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Shrouded in Mistry



*The cool of the mist before the heat of the day is palpable in this photo of Peter's Stone near Wardlow taken by Andy Hanna*



## You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks

Having seemingly endless time on my hands, and with the list of Mrs W's 'stuff that needs looking at' not appearing to move or change at all, I decided to make myself a useful member of society and come out of retirement to re-enter the world of employment. After viewing various job websites with vacancies from pot washing to shop greeter (whatever that is), and with much navel-gazing and a decent amount of tea and biscuits, I came upon an advert for part-time self-employed dog walker over in the big city of Sheffield. Well I can walk, I like dogs and I can point to Sheffield on a map, so this seemed like the very thing for me. A quick email, a few meetings and a couple of test runs with established walkers later and I was soon in with the gang and getting ready for my first furry clients.

Obviously I was going to need the correct equipment. My sack full of stuff duly arrived containing rope leads, a whistle, snack holders, a first aid kit, a long line and a medium sized tube of Primula cheese spread! The spread, dear reader, is I'm told, a snack of high value that even the most difficult of Border Collies will spontaneously leap into back flips just to get a taste of, but was only to be used in emergencies. I was emailed my list of dogs to walk, and provided helpful blurbs about the pooches so that I would have some idea of what's what. Although on reflection, I was unsure how helpful the information was about one dog 'not liking the neighbours' or another's diet advice of 'does eat ice cream but can't manage a full one' really was!

I had an interesting first week. One of the dogs refused to walk with me at all (had it not seen the contract?). As soon as we left the house, the four pawed brake was applied and poochie would not even look at my car, never mind get in it. I broke out the dog treats (Tesco's finest range no less), the dog took the treat, stared straight at me and spat it out, looking away in disgust. I had a whistle, not sure what good that would do. So I sat next to the dog on the kerbside and explained how busy Abbeydale Road South was with traffic this morning and mused why the M40 is always clogged, no matter what time of day it is. I think I bored her into submission. Well, the dog ran into the car, given the chance she would have driven it. Anything to stop my moaning.



*Ringinglow plantation*

Most were very pleased to see me, but I was mindful about getting the giddy ones out. One dog was so excited I was distracted by the back door for a moment, when a tortoiseshell cat appeared. Before I could close the door, the moggie had shot in by my leg and was making itself at home on the counter top. I hoped the house had a cat. Pooch seemed uninterested, so we went on our way.

The little ones are no more easier than the big dogs. I had

a bunch of Cockapoos out with me one morning at Graves Park. I let them off their leads, having been reassured they have great recall. I pointed north in my best Bear Grylls stance, whereupon all three sprinted off, each choosing a different compass point, and disappeared. Gone. It took a few minutes of whistle blowing and a full pack of dog snacks to ensure that normality was resumed. The rest of the week was without mishap, save one pickup where I successfully managed to return two white Labradors a different colour, having introduced them to the darkest, muddiest bog ever seen. Two pints of Guinness anyone?! I think the dogs were happy, the owners less so.



*Millhouses Park*

It was good to see Sheffield away from the main roads. I walked around Ecclesall Woods and up towards the plantation at Ringinglow, with some rainy days and some fine days. I was able to revisit some of the Sheffield parks of my youth, from Meersbrook and Millhouses to the wide open spaces of Graves Park, and all were in fine fettle. If you have an opportunity to visit these open spaces, I would recommend you do so. Oh and if you see a strange whistle-blowing, snack-waving man shouting for 'Fluffykins' on your walk, try and save some sympathy!

**Mark Wright**

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## July Gardening Notes

From very wet to very dry, the challenges of gardening... June was quite warm after the cold weather in April and May, so plenty of watering to do. This is the month where we start to gather the fruits of our labour; we are eating strawberries every day and beans, courgettes, potatoes and tomatoes are ready for the table. I have given the vegetables a good top dressing of fertiliser and will be giving them regular doses of liquid feed. A lot of the fruit has to be netted to prevent the birds from eating them. My pear tree has actually got fruit on it this year after several barren seasons, with me threatening to dig it out. Fingers are crossed for some nice pears. I continue to take runners off the strawberries as the plants start to fade after two or three years.

My tomatoes are doing well – I grow mine in containers so the watering is important. I water them every day with a small amount of liquid feed added. I remove about half the leaves to allow air to circulate and for the fruit to ripen quicker. They are best stored at room temperature, keeping them in the fridge kills the flavour.

The warm dry spell in June may have highlighted plants in your garden that suffer in these conditions, and these dry spells seem to have become more common. Over a period of time you could replace these with drought tolerant plants of which there are hundreds. Here are a few you could try: lavender, thyme, nepeta, rosemary, geraniums, sedums and euphorbia.

