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Class of '66



This photograph was taken in May 1966 of the senior class of Great Longstone Primary School, with the pupils aged between 9 and 11. It was taken in part of the infants' class playground: note the grass, and in the background the War Memorial and the house across the road, which was called *The Elms* in those days. Many of you will recognise some faces, but not many will know them all. Here goes:-

Back row: Mr G.H. Evans (headmaster), Mary Arnfield, Stephen Bennett, Richard Hurst, John Cleary, Nigel Pedley, Christopher Ellis, Michael Wager, Alan Fearn. Middle row: Peter Cleary, Colin Holden, Sarah Wickens-Hurst, Mark Whidby, David Ibbotson, Peter Shimwell. Front row: Valerie Ward, Dawn Gilbert, Susan Lindley, Catherine Day, Diane Finney, Helen Bowering.

I started school in 1961 – in those days, nearly all pupils walked to and from school. The infants' class then was in the building erected in 1879, nearest to Main Street. There was a Wendy-house and a sandpit, and we each had 'tidy boxes' for books, pencils and crayons. Our teacher was Mrs Ward. The middle and upper school shared the building dated 1862, with a folding wooden screen dividing the two classrooms. Mrs McEwan taught the middle school, and Mr Evans the

upper school. In addition to our primary education, we had a school garden that we tended. This was to the left of the footpath leading to St Giles, between the kissing gates.

We occasionally went on nature walks, usually through Stanshill Dale and up the Edge. Back then there was still a double-line railway and the Monsal Trail hadn't begun to evolve. Mr and Mrs Kenning from the Hall kindly allowed us to use the outdoor pool for swimming lessons, where we were joined by Ashford School. Their headmaster, Mr Parker, was a competent swimmer, and his tuition enabled almost all of us to gain swimming learner certificates or better.

At midday we walked to the Institute (now the Village Hall) for dinner. In 1961 it was 1 shilling per day (5p), increasing to 1s 6d in the mid-60s (7½p). Miss Gilbert was the dinner supervisor. Meals were cooked at the Boys' School on Bath Street, Bakewell, and delivered by Mr Holmes' taxi service. Another perk was a  $\frac{1}{3}$  pint bottle of milk at morning playtime which was supplied by Middleton's Dairy from Monsal Head.

Looking at the School now, I am amazed at just how small an area the old playgrounds covered.

Those were the days!

**Peter Shimwell** 

**April Gardening Notes** 



It is so wet, hardly a day goes by without some rain. But it will get better and as the weather warms up, everything should start to dry out and the soil will warm up. Despite the weather, it's been good for daffodils (see photo taken at Chatsworth), and so they will flower longer and give a great show. As the spring flowers fade away, the perennials start to emerge from their winter hibernation, ready for the summer show. The soil in the borders is quite poor, so I shall sprinkle some blood, fish and bone fertiliser to give them a boost. The soil is still cold and wet, so it is worth waiting till it dries out and warms up. I have been busy sowing seeds and some of them will be ready for potting on, and some of the plants that have overwintered in the greenhouse will be ready for potting on into larger pots. If the roots start to emerge from the bottom of the pot, then it is a good sign that they are ready for a bigger pot. I mentioned growing sunflowers for the show last month – the seeds have come through in the 3" pots and they grow so quickly that it will not be long before they

will be ready to be moved on to a 5" pot. I still use peat-based compost, but this will eventually be phased out – the garden centres are saying this might be next year. I will have to start experimenting with peat-free compost, and will let you know how I get on with it. It would be interesting to hear if any of you use peat-free compost and how you get on with it.

The plug plants I bought earlier have grown away really well, and are already needing to be potted into larger pots – busy times. I am keeping my fingers crossed that we do not get any sharp frosts that would damage the blossom on the fruit trees. Hopefully, if things dry out a bit I will be able to get some early potatoes into the ground. I noticed one of my fellow allotment holders planting potatoes in mid-March so good luck with those. **Andy Hanna** 

PLANT SWAP Saturday 18th May 10am-1pm by The Cross, Main Street

#### Scottish Folk Finale to Peak Music's Season



Peak Music

After March's sell-out standing ovation for James Pearson's Jazz Trio, Peak Music's final concert of the season at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor features the Maxwell Quartet on Thursday 18th April.

The Maxwell Quartet is rapidly becoming established as one of Britain's finest young string quartets. All four members are natives of Scotland, and their repertoire includes not only well-known classical pieces, but also music representing the folk music traditions of their homeland. This concert will start at 7.30pm, with quartets by Haydn and Beethoven together with their own arrangements of Scottish folk music. The Quartet have been hailed as 'brilliantly fresh, unexpected and exhilarating' and with 'superb storytelling skills by four great communicators', delighting audiences with their 'unaffected enthusiasm' and their 'panache and conviction'.

Tickets are available at £25 (£5 for those in fulltime education) from the Peak Music Society website, **peakmusicsociety.org.uk/tickets** or **01629 640482** for those without access to the internet. **Maurice Unwin** 

## **Longstone CE Primary School News**





We've had another exciting month at Longstone School. The highlight of the month had to be yet another amazing World Book Day. As always, the children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and the costumes did not disappoint. FOLS also asked the children to decorate a wooden spoon, with the winner from each class receiving a prize. There were a lot of entries, which did not make it easy for us to choose the winners.

To celebrate the reintroduction of *Spelling Shed* (an app to help the children with their spellings), we asked the children to come to school dressed in bee-themed clothing. The teachers took part in a spelling bee to try and win extra break time for their class. Well done to Mr Raybould, who





spelt every word correctly and won the extra break time for Rowling class.

In the run up to Easter, we have lots of 'eggciting' activities planned, including the egg competition! We can't wait to see them all.

In sports, we took part in the second round of the SSP *High* 5 Tournament at Highfields. The team played superbly, just missing out on a place in the final, but fought hard to finish 3rd overall, out of 9 teams – a fantastic result. The children also took part in an indoor athletics competition with a few local schools, where we came first. Counties next! Once again, a fabulous team effort. Well done team!

