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1970's Junior Football at Longstone



Over the last few weekends I have noticed several junior boys practicing football on the recreation ground in bright orange strip, these brought back memories of the very successful youth teams of the 1970s. Longstone fielded two teams of under 13 and under 15 year olds for about 8 years in which both teams were very successful in the Derwent Valley Junior Football League.

At the time the rules stipulated the players should all be from the parish of Great Longstone, there was stiff competition for a place in the team with disappointment if they were not picked.

Under the management of Roy Finney, Michael Watson, Graham Bramwell and Glyn Thorpe, money was raised with the help of parents and jumble sales to put up new goal posts on the recreation ground, buy goal nets, pay the referee and the insurance. The first strip was a pale yellow and this colour was kept for the under 13s.

Later as the boys reached the 13 year age limit for that team they went to play in the under 15 team, and the rules were changed to allow boys from Ashford to play in the side. The strip for that team was bright orange. There was then the problem of marking out the pitch and organizing at least two matches a week on a home and away basis and as we were so successful with both teams there was the extra cup games as well.

The parents helped with transport for the away matches some having to leave work early to get the lads to places like Bamford, Tideswell, Eyam, Bradwell, Hope Castleton and Bakewell for a 6pm start, Eyam and Bradwell being the favourites as we stopped for fish and chips on the way home.

Over the 8 years both teams won the league several times and also won many cup competitions. The following are some that I remember

1971 Hill Trophy, 1972-3 A division R U, 1973-4 A division R U, 1974-5 A division Winners, 1974-5 Thompson Cup Winners. In 1973-4 the teams won three trophies in the season.

There were other successes that I cannot remember in detail, so can anyone add to the list? In the eight years that the teams played over 40 boys played in one or the other teams, some in both. The boys will now be in their mid to late forties and some are even fifty. Most still remember those games vividly and remember who scored, and in which game and where they played.

One account from A. Oliver of a match goes like this "I remember scoring an equalizer from the edge of the box at Hope in a cup final against Eyam only to have it disallowed as Tom Skidmore was offside." And this match was played 36 years ago so it shows how much they were enjoyed and remembered.

At the end of the season all the players were invited to the Crispin Inn by Mrs Janet Finney for a soft drink and a meal and a team photo and that was greatly appreciated by all the players and rounded the season off nicely.

For about eight years more than forty boys played for the Great Longstone youth teams and I believe that every one enjoyed the games and gained something from the experience.

The 1970's youth football squad:

Stephen Bramwell, Richard Bramwell, Ian Harland, Andrew Oliver, Robert Watson, Rodger Finney, Ray Holmes, George Holmes, Alan Holmes, Victor Holmes, Nick Cassey, Mark Smith, Richard Oliver, Chris Barnes, Mick Barnes, David Grant, David Hughes, Paul Yates, Martin Yates, Tom Maloy, Andrew Wass, Walter Bradbury, Guy Raynor, Robert Bennell, Mark Bennell, Carl Holmes, Carl Bridges, Tom Skidmore, Simon Clarke, Phil Trew, David Bridge, Andrew McNicholas, Mick Dabell, Graham Doxey, Tim Littlewood, Dick Fletcher, Nigel Hutchingson, Graham Haig, Trevor Haigh, Chris Phelps, and Mark Fern.

M. Watson

Village Week Circus Skills Workshop

Do you want to learn how to diabolo, juggle, spin a plate or throw devil sticks?

On Tuesday 21st July – during village week – we are having a circus skills workshop on the school field from 6 - 8pm. The workshop will be run by a specialist circus performer from Swamp Circus and is open to all 7 - 11 year olds. There will also be a gala performance at the end of the evening. Places on the workshop are limited and there is a cost of £7.50 per circus trainee. If you are interested and want to book a place then contact Penny on 640034.

If any parents would like to help make this event even more spectacular then please get in touch.

Crime Wave in Great Longstone (?)

Those of you who came to the Village Day last month will have heard PC Kevin Lowe, our Community Police Officer, explaining about the very limited resource which is available for policing this area. Police resource is divided into response and patrol - the latter is the old Bobby on the Beat or, as it is now known, "Safer Neighbourhood Policing". PC Lowe, a part-time Special Constable, and a Police Community Support Officer are the Safer Neighbourhood Team resource for eighteen villages in the Tideswell SNT area. Police resources are allocated on the basis of need and its very important that if you have a problem, a criminal or non-criminal issue, then you telephone the police call centre so the matter is logged on the police computer system and can be subsequently audited at a later stage to ascertain if police resources are best placed in our policing area.

If you see something going on - minor vandalism, anti-social behaviour, speeding through the village - it's absolutely vital that you report the matter AT THE TIME to the Police on 0845 123 33 33 or 999, whichever ever you feel is appropriate.

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red-handed, but it is so very important to get the call recorded and into the statistics. Grumbling to your neighbours will achieve absolutely nothing - get a crime or incident number.

