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What's in a Name?

Our village has, on the whole, fairly predictable street names. We don't have a High Street, but we do have a Main Street and a Church Lane. But a Beggarway Lane? Where did that come from? The clue is in the name of the church.

St Giles is the Patron Saint of St Gilles-du-Gard, a town in southern France, on the site of an ancient abbey claiming his relics, and protected by Charlemagne (Charles the Great), who was born around 783 AD and was Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire from 800 AD until his death in 814 AD. Clearly not a man to be trifled with, a man of power.

St Giles was one of the Holy Helpers or auxiliary saints. He was venerated throughout Europe as the Patron Saint of cripples, beggars and blacksmiths, and pilgrims to his tomb contributed much to the prosperity of the town.

St Giles' symbols are the hind and an arrow. There is a legend written in the fifteenth century that he was wounded by an arrow from the bow of Flavius, king of the Goths, in pursuit of a hind that had fled to Giles for safety, which forms the subject of the painting below in the National Gallery in London. Giles survived the attack, and later Flavius built an abbey and made Giles Abbot.

If you go into our village church, you will find a stained-glass window opposite the entrance door, depicting the



Master of Saint Giles - Saint Giles and the Deer, about 1500
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legend. This window was made in 1873, along with most of the others in the church, by the well-known London stained-glass firm of Heaton, Butler and Bayne as part of the restoration by Richard Norman Shaw. The inscription below the main panel reads 'To the Glory of God, erected 1873 by Joseph and William Scott in memory of Alice Scott who died 1844'. Joseph Scott, who also donated another of the windows as well as the pulpit, was churchwarden from 1874 to 1886 in addition to being conductor and 'Leader with Flute' of the choir, supported by a fiddle, oboe, clarinet, basson and cello.

Were there, I wonder, any beggars several hundred years ago, making their way along our lane in the hope of receiving sustenance from the church? It is good to know that we support the Matlock food bank. There are boxes in the church for food donations on the pews by the choir vestry, so we are carrying on the tradition. If you can spare any non-perishable food stuffs, please add them to our boxes. They will be warmly welcomed by the team in Matlock.

Pat Westwell

March Gardening Notes



Lots of spring flowers to admire this month – the crocuses are beautiful but short-lived (*see photo*). Once the snowdrops are over, they can be divided 'in the green' for next year's spring show. Some of the spring flowers grown in pots, such as daffodils and hyacinths, can be planted in the borders and will look good next year.

March is probably the busiest month for sowing seeds such as sweet peas, broad beans, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and beetroot. The Longstone Horticultural Show is on Saturday

17th August and there is a category for sunflowers grown in a pot. I have bought some dwarf sunflower seed, which I will be sowing individually in small pots in the greenhouse. Once they germinate and start to grow, I will pot them into larger pots until they finish in a 10" or 12" pot for the show. I will also buy some plug plants, which I initially plant in 3" pots and will plant outside when the danger of frost is over. The argyranthemums did particularly well, and they come in a range of colours and flower all summer long.

If you haven't already done so, it is time to chit some potatoes for planting next month. By chitting, I mean placing the potatoes in a light frost-free place with the emerging shoots facing upwards.

I will be getting the allotment ready for the growing season – there are still a few stalks of kale and brussels and a few odd weeds to dig out. The grass on the paths is starting to grow away, so I will give them a trim with the strimmer. In the greenhouse, the cacti and the succulents that have been kept dry all winter can start to be watered now that we are getting the longer days and a bit of warmth. I will also take the opportunity to give the greenhouse a good wipe down – it is surprising how dirty it gets through the winter.

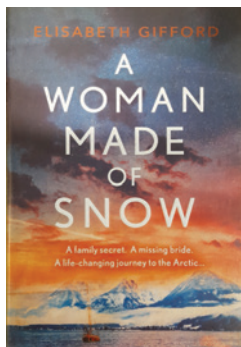
Andy Hanna

Bakewell Library Recommends...



The Mitford Murders by Jessica Fellowes. It's 1919, and Louisa Cannon dreams of escaping her life of poverty in London, and most of all her oppressive and dangerous uncle. Louisa's salvation is a position within the Mitford household at Asthall Manor, in the Oxfordshire countryside. There she will become nurserymaid, chaperone, and confidante to the Mitford sisters, especially 16-year-old Nancy - an acerbic, bright young woman in love with stories. But then a nurse - Florence Nightingale Shore, goddaughter of her famous namesake - is killed on a train in broad daylight, and Louisa and Nancy find themselves entangled in the crimes of a murderer who will do anything to hide their secret.