**Allen Morris** 

## **Bakewell and Ashford Film Society**



BASH's next film is *One Life* in the Medway Centre at 7.30pm on Sunday 14th April. *The story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World* 

War II, rescued 669 mainly Jewish children from the Nazis. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realized it was a race against time to rescue them before the borders closed. Only when the TV show That's Life introduces him to some surviving children (now adults) does he begin to come to terms with the guilt and grief he'd felt for 50 years for not saving more children. The Medway Centre is wheelchair friendly and we provide film subtitles and a hearing loop. You can join BASH Film Society via our website bashfilms.org.uk, sign up on the night or you can telephone the membership secretary Joy Thrower on 01629 814863.







## The Churchyard Wildlife Project Volunteers Branch Out















Over fifteen volunteers from the Churchyard Wildlife Project have been helping Robert Thornhill to plant a wildlife hedge that runs from Beggarway Lane, up the side of Stanshill Dale and over to Hardrake Lane. This is a massive project that Robert has taken on that will create a fantastic wildlife corridor with native hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, dogwood, dogrose, field maple, guelder rose, spindle and purging buckthorn. The hedge will connect other wildlife areas and provide food, shelter and nesting habitat for a whole range of birds, insects and small mammals. Purging buckthorn is an uncommon shrub that likes limestone soils, and is one of the host plants for the yellow brimstone butterfly. The cost of the plants and the spiral guards has been funded by a grant from Farming in Protected Landscapes (FIPL), with Robert being responsible for getting the plants in the ground. So with nearly a kilometre of planting to be done, the Churchyard Wildlife Project volunteers sprung into action!

Robert prepared the ground by digging a trench to plant into – this made planting so much easier than digging straight into stony ground – and we were soon catching Robert up on the digger. We were blessed with some beautiful days (pretty lucky given the weather we've been having!), so fuelled with boundless enthusiasm, and cake (of course), we had a very enjoyable and rewarding time working in a stunning part of the Peak District.

Given the current environmental situation, with an urgent need to increase biodiversity and tackle climate change across the landscape, the establishment of such an extensive native hedge will make an important contribution, and complement the other wildlife initiatives that all the farmers in the village have been putting in place over the last ten years or so. We are lucky to live in a village with such forward-thinking guardians of the landscape.

Sara Barrett

## Tread Softly - a Walk on the Mild Side

**Tread Softly** is a gentle walk, enjoying nature and the company of others. We meet at St Giles' Lychgate to start walking at 10am each week on Wednesdays with refreshments in the church afterwards. We walk for about



60-90 minutes in and around Great Longstone and the Monsal Trail. We are part of the *Walk Derbyshire* initiative – this used to be called *Walking for Health*, and this year celebrates 20 years across the Derbyshire Dales – and we are kindly advertised by LEAP and hosted by St Giles. Helen from

DDDC is kindly supporting us. To find out about other low level community walks like this, especially those specifically dementia-friendly, please visit **derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks**.

Please wear sturdy waterproof boots and coats, as we walk in all weathers. Paths can be very muddy and slippy. Our little walk has been just growing itself since the autumn, mostly by word of mouth. We held a very successful leaders' training day in the church on Valentine's day. All those attending the walk were guided in the joint training for shared awareness of risks, as we walk in a group. All this helps us to feel that we might have a little sustainable group going that can go on into the spring and summer, offering a weekly walk and companionship in and around the village. The walk has been developing and changing every week as new walkers join us. Please do come along – it's even more joyous now spring is sprung! There are leaflets with Heather in the Village Shop and also in the church. We kindly ask that dogs are left at home, as we cannot include them on this walk – thank you!

**Alison Waltho** 

### Ken Watson 11th October 1938 – 2nd February 2024



Ken Watson, who died on 2nd February aged 85, had been a resident of Great Longstone for 57 years. He first came to the village in 1967 to take up a teaching post at Thornbridge Hall, which was then a College of Education. He married Diana in 1968 and they lived for the next five years on Station Road. Their son Malcolm was born in 1970, followed by their daughter Anna in 1973. In 1974, they moved to Croft Road, where Diana still lives.

Ken's job moved to Sheffield in the mid-seventies when colleges were merged, eventually into the Sheffield City Polytechnic and ultimately becoming Sheffield Hallam University. He retrained as an academic librarian in the late seventies, and continued in this role until his retirement.

He was not a native of Derbyshire, but was born in Liverpool and lived his childhood years under the shadow of war. After leaving school, he spent three years in the RAF before going to Keele University to take his degree. He and Diana loved Great Longstone and the Peak District. They were great walkers and holidays were often spent walking the hills of Derbyshire and elsewhere.

He was a founder member of the Longstone Local History Group and, in retirement, an active member of the Bakewell and District Probus Club, BASH film club, Bakewell U3A, and especially the Matlock Gilbert and Sullivan Society to which he was introduced by Chris Gilman (Casey).

Ken's family would like to thank all the kind friends and neighbours who sent messages of sympathy and support, and those who were able to attend 

## Joyce Holden 13th April 1929 – 8th March 2024

Devoted wife to Bill, loving mother to Susan and Colin, Granny to Michael and Jenny and Great Granny to Caleb, Emilia, Daniel, Alex and Owen. Joyce moved to Great Longstone in 1964 and was a librarian at Thornbridge Hall until the college closed. She then became the secretary at the village school, and to this day is remembered for her cookery and sewing lessons.

Joyce was always a very active member of the community, from her days of ballroom dancing and badminton to indoor and outdoor bowling. She supported lots of local events with her mass-baking, including the Flower Festival and Rotary Party. She was a dedicated member of the WI, and a very skilled gardener and craftsperson. Her family are blessed with many beautiful quilts, embroideries, knitted

#### Do You Know...

... why Butts Road is so called? Nothing to do with cigarettes Isn't jazz played in seedy basements late at night? Yes, but or American backsides! A butt is a wall behind which targets can be safely lowered, scored, and raised during firing practice. It's also an archery shooting field, with mounds of earth used for the targets. The name originally referred to the targets, but over time came to mean the platforms that held the targets as well. In medieval times, it was compulsory for all yeomen in England to learn archery.



