place to meet people with similar interests and make new friends.

If you are over 50 and retired, perhaps new to the area, do consider joining us. Look at our website www.bakewellu3a.org.uk and/or contact Pat Barrell (01629 760 300) or Jane Gelling (01629 814474), our membership secretaries, for more information.

Joyce O'Brien

Living With Deafness

All my professional life I was a teacher of born-deaf children and young adults and also taught lip-reading for nearly 20 years to people who had lost some, or all, of their hearing in adult life. "Living with Deafness" was written to help this latter group.

It is said that deafness is the least understood and the most misunderstood of human disabilities. Often deaf people make what appear to be silly mistakes when trying to hear conversation: they get little sympathy so can become very lonely and isolated.

In an effort to spread some understanding of the problem, I wrote "Living with Deafness". It is primarily aimed at the partners, relatives and friends who live or socialise with deaf people, but I hope that some parts of it will be a help to them too. The book is produced through Bakewell U3A (University of the Third Age) at the request of the late chairman, Colin

Kingsbury, following a talk I gave which he attended.

The first 50 copies were well-received so now, responding to requests, more have been produced and we are selling them further afield. Three of the first batch were sold in Great Longstone. One of the buyers, who has a hearing loss, has urged me to make the books available to local people. As she says, "There are a number of people in the village with a hearing problem who would find them very useful."

The second buyer, who is herself deaf, has passed her copy all round her family and finds that they are now proving much more understanding of her problems and more helpful to her.

After the first batch, I received a number of cards, the third buyer in the village who had a deaf parent wrote: "Just a note to say how much I have enjoyed your booklet on "Living with Deafness". Not only was it a good read but also incredibly informative and useful."

The booklet tries to clear up some of the misunderstandings, covers how we hear, using hearing aids, lip-reading and communication and other ways to help. It costs £2.50.

If you are interested, either ring me on (01629) 640 545 and arrange to collect a copy or send a cheque and an A5 S.A.E. to: Mrs. Joyce O'Brien, Barley Croft, Main Street, Great Longstone, Bakewell, DE45 1TF. All cheques please for £2.50 made out to Bakewell Area U3A.

After expenses are covered, all proceeds will go to R.N.I.D., the Royal National Institute for the Deaf. Finally I would like to thank David Burns most sincerely for the great job he has made of producing these books.

Joyce O'Brien

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Parish Council Notes

The readers of Under The Edge are reminded that the following is only an account of the proceedings of the meeting held by the Parish Council on 18th March 2009. The official minutes can be obtained from the Clerk or viewed on the village notice board.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman explained to the larger than usual public gallery that they were not allowed to participate once the meeting was opened but if they wanted to they were welcome to speak prior to this moment.

Several items were tabled in Public Questions.

Item (1) - Neil Stephenson stated that two Charolais calves belonging to Tom Cox had been aborted and that the Vet had allegedly stated on record that the deaths were directly attributed to dog fouling. He expressed concern for children's health stating that if things didn't improve where dog fouling is concerned that we could finish up with a child being made blind or worse. The Council expressed condolences to the Cox family for their loss and discussed what options were available. Aside from putting up more signs and trying to educate people and appeal to their good nature it was not clear what other measures could be taken as the Parish Council has no Legal power to enforce the law. It was suggested that unless someone was to get photographic evidence of the offending dog/owner it was difficult to prove. Hugh Wright said that it was possible to prosecute offenders with the use of DNA but this was a very expensive route.

Item (2) - Sue McDonald asked if item 12 on the agenda may be brought forward so that she didn't have to sit through the whole meeting. This was accepted by the members and the meeting was opened at 7.45pm.

James H. Bentley

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Ward

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Apologies for Absence - Apologies were received from District Councillor James Bentley.

Minutes of last meeting - The minutes of the last meeting and of the extraordinary meeting of 3rd March were accepted as a true record with no factual inaccuracies and duly signed by the Chair.