This fictional novel is based on the real-life murder of Florence Nightingale Shore. The novel is an enjoyable and entertaining cosy mystery, with a slightly dark turn. The novel does have a slow start, but I would recommend sticking with it. I love the setting of the story, and the author's descriptions of the time-period make you feel like you are living it. **Rating 4/5**



A Woman Made of Snow by Elisabeth Gifford. Scotland, 1949 – Caroline Gillan and her new husband Alasdair have moved back to Kelly Castle, his dilapidated family estate in the middle of nowhere. Stuck caring for their tiny baby and trying to find her way with an opinionated mother-in-law, Caroline feels adrift, alone and unwelcome. But when she is tasked with sorting out the family archives, Caroline discovers a

century-old mystery that sparks her back to life. There is one Gillan bride who is completely unknown - no photos exist, no records have been kept - the only thing that is certain is that she had a legitimate child, Alasdair's grandmother. As Caroline uncovers a strange story that stretches as far as the Arctic circle, her desire to find the truth turns obsessive. And when a body is found in the grounds of the castle, her hunt becomes more than just a case of curiosity. What happened all those years ago? Who was the bride?

A Woman Made of Snow seamlessly flicks between two generations of the same family. The novel is hauntingly atmospheric and utterly engrossing. Fans of historical fiction and age-old mysteries are going to love this book. I cannot wait to read more from this author. **Rating 5/5**



The Other Daughter by Caroline Bishop. When Jessica, a young British woman, discovers a shocking secret about her birth, she travels to Switzerland in search of answers. She knows her mother spent time in the country writing an article on the Swiss women's rights movement, but what she doesn't know is what happened to her while she was there. Can Jess summon the courage to face the truth about her family, or will her search only hurt herself and those around her?

This fascinating novel is based around two important aspects of women's history in Switzerland. The novel is well researched and gives an insight into Switzerland's past. However, this is a 'dual time-period' novel meaning that I struggled at times to follow the story, but I am so glad I stuck with it. The author's descriptions of Switzerland are spectacular, and I am now desperate to travel there myself.

Rating 4/5

Aimee Mills

Shepherd's Warning!



Thanks to Leon Doherty for sending in this photo of sunrise over Great Longstone

Bakewell and Ashford Film Society



BASH's next film is *Mothering Sunday* in the Medway Centre at 7.30pm on Sunday 10th March. On a warm spring day in

1924, housemaid and foundling Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young) finds herself alone on Mother's Day. Her employers Mr. and Mrs. Niven (Colin Firth & Olivia Coleman) are out and she has the rare chance to spend an afternoon of abandon with her secret lover, Paul (Josh O'Connor), the boy from the manor house nearby who is Jane's long-term love despite the fact that he is engaged to be married to another woman, a childhood friend and daughter of his parent's friends. But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane's life forever.

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**. **Joy Thrower**




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Andy Tasker 1948-2024



Andy Tasker, ex-Sheffield Rugby Union Football Club player and longtime resident of Great Longstone, was a wonderfully talented, spontaneous and apparently effortless natural sportsman who never took himself or life too seriously.

His main sporting interest was cricket and he had a long and successful career as a clean-striking batsmen, including for Great Longstone. However, he could turn his hand to any game and played first-team rugby, hockey and cricket at Abbeydale. He could also hit a golf ball further than most and earned himself the nickname of 'Sniffer' for his scoring ability in Sunday League football.

He had a long but sporadic career with SRUFC, playing only a few games each season until 1976, when Neville Jones, the astute coach at the time, watched the second team and wanted to know who the 'roly-poly' man at full-back was. He played for the next two seasons as an attacking full-back with an ability to appear in the line just when it was required, and an uncanny ability to catch the ball on the half-volley. In all, he represented the club 74 times.

His relaxed approach was in marked contrast to some of his more driven colleagues of the time, and he once surprised his captain in the middle of a half-time team talk by having a few swift drags on a fag!

He was always great company and believed life was for enjoying, and he had friends everywhere.

His illness sadly robbed him of his spark in recent years but his friends will not forget the sense of fun that he always brought with him. Our condolences to Di, Jim, Richard, Katie and all the extended family. Rest in peace, Sniffer.

Andy Riechwald

New Bus User Group

Plans for a Bakewell bus user group are under way, and we have made connections with other bus campaigners in Matlock and the Hope Valley. It's hoped that this will be only one of many more community climate projects for Bakewell and surrounding villages. Information about the next steps will be available from our new website **bakewellclimateaction.org**, which is in development. If anybody would like to get involved in any way, you can contact me via the website.

Georgina Blair

Hillsprings LAUNDRY CLOSURE

We have very sadly and reluctantly decided that, following the devastating damage caused by the fire on 31st October, we shall not be re-opening the laundry.