Image courtesy of The Fraternity of St. George - the only entity upholding all seven of the old longbow shooting traditions and one of the three 16th century London Longbow Companies

Although several towns have districts called 'The Butts', not all are associated with or take their names from archery. land, or odd corners and ends of land, and is often associated from Jude 01629 815469 or Daryl 01629 813209. with medieval field systems. Simon Daniell

toy animals and clothes, as well as many plants that had been propagated by her over the years.

For the last few years, Joyce had carers supporting her to remain at home. She enjoyed their company and thought very highly of all of them.

Her family would like to express thanks for the many cards they have received. The messages can be distilled into the following: "Joyce was kind, warm-hearted, thoughtful, loving and supportive, a sensible and quietly strong influence with a great sense of humour."

Joyce has chosen not to have a funeral, but if anyone wishes to make a charitable donation, she would like this to go to Helen's Trust.

Sue Holden

#### Oxfam Jazz Breakfast

you'll also find the cool sounds of mellow jazz providing the backdrop to an amazing breakfast at The Medway Centre in Bakewell on Sunday 28th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The Jazz Breakfast is deservedly one of Oxfam's most popular annual events. Come with your family and friends to relax, chat and read the Sunday newspapers (which we provide), while enjoying a sumptuous buffet of cheeses, cold meats, eggs, smoked salmon, frittata, fresh fruit platters, artisan breads, croissants, home-made cakes, real coffee, fruit juice and much more.

The band *Fomentum* comprises a group of excellent musicians, with Winster's Steve Salfield on saxophone, Pete Moxley on piano, Graham Jones on double bass, Brian Bestall on drums and Robert Glendenning on vocals and percussion. All have backgrounds of many types of music, and Fomentum plays a mix of jazz standards and jazzy interpretations of some great rock tunes. For more  $information\ email\ \textbf{steve@stevesalfield.com}.$ 

Tickets are £15 for adults, £8 for students, under-5s free. The Middle English word 'butt' referred to an abutting strip of Buy from Maxwell's Bookshop, Bakewell or reserve them

Daryl Green

### **Art Exhibition at All Saints Church Bakewell**







Over 40 accomplished watercolours and oil paintings have been kindly donated by a local Derbyshire artist to All Saints Parish Church in Bakewell. The works span over sixty years, and include a collection of Scottish and Derbyshire landscapes, and a number from a fondly-remembered trip to New Zealand. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, regards herself first and foremost as a draughtsman and is concerned with simplicity and serenity, favouring watercolours as the medium to achieve this goal, believing 'less is more'. She says "many of these paintings are very dear to me and are part of my life's work, but I think it is time to let



them go and let others share in the joy they have given me."

All Saints are planning a closed auction, with all proceeds going towards the restoration of the church organ, an impressive piece of Bakewell heritage. The paintings will be displayed in the Newark inside the church from Sunday 24th March for four weeks. The paintings include animals, lost heritage, events such as The Appleby Horse Fair and a particularly splendid painting of Haddon Hall. There are also many attractive prints on sale. Do please come and view the collection, and bid on anything that takes your fancy. The final day for bids is Saturday 20th April. **Karen Beresford** 

#### **Give Tennis a Go at Baslow**



Have you tried tennis in the past, maybe at school, and then not played again? Perhaps you've never picked up a tennis racket? Well now is the ideal opportunity to 'give it a go'.

Baslow Tennis Club are holding a free tennis Open Afternoon on Saturday 20th April, from 2 until 5pm, with

three professional coaches to organise activities on each of our courts. All ages are welcome, adults and children alike – just don a suitable pair of shoes and turn up! Rackets are provided, with refreshments for anyone taking part.

Baslow Sports Field now has a café on site, offering food and drinks throughout the day. It is a lovely place to sit and enjoy watching the activities – cricket, football or athletics, to name just a few. Children can let off steam in the adjacent Woodland Park play area. There are two newly refurbished courts, plus the multi-user games area which is also suitable for tennis. The club has an exciting programme, including daytime or evening social tennis, internal club friendly competitions, and for the more serious players, matches in the Chesterfield and Sheffield District Leagues. We offer coaching for adults and children, either individually or in groups.

If you enjoy the Open Afternoon, we welcome new members with a discounted 'new members rate' to anyone living within a ten mile radius of the club.

**Jackie Mantell** 

## **Baslow Bowls Club - Crown Green Bowling**



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To book a taster session on Baslow Sports Field DE45 1SF, email me at **bbc.baslow@gmail.com**. More information is available on our website **baslowbowlsclub.co.uk**.

#### **Helen Watts**

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### Chim Chim-in-ey!





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## **Great Longstone has a New World Record-Holder**







This January, Great Longstone's very own skating star, Fiona Harrison, took part in the World Winter Masters Games in Bormio, Italy, where she won a gold in the 500m, achieving a world record for her age group (40-44). Fiona also won a silver in the 1500m, a silver in the 1000m and a silver in the mixed 2000m relay. Fiona's mouse mascot was knitted by her old maths teacher in Barnsley, Mrs. Barry.

Fiona's gold medal was presented by Sergey Bubka, who won an Olympic gold medal and broke the world record for men's pole vault 35 times – he was the first pole vaulter to clear 6 metres. She was thrilled to meet him, because back in the day, Fiona used to be a pole vaulter and held the national record in the Under-20 and Under-17 age groups.



At our March meeting, Sue Cooper and Davia Broome gave an interesting talk about Thornbridge Hall. Sue had been brought up there and both of her parents worked at Thornbridge, while Davia was a student when

it was a teacher training college.

Seven members went to Youlgrave for the annual Spring group meeting, enjoying a two course meal. The entertainment was *History – Wardrobe Top of the Frocks* by the *Two Lucys*, which was really entertaining. They counted

down from 10 to 1 of 80s fashion, with Number 1 being the Green Goddess.

Our next meeting is on 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Davia Broome will talk about when she was on Eggheads. Teas will be provided by Jane Ahmed and Sue Carter, and the Mystery Parcel by Zoe McGregor. With it being Easter, the competition is an 'Egg Cup'.