Stephen Barton

Safer Neighbourhood

On Sunday 14th June 2009 I and other Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers will be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of Helen's Trust, Bakewell Eyam Community Transport and Edale Mountain rescue. There is a short walk of approx 5-6 miles, a longer route of approx 8-9 miles for those who would like a more strenuous day. The starting point is at 10.a.m at the Bakewell show office near the agricultural centre and the route is toward Haddon Hall then through Clough Wood or via Carlton Lees, Chatsworth. Maps will be available to each participant if you want to come along and Edale Mountain rescue will be marking and marshalling the Route. If you would like to sponsor me, the fund raising sponsor forms will be appearing in your local shops, café and public houses from 01st June.

The Tideswell Governance Group met on Wednesday 29th April at Bakewell Town hall. An update on the crime mapping analysis for the Tideswell SNT area which is located on the force web site. www.derbyshire.police.uk was given to the meeting together with an update on priority profiles. The meeting selected "Speeding in Villages" and "Attention of Off Road Recreational 4x4 vehicles and Motorcycles" as the priority profiles for the next three months and I will report the progress of these profiles at the next meeting which will be at 7pm on Wednesday 16th September 2009. The meeting decided to change the name of the group to **Tideswell and Area Villagers Safer Neighbourhood Meeting'** with the hope that a less official

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title may encourage more people to attend what is a very informal village meeting which is intended to try and improve their quality of life.

Crime update, Since 15th April: I can tell you that we have had two incidents of theft from motor vehicles and attempted burglary of business premises at Pilsley, a burglary at Beeley, a rustling of approx a dozen sheep and attempted theft from a motor vehicle at Tideswell, a burglary of business premises at Baslow, criminal damage to a window at Carlton Lees. I empathise with all the victims at this time and they will know how horrible it feels to have their property violated. I would encourage everyone to join their local Neighbourhood Watch, join the community information service which can provide up to date information of suspicious incidents in yours and surrounding area's. Also join the Key Information network or KINS. All this can be done via the force website www.derbyshire.police.uk or for those who don't have a computer, if you contact me via the call centre I will return your call and assist you in any way I can. I still must emphasise that in comparison to other surrounding SNT area's you do live in a very safe, low crime area.

I need to encourage any member of the community who has a concern over issues that are effecting their quality of life that may fall into the remit of the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team to contact me or use the crime stoppers number.

Pc Kevin Lowe.

Crimestoppers

Please be aware of scam phone calls. Examples of recent reports:-

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A male purporting to be from a legal company, stating that you are owed money from your bank with interest over a number of years. The caller then goes on to ask for bank details.

Various people stating that they needed to send some books or brochures which had been previously ordered and asking for payment by way of an invoice.

A recorded message asking the householder to take a reverse call from a contact number with no name, stating that all he had to do is say 'yes'.

Probably a premium rate call line.

Never give out personal details over the phone. Always ask for more information. Be sure you know who you're talking to.

Keep your bank account details safe

If the caller is genuine, they shouldn't have a problem with giving you their main switchboard number through which you can be routed back to them.

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If you have any information relating to incidents or crimes, please call: 0345123 33 33.

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Thank you.

Trisha Mellor

B Division Community Information Officer, Buxton Police Station

Sustainable Bakewell

Sat. 13 June: "Torrs Hydro" - Working Hydro Electric plant. Study

Tour of this "micro" power plant at New Mills, Derbyshire. Includes illustrated talk, and short walk/tour of generation site.

Community Bus transport from Bakewell, leaving at 8:30 AM, returning to Bakewell by 12:30 PM. **Free** to Bakewell area residents; £10 for others (£5 for others who make their own way to New Mills).

Reservations Required. To reserve a place, or to ask questions, send an email (Subject: Torrs Hydro) with full contact details to: info@sustainablebakewell.org.uk. Not using email? Then text or call mobile 07790 818883, or call 01629 815123 to reserve your place. **Note:** the previous event in Nov. was fully booked.

Sunday 21 June: Cinema-quality Film in Bakewell: "The Age of Stupid" - starring Pete Postlethwaite:

Sustainable Bakewell will be showing this enjoyable, inspiring & "environmentally-friendly" film at the Medway Centre in Bakewell using a high quality projector and sound system. This quality film has recently finished nationwide screenings in major cinemas.

Times: Matinee **4:00 PM**, and also at **7:00 PM**. Lasts 95 minutes.

Sustainable Bakewell anticipates significant interest in people attending this film event from a wide area, so reservations are suggested to ensure you a seat. Please email your full contact details (Subject: Film) to: info@sustainablebakewell.org.uk. Not using email? Then please text or call mobile 07790 818883, or call 01629 815123. The film's producers are charging a licence fee for showing the film: Tickets are £3.00 for Adults, £2.00 for ages 12-18, with 11 & under Free. Drinks and snacks, including popcorn, will also be available.

FARMING NOTES

MAY 2009

This Charolais heifer calf is probably the most precious animal ever born on the farm. Her mother is *Tara*, Tom's prize-winning cow and her father is one of the best bulls in the country. The unusual thing is that *Tara* could not breed naturally and a surrogate mother gave birth to her calf after having received a fertilized embryo. This means that *Tara's* bloodline can carry on into the future - isn't modern cattle breeding wonderful!

Roger Cox



Tara's newborn calf, Electra.