Declarations of Interest - Several members expressed declarations of interest; firstly Stephen and Suzy Barton declared an interest in item 18 (Cessation of No. 4 Bus). Hugh Wright declared an interest in item 8 (Salt bin on Barn Furlong) and Wendy Long, Roger Topham and Peter Thompson declared an interest in item 12 (Village Hall).

Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report. Hugh Wright stated that things were very quiet.

School Matters - Nothing to report

Planning Matters - Relocation of a Flue at the Barn on Main Street, Great Longstone met with some bemusement as to why an application would be needed for a Flue. Approved by Parish Council with no further comment.

Application by Great Longstone Hardy Plant Nursery for permanent change of use of the orchard to a Car Park was granted.

Financial Matters - The current account contains £1000 and the deposit account has £8807.34p

Payments to be approved were Clerks Salary, DALC (annual subscription), Peak Advertiser (Advert for Clerk), PPPF (Annual Subscription), G.L Village Hall grant, Bakewell Charities, Bruce Cardona (Hedge Cutting), Delegate fees (Planning training), DRC, and Insurance for the Village Volunteer Force.

All 10 items were approved for payment.

Maintenance

Roads and Paths - David Burns reported that he had written to Judith Twigg regarding pavement repairs she passed the letter to someone else and to date no further response had been received. A proposal was made and passed to request a written statement outlining if and when the repairs would be done.

The County Council have offered to provide a salt bin and the first fill, for Barn Furlong but said the Parish Council would be responsible for further refills. A proposal to accept was made and passed.

Recreation Ground - Suzy Barton reported that she had tested the playground equipment and had 'Wobbled' items to check security but didn't fancy the slide so a visual inspection was made, all appeared to be satisfactory. - Mark Garrett has been asked to make repairs and improvements to the tennis court perimeter fence.

Freedom of Information Act - An updated version by Roger Topham is almost completed. All that remains is to add a paragraph or two concerning; Recreation, Bins and Seating, before circulation. Roger was also unsure as to the cost per copy of documents and the Chair confirmed it would be 10p per copy. The Chair thanked Roger on behalf of the Parish Council for the work he had put in.

Pillar Box - The Clerk reported that he had written three letters which have been ignored to date. He has found it impossible to reach anyone by Telephone except for an automated menu which contained no options on the subject in hand. He suggested trying to contact the Bakewell sorting office to get a number for the department in question.

Village Hall - The Acer Model agreement (an alternative to the current agreement between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee) which some members of the Parish Council felt needed review and change had only just arrived and had not been read thoroughly. From the onset it was seen to be a very different agreement to the one currently in force. The Parish Council proposed to ask the Village Hall Committee if they would like to have an informal meeting to discuss the agreement. An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on 3rd March to discuss the request from the Village Hall Committee for funds towards a new heater in the Village Hall. After a heated

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discussion about how much the cost of the heater replacement would be and how much the Village hall Committee were asking for it was decided that an award of £1000 would be granted toward the cost. It was made clear that the Parish Council's responsibility was to award the grant and not to get involved in finding the best price. It was pointed out that a further heater would need to be replaced shortly and this was put on the agenda for the annual Parish Council meeting to enable a precept to be set for a replacement heater.

Replacement of Clerk - The Chair reported that seven applicants had been short listed and that he was confident that a successful conclusion would be met soon. He said that he would be happy with any of the seven as they all appeared to be good candidates.

Interview dates have been set for 30th March, however the Village Hall is booked and an alternative venue needs to be arranged. David Burns (Clerk) also pointed out that there would be no Clerk for the next meeting and all members voted in favour of expenditure to employ a temporary Clerk to cover the minutes of the next meeting at least. At this point the Council acknowledged David's retirement. David had been with the Parish Council for about 7 years and his knowledge and understanding of the rules and regulations had been invaluable. David said he had enjoyed his time with the PC and would be watching with interest in the future.

Notice Board - David Burns had discovered available funding for new notice boards and has duly applied for £800 to purchase two to replace the existing. Hugh Wright suggested that the board be re-sited as it was possibly difficult to read for people with poor sight.