We do thank all our customers, and we greatly appreciate the kindness and support which has been shown to us since the fire. **Helen, Tom and Margaret**

Longstone Local History Group Program

19th March – *The Great Escape of Charles II* by Peter Stubbs

16th April – *Derbyshire Folk* by Lorna Briggs

21st May – *James Brindley* by Peter Donaldson

18th June – Tour of Thornbridge Hall

Peaks and Dales Railway

There is a new website for the public campaign to restore the Peaks and Dales Railway, **restorethepeaksanddalesrailway.org**, which is supportive of the current proposal for restoring the railway but is totally independent of MEMRAP.

Georgina Blair

Thinking about Developing a Village Plan

Great Longstone Parish Council (GLPC) are looking into supporting work on a Village Plan and will decide on whether or not to take this project forward at their meeting on 20th March. The idea is that whilst hopefully GLPC will support the initiative, an independent steering group will actually co-ordinate the project.

The recent loss of the Old Infant School building as a community asset reminds us that communities change over time, regardless of whether we want them to. Creating a plan can help us to work out what we value about the community we have, what we might not want to lose and what we might want to develop, in order to ensure that we can continue to make it a good place to live. These can be physical things, such as buildings and spaces, but also the social capital that comes from the groups and activities that feed into our annual cycle of events.

As part of the investigation, GLPC has written to the Little Longstone, Rowland and Hassop Parish meetings to see if they might be interested in taking part. The reason for sending out this invitation is that whilst some issues rightly need to be considered by the individual settlements, there are others, in particular those relating to facilities such as the Village Hall, recreation ground, shop and school, hosted by Great Longstone on behalf of the wider UTE area, for which we should allow scope for input from the wider area. Please do feed back your initial thoughts to your own Parish Meetings on whether your area should take part.

Note for residents of Wardlow: Although you are part of the UTE area, and a traditional part of the St Giles' Ecumenical Parish, do you consider yourselves to be part of the Longstone Area community or does the village feel more part of Litton and Tideswell, or Eyam and Great Hucklow? The answer to this is probably best fed back through your next Parish Meeting – please contact GLPC if you decide that you want to be involved.

If the Great Longstone element of this proposal is approved by the Parish Council, it is hoped that a formal launch will take place at the Great Longstone Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May.

Great Longstone Parish Council

New Artistic Talent Blossoming at Thornhill House

Hello! I'm Jennifer Brown and I work at Thornhill House. In my spare time I love to paint, mainly in pastels but I've recently started using acrylics and water colours. I wanted to share some of my work with you, but I do also sell them (prices vary from £60 upwards). Hope you like them! If you're interested in seeing more, please contact me on **07812 402867** or email me at **jennybrown2004.jb@gmail.com**. **Jennifer Brown**



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New Scouting Opportunities



1st Tideswell Scouts now has over 20 members, and are embarking on new adventures as they learn more about climbing and conservation in the Peak District. They recently received a grant from the Derbyshire Dales District Council through Tideswell Councillor Neil Buttle's Discretionary Fund, which has allowed them to have training at the Foundry Climbing Centre in Sheffield, to learn more about bouldering and top rope climbing. As the weather gets warmer, they'll be finding out more about climbing outdoors, and how to protect our local natural landscape, with a series of activities and speakers from the Peak Park.

1st Tideswell Scouts recently welcomed new volunteer leaders, including a new Scout Section Leader, Millie Barlow, who said "I was a member of Tideswell Scouts when I was young and I'm very grateful for the time the leaders gave to us then. It's good to be able to give something back now. Scouts is a great opportunity for young people to build a connection with the outdoors, grow their confidence and also experience activities that they might not always get the chance to do."

1st Tideswell Scouts has a Cub section for young people aged 8-10 and a Scouts Section for those aged 10-14 years. They meet in the Tideswell Community Hall on Wednesdays during termtime from 5.30-6.45 for Cubs and 7-8.15pm for Scouts. If you live in one of Tideswell's nearby villages and your child is interested in joining, please email **1stTideswellScouts@gmail.com**. **Millie Barlow**

Ooh La La! La Vie Française Vient à Longstone



Longstone Ladies came together for their January meeting in the Village Hall for a 'French Evening'. A fabulous selection of French food was brought to share, savoury and sweet, accompanied by French wine, of course!