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The Matt Lythgoe Memorial Match: G.L.C.C. Vs Sheffield Collegiate

In cricket, the number four normally conjures up images of a delicately caressed shot sweetly hit through extra-cover to the boundary's edge, culminating in the addition of four runs to a team's overall total. But as with their main sponsors, things at G.L.C.C. are never ordinary and the number four evokes a different set of connotations. For on the fourth day of the fourth month of this year, the fourth Matt Lythgoe memorial match took place. And, in keeping with the spirit of this numerical symmetry, G.L.C.C. ensured that the opposition, Sheffield Collegiate gratefully seized on the opportunity to score four runs off the fourth ball bowled on the day, as the long-hand of St. Giles' clock gently eased itself round to four minutes past the hour.

What ensued was a riveting afternoon's cricket, with both sides pressing hard for victory in what turned out to be a classic, deserving of the occasion. The Gods on this day smiled down benignly, as the forecast rain never arrived and a weak spring sun peppered the Edge, gratefully illuminating the peely-wally faces of cricketers blearily emerging from a six month period of enforced hibernation. The opposition's innings was played out over twenty overs of somewhat mixed bowling, as the joints of G.L.C.C.'s senior pros had clearly only seen a certain form of oiling during the

closed season [of the hop variety], while the more youthful members found it hard to tune in their satnavs, one suspects having spent too much time watching Steve Harmission's efforts in the Caribbean over the winter. Nevertheless, the Finney brothers each contributed disciplined spells, Nathan Woollen produced a beautiful inswinger to clean bowl their number five batsman who, having reached 20, was looking threatening and Tony Gallagher, though wicketless in his four overs, nevertheless earned the champagne moment of the match by engineering a stunning run out with a direct hit speared in from cover point, leaving the poor batsmen stranded in no-man's land. Later, it was reported that a well-thumbed copy of Derek Randall's 'Guide to Good Fielding' had been spied, covertly secreted at the bottom of his kit bag. The somewhat curate's egg of a bowling and fielding display by G.L.C.C. meant a challenging total of 165 was set to win.

Following a much appreciated break for refreshments, from the pavilion emerged one Chris Barnes smartly attired in white. To the surprise of many, Barney was not brandishing his willow to open up the innings as has happened on so many occasions in the past, but instead he had adorned an umpire's coat and was wielding a shooting stick with a menacing grin on his face. Once comfortable perched out in the middle, what followed was a liberal interpretation of the laws on wide bowling, that altered the unfolding narrative of this particular match.

Unlike the previous year, G.L.C.C. revealed a competitive appetite for the run chase: a timely contribution from Finney, R. [retired on 35]; an agriculture bash by Richards, D. [retired on 32]; and a wristily crafted contribution from Frankland, J. [retired on 30] merrily pushed the score along. Of particular note midway through the innings was a short pitched ball robustly pulled for six,

which had the eyes of a certain former chairman of the club almost popping out, for the course of the ball's parabola appeared to be homing in on the roof of the new mowing shed. Godfrey had spent the winter's months affectionately hand crafting this impressive erection in his own potting shed and it is safe to assume he would have taken scant pleasure in seeing it damaged so early in the season. I can happily report the ball sailed onwards towards Glebe Avenue, landing neatly in Michael Watson's garden, to the obvious relief of Frankland Sr.

As the game drew towards its dramatic finale, Gallagher pitched in with some useful late-order hitting. Eleven runs were required off the last over and the Sunday Skipper nobly supported by Fletch appeared confident in seeing the home team over the line. But the odds had been stacked against G.L.C.C., who sadly fell one run short of their opponent's total. Extras proved the difference between winning and losing, with questions being subsequently asked about why only FOUR wides had been given during the course of G.L.C.C.'s innings. Much later that night, there were sinister mutterings by some in the darker corners of the tea-hut bar that the 'curse of number four' would need avenging next year, as behind the pavilion the ashes of a certain shooting stick gently smouldered in the night's air.

There is of course a world beyond the boundary of G.L.C.C. For those not familiar with the rhythm of our village life, the 4th April may be noted as the day in history when William Henry Harrison became the first U.S. president to die in office (1841), South Africa were bowled out for 35 (1899), Dave Hill lead guitarist of W. Midland's rock combo Slade was born (1946), Martin Luther King was assassinated (1968), two goals by Tony Kellow saw Exeter City beat Rochdale 2-0 (1986), Crossroads was broadcast on British television for the

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last time (1988) and severe weather conditions forced the closure of Luton Airport (2000). But for G.L.C.C., the 4th April 2009 will be remembered for an enthralling day's cricket, hard-fought but played in the right spirit, with countless comical moments and one which fittingly ended with all charging their glasses to the memory of Matt.

Dave Richards

Net Practice 2009

Net practice for men and boys takes place weekly between **6.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesday evenings** on the Rec. Newcomers of all levels welcome. For more details contact Chris Barnes (07866019044) or Dave Richards (07977832324).

Net practice for women and girls takes place weekly between **10.00-11.30 a.m. Sunday mornings** on the Rec. All welcome, whether experienced cricketers or having never played before. For more details, contact Wendy Hammond (01629 640479).