Fred Mellor - The Council acknowledged the Mellor Family's wonderful service as butchers to the village and welcomed Richard Hobday to the Shop.

PDNPA Framework Consultation

The Chair proposed that they are not in a position to respond and suggests dropping it. Peter Thompson suggested they need a 'rap on the knuckles' for overloading the Consultation and said it was moulded to their (PDNPA) own requirements. The Chair proposed to write and challenge the process.

Correspondence - Retirement of Roger Topham - Roger expressed his thanks and regret at leaving and said that

health issues had forced his decision. The Chair expressed the regret felt by the council and thanked Roger for his hard work and commitment to the Parish Council. A notice to the electorate to invite an election request will be posted on the village notice board for two weeks.

Late Correspondence - The Hulley's No. 4 bus has been discontinued due to little and sometimes no use at all. The vehicle is in need of replacement and to replace a bus with disabled access and specialist equipment now required by law would cost in the region of £105,000. The Parish Council are to write to the County Council expressing concern for the loss of this service. The Chair reminded everyone that in the current economic climate businesses are making cut backs and unprofitable services are often the target. The 173 service is subsidised to some extent but still needs to be used to ensure continuation.

Email from Mick Watson - Reported that the recycling area at the back of The White Lion had become a mess and that broken glass, plastic bottles and other rubbish were making the village not a nice place to live in. The Council expressed its dismay and a number of suggestions were made including, getting more re-cycling bins, emptying more often or removing altogether. Recycling is the responsibility of the DDDC and the G.L Parish Council has no Jurisdiction but to try influence and educate people.

Village Open Day/Events Week

A very disappointing response to Suzy's request for assistance, only 1 response, however, Suzy said that despite the lack of assistance the event will be taking place.

Playground re-equipment

Wendy Long stated that she would contact companies and ascertain cost of items and see what would comfortably fit on the land and apply for grants.

Football club and sports facilities

Following discussions it was decided that Suzy Barton would contact the head of leisure at Derbyshire County Council and find out what can and can't be done. The Chair stated that nothing could be planned until a professional survey had been done and it was confirmed that the land was ok.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 15th April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Ian Gilbert

Police Update

Spring is here and the lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and D.I.Y. tools will be brought out of winter retirement. Please keep them locked away after use and don't leave them about unsupervised otherwise you may find them taking an unscheduled trip to car boot sale or a new home without your permission.

Great Longstone has no reported issues at this time but that does not mean we should lower our guard, please be vigilant. We, the police service, depend even more these days on the eyes and ears of the people we are employed to serve. Can I request that anything you find suspicious is passed to the police as a priority? Please don't hold onto the information thinking we are too busy, please ring information through to the Derbyshire Constabulary call centre straight away.

PC Kevin Lowe

Special Constables Recruitment

A Special Constables recruitment information event takes place between 4-8pm on Thursday 5th March at Bakewell Police Station. This is a chance for people to find out more, pick up an application form and meet current Special Constables. For more details see the website, www.derbyshire.police.uk or call 03451 233333.

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Monday to Friday 8.00am - 6.30pm
(We do not close for lunch)

Doctors Working Days:

Dr Chadwick is in every day except Monday. Dr Jordan is in every day except Thursday. Dr Barstow is in every day except Wednesday.

Dr Chadwick's Retirement:

Dr Chadwick will be retiring in June 2009. There is a book and collection in reception if you feel you would like to contribute.

Online bookings

You can now book appointments/order repeat prescriptions and update any changes to your address, contact details etc via the website - please ask at reception for details of how to register for Emis Access.

Parking

Please note that limited overflow parking is available at the Cavendish Hotel.

Access

The Council has been contacted regarding the state of disrepair of the footpath at the side of the surgery. Apparently it is scheduled for attention later this year.

Minor injuries:

The Whitworth Hospital, on the A6 between Darley Dale and Matlock is used to treat minor injuries and provide care and advice outside of normal surgery hours, including weekends and Bank Holidays. They offer a 24-hour service. Please telephone 01629 593003 for further information or contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

For emergencies - if you have a serious problem such as chest pain or severe bleeding telephone 999 for an ambulance.