The feast consisted of *French Onion Soup*, *Salade Niçoise*, *Pintade à la Normande* (Guinea Fowl in apples, cream and brandy), *Grissini à la tapenade noire*, *poivrons confits*, *petit pois et thon* (Grissini with black tapenade, candied peppers, peas and tuna), *Tomato Tarte Tatin*, *Pithivier en jambon de Parme et Camembert* (Camembert and Parma Ham in puff

pastry), *Pears in Red Wine*, *Profiteroles*, *Roulade*, *Apple Tarte Tatin*, *Madeleines* and a selection of French cheeses, including *Brie*, *Port Salut* and *Saint Agur*.

The Village Hall was adorned appropriately and a delicious meal was consumed whilst French music played in the background. Between courses, the ladies participated in a French quiz, which was won by Su Woollen, Deborah Henley and Lynne Macaskill, who were presented with a prize of perfumed French soap.

Une soirée française très réussie! **Pauline Harrison**

Leaden Skies Surround Magpie Mine



Thanks to Steven Liddington for this atmospheric photo of Magpie Lead Mine near Sheldon

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Longstone CE Primary School News



There never seems to be a dull moment at Longstone School and this half term has been no exception. We have enjoyed several amazing activities and experiences over the last few weeks and wanted to share some of those with you.

Donaldson class took a trip over to St Giles' Church to deliver food collected for the food bank. The children talked about the importance of helping others and enjoyed a little bit of time reflecting in the church too. We also took part in National Story Telling week. Throughout the week, the children participated in various activities to create their own stories as part of their class work, letting their imagination run wild. At the end of the week, the children brought in their favourite books from home and read to each other.

We also took part in Children's Mental Health Week, for which the children joined in several activities including a cake sale (which raised over £100 for the Place2Be Children's Mental Health charity), and firepit fun where the children

sang songs, laughed and toasted marshmallows. At the end of week, the children were invited to 'Dress to Express' wearing bright colours, wacky outfits or an outfit that expresses who they are. They then enjoyed playing board games with other classes. During PE lessons, each class took part in the 'Mindful Mile' around the school field.

In sports, Years 5 and 6 took part in two events this half term. On 18th January, they took part in Cluster Sports Athletics at Graves Sports Centre. The teachers were impressed with their teamwork, support of each other, and sportsmanship, values that we always work hard on. We are very proud of you all. Well done! On 1st February, they took part in the High 5 tournament held at Longstone. Once again, the pupils played well and showed fabulous sportsmanship throughout. The 'A' Team lifted the trophy, but it really was a whole class effort that secured this win. Well done everyone who played. **Allen Morris**

Little Longstone Congregational Chapel

The Chapel will be full of Easter flowers



There will be no Easter Service as sadly our Prayer Leader is not available this year

Longstone and District Horticultural Show

The following clarifications have been made to the children's section of the Horticultural Show schedule published in last month's UTE:

Class 48: *Drawing/painting on an Olympic theme* – A4 paper maximum size

Class 49: *Lego Olympian* – Using Lego components

Class 50: *2 decorated cup cakes* – Bought cakes can be used to decorate

Jennifer Rowson

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Ice Cream Contract

Following the comments made in February's edition of UTE, I thought readers should be aware of some of the factors that determine how the ice cream contract is awarded for the Monsal Head car park and what it means to our community.

Firstly, as a Parish Meeting, we are required to offer the contract on an open tender basis and consider all credible bids from reputable businesses. Unless there is a significant reason to do otherwise, the contract is then awarded to the highest bidder. Secondly, there is no electrical connection point available for an ice cream van on the car park. The electrical supply to the car park requires a major upgrade and while we are working closely with DDDC to get the upgrade work carried out, we are advised that Monsal Head car park is one of a number in the Peak District that require infrastructure work for EV charging points, as well as ice cream vans. So as much as we would like to be greener and cleaner, it is not as straightforward as we might like.

It is also worth mentioning that not only does the ice cream contract help support the running of the parish, it allows the parish to support local organisations such as Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport, LEAP and of course UTE. Historically, we have also provided funds to Great Longstone Pre-School and Cricket Club (both sadly no longer functioning), and I am sure we will be talking to the newly evolving Longstone Area Sports Association, discussing ways we can help them for the benefit of the wider community.

Jeremy Cotterill, Chair, Little Longstone Parish Meeting

GLPC Parish Clerk

After more than a decade in post, Sarah Stokes has stood down from her position as Clerk to the Great Longstone Parish Council (Sarah will remain as clerk to Little Longstone Parish Meeting, for which please use her email address stokes271@btinternet.com).

Wendy Long, chair of the Parish Council, said "I have worked with Sarah over many years and she will be very much missed as our Clerk. On behalf of the Great Longstone Parish Council I would like to thank her for all the time and effort that she has put in over the years on behalf of our community".