Sunday Fixture List 2009:

31st May Firvale CC v Great Longstone 2:30
 7th June Great Longstone v Calver 2:30
 14th June Youlgreave v Great Longstone 2:30
 21st June Great Longstone v Chesterfield Congs 2:30
 28th June Grindleford v Great Longstone 2:30
 5th July Great Longstone v Sheffield Cathedral 2:30
 12th July Great Longstone v Sunseekers 2:30
 19th July Great Longstone v Youlgreave 2:30
 26th July President's Day 2:30
 2nd August Great Longstone v Chapel 2:30
 9th August Disley v Great Longstone 2:30
 16th August Great Longstone v Donc. Railwaymen 2:30
 23rd August Great Longstone v Grindleford 2:30
 6th September Great Longstone v Sheff Esoteric XI 2:30

Do please come along and enjoy a pleasurable afternoon at the Rec. You will be warmly welcomed and there are refreshments [catering for all tastes] at the bar. Greg Saunders, the team's maître d' [oh, and new Chairman] will ensure your needs are catered for.

WI News

Hello everyone.

Here I am again bringing you all up to date on our last meeting.

Several of our members attended the Group Meeting at Bakewell where we were presented with a certificate commemorating the 85th anniversary of our WI. Do we have anyone in the village who can remember anything that happened in 1904?

According to Google the Panama Canal was started. Glen Miller was born and so was Count Basie. The 3rd Modern Olympic Games were opened in St Louis. Wilbur Wright made his first air plane flight. The Entente Cordiale with France was signed. These are just a few of many events at that time. The Panama Canal is still there and Glenn Miller and Count Basie are still listened to and enjoyed. The Olympics are still going strong and so is flying. I think the Entente Cordiale is still alive and well and so are we although we aren't listed on Google! Anyway congratulations to us!

Several members went along to the Parkinson Society in Chesterfield to serve refreshments at their last meeting. The entertainment was a quartet called Chocolate Jazz who were excellent performing a range of songs made famous by such artists as Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra to name but two. It was wonderful to have access to a kitchen which could hold more than two people!

On Monday 8th June we are again having a stall at Bakewell Methodist Church. There will be homemade cakes, garden produce and bric-a-brac. Also in June we are off on a trip to the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. Then in July we are going to Biggin Hall for Afternoon Tea.

Our speaker for the evening was Nancy Pulley who spoke about Bletchley Park. We had made this an Open Meeting and

were very pleased to welcome several visitors including some of our husbands! This was a great honour for the latter as we usually only let them join is if there is work to be done!

Mrs Pulley gave us a very interesting account of her time and work at Bletchley Park during the War. All the people who worked there were not allowed to tell anyone what they were doing and it was only 30 years ago that the nature of their work was disclosed. The size and intricacy of the decoding machines was amazing as was the forerunner of today's computers. It seems incredible how far this technology has progressed since those days. Everyone agreed it was an extremely interesting talk.

Davia Broome.

Open Gardens Weekend 27th/28th June

Come along and enjoy looking round the gardens of Gt. Longstone. Opening times are 11pm - 5pm on Saturday and 1pm - 5pm on Sunday. Programmes will be available in the Car Park in Church Lane (Roger Cox has kindly offered his field) or can be obtained from those gardens which are participating, and you will know them from the balloons attached to the front gate, hedge, wall or whatever! Entrance is £3 per adult to view all the gardens - no charge for accompanied children.

There will be teas available and Plant and Craft Stalls. All proceeds will go to St Giles Church.

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Thank you,

Jennifer Rowson

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Parish Council Notes

Please be reminded that the following is my interpretation of the Parish Council meeting and that an official copy of the minutes is posted on the notice board on Main Street.

There were two meetings arranged for the evening, one being the AGM and the other the usual monthly affair. Before the AGM was opened, Isabel Bellamy gave an update regarding affordable housing and a letter from Isabelle is published elsewhere in this issue.

As usual the public were asked for comments but as no members of the public were present it was left to me to make a joke about the councillor's expenses!

The AGM opened at 7.55 pm.

Apologies for absence – Simon Headington had sent his apologies and all other councillors were present.

Minutes of previous AGM – The previous minutes were accepted as a true record.

Election of Chairman – Councillor S. Barton was re-elected unopposed.

Election of Vice Chairman – Councillor S. Mason was re-elected unopposed (seems simple doesn't it).

Parochial Charities accounts - One has been disbanded and the other has quite a sum of money for bags of wholemeal flour, the list of recipients was not disclosed though accounts will be laid before the parishioners.

Chairman's report – The chairman read out his report of this, the second year of the present council. I didn't take notes as someone was going to e-mail me a copy, suffice to say it didn't arrive. I don't remember it word for word but they seem to be happy with the progress so far and the new Clerk to the Parish, William John Derricott, was thanked for accepting the post. The report was adopted by the parish council.

James H. Bentley

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Matters raised by persons on the Electoral Roll – None were raised though a letter regarding the ongoing problems with the 'Village Hall Committee' was discussed; the problems were not resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

The AGM closed at 8.10pm

The Parish Council Meeting opened immediately.

There were no public comments.