Citizens Advice Bureau:

The service is still available at the surgery on Wednesdays. Appointments need to be booked with Reception. There is no DROP IN session.

Counsellor:

The Counsellor is now available at the surgery on Mondays. This is a referral only service.

The Surgery will be closed for Staff Training on the afternoon of Friday 24th April until 5pm

For emergencies call: 01246 582216

Bakewell Medical Centre

Annual Patient Questionnaire:

This has now been completed and consultation has taken place with the Patient Participation Group. Results will be published on our website and in our newsletter later this month.

Closed for Staff Training:

Tuesday 12th April 12.30 to 4.30 pm
(Re-open 4.30 pm).

Counsellor:

Sessions are held in surgery on Monday and Wednesday or Thursday afternoons (either ask at, or telephone, reception for details).

Citizens Advice Bureau:

A CAB session is held in the surgery each Friday afternoon, starting at 1pm (either ask at, or telephone, reception for details).

News:

If you have visited the surgery recently you may have noticed new faces around. We are pleased to welcome David Meech and Tamsin Brooks (Bakewell Physiotherapy Clinic) who now run a private physiotherapy clinic on Friday mornings at the surgery - for further details and appointments please contact the Bakewell Physiotherapy Clinic directly.

Bakewell Choral Society

This year sees the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn. To celebrate, on Saturday 28th March 2009, Bakewell Choral Society will perform the popular choral masterpiece Elijah. Composed in homage to his baroque predecessors, Bach and Handel, it tells the story of how the prophet Elijah called on God to help the Israelites overcome a drought and his eventual journey to Heaven.

The choir, conducted by Richard Barnes M.B.E. will be accompanied by Andrew Kirk (Organ). The part of Elijah will be sung by Andrew Slater who has sung with the Glyndebourne chorus and studied at the Saint Petersburg Conservatoire. Other soloists: Abigail Iveson (Soprano), Rebecca Chellappah (Mezzo Soprano) and Petro Wychrij (Tenor) are graduates of the Royal Northern College of Music who have forged careers for themselves as solo performers at both national and international level.

See 'What's On' Section for more details.



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Farming Notes

Another load of cattle cake is being delivered. These nuts are blown out of the lorry onto the loft above the milking parlour and fed to the dairy cows whilst they are being milked. This high protein feed is made from a number of ingredients, mainly grain but also by-products such as rapeseed meal, soya nuts, confectionery products and minerals. Dairy cows, especially during the winter, need this extra goodness to balance their intake of silage and hay, with high yielders eating many kilos of nuts at each milking. As they come into the parlour, I have a control panel and can feed each individual cow the right amount of cake according to her milk yield.

Buying cattle cake is one of the highest costs for a dairy farmer; being £200 per tonne, this runs to many thousands of pounds per year.

When spring arrives and the cows go out to graze the lush new grass that is full of protein, we can cut back on cattle cake saving us a lot of money. The problem is that the dairy cooperative drops the price it pays us for spring milk accordingly. You can't win can you!

Roger Cox



Massey Feeds' delivery man and his immaculate lorry

Ban-Koli-Dae

Come and join in the Bank Holiday Fun in Coombs Road, Bakewell (signs on the day). Monday 4th May 2009, 11am – 4pm. Come and support the teams that are competing in various not-too hard activities. Enjoy the Hog-roast, the beer tent, tea and cakes.

This event is to launch the Friends of Bakewell Parish Church. It is hoped that the community of Bakewell, and visitors who value the sight of the church watching over the town, will join in supporting the restoration of the ancient building. This event will contribute to the repair of the church roof.

For more details, contact Chris Shepley on 01629 812988

Catholic Holy Week Services

All Saints, Hassop and English Martyrs, Bakewell.