Whilst the Council looks for a new Clerk, I shall be taking on the role on a temporary basis. The email address for the council remains the same – parishcouncil@greatlongstone.org and I can also be contacted on 07968 295258.

Simon Headington, Vice-Chair GLPC

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 surrounded by green fields and grey stone walls, 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 and the ever-changing landscapes around her home and encountered on her travels. Dive into Ruth Angell's musical world with her special guests, recreating the music from the album and taking it further. The stories are as important as the songs and Ruth will share her insights and ideas as the show develops.

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Things are moving along, with many thanks to the people who have committed time to get this off the ground. At our last meeting at the end of January, we agreed in principle on a constitution that will facilitate the legal side of the association and allow a bank account to be set up. Our next meeting on 21st February at 7pm in the Village Hall will unfortunately be before this UTE hits your door mat.

A visit to the pavilion was organised, and a building inspection has been made from which the findings will be brought to the next meeting. We are looking into the finances, what work is necessary and what we would like to do to improve the facilities, and from this we can determine a budget.

We had a VIP visitor to the pavilion on 10th February, Bob Marsden, the Chairman of Buxton Cricket Club. Bob is very

keen to see village cricket get back on its feet. He has built Buxton's club from two teams to five men's, four women's and a junior team, and would like to bring a team to Longstone to play friendlies and also use the ground for a few of their team's matches. It would be marvellous to see cricket played at the ground again and get our local players involved. Thank you to Bob, for getting in touch and coming to visit us.

A temporary committee has been set up to keep the mission on track. I stress **temporary**, as all posts are to be elected at the the AGM, probably in April or May. So please come forward if you are interested in being involved in any capacity, including being on the committee. Currently, we have *Chair and Comms* Mike Meurer, *Treasurer* Simon Headington, *Buildings Maintenance* Andy Douglass, *Legal* Kate McGovern and *Ground Maintenance* Dave Richards. Another possible position is one to cover activities and arrange the use of the buildings and Rec. If we have youth teams, then a welfare officer will be required, cricket coaches to get things off the ground...

This a village space, and anyone and everyone is welcome to use it, be it for an informal game of croquet or bowls (once we have the square sorted), or to use the hard court for five-a-side, netball, basket ball, tennis or pickle ball, once we have the court sorted. All are welcome at any meeting that is held, and I will try to advertise the next one with enough notice.

Mike Meurer



Our next meeting is on 6th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, with a talk 'History of Thornbridge Hall' by Ken Watson.

Teas will be served by Diane Watson and Gillian Dengel and the mystery parcel provided by Judy Fraser Smith. The competition will be

for an old photo of Longstone.

Zoe McGregor

Dudley Moore Tribute Jazz Act

A few tickets remain for this performance by Ronnie Scott's James Pearson Jazz Trio in the Cavendish Hall, Edensor on Sunday 24th March at 4.30pm. Tickets are £30 (includes canapés and drinks afterwards with the Trio). Contact secretary@peakmusicsociety.org.uk or **01629 640482** for availability.

Maurice Unwin



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LEAP subsidises events and activities for all residents of Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Rowland, Monsal Head, Hassop and Wardlow.

Date	Event	Information	Charge
Friday 8th March 10 a.m. — 12 noon	Men's Cookery Class Taster Session	Come and learn how to make a hearty and tasty vegetable soup with expert cook Annie Davey.	Free but please book
Saturday 16th March 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.	Yoga Workshop with Sue Firth Jones	 Join us for another seasonal and energising yoga session.	£5
Saturday 23rd March 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.	Pottery Workshop Earth Paper Fibre <i>Earth Paper Fibre</i>	Come and make a unique decorated pot using newspaper transfer print technique under the expert tuition of Mel McDonald.	£20
Sunday 28th April 7.30 p.m.	Live and Local Ruth Angell Multi instrumentalist Singer and Songwriter	Save the date for this—tickets will sell fast!	£12 Book here
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Bloodhounds Fail to Catch Longstone's Fastest Man

The Four Shires Bloodhounds met at Thornbridge Hall on the last Sunday of January, with a field of 15 riders and a pack of five couples, fortified by the traditional stirrup cup of port, accompanied by a portion of Quackers' exceedingly good Bakewell tart (Mr Kipling, eat your heart out!).

Hunting is not something most people would associate with bloodhounds – there are only 14 packs in the whole of England compared to 160 odd foxhound packs – except for the Mitford sisters' dramatic descriptions of their eccentric father, the 2nd Baron Redesdale, who would regularly hunt his own children. Debo, the late Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, and youngest sister, was excused by being considered too small to be a quarry. She was thus the natural choice to become founding president when Maggie, Lady Hattersley, persuaded her and Sir Andrew Buchanan (then Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire) to help her form the Four Shires at the time of the Millennium. Maggie has ridden since the age of three, and was a former Master

of the Farmers' Bloodhounds in the Cotswolds. The Four Shires' registered country is in and around the Peak Park, covering Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and South Yorkshire, regularly meeting at Chatsworth.