Apologies for absence – As above.

Minutes of the last meeting – There were four slight amendments the most notable being Mrs. being mistakenly put in as Mister!

Declarations of interest – Councillors Thompson and Long declared an interest in item thirteen and councillors Barton and Barton declared an interest item fifteen, a letter of correspondence pertaining to a Beech hedge.

Police matters/Neighbourhood watch – Councillor Wright commented that it has been fairly quiet with regard to neighbour hood watch.

School matters – Nothing to report.

Planning matters – There is an application for a Community Transport vehicle garage in the industrial estate. It was pointed out that the time allowed (usually twenty eight days) to comment or object did not allow the council to engage the public in discussion. The clerk is to send a letter to the planning authority to see if this time can be extended to seven or eight weeks.

Financial matters – The current account has one thousand pounds in it and the deposit account over twenty thousand pounds. All payments were approved and the Auditors have signed off the accounts subject to a few amendments. The approval of the account was put off until next month as councillor Headington, conveyed by e-mail, his concerns as to the validity of some of the accounting.

Maintenance – The clerk has received letters from Derbyshire County Council indicating that the village is part of their scheme to re-surface footways through 2009 to 2010. There was also a correspondence indicating that the cost of remedial work on and around the bus stop on Main Street was prohibitive at this time.

It has been requested that both Hardrake and Gap lanes be strimmed twice a year to facilitate easy passage. This task is to be offered to 'The Village Volunteer Force'.

The play equipment on the recreation ground has been inspected and 'Ethel's House' is in need of repair. The equipment has also been inspected by a person from 'Wicksteed' the cost of parts and labour was considered too high and Councillor Mason is to look into alternative remedies.

Pillar Box – The new position for the pillar box may be resolved after a meeting between the Post Office and councillor Suzy Barton.

Casual Vacancy – The Council has been given permission to co-opt a new Councillor to replace Roger Topham and it was agreed to ask Godfrey Frankland to fill the role.

Moles on the Recreation Ground – The problem of mole hills was discussed with the Clerk saying he had contacted, via an advert in the local press, a mole catcher. The cost seemed extortionate and it was agreed to ask the 'The Village Volunteer Force' along with some traps, offered by a local resident to deal with the menace.

File Retention Policy – The ever increasing mountain of paper files has become a problem for the Clerk and a policy is to be thrashed out.

Village Hall – The problems of who has responsibility for 'The Village Hall' in times of financial prudence was up for discussion and in the end it was agreed to maintain the status quo.

Council Owned Land – It was decided not to arrange a date for the annual inspection until the report from the last one has been considered.

Correspondence – There was plenty of correspondence, one item led to the princely sum of fifteen pounds being spent as this years entry fee for 'The Village of the Year' competition and another led to Councillors Barton, Barton and Mason to leave the meeting as a Beech hedge on the recreation ground was discussed, with Councillor Thompson the temporary chairman, the matter was quickly resolved and the

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hedge should soon be at the requested height.

The scheduled break was cancelled!

Village Week – Councillor Suzy Barton reported on the current state of the preparations for the ‘Village Week’ commencing on Saturday 18th July. So far there is at least something for each day. Advertising of the event is to start in earnest.

Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday 17th June at 7.30pm in the village hall, All Welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Affordable Housing for Local People – Great Longstone

My name is Isabel Bellamy and I am the Rural Housing Enabler for Derbyshire Dales. My role is to work with Parish Councils and communities to help develop affordable housing for local people where there is an identified need.

A Parish Housing Need Survey will be posted through your door in the very near future! Please complete this important housing survey and return it to me in the FREEPOST envelope provided by **MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009** as it may lead to a small development of affordable houses for local people in the parish.

At last year’s Village Day, Great Longstone residents were asked what they wanted their Parish Council to do for the village. One of the key issues for the community was the need for affordable housing for local people. The Parish Council invited Alison Clamp of Peak District Rural Housing Association and Isabel Bellamy the Rural Housing Enabler for Derbyshire Dales and High Peak to a Parish Council meeting to explain the process. This survey is the start of that process.

Damage to local communities through villagers having to move elsewhere to find suitable housing is of increasing concern to people living in rural villages. Young and old alike are forced to move away from their family and friends because rents and house prices have soared in rural areas making it impossible for them to stay, much as they might like to. And it’s not only villagers themselves that are suffering; services, such as primary schools, are having to close thereby worsening the situation.

Fortunately, there are mechanisms within the planning system that can help address this issue. Where there is a proven local need for affordable housing (hence this survey), planners are able to approve small developments in or on the edge of villages for rural affordable housing. In planning jargon this is known as an “exception site”. These properties fit well with their surroundings and remain for the use of villagers and those with a close family or, in some cases, work connection to the Parish.

Any affordable homes built as a result of this survey would be for rent and, possible for, shared ownership and must remain affordable for present and future occupants. The shared ownership properties (also known as “Homebuy”) cannot be completely owned and then sold off. Affordable housing can, for example, assist younger villagers to gain access to the housing ladder, which would otherwise be closed to them, or can assist older people currently in unsuitable housing due to a health or mobility problem.