Palm Sunday 5th April 2009

9.00am Mass at Hassop

10.30am Mass at Bakewell

Maundy Thursday 9th April 2009

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Hassop

Good Friday 10th April 2009

11.00am Stations of the Cross in Bakewell

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Hassop

Holy Saturday 11th April 2009

8.00pm Easter Vigil at Hassop

Easter Sunday 12th April 2009

9.00am Mass at Hassop

10.30am Mass at Bakewell

Traidcraft April Summary

Sales are picking up after the January lull - £697 this month including £22 at Bakewell Market for Fairtrade Fortnight, £108 at the Baslow Christian Aid lunch,

and £35 at the Oxfam Jumble Sale. It was a cold morning at the Market and little was sold apart from Geobars, but many Fairtrade leaflets were given out and there were some interesting conversations.

The new catalogue has been very well received and a number of people have ordered craft items or clothing. I don't stock clothing items but am happy to order on request. I'm pleased to say that no one has ordered any item and not been delighted with it so if you are hesitating please don't. If you don't like the finished article when you see it, it can always be returned.

Finally look out for the new display cabinet in All Saints' Church, Bakewell after the Morning Service - it was made by some kind friends and will be extremely useful.

Peter Bird

Message from Traidcraft

When you can, why not buy your Fairtrade items locally. Catalogues can be viewed online at www.TraidcraftShop.co.uk or collected from St Giles Church.

Goods ordered by Saturday are usually available from me for local delivery by the following weekend. Many goods are in stock including coffee, tea and chocolate.

Treat yourself to the Palestinian Organic extra virgin, 1st cold press Olive Oil. Free from chemicals or pesticides and supporting disadvantaged farmers in Palestine, this is a lovely flavoursome dressing oil. Price £5.75 for 500ml.

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Dear Friends,

My Dear Friends,

Children love listening to stories: stories read from books, stories made up by the teller or family stories told by parents or grandparents. Such stories are not just entertainment. They feed the child's imagination and help them to understand the complexities of life. They also help cement the relationship between adult and child and provide reassurance – which is one reason why children like to hear the same story over and over again. Furthermore they give children a means of interpreting their own experiences through what they hear, and help them see their place in the world.

I can remember having stories read to me as a child and also my father especially telling me stories. Some of these were about his childhood; others were about the years he spent in Africa. He told me stories about his family and how he had met my mother, and there were stories about me as a baby... I loved those stories and they gave me both an insight into who my parents were and a sense of my own identity: they told me about the family to which I belonged.

Since the Church too is a family, a community to which we belong, stories also play an important part among us. We tell stories in worship and such stories feed our religious imagination, help us understand the complexities of life, cement our community together, provide reassurance and help us interpret our experiences and see our place in the world.

Every Sunday at the Eucharist we tell the story of how Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread. Every Sunday we hear stories of Jesus from the gospels; and Sunday by Sunday from Advent through Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, in seasons and saints' days we hear the story of salvation. Obviously these stories are of great

significance for us but there are other stories too because the Church was the offspring of Judaism whose stories are rich and many. Certain of these stories are crucial for our understanding of Jesus and unless we are familiar with them we shall find it difficult to appreciate what is being said about him.

We hear many of these stories in church during the year but it is at the Easter Vigil Eucharist that the most significant stories are brought together. On that evening, Saturday 11th April, the service, which this year will take place in All Saints' Curbar, begins at 8.00pm. It is one of the most spectacular of services: we start outside with the lighting of a fire before processing into church by candlelight. Then come the readings from scripture telling the story of redemption and leading up to the story of Christ's resurrection. Finally we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter Day.

Why not make a special effort and attend the Easter Vigil this year? Share in the event and hear the stories told; discover the riches of this special night.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Benson

Notes from St Giles'

What a difference a few weeks can make. Snowdrops bursting into bloom soon after the snow, now narcissus and crocus are out and the daffodils on the green outside my front windows are ready to open up in all their glory. Lambs are in evidence gambolling out in the fields and the trees are starting to bud. Spring is building up to full flow.

The Lent groups we have at St. Giles have been well-attended and, on Palm Sunday April 5th, we will remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and also prepare to commemorate his death on Good Friday April 10th. We can then

celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday April 12th with joy and thanksgiving. No doubt the children are hoping for a chocolate bonanza!