Bloodhounds were brought to Britain by the Normans, their name referring to their fine bloodlines, not a taste for blood. As a scent hound, it has no equal, hence its use by police worldwide. Hunting with them is known as 'hunting the clean boot', as there is no artificial pre-laid scent. Instead, the hounds work the scent of a human quarry, who is introduced to them before the chase to be thoroughly sniffed over. Bloodhounds are very affectionate, and if and when they catch their quarry, they smother him with licks rather than tearing him to pieces!

For such a local meet, it was appropriate that Darren Spibey of Rowland, fastest local man in last year's fell race, was the quarry. Darren has only ever been caught once, but says the sound of the hounds 'speaking', when they pick up his scent, certainly gets the adrenaline pumping. The hunt consisted of several segments, or lines, each about 3km, with the quarry given five to ten minutes head start. From Thornbridge Hall, a good amount of ground was covered, right up to Scratter and over the Edge and back, courtesy of the local farmers.



Jim Harrison chatting to Lady Hattersley with Chris Kane MBH



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Human quarry Darren Spibey contemplates his fate!



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Margaret Robinson Scott (25th March 1920 – 23rd December 2023)

This tribute was written by members of Margaret's family



Mummy, Gran, Great Gran, GG, and Margaret – loved and special to each one of her family and friends. She was well known and played an important part within her family and the wider community. Everything she turned her hand to was carried out with enthusiasm, pride and an energy that was infectious right up until the end.

Margaret was the matriarch of a large family, with a character full of life and stoic determination, always grateful and prepared for whatever life threw at her. She was a diligent, proud housewife, mother and grandmother, always reliable and dependable. She would make up to seven summer dresses for each of her three daughters, and knit matching cardigans ready for their enjoyable adventures, camping and holidaying throughout the British Isles, sometimes with other families. She continued to knit for her grandchildren too, and always loved receiving homemade gifts, proudly displaying them in her home.

She was a good sport playing family games. Her quick brain and sharp responses meant she was usually on the winning side! Her hearing was never good, and at times this would result in her inadvertently giving away answers to the opposing teams in a loud stage whisper. However, it was always taken in good spirit and she was never deterred from playing again. Every family member will have a lasting memory of Gran's very individual interpretations when playing charades.

No tribute to Margaret would be complete without acknowledging her formidable bridge-playing skills. She was top of her bridge club for years, enjoying competitions with different partners, and achieving outstanding success. At the age of 98, she moved to East Bridgford and attempted to join the local club. Sadly, she was told the membership was full, but we feel her reputation preceded her, and they probably felt intimidated.

During her long life she lived through a turbulent century and great change in the world, but was never left behind. She always managed to keep abreast of current affairs, especially politics. She held very strong opinions, although her views were not always politically correct. She gladly shared her anti-Brexit principles and happily displayed her thoughts by wearing a large blue badge with the European stars around the words 'Don't blame me, I voted Remain'. When Margaret moved to Fosse Way View, she was not able to have a landline and successfully embraced a mobile phone for the first time at the age of 102. She never gave up and kept her mind active right until the end, continuing to complete the crossword, codeword and bridge puzzles in *The Times* newspaper usually assisted by a daily glass of sherry. In response to a task set by the poetry group at Fosse Way View where she lived, she wrote this limerick:

*There was an old lady of Fosse
Who at lunch time made up a fuss.
The carers weren't ready,
So she had a big sherry
And now doesn't care a toss!*

She possessed a very strong sense of community and was involved with many causes close to her heart. She was passionate about the British Red Cross Society, and for many years was a volunteer at the drop-in centre in Bakewell, serving refreshments and giving support to anyone in need. Her dedication and long service was rewarded with the Red Cross badge of honour and life membership. She was also an ardent supporter of the Royal British Legion and wore her poppy with pride every year. All her grandchildren have very fond memories of time spent dressing up at the Red Cross centre or selling poppies door-to-door with her.

She was an avid gardener and knew the Latin name of every plant, how to care for them, where they should be planted, and most importantly what to do with the pests that attacked them. She passed all this knowledge onto her daughters and grandchildren with pleasure and enthusiasm. Along with her devoted husband Ken, they designed and built a beautiful garden at their home in Great Longstone, opening it to the public for fundraising events.