If the Parish Housing Needs Survey identifies a need for affordable housing, a site needs to be found which is suitable for the homes and a landowner needs to be found who is willing to sell. The new homes would be owned and managed by a Housing Association, which is a not for profit organisation.

If the need is established, there could soon be a small development in the parish available for local people to keep them within their own community.

For further information please contact Isabel Bellamy, Rural Housing Enabler for Derbyshire Dales and High Peak on 01629 761256 or email Isabel.Bellamy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk or write to me at Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

Longstone & District Horticultural & Garden Society

The Society had a good evening visit to the garden of Holme Hall last month which threw up a few surprises in how extensive it was, and the recent discovery of centuries old charcoal filter beds used to purify the water supply to the house.

Thanks are owed to both the guide and gardener, Al Slack and Stephen Thompson

respectively, for the tour, and to the owners, Peter and Angela Hunt, for allowing Society members to wander round their private garden.

The next outdoor event will be a visit to the Botanical Gardens in Sheffield on Saturday, 6th June. The cost is £3-00 per head, and those able to go, please meet at the Clarkehouse Road entrance at 2.20 pm.

A specific request is for the number cars to be kept to a minimum, so please meet first at Great Longstone bus shelter at no later than 1.30 pm in order to encourage the sharing of cars.

It would be helpful to let Hugh Wright know in advance of your intentions to come either on 640224 or hugh.wright1@btinternet.com.

Date for your diaries - The Horticultural Show is to make its return after an absence of seven years on Saturday, 29th August 2009. Time for everyone including youngsters to start nurturing flowers and vegetables in readiness for the show, thinking about bread and jam making for the day, and to finish off that long awaited piece of handicraft.

The committee is very much looking for a good number of entries from all age groups within the district stretching from Wardlow in the west to Hassop in the east in order to make the Show a spectacle.

Hugh Wright

Darts and Dominoes

In the latest Tideswell and District league the darts team at the White Lion is languishing in bottom spot with The Crispin lying eleventh, in the dominoes section The White Lion is still in top spot and The Crispin is in fourteenth place though they have played fewer games than all of the other teams.

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Fin Cop

Would you like to have a go at digging under the guidance of professional archaeologists? If so, you can help with the excavation of Fin Cop, a pre-historic settlement site near the car park at Monsal Head.

Little is known about this mysterious place but Longstone Local History Group hope to reveal the true story with the help of a £49,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Ann Hall, project manager from the history group, said "Local people over 16 years of age, from Great and Little Longstone, Ashford, Sheldon and other nearby villages, can help with the excavations from Monday 20th July to

Friday 7th August. We shall allocate places on a first come, first served basis. Saturday places will be offered first to people who work during the week."

Book for digging by 31st May with Janet and Tony Byrne at 01629-640232.

But if you think of volunteering, Ann warns you that the site is along rough paths and over fields about one mile uphill from the car park.

Longstone School will help during July with test pitting and young people from Cornerstones Youth Group and Great Longstone Youth Choir will record the progress by making a DVD. The Ashford Art Group will organise community activities around the site and will show their work at the Great Longstone Art Show in August.

If digging is not for you but you are interested in finding out if we have solved the mystery there is an open day planned for Saturday 1st August. "We shall lead escorted tours from the car park at Monsal Head to the site at 10am, 12 or 2pm" says Ann.

Book your place by the 31st May with Joyce Poulter on 01629-640315.

The award will enable LLHG members to find out what happened at Fin Cop long ago from archive research and from archaeological surveys and by digging on the site. English Heritage, the Peak District National Park Authority and Natural England will work together with the landowners to help the local

community solve the mystery. The history group is grateful to the landowners and tenants who have given the group permission to work on their land.

"Our members are especially pleased that the project team will be guided by local man", says Ann. "Dr Clive Waddington is a nationally renowned archaeologist".

Clive Waddington says that "the Peak District is home to many settlement sites that we think date from the Iron Age but, because there have been no systematic investigations, we know very little about these monuments. This investigation by LLHG provides a great opportunity to gain an understanding of the date, character and scale of these sites and I look forward to helping LLHG find out about the history of their area."

Sarah Whiteley of PDNPA says "We're very excited about this project as the fieldwork will reveal the state of preservation of the monument. This in turn will help us to advise on the most appropriate long term management of the site".

Blame Ken Dodd or Me

Was your paper delivered late on the 20th May? Did Casey's shop open on time? Was the service up to the usual high standard?

It started like this. I was in the shop one day in December exchanging a joke or two with Nick and the conversation



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got onto the subject of comedians in general and then about Ken Dodd in particular. Nick had seen him before and talked about his act and the length of time it could go on. It is said that on more than one occasion the theatre management have thrown the keys to him and asked him to lock up when he has finished.

I suggested to Nick that if either of us heard that he was performing at a local venue we would make an effort to go. Within the week a Buxton Opera House Programme came by post and on the 19th of May he was down to appear. It quickly became a Casey family outing and me. As I write this I have still to see if Nick's description is still a reality, I am sure it will be.

I understand that a new line in tickling sticks are on order but please note that supplies are limited and when they're gone they're gone.