If you want to find out more about our WI, just come to the meeting and you will be made most welcome. Alternatively, contact me on **07876 481946**. **Zoe McGregor** 



Wednesdays Walk on the Mild Side 10am (meet at St Giles' Lychgate)

15th April Monthly Meditation Club 7-8.30pm

24th April Book Swap Café 2-4pm

28th April Live and Local - Ruth Angell 7.30pm £12

#### **Live and Local**

Live and Local's latest show, at 7.30pm on Sunday 28th April in the Village Hall, is an augmentation of Ruth Angell's new album *Hlywing*, meaning shelter (pronounced *Huh-lee-weenguh*), which has received rave reviews. It includes self-penned songs, tunes and a few choice covers. Tickets are £12 from tinyurl.com/RuthAngellTrio or email4Leap@gmail.com.

Growing up in Derbyshire, Ruth's beautifully crafted lyrics draw on her own experiences, situations, hopes and fears. Each story is embellished by inspirations from the wonders of nature. The stories are as important as the songs and Ruth will share her insights and ideas as the show develops. Jane Littlefield



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The group's facilitator is Sophie Stephenson, a certified meditation teacher with over 15 years of practising.



## An Evening Full of Spice at the Village Hall

At £25 a head, LEAP's Curry Night was one of their more expensive ventures so far, but it proved extremely popular with all thirty places sold out within days. It certainly lived up to expectations, with its promise of tips on creating restaurantstyle dishes - a case of having your curry and eating it too!

The evening was run by Carl Brown, or Curry Carl as he likes to be known. Carl was an English teacher until seven years ago (Curri-culum Carl, in his own words), when he ran a couple of curry well-being sessions for staff. Encouraged by how well these went down, this entirely self-taught 'hobbypreneur' could see there was a business opportunity for the taking. Sadly, although it has been a very successful and enjoyable enterprise for him, LEAP's night was Carl's last big session, as he is returning to the classroom so as to spend quality time with his young children.

Everything was amazingly well organised - each table was already set up with a gas ring, equipment and ingredients when people arrived. This included plastic containers of pre-cooked marinated chicken (chickpeas for vegetarians) and the delicious stock in which it had been poached for an hour. Carl explained that this was how Indian restaurants actually prepare their meals - it wasn't just to make sure we didn't undercook our meat. Three different recipes were on offer - bhuna, madras and korma - the basic technique was the same, but with different spices and tweaks. There were also three strengths of chilli on offer, from mild at 50,000 Scovilles to 'blow your brains out' at over 2,000,000! Everyone wisely opted for either the mild powder or chilli flakes at 65,000 Scovilles. These flakes looked alarmingly like fish food, but as Carl pointed out, there'd be nothing 'Koi' about your carp if you sprinkled some into their tank! Carl continued to keep us all entertained with his bon mots, at one critical point proclaiming there was a fine line between fusion and confusion. It's clear that if anyone is capable of charming sullen teenagers into discovering the delights of Shakespeare's sonnets, Carl can!

After frying whole spices in clarified butter (or ghee), onions and other vegetables (depending on the recipe) were added. Once soft enough to cut with a spoon, these were pushed to the side of the pan and tomato passata poured into the well with the ground spices and a frozen cube of garlic and ginger. Once this had thickened up, stock was added and reduced before finally adding the chicken with a little salt and garam masala (and in the case of the kormas, double cream, creamed coconut and a few drops of rosewater). Meanwhile, behind the scenes, Carl had been preparing a large quantity of delicately perfumed rice and naan breads for everyone. All that was left was to pull the tables together, sit down, and enjoy the fruits of our labours! It was without doubt up to the standard of any dish offered by the top Indian restaurants.

Many thanks to Jane and Julia for organising this hugely enjoyable evening. **Adam Rae-Smith** 



'Curry' Carl



Jeremy Cotterill ready for the off



A myriad of whole and ground spices to choose from



Supercooks Martin, Geoff, Mark and Jason from Longstone and Rowsley



Finger-licking good!

## **Park Pantry Closes its Doors**



The Park Pantry kitchen at the very top of Top Yard



The Sheldon Village Royal Wedding Celebration in 2011

It was the end of an era on Saturday 17th February when Park Pantry closed its doors at the very top of Top Yard for the last time after 35 years in business, following a clearance sale of equipment and baking accessories. Owners Marie Wildgoose and Alison Bentley had already closed their Cake Corner shop in Bakewell on 6th January, but had carried on to fulfil their remaining commitments for celebration cakes. They had reluctantly come to this tough conclusion after finding it increasingly difficult operating in two locations, and being unable to find a suitable location to house both kitchen and shop (or indeed any other solution to keep the business moving forward) so decided to end on a high note.

Park Pantry was founded in 1989 by Val Cousins and Pauline Booth, who ran it for nearly ten years before approaching Jim Long to ask if he knew anyone who would want the freezers, fridges and other pieces of stainless steel equipment. Jim was as upset as Val to think the business was to close, so it occurred to him that it was just the project for his wife



One of their very last cakes



Bell ringing was the Crofts' life!



Pauline, Val, Alison and Marie on 6th January



A massive challenge - a glitzy Union Jack

Wendy. Wendy points out that this was despite the fact that they had two children under 8, no immediate extended family to help with childcare, and Wendy's former employment skills were in catering management not production! But along with the business came a wonderful pastry chef, Nicole, who was willing to stay on and help Wendy produce the same tried and tested lines created by Val and Pauline.

Within a few months, the country suffered an extended fuel crisis and everyone was very conscious about using their car for anything other than work. Pubs, restaurants and hotels all felt the pinch and this had a knock-on effect for Park Pantry. Just as things started to ease, foot-and-mouth disease struck a second blow to the hospitality trade, with its own movement restrictions. This time, Park Pantry felt the pinch good and proper, so rather than struggle on any further, Wendy decided the only option was to sell.

At this time, Marie was working in the Lathkil Hotel kitchen in Over Haddon, and Alison was a receptionist at the Lee



It said it all!