St. Giles' choir have not been resting on their laurels after the Three Choirs service at Bakewell. They have been preparing a special service for Palm Sunday evening which will be poignantly apt for the start of Holy Week. There will be a reflective commemoration on Good Friday at 2pm of Christ's crucifixion and then, on Saturday, we will be busy decorating the church to help make a fitting celebration and thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, acknowledging his awesome, selfless sacrifice for all of us.

There is plenty to give thanks for as spring unfolds its new life in front of us. We can enjoy Nature's growth and renewal with hope and perhaps forget, for a short while, the difficulties we have to cope with at the current time.

Have a Happy Easter, everyone.

Pam Smith

Annual Church Meetings

The Meeting for the Election of Church Wardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in Church after Evensong on Sunday 19th April at 7.30pm.

Open Gardens

As mentioned in a previous UTE, we shall be holding this year's Open Gardens on the last weekend in June – 27th & 28th. Last year's event seemed to go very well and from what we were told, everyone enjoyed it. We received feedback from our fellow gardeners and will be making a few minor changes.

One or two gardeners have let us know that they would prefer to open on alternate years, so we would be interested to hear from others who would be willing to open their gardens during that weekend (or just one of the days). We would stress that we are not necessarily looking for large, beautifully kept ones but ordinary gardens perhaps with a special appeal either in style, plant variety or design.

Please ring Jennifer or Peter Rowson on 01629 640 023, send an email to pandjrowson@hotmail.co.uk or drop a note into Croft Lodge. We shall look forward to hearing from you and will be very happy to give you further details.

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Services at St Giles and Wardlow

Wednesday April 1st

Lent Group 7:30pm Vicarage

Saturday April 4th

Wedding 1:30pm

Sunday April 5th

See Easter Services (below)

Sunday April 12nd

See Easter Services (below)

Wednesday April 15th

Memorial Service 12:30pm

Sunday April 19th

Low Sunday

8:00am Eucharist

9:00am Sunday Worship

(Wardlow)

11:00am Parish Eucharist

6:30pm Evensong followed by
APM

Sunday April 26th

Easter 3

11:00am Parish Eucharist

6:30pm Evensong

Easter Services

Palm Sunday

8:00am Eucharist

9:00am Eucharist (Wardlow)

11:00am Palm Sunday Service

6:30pm Evening Service for Palm
Sunday

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

7:00pm Eucharist (Monday
Curbar, Tuesday Longstone,
Wednesday Stoney)

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Eucharist of the Last
Supper, Longstone
11:50pm Compline

Good Friday

2:00pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday

8:00pm The Easter Vigil and
Eucharist, Curbar

Easter Day

8:00am Eucharist (Wardlow)

11:00am Parish Eucharist and
Baptism

6:30pm Evensong

April in the Garden

VEGETABLES – Plant onion sets, early potatoes, salad crops, late summer cauliflowers, wrinkled seeded peas and maincrop carrots. Cover potato foliage if frost threatens. Sow globe beetroot. Late summer cabbage needs planting. Sow winter cabbage, purple sprouting and spring broccoli. remove rhubarb flowers as soon as seen.

FRUIT – Protect wall trees and soft fruit bushes against frost while in bloom. Kepp a watch for pests on flowers and fruit. Mulch round trees and water planted fruit.

SWEET PEAS – Start restricting growth on plants grown as cordons, removing tendrils and side shoots.

GLADIOLI – Begin hoeing and dress with fish manure first.

ROSES – Complete pruning, feed with rose fertiliser and hoe into ground. Mulch beds with manure or compost.

LAWNS – Mow, aerate. apply spring fertiliser and scarify. Continue mowing frequently, lowering the blades at each successive cut to a minimum of ½ an inch. Apply selective weed and moss killer.