Gran's ability to forge meaningful relationships with all her family was remarkable. She kept up to date with the achievements and successes of each young person, eagerly recalling relevant details and asking questions. They were so important to her and she loved them all dearly. Grandchildren enjoyed staying with her and Pa in the holidays exploring the countryside, playing games, eating fish and chips, as well as listening to their wartime stories. As they grew older, she visited them at university and in their homes in different parts of the country, and also enjoyed many memorable trips to Italy. She never forgot a birthday of any family member or friend, and single-handedly kept the post office in business with the number of cards and stamps she needed to buy.

She was extremely sociable, loving any excuse for a celebration, and was an asset at any party, giving the liveliest partygoer a run for their money in style, stamina and pizzazz. Her long life was lived to the full, and the tributes that have been received are full of admiration and respect recalling her vigour and zest for life. She touched the lives of many and was held in great esteem by everyone who knew her, leaving us with a host of happy memories of the optimism and determination of one amazing lady.

March Farming Notes

The countdown is on for lambing season! It's an important time, probably one of the most critical and sensitive months of the year, ensuring the ewes are well cared for and the lambs arrive safely and stand a good chance at life! The breeding season began back in November when we turned out the rams to our 93 ewes. The conditions haven't been the best for the ewes. I don't think livestock thrive in the constant wet, but we don't control the weather! I was a bit worried that the dreadful wind and rain could have a negative impact on the sheep. Stressful environments such as prolonged severe weather and poor grazing can be significant enough to cause a sheep to reabsorb the pregnancy. With this in mind, we have been doing all we can with feeding and supplementing the ewes, regularly checking and attending to lame ones, and rotating from field to field. As each field quickly becomes pitted and muddy I have been counting down the days until spring and tell myself it's a necessary evil to endure the mud.

A much anticipated day is when we scan the sheep. This gives us an idea of how many lambs we can expect, and we

can then plan ahead. We had a great scanning - only three sheep are not expecting. The next steps after scanning are to calculate how much feed and concentrate we will need, and divide the sheep into groups. The ewes having triplets are grouped together and will receive the most amount of extra feeding. The ewes due to have twins go in another group, and a final group is for the ewes having one lamb each. We have 25 ewes scanned for triplets, 49 sets of twins, 15 single and a sheep who is carrying 4 lambs! We haven't had any quads since 2021, when all four lambs arrived safely and survived. They did require extra bottle feeding and lots of time, but it was wonderful to see them all thrive equally. I became quite attached to them and we ended up keeping three of the ewe lambs. Fingers crossed we can have the same success this year, but if I am honest, I am definitely a bit concerned because multiple births tend to lead to more complications. Time will tell. Lambing is due to begin on or close to April the first. Of course, I am hopeful for better weather than last year, when we had a really wet and challenging lambing time.

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Dear All,



As I write, we are only a few days away from the season of Lent, the six-week period during which Christians prepare themselves for the celebration of Easter in a similar way that Advent leads up to Christmas. Advent however is a time of celebration and eager anticipation, whereas Lent is typically observed with solemnity and preparation for commemorating Jesus' death and resurrection.

It's an interesting and remarkable fact that Christianity is the only faith that stands or falls on one simple truth – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, he stated quite clearly, "...if Christ has not been raised,

your faith is futile and you are still in your sins....we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Corinthians 15:17 and 19). In other words, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, then Christianity is a myth, and we may as well forget it!

From the very beginning, the Christian community staked the whole validity of their message on this one single fact – Jesus had risen from the dead. Unlike most other religions and worldviews that are based on ideas or theories, Christianity claims to be falsifiable based on this single historical claim.

The birth of Christianity is remarkable, because those men and women gave their lives for what they knew to be true. They were eyewitnesses to the resurrection. From being a frightened, depressed and disillusioned group of men and women after Jesus was crucified, who hid from the authorities and ran from the public eye for fear of being caught, they were suddenly transformed, unafraid, and started an international movement that has spread worldwide and persisted for more than 2000 years after Jesus' death.

In his interview with the Christian magazine *Relevant*, the British adventurer, writer and television presenter, Bear Grylls, said of his faith "Faith has been and is the backbone of my life. Christianity is not about

religion. It's about faith, about being held, about being forgiven. It's about finding joy and finding home. We all want that, but nobody wants religion. Why do people turn away from faith? They're not, they're turning away from religion most of the time. I've yet to meet anyone who doesn't want to be forgiven or held or find peace or joy in their life. We try loads of other stuff but it doesn't fill the void like Jesus."