A sad day – the end of an era

















Some of Alison and Marie's fantastic creations over the years

Wood Hotel in Buxton, while also doing the odd evening shift behind the bar at the Lathkil. Both had worked in hospitality since leaving school, and would sit in the Lathkil bar after work, discussing over a drink how long and unsociable hours in hospitality were, and how good it would be to work for themselves. One Sunday in December 2000, Marie rang Alison to see if she had been serious about this, as she had just heard from someone from Longstone who worked with her, that Park Pantry had recently come up for sale. The answer being an emphatic yes, Alison and Marie went to see Wendy and quickly agreed a price for the business and equipment.

When they took over the business, it was mainly wholesale, making desserts, cakes and tray bakes for pubs, cafés and restaurants, but over the years the celebration cake side of the business grew, as word spread of their amazing creations. As you can see from the photos, Alison and Marie's imagination and artistic flair knew no bounds. Marie remembers their biggest challenge at the time was a massive glitzy Union Jack cake for Sheldon's Royal Wedding Village Party, organised by Georgina Tanner in 2011. Sadly, regulations mean that glitter is no longer allowed on cake decorations.

In 2020, Covid hit, and once again the hospitality business dried up overnight. Marie and Alison thought they were finished, until Marie had the idea of opening a shop in Bakewell. So it was that Cake Corner opened up on Church Lane, opposite the Rutland Arms, at the beginning of August, when lockdown restrictions were first eased. It was an immediate success, with the shop stocked with all sorts of old favourites as well as new fantasies such as Baileys and Toffee Sponge, Guinness and White Chocolate Brownies, Pink Gin and Elderflower Tonic Drizzle Cake, and Kir Royale Layer Cake, with special offerings for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Easter, Halloween and Christmas.

Alison told UTE, "We'd like to thank all our customers over the years for their support and encouragement. There have been a number of ups and downs over the years, both professionally and personally. Lots of laughter with some tears too through the years, lots of life events, the births of our children, deaths of family and friends, and of course, marriages. Many of our customers we have known for years and have become friends, some being with us for pretty much all the 23 years we were trading. Deciding to close the business has been one of the hardest decisions we have ever had to make, and it will certainly be strange not seeing the woman I think of as my sister every day. We always joke that we have spent more time together than with our husbands and know more about each other than they do. Whilst we won't see each other every day, we will keep in regular contact. She can't get rid of me that easily!"

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#### New Chasuble for St Giles to Commemorate Professor Tarn



At a communion service, the Vicar or visiting priest will wear a chasuble over his white alb, which is a full-length plain shift with long sleeves. The chasuble is a cape-shaped garment without sleeves, and varies in colour according to the Church's season. Lent being a time of reflection and preparation for Good Friday, the chasuble is blue or purple, sombre and plain compared with the brighter and more elaborate white that is used in times of celebration.

St Giles has used a dark blue altar frontal during Lent for some years. Originally ordered by Professor Tarn, and made by the Derby Cathedral embroiderers, there has not been a chasuble to match. The PCC thought it would be fitting to order one as part of our remembrance of Professor Tarn.

As there was no longer any of the same fabric available, the embroiderers found a good plain colour match and then unpicked one of the lectern book marks, which matches the altar cloth, to make a centre panel. We are really pleased with the result so a big thank you to the Cathedral embroiderers.

The new chasuble was worn for the first time on Sunday 18th February by the Reverend Clive Thrower.

Su Woollen

## LASA is dead, long live LASRA!

First of all, please make a note of this date in your diaries, Wednesday 24th April!

We've been making really good progress from the original idea of a new sports association, with some great people onboard helping out with legal aspects, buildings and grounds maintenance. At our recent meeting, we all agreed the new organisation should incorporate 'recreation' in its title, to reflect non-sporting activities that are beneficial to the community. So it was that LASRA, the Longstone Area Sports and Recreation Association, was penned.

With that sorted, we now need Trustees, to be responsible for running the association, and Members, to keep the Trustees in check and influence the direction the organisation takes. Want to see pretty much any sport or activity taking place on the Rec, be it a friendly cricket match, football,

five-a-side, netball, rounders, pickle ball, tennis, croquet, or bowls? Then please get involved – being a Trustee or a Member is open to anyone in the Longstone area who wants to help drive this all forward.

What was to have been our AGM in April turns out to be legally premature, but we will still hold a meeting to let everyone know what has been done so far, get people involved in the next stages, and establish the group to run it. So please come along to the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm, to either get involved or just listen to the progress made and what is planned, and have your say. We would love to get a Sports or Village Day off the ground, with anything from Wang The Welly to Timeball. This is your recreation ground, and soon they will be your buildings to be used for your benefit, so do come!

Mike Meurer

## **Mothering Sunday Reflections**





Mothering Sunday celebrates and thanks all those who care and nurture.

One of the most life-affirming experiences when walking up to the church on a cold Lent morning, well before breakfast, is to find Tom or Ella Cox standing proudly by the mum and calf they have helped into life. Some mums are naturals but it seems other mums find it all a lot harder – Tom and Ella are beacons of caring. Thanks to all our farmers for all they do for us, often behind the scenes.

Alison Waltho





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### **Musings from Your MP**

As I write this, big grey clouds are moving across the Derbyshire sky, but I am hoping that as you read this you have a blue sky outside and that you are surrounded by the tell-tale signs that spring has sprung. I may be biased, but I do not believe there is a more beautiful place than Derbyshire Dales in any season, but perhaps especially in the spring. I feel very privileged to represent our area in Parliament and to call the beautiful Derbyshire Dales my home.

There are things that happen nationally, internationally and in all of our lives, that sometimes cause us to lose sight of things that matter, or leave us feeling worried or uncertain. When this happens for me, I head to the Monsal Head viewpoint. Within five minutes of staring down at the Viaduct and River Wye, I'm invariably a bit wind-beaten but I feel so much better. I imagine many of you have a special place in our beautiful area you go to when you need a bit of

perspective.



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So much of our landscape is thanks to the stewardship of our farmers, the custodians of our rural area. They have a hard enough job without the added stress of livestock-worrying. I recently invited all local schools to enter my competition for posters encouraging people to keep their dogs on leads around sheep, which I hope will reduce livestock-worrying.