DAHLIAS – Plant healthy dormant tubers towards the end of the month. Protect new shoots from frost.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS – Rake a general fertiliser into the ground for planting. Harden off outdoor flowering plants for planting under glass. Prepare for final potting of greenhouse varieties.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS – Plant late flowering plants. Lift and divide old clumps of Michaelmas Daisies, Rudbeckias, Helianthus and Monardas. Plant on well dug, manured ground. Keep hoeing between plants. Stake and tie Delphiniums late in the month.

TREES AND SHRUBS – Plant evergreen shrubs during showery weather. Continue planting pot grown wall shrubs. Lightly prune trees and shrubs that have flowered.

GENERAL TASKS – Order seedlings or buy plants such as Dahlias, Antirrhinums and various bedding plants. Buy tomato plants.

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19th April 10:30am Revd R
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26th April 10:30am Revd G Graham

Good Friday

10th April 7:30pm Revd M Roe

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W.I. Report

It seems a long time since I last wrote my WI report and that's probably because it is! The last one was November! Since then we have had our Christmas Party, A New Year Lunch at Bakewell Golf Club and a cancelled meeting in February because of the snow. So here we are with the report of our first proper meeting this year.

There was quite a lot of business to be discussed. We had received a letter from Bakewell Rotary thanking us for the refreshments we provided for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. We collected names for people to help with the WI County Litter Pick which is taking place from 23rd March to 5th April. So if you see any ladies around the village wearing jackets saying "the Big Tidy Up" during that time that will be us! Details were given for the Group Meeting in Bakewell on 21st April and the Group Resolution Meeting at Over Haddon on 28th April.

We also have several outings lined up this year to the National Arboretum in June, an evening Canal Boat Trip and Supper in August and also Afternoon Tea at Biggin Hall. Our WI is 85 this October and we are planning to celebrate with a meal out.

We are again taking part in the Village Open Day on 25th April and also the Village Week when we hope to organise an event possibly in the afternoon for older members of the village. We are also entering Bakewell Show once more.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Roy Yates who gave a very interesting talk on the meaning and origin of surnames. Surnames were introduced as a way of recording people following the Norman Conquest. After 1066 everyone had to be identified for the records. Before this there were no inherited surnames. By 1400 every

family had a surname. There were six reasons for surnames and these were tax records, legal proceedings, property transactions, employment, church records and parish registers. Categories for surnames are relationship, occupational, descriptive and geographical.

After showing us examples of all these different groups Mr Yates then told us the meanings and origins of our surnames. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30 in the Village Hall when Sally Mosley will be joining us to tell us about Alfie's Adventures. Please come and join us.

Davia Broome

What's On

Saturday 28th March 2009. **Bakewell Choral Society Spring Concert.** Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn. Bakewell Parish Church, 7:30pm. Tickets £10 (students and children free.)

Thursday 2nd April 2009. **Derwent Valley Flower Club** in the Village Hall, Calver, 7:45pm. Demonstration by the ever popular flower arranger, Barbara Smith, followed by a raffle of flower arrangements and light refreshments. VERY EASY ACCESS from FREE car park. Further details from 01433 630161/630344.

Sunday 19th April 2009. **Longstone Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place after Evensong in the Church (approx 6:30pm). We hope that all church members will be able to attend to hear about all the events and activities that have taken place during the preceding year and to elect members of the PCC for the coming year.

Saturday 25th April 2009. **Table Top Sale** in the Village Hall, Calver, 10am - 12noon. Refreshments available. Free Parking and very easy access. Tables to be booked in advance only. To book a table and for all information, please ring 01433 630161.

Waste Collection Dates

Next Saturday morning collection
WARDLOW - 16th May - 7.45 - 9.15 on the main street. Stop as requested.

LITTLE LONGSTONE - 16th May - 7.45 - 9.00 by the telephone box.

GREAT LONGSTONE - 16th May - 9.15 - 10.45 by the War Memorial.

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

GARDEN AND OTHER WASTE - Stonegravels, Chesterfield, is open 7 days a week.

A Note from the Editor

Thank you to all the readers that submit material for publication and especially to those who regularly send in their articles.

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