Len Woollen

Thanks John

John Poulter is to retire from delivering Under the Edge magazine in August and the Committee and everyone involved would like to thank him for all his hard work over the past decade. John has helped to deliver over one hundred and twenty editions of the magazine and his endeavours in making sure the magazine is delivered to your door is much appreciated.

Saints and Beasts

As a visitor who saw the skill of flower arrangers interpret the Saints and Beasts theme I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the organisers of the flower festival at St Giles in Great Longstone.

I live in Plumpton Green in East Sussex, (my mother lived in Bolsover

district), and I was delighted with the clever way the various themes were portrayed. Not only that, there was nice organ-playing at the time we visited, which added to the atmosphere. I'd never heard Mozart's clarinet concerto played on the organ before, and it was a real treat. I was also impressed at the friendliness of everyone involved. My brother, who has been to the Peak District before, has always told me how friendly the people are, a little bit more naturally chattier, and it is certainly true. They can be proud of the flower festival."

Phil Dennett



Notes from St Giles

As I put pen to paper preparations are well in hand for the 'Flower Festival' at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wardlow. By the time you receive this edition of UTE it will be nearly over, finishing on Sunday 31st May with a special service of 'Words and Music' at 7.00pm to celebrate the festival.

The Flower Festival at St Giles was once again, a wonderful array of colour

with intriguing interpretations of Saints who came into close contact and helped many animals, insects and birds, some in very bad straits.

The refreshments were splendid so we must congratulate Judy Fraser-Smith for organising both the flower-arrangers and the refreshments so well. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church, the volunteers manning the church and hall during the week, and most importantly, the fantastic unending supply of scrumptious cakes and scones enjoyed by our visitors and us.

The evening entertainments were much enjoyed by everyone who attended, but the highlight of the week was on Thursday 14th at 7.00pm when we had 'Eucharist of Confirmation' celebrated by Bishop Jack. It is so reassuring to have candidates, especially young people becoming full members of the church. We had a celebratory get-together at the Vicarage afterwards.

It's nearly time for the Fete! Please note the date, Saturday July 18th. The new Fete Queen will be crowned, and the choice of her attendants is in process. More news of the selections and timetable next month.

The uncertain weather is a bit unnerving but hardy stalwarts still joined the annual Rogation walk, the route follows boundaries of the Benefice and this year the lunch, well earned by the walkers, was hosted by our friends at Stoney Middleton, what a fitting end to such an eventful week.

Perhaps by the time you receive this edition the weather will have settled down. The sun when shining is warm but the showers seem to have the upper hand at the moment. Never mind the blossom is out and the fields are such a glorious green so we have many reasons to be thankful.

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My Dear Friends,

After almost a year I have, at last, got my grandfather clock going again (actually it was thanks to Mike Hurst). This clock actually belonged to my grandfather and I can remember it as a child ticking away in the hall of the house where I grew up. Lying in bed at night I loved to hear it strike the hours.

Living now next door to the church I can usually hear that clock too: not just striking the hour but also the quarters. The word "clock" is related to the German "Glocke" meaning "bell", and refers to what is heard rather than seen. Originally a clock was simply a bell struck to tell the time. From the end of the 5th century each day had set times of prayer called the liturgical hours. They began with the Office of Lauds and ended with Compline: Anglican Matins and Evensong developed from this. Having some way of reckoning the passing of time and calling people to worship at the right hour was needed. Time keeping and church life were linked and prayer was seen as the sanctifying of time.

The kind of clock you look at is a "watch". The hands tell the time. While clocks ring the hour and perhaps the quarters, watches can distinguish minutes although some old examples do not have a minute hand but only the hour. In our present age obsessed with accuracy not only minutes are wanted but seconds too. Here the digital watch excels.

The desire for accuracy is a modern phenomenon and despite the increased accuracy of timekeeping (or maybe because of it) we often find that we have less time for all the things we want to do. We speak of "quality time" to describe those precious minutes we can devote to people we care about or activities we value. We resent wasting time and, as we get older, comment on "how time flies". In the past the clock

striking the hour or quarters was enough; the hour or minute hand of the watch provided all the accuracy needed. My grandfather clock is surprisingly accurate but many watches of old were not very reliable. They lost or gained but this hardly mattered as all that was needed was a rough idea of the hour. And time was not standard; it was local. Midday in one part of the country, in one town or village, was not kept at the same time as elsewhere: it depended on the church clock and the hour set by it. The coming of the railways and the need to have a recognised timetable for trains is what led to the establishment of a mean time for everywhere.

Such objective time is useful, and yet numbers flicking by on a digital dial are not quite the same as hands moving. Time is an experience. Objectively we may know that an hour is 60 minutes and a minute 60 seconds but when waiting for a train or sitting in the dentist's chair hands may seem to move very slowly, while they speed along when we are enjoying ourselves. Time, the sense of duration, varies, depending on the experience. Movement expresses this experience which is of the essence of time. Appropriately the workings of a clock or watch are called "the movement". When the movement stops so time, in a sense, ceases to be measured. Stillness and eternity, timelessness, are linked.