I hope you enjoyed Easter with family and friends. If you need my help, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Sarah Dines MP** 









### **Parish Council Notes**

The following are extracts from the official minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 24th January, which are published on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Longstone School as well as the village website

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#### **Attendance**

Cllrs Wendy Long (Chair), Simon Headington (Vice-Chair), Phil Barrett, James Cox, County Cllr Sutton, Sarah Stokes (Parish Clerk), Dan Cox and Andy Douglass. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Caroline Briggs and Jane Rigby.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Headington declared an interest in the Church Lane Farm planning application, as he lives next door.

#### **Public comments**

Farmer Dan Cox spoke about the planning application for Church Lane Farm, for five caravans on the Church Lane site. The farm needs to diversify, as it is currently on a knife edge with finances. There have been a large number of positive online responses to the plans, with one negative. Dan stressed there are not many farms left, and farmers have to work elsewhere to supplement their income. To add to their woes, there is now TB on local farms. The PC thanked Dan for coming to share the reasons for the application. County Cllr Sutton then addressed the pothole issues on social media. He reports any potholes he sees when travelling through the village. He has received complaints about parking on the triangle areas beyond Skew Bridge. The Chair noted that the Thornbridge Estate car park had helped with this issue. Parking issues at Hassop roundabout were being monitored, as it may have been particularly bad due to the recent birdwatchers. Cllr Sutton reported that the traveller site (Monsal Head had been on the list) has been withdrawn to await input from the new CEO of Peak Park. Bakewell Cllr Mark Wakeman has resigned – there will be a by-election. Cllr Sutton will attend a site meeting arranged by the Clerk to look at drains. He has asked that DCC go back to twice-yearly drain emptying.

## Proposal to consider developing a Village/ Neighbourhood plan

A formal proposal for the development of a village/neighbourhood plan is to be prepared by Cllr Headington and Andy Douglass (who has knowledge of village/neighbourhood plans) for presentation to the Parish Council

for consideration at the PC meeting in March 2024. The Clerk will write to the Little Longstone, Rowland and Hassop Parish Meetings, and possibly the other surrounding hamlets, to ask if they would be interested in being involved in the preparation of this plan with Great Longstone. Cllr Headington had circulated a document outlining key points of a village/neighbourhood plan. He highlighted that there are different levels of a plan, and that the PC does not have to lead on this matter. Local hamlets should be encouraged to be part of the consultation, as they use the facilities in GL, including the Village Hall and Rec. He would look into the feasibility of doing a more formal proposal, aimed for the May Annual Parish Meeting.

#### Recreation ground

**Playground:** Update on work on boat - the joiner has few more jobs to finish. The Clerk is to ask Dan Cox if he can still help with power washing. The last two PC inspections had reported that the toddler swing seat looked perished. The Clerk is getting a quote for the seats from a local playground installer, and is also looking at buying the seats and chains separately and getting a quote from a local builder to install them. The Chair had sourced a quote of £2.5k for a new metal-framed toddler double swing. Cllr Long will re-install the toddler springer eyes in finer weather. New play equipment will be looked at one piece at a time in 2024/5. Equipment for years 11+: The tennis club has folded, with their funds of £172.12 donated for the Rec. The PC will transfer this to the new Sports Association when its bank account is open. The Clerk will review the wording on signage on court (which includes tennis club times) and organise new signage. Cllr Cox is to look at work required for the netball hole and providing a suitable 'lid' for flap.

**Noticeboard:** The Rec noticeboard door had come off in high winds. Cllr Barrett is to see if it can be fixed back on, or if it requires a joiner. The Clerk will get a price for a new sign on the rear of the noticeboard, as the parish email address needs updating.

**Cricket and Football:** The Clerk is to contact Dan Cox again about the deep spike machine.

## **Longstone Area Sports Association:**

There had been a very positive village meeting on the 17th January, with the next scheduled for 31st January. Residents who would like

to be involved are being contacted. The Sports Association is to manage the two buildings and look at long term fund raising/events. The Cricket Club had a bar licence and have paid for the insurance until June on the buildings. £3k funds needed annually. A formal bank account is needed and a constitution is being looked at using a standard model, which could then be set up as a charity, as well as setting up a formal agreement with the GLPC to be annually reviewed. This would include standards for the buildings and who manages bookings and the tennis court booking system. The Parish Council own the land, so there will have to be clear limits. It was agreed to nominate Cllrs Long and Barrett to represent the Parish Council on the Steering Group/ Management Committee of the new organisation, and to work on a formal agreement between GLPC and LASA over the management of the use of the recreation ground on a day-to-day basis and the management and use of the former Cricket Club buildings.

**PC Annual Inspection:** The Clerk is looking at suitable tree wraps for the two village green trees to avoid mower damage. Work has already been requested on other areas from the Autumn 23 PC inspection.

Land registration: Needs update following appointment of new Clerk. Painting list 2024: The Clerk is to get quotes for the agreed staining work, and a price for lengths of recycled plastic for the benches in front of the terraces. Mowing schedules for 2025 (3-year contract): Cllrs to look at the schedules used in the last tender process to identify areas to reduce costs, and check what goes on each schedule as two contractors currently work on the Rec.

#### Village greens and Village Hall

**Allotments:** DCC had confirmed that land drainage consent will not be required for the water project. Cllr Barrett is to work with the resident on moving the project forward. The Clerk will check on timings to spend grant. Xmas (review and plans for 2024): The PC had had a plan but the band then pulled out, so then needed someone to lead the carols. The church prepared carols and music, but the carols then changed when a local was asked to lead the singing. A lot of changes, with lots of people involved. The children liked Santa and people commented that they liked the shorter carols. The QR code went down well (despite

behind the scenes changes on this, due to max on QR code). The local pubs prepared for and were involved in the event. Numbers taking part in the event increase every year (around 200 people this year). The cones and marshalling all went to plan (risk assessment document to be reviewed for future). Thanks went to Andy Gray. It was decided in future not to use a band and look at a large speaker and a compere. Xmas to stay on the agenda, to allow planning for Xmas 24.

Village bunting: Length of bunting used last time was noted. The Clerk will request a sports and leisure grant from County Cllr Sutton towards the costs. The old bunting has been disposed of. **Old infant school building:** The sale did not go through as expected. The owners have now registered the land and re-launched it for sale.