The church came into existence because hundreds of men and women were utterly convinced that God had broken into human history and raised Christ from the dead, offering the gift of forgiveness, hope, love and life. And now, every Easter Sunday millions of Christians all over the world joyfully say the words "Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!" These words remind us that at the heart of the Christian faith is a message of hope. Jesus bore the whole weight of sin and death, and yet he walked out of the grave. Nothing could contain his love for us.

At Easter, we remember that light is greater than darkness, that love conquers fear, and life cannot be contained. Easter may only come once a year, but the joy of the empty tomb will stay with us forever.

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

David Beale, Reader at St Giles

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11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

10th March - Mothering Sunday

9am Morning Worship (Wardlow)
11am Morning Worship (St. Giles)

17th March - Lent 5

11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

24th March - Palm Sunday

11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

28th March - Maundy Thursday

7pm Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

29th March - Good Friday

2pm Hour by the Cross (St. Giles)

31st March - Easter Day

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

Daily Lent Prayers

8.45am Monday-Saturday (St. Giles)

March in the Garden

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

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

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

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

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

Chrysanthemums: Prepare ground for planting, adding manure. Leave ground roughly dug until April or early May.

Sweet peas: Plant out autumn-sown seedlings in double rows where grown in the cordon system.

Trees and shrubs: Plant deciduous trees and shrubs until the end of the month. Plant evergreens at the end of the month.

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

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

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



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- 2 red onions
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 15g parsley
- 500g lamb mince
- 150g feta cheese
- 3 tbsp rose harissa paste
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 320g pack ready rolled puff pastry
- 1 tsp 'Everything Bagel' seasoning mix



Finely slice the onions and cook gently in a pan with the oil for half an hour or so until caramelised but not burnt. Chop the parsley finely and add to a mixing bowl with the mince, crumbled feta, harissa paste, cinnamon, one egg, and the caramelised onions. Mix thoroughly with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of salt and pepper (or to taste).

Unroll the sheet of puff pastry and arrange the contents of the bowl down its length. Beat the other egg in a bowl and use it to brush one edge of the pastry. Fold the other edge over the filling and roll it over tightly, making sure the edge is sealed. Brush the outside of the rolls with the egg wash and sprinkle the seasoning mix over the top.

Chill in the fridge for an hour before chopping the pastry into 10 individual rolls and placing on a baking tray in an oven at 190°C for 25 minutes until golden brown. Keep in the fridge and reheat in the oven for 5 minutes before serving. **Lou Thacker**



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Fridays - Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50
2nd March - LEAP Crochet Workshop, GL Village Hall, 1-4.30pm (page 9) £5
6th March - WI talk, *History of Thornbridge Hall*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 9)
10th March - BASH, *Mothering Sunday*, Medway Centre, 7.30pm (page 3)
13th March - Thornbridge Hall talk, *Rothschilds and their Gardens* 11am £15
15th-17th March - Makers Market, Thornbridge Hall (page 10)
16th March - LEAP Yoga Workshop, GL Village Hall, 2-4pm (page 9) £5
19th March - LL History Group, *Great Escape of Charles II*, GL Village Hall 7.45pm (page 4)
23rd March - LEAP Pottery Workshop, GL Village Hall, 1-3pm (page 9) £20
24th March - James Pearson Jazz Trio, Cavendish Hall, Edensor 4.30pm (page 8) £30
27th March - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall 2-4pm (page 8)
13th March - Thornbridge Hall talk, *Peak District's Pauper Past* 11am £15
20th March - GL Parish Council Meeting, GL Village Hall 7pm

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Rob, a former pupil of Lady Manners School in Bakewell, started his hospitality career working in his parents' wine bar, Aitch's in Bakewell, before working as a chef and manager at various pub chains. After selling his house to fund his first venue, The Maynard in Grindleford, Rob almost went bankrupt after opening just six weeks before the first lockdown, wondering if he'd ever recover financially, and with no choice but to go on Universal Credit as he and his team struggled to keep The Maynard afloat.

Rob told UTE, "Living in Longstone had always been my dream. My grandparents lived in Great Longstone, and it

is where my mother grew up, so I have very strong family connections with the village. I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else. Longstone has three amazing pubs, a wonderful café, and incredible walks. It also has such a warm and friendly community. I feel very welcomed into the village by such wonderful people.

"As a Peak District lad, nothing brings me greater pleasure than breathing life into unviable hospitality businesses in my home county. The Ashford Arms didn't survive the pandemic and has remained closed for the last three years. We know the locals can't wait to see the back of the unsightly metal boarded windows and overgrown gardens. Opening a new venue so close to home was risky, as I would never want a venue too close to where I live, but I feel with it being in Ashford it's a great compromise. I look forward to seeing all the lovely Longstone residents enjoying our newest venue!"

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