Watches are now mass-produced and we find timepieces everywhere: on mobile phones, cookers, and computers, in cars and on TVs. As a child I remember my father having a wristwatch but the rest of us kept time by the grandfather clock in the hall. Go back further and many people depended entirely on the church clock striking the hour, as they would not have had a clock themselves at home. Most church clocks date from the mid 19th century when important advances in clock making took place; earlier church clocks are rare: they

have largely been replaced since their mechanisms were unreliable. Before clocks some churches had sundials, a few of which can still be seen, and the day, sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset seems a natural division of time. However the word "time" is, in fact, linked with "tide": the movement of the sea: that unhurried groundswell that is and was from the beginning and which never seems to be still.

In his poem *The Rock* T. S. Eliot wrote:
O perpetual revolution of configured stars,

O perpetual recurrence of determined seasons,

O world of spring and autumn, birth and dying!

The endless cycle of idea and action,
Endless invention, endless experiment,
Brings knowledge of motion, but not of stillness;

Knowledge of speech, but not of silence;
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.

All our knowledge brings us nearer to our ignorance,

All our ignorance brings us nearer to death,

But nearness to death no nearer to God.
Yours sincerely,

Fr Christopher.

Derwent Valley Flower Club

The club celebrated its 46th anniversary at the last meeting in May receiving congratulations from founder member Joan Staniforth who now lives in Bath.

The next meeting is on Thursday 4th June and as usual will be held in the village hall in Calver. The meeting starts at 7.45pm with a demonstration by Elizabeth Helliker entitled "The Magic of the East".

Everyone is most welcome.

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Wednesday June 3rd
School Worship 9.30am

Sunday June 7th
Trinity Sunday

Eucharist 8.00am
Eucharist 9.00am (Wardlow)
Morning Worship 11.00am.
Evensong 6.30pm

Wednesday June 10th
Eucharist 10.15am

Sunday June 14th
Trinity 1, (Proper 6).

Parish Eucharist 11.00am
Three Choirs Evensong, Ashford.

Sunday June 21st
Trinity 2, (Proper 7).

Eucharist 8.00am
Morning Worship 9.00am (Wardlow)
Parish Eucharist 11.00am
Evensong 6.30pm

Saturday June 27th
Wedding 1.00pm.

Sunday June 28th
Trinity 3, (Proper 8).

Parish Eucharist 11.00am
Evensong 6.30pm

Monday June 29th

St Peter and St Paul, Eucharist 7.00pm

**Longstone Church Flower
Festival**

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the flower festival such a success: the flower arrangers, those who acted as stewards, those who helped with the teas or made cakes, those who took part in the other events and all who visited the church. Thank you!

Fr Christopher Benson

June in the Garden

Lawns – Continue mowing, raising blades during very dry weather. Treat with weed-killers if necessary.

Roses – Hoe regularly. Pull away brier suckers and shoots, spray with 'Rose Clear' insecticide and fungicide against aphids, blackspot, mildew and rust.

Dahlias – Plant out young plants, pinch out to make them bushy, apply mulch to conserve moisture and prevent weeds.

Chrysanthemums – Stop plants set out in May, hoe in a dressing of suitable fertiliser.

Gladioli – Give plants a good soaking in dry weather.

Sweet Peas – Spray monthly with a systemic insecticide against sap sucking insects. Remove any plants whose leaves turn yellow or brown.

Herbaceous Plants – Cut back early flowering plants to within three inches of soil level after flowering. Divide primulas for replanting.

Fruit – Thin fruits if crop is heavy allowing for natural dropping. Harvest strawberries when ready. Spray all fruit on trees and bushes against pests. Protect from birds.

Flowers from Seed – Complete planting half hardy annuals.

Vegetables – Plant Brussel Sprouts, Savoys, Winter Cabbage, Purple Sprouting and Spring Broccoli. Plant Marrows, continue sowing salad crops, peas and French Beans. Sow Swedes, dusting drills and seedlings with an insecticide powder to deter flea beetles. Plant leeks, sow spinach beet, water salad crop when needed.

General Tasks – Stake plants a necessary. Control weeds by hoeing or weed killer. Water gardens in dry spells.

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Dr Williams – Dr Williams returned to the surgery from his six-month sabbatical on Tuesday 5th May. Welcome Back Dr Williams.

Dr Paterson – Dr Paterson has now finished her locum work at the surgery - she has been excellent to work with and we have received very positive feedback from patients during her time here. A big 'Thank You' to Dr Paterson who will be greatly missed by all.

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Thornhill House

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Sat 4 July Nearly New Sale, Adults and teenage clothing, shoes and accessories - Great Longstone Village Hall 2 - 5pm. Bring your nearly new items along for us to sell - you get 70% of the selling price - or come along and buy a new wardrobe.

Both of the above events are in aid of Thornhill House Nursing Home. Please contact Penny 01629 640034 for further details

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Sunday 5th July 2009 11am – 4pm

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Other Waste – The Dumpit site at Stonegravels in Chesterfield is open seven 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.

The deadline for copy for the next issue is **Thursday 16th July 5.30 p.m.**

Please remember to include your name and contact details with any copy that is submitted. Failure to do so will result in the editor being unable to publish your copy.

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