Closed churchyard and cemetery Biodiversity project: Seeds are being collected and parishioners growing plants. The Clerk will gain a quote for ivy spraying at the appropriate time.

#### Footpaths and roads

**Defibrillators:** The Clerk is to separate out the 'webnos' reporting from Little Longstone. A Cllr will take on defib checking in GL.

Speeding/streetlights/grit bins: Grit bins have been filled.

**Electric charging points:** Little Longstone PM working with DDDC on Monsal Head electric charging points. **Drain issues:** The Clerk is to report the flooding issues between Skew Bridge and The Willows, as the issue has become worse over the years, with deep floods recently. Thanks to Vic Holmes for his help on this. The work to the ramp at the bridge onto the trail is to be carried out over winter.

#### **Council Administration**

#### Two vacancies for Parish Councillors:

Three residents are interested in being a Parish Cllr. Resident Andy Douglass attended today's meeting. Andy will contact the Clerk if he would like to join as a Cllr at the next meeting. The Clerk will send him a declaration form and look into DALC Cllr courses.

Code of conduct and Standing orders: The DDDC version of the code of conduct, as amended by PC, was adopted. It was agreed that the standing orders be amended for approval at the March meeting, to include the provision for planning matters in between meetings.

Recruitment of new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer: The Chair reported that following advertising there had only been one applicant, from the Derby direction, who requested a Zoom interview. When the PC looked into an alternative date for a face-to-face interview, there was no reply. The applicant covered a number of parishes. It was noted that some Clerks do make the job full-time by covering several parishes. The Clerk is to arrange advertising via School and Peak Advertiser, another advert going in UTE and the post will also be advertised via the DALC website. Vice-Chair Simon Headington volunteered to take over as temporary Clerk for a short period. The Clerk had handed her notice in last summer, to leave during winter 23/24. Sarah Stokes was thanked and it was agreed she would retire from the post of Parish Clerk to Great Longstone on 16th February.

**Minutes:** The minutes of meetings from 2016 to 2021 are now with Derbyshire records office, Matlock.

#### **Financial Matters**

The precept form has been sent in. A VAT claim is to go in before the end of the financial year. Internal audit is booked in with Allen West and Foster of Bakewell. Rent invoices are to be sent out for Moor Rd builder's yard, school, JFC and Fields Moor Rd.

#### **Planning Applications**

NP/DDD/1123/1380 Thornhill House. Increase in size of car park. The Parish Council was disappointed to learn that the application had been rejected and hoped they would be able to make a successful application in the future.

#### No objections

NP/DDD/1223/1446 Church Lane Farm, Church Lane. Change of Use of land to siting of five pitches for motorhomes or caravans for leisure, with seasonal permissions sought March-October. Altered access and hard standing and erection of electric pick-up points. No objections

#### **Police Report**

PC Boswell had reported one crime of harassment and one incident regarding a concern for a person.

#### Dates of next meetings

Wednesdays 20th March, 15th May (Annual Meetings), 10th July, 11th September and 13th November at 7pm.

#### **Contact Details**

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## **April Farming Notes**



At the time of writing, it is mid-March and the sun is shining – a rare occurrence, but long may it continue as the persistent rainfall we have been experiencing since late June 2023 hasn't showed any signs of really slowing yet.

The situation is so bad on the fields that I'm only driving on them when absolutely necessary, and with the smallest, lightest farm vehicle we have. Every time I drive on the land, there are horrible, muddy tracks left behind and the tractor cuts up the ground even worse. Anecdotally, every farmer up and down the country is saying it's been the longest and wettest time in their memory. What we really need is some wind and dry days, which would harden up the ground sufficiently so that I can start the chain-harrowing and rolling.

Particularly where livestock have spent the winter, the fields require attention. This is an important spring job, to even out the ruts and rake out dead grass and moss. This process prepares the land for a spring growth spurt, and we



already are thinking about hay making. The fields need to be repaired and flattened for hay making season. Unfortunately, we haven't had any weather to make this possible – every week there seems to be plentiful rain and lack of sun! I am hopeful, of course, and there is still time. Once the good weather comes, maybe it will be here to stay. I have enjoyed the few sunrises we have had in the last month, as you can see from the photos.

We are of course counting down to lambing time as well, so April is a busy month when we should welcome plenty of new lambs to Dale Farm. The sheep are in a good condition, considering the horrible wet weather, but there are always a few lame ewes, and last week we foot-bathed the sheep while also giving them their annual pre-lambing vaccinations and mineral boosters. This is an important pre-lambing task, to hopefully ensure the ewes are in good health for the weeks ahead. **Joanna Shimwell** 











## Dear All,

The Post Office scandal was brilliantly dramatised and acted in a recent TV series. It rightly caused public outrage, and all of a sudden politicians were falling over themselves to champion the cause of the subpostmasters. At which point, the two main companies began a PR exercise to excuse themselves for years of injustice and corporate secrecy. A series of executives began finger-pointing, and not at themselves, followed inevitably by various former ministers and MPs. Surprisingly, much of the content of this drama was broadcast in a radio programme several years earlier, but given it is a minority media it did not have anywhere near the impact. A small group of MPs took up the case some years ago, but were only partially successful. What didn't happen was any form of open and honest acceptance of corporate responsibility by Fujitsu or the Post Office, or indeed the Government.

Penrhyn Castle is another example of corporate responsibility. It sits on the North Wales coast near Bangor, but unlike Conwy Castle, it wasn't built to subjugate the Welsh and hold them in check in the Middle Ages. It was in fact a huge vanity project by a very wealthy slate mine owner in the 18th century. In my opinion, it is ugly and lacking in any charm, but it's a good place to take a walk and admire the views. It's now owned by the

National Trust, who have embarked on a process of revealing the original owners' sources of wealth, which include investments in the slave trade and sugar plantations. The Trust has been pilloried for explaining this and been described as woke. Personally, I want to know this because it gives a fuller understanding of the reasons for the owners' wealth, and at least the Trust is being open and honest.

In a similar case, Queen Anne's Bounty hit the headlines this week almost three centuries after it was donated to the Church of England to support the payment of clergy. It's a lot of money, running into several billions, but even so apparently insufficient for its original purpose. However, like the National Trust, the Church has been investigating its sources of wealth and found that a part of the Bounty was invested in the slave trade, which shockingly continued for centuries and only ended after a political campaign of almost the same length of time. The ramifications of this appalling trade are still evident in economic disadvantage and prejudice. The Church's aim is not just to recognise its past behaviour, but it has also initiated a fund to invest in ethnic minority businesses and give grants. It started with £100 million and is expecting wealthy individuals and businesses to top this up to £1 billion.

The Church's decision to choose this issue, which is clearly important, above

other colonial exploitation, raises a whole series of questions. What about the colonial past exploitation of India, and indeed Palestine, and some of the disastrous decisions in governing them, not to mention what amounts of reparations are appropriate?

The Church has has been criticised for all of this as either being woke or playing politics. Is this fund enough and how will it decide who receives what, and will it even be effective in its stated aim? I have no idea, but at least the Church should be recognised for being open and honest about its sources of wealth and also for seeking in some part to put right past very bad wrongs, and yes it is a long time after the event.

So I am open-minded about these actions and their impact, and whether or not it's playing politics – I don't know enough of the background discussions. What has this to do with our local church? We live in a substantially white village in the beautiful Peak District and I don't think there will be any immediate impact on the village or the church. However, I just wish a bit more time and action was taken by church authorities in supporting the local churches and not taking them for granted, as well as addressing the bigger issues of national and international importance. Parishes do matter.

This is a personal opinion and doesn't reflect the views of others.

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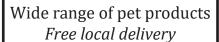
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11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

28th April - Easter 5

9am Parish Eucharist (Wardlow) 11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)





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### **April in the Garden**

**Lawns**: Mow, aerate, apply spring fertiliser and scarify. Apply selective weed and moss killer. Mow frequently lowering blades to a minimum of 2cm.

**Roses**: Complete pruning. Feed with rose fertiliser, hoeing it into ground. Mulch beds with manure or compost.

Herbaceous plants: Lift and divide old clumps of Asters, Rudbeckias, Helianth and Monardes. Replant on well dug and manured ground. Stake and tie Delphiniums late in the month. Keep hoeing between plants.

Dahlias: Plant healthy dormant tubers towards the end of the month. Protect new shoots from frost.

**Gladioli:** Begin hoeing and dress with fish manure.

**Chrysanthemums:** Rake a general fertiliser into ground prepared for planting. Harden off outdoor plants for planting. Under glass, prepare for planting indoor

Sweet peas: Start restricting growth on cordon plants, removing tendrils and side shoots.

Trees and shrubs: Plant evergreen shrubs during showery weather. Continue planting wall shrubs. Cut Buddleias hard back. Lightly prune trees and shrubs that have flowered.

Fruit: Keep a watch out for pests on flowers and fruit. Protect wall trees and soft fruit bushes against frost while in bloom. Mulch round trees and water newly planted fruit.

**Vegetables:** Plant early potatoes. Sow salad crops, late-summer cauliflowers, wrinkle seeded peas and main crop carrots, globe beetroot, winter cabbage, purple sprouting and spring broccoli. If frost threatens, cover any potato foliage. General tasks: Order seedlings such as Antirrhinums, Dahlias and tomato plants.

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## Lynne Macaskill's Tomato Tarte Tatin

This was one of the delicious dishes served at the Longstone Ladies' French evening in January (UTE March 2024). Originally created by the sisters Tatin at their eponymous hotel in the 1880s, Tarte Tatin is typically made with apples, but is equally good made with any fruit (and yes, tomatoes are fruits!) or vegetable.

Serves 6

8 ripe tomatoes Oil for greasing Knob of butter 1 tsp Demerara sugar 1 roll puff pastry

Dressing

4 tbsp balsamic dressing 4 tbsp soured cream ½ small red onion sliced Parmesan shavings

Fresh basil leaves



Pre-heat the oven to 230°C (Gas Mark 8). Cover the bottom of an ovenproof frying pan with a thin layer of oil and put on a medium heat. Halve the tomatoes, season with salt and pepper, and place flesh side down, filling the pan.

Fry the tomatoes without stewing for two minutes, then add the butter and sprinkle over the sugar. Shake the pan to prevent tomatoes sticking. When the tomatoes have started to caramelise, remove from heat and let cool.

Roll the pastry to fit the frying pan and cover the tomatoes so that the pastry takes on the shape of the pan. Bake for 13 to 20 minutes until crisp and golden.

Turn the tarte onto a warm plate and spoon threads of balsamic dressing and sour cream over it. Scatter the parmesan shavings, sliced red onion and torn basil leaves over the tart. Season to taste with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.



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Tuesdays - Art Group, GL Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm

Wednesdays - Walk on the Mild Side, St Giles Lychgate 10am (page 4)

**Thursdays** - Knit and Natter, GL Village Hall 1.30pm **Fridays** - Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50

3rd April - WI talk, Davia Broome on Eggheads, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 8)

14th April - BASH, One Life, Medway Centre, Bakewell, 7.30pm (page 3)

15th April - LEAP Meditation Club, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 8)

16th April - LL History Group, Derbyshire Folk, GL Village Hall 7.45pm

18th April - Peak Music Concert, Cavendish Hall, Edensor, 7.30pm (page 2) £25

20th April - Baslow Tennis Club Open Afternoon, Baslow Sports Field 2-5pm (page 6)

21st April - LL Chapel Great Art Competition, LL Chapel 10am-4pm (page 15) £5

24th April - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall 2-4pm (page 8)

**24th April** - LASRA meeting, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 12)

28th April - Oxfam Jazz Breakfast, Medway Centre, Bakewell 10.30am (page 5) £15

**28th April** - Live and Local, *Ruth Angell*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 8) £12

#### **Bakewell Medical Centre**

www.bakewellmedicalcentre.co.uk Telephone: 01629 816636

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**Normal Surgery Opening Times:**Mon- Fri 8am - 6.30pm

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**Phones:** Mon-Fri 8am – 6.30pm **Telephone Numbers:** 

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