The roses seem to be doing well this year, and it is always nice to have one or two cut roses in the house for their beauty and fragrance. I don't have any hanging baskets, but have ended up with more containers than ever – keep deadheading spent flowers to prolong the show, and keep well watered with the occasional liquid feed. The garden looks almost Mediterranean (*see photo*) with the palm in the background.

Andy Hanna



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## Commemoration of the Unveiling of the War Memorial



On 22nd July 1923, the Duke of Devonshire unveiled our War Memorial. The Longstone Local History Group invite villagers and interested parties to join us for a walk around Great Longstone, explaining the rather complicated story of how our memorial came to be what it is. We also have some stories about the men commemorated.

Please meet at the War Memorial at 2pm on Saturday 15th July. Afterwards we will be inviting the participants to join us at the Village Hall for tea and cake, and possibly a film about Bob Plowright, whose name appears on the Memorial. Please if possible let Angela know if you are coming on **01629 640245**.

**Angela Robinson**

## Longstone Local History Group

- **Tuesday 18th July.** Frank may not be able to lead the 'War Memorial' walk around the village, so Angela will try to stand in for him. Meet at the War Memorial at 7.30pm. After a walk round the village we will head back to the Village Hall for a glass of wine.
- **Wednesday 20th September.** Day trip to Stoke, leaving at 8.15am to go straight to a pottery for a factory tour at 10am. Later we will go to the Potteries Museum in Stoke, where they have a hoard, a Spitfire and lots more. Cost £35 each (most of which is for the bus). Places are limited, so please sign up with Angela by calling **01629 640245**.

**Angela Robinson**

## Oh My Wall!

Charles and Sarah Stephenson arrived back from holiday in February to find that a huge section of their garden wall had collapsed in the wet and windy weather, destroying three out of five beautiful climbing roses on that section.

Because the wall runs beside the road outside Dale Farm, keeping the whole road from subsiding into the garden, Derbyshire County Council admitted liability and paid for its repair, which would otherwise have cost the Stephensons thousands of pounds.

When a much smaller section collapsed a few years ago, the Council said it might take two years for them to get round to it, so Charles shouldered the cost himself. This time round was a different story – Charles insisted it had to be repaired in time for the Open Gardens weekend at the beginning of July! A cheery Mick (pictured right) and Rob from the Highways Department duly came for a week at the end of May and have rebuilt it in a much stronger and reinforced fashion.



## Longstone Chase Fell Race

Every year on the first Friday of September, the Village Hall Management Committee organises a fell race to raise funds for the hall and the local mountain rescue team.

This year, the Friday falls on 1st September and, like last year, the event coincides with the Chatsworth country show so we may be graced by the hot air balloons flying over and landing on the Rec. No promises though!



We are always looking for volunteers to help with the marshalling so if you would like to assist, please let us know: **juliamorgans@yahoo.co.uk**. Otherwise just come along and support the runners! 6.30pm start.

There are also FRA children's races, U7 1km and U9/11 2km, start 5pm, entry on the day on the Rec – contact Paul Stephenson **pstephenson477@gmail.com**.

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**Entries are FREE, One entry per person per class only**

Class	No	Section 1	Veg & Fruit	✓
1	3	Potatoes	Any variety	
2	6	Peas	Any variety	
3	6	Broad beans	Any variety	
4	6	Runner beans	Any variety	
5	3	Beetroot	Any variety	
6	1	Cucumber	Any variety	
7	3	Courgettes	Any variety	
8	5	Tomatoes	Any variety on a plate	
9	1	Tray of vegetables	1 each of 3 vegetables	
10	1	Plate of 1 type fruit	Plate own choice	
11	1	Collection cut culinary herbs	4 different types non flowering	
12	1	Any vegetable	Funniest shape	
		<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Floral Art</b>	
13	1	Arrangement in a teapot	Fresh foliage & garden flowers	
14	1	Arrangement in an egg cup	Fresh foliage & garden flowers	
15	1	Green arrangement	Greenery	
16	1	"Gardeners World" Including gardening objects	Display of flowers and/or veg & fruit bought flowers may be used	
17	1	Arrangement	Display of roses & foliage bought flowers may be used	
		<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Flowers and Foliage</b>	
18	6	Violas or Pansies	Blooms	
19	1	Sweet Peas	Vase of single colour	
20	1	Sweet Peas	Vase of mixed colour	
21	3	Dahlias	Any variety	
22	3	Roses	Any variety	
23	1	Cut flowers	Vase of	
24	1	Flowering plant	Max 10 inch pot	
25	1	Foliage Plant	Max 10 inch pot	

I am entering the classes as marked above subject to the rules and regulations

Class	No	Section 4	Domestic	✓
26	1	Loaf of bread	Your choice	
27	3	Fruit scones	On a plate	
28	6	Jam Tarts	On a plate	
29	1	Victoria sponge cake	On a plate	
30	4	Flapjacks	On a plate	
31	1	Chocolate cake	On a plate	
32	1	Jam of any fruit	Jar	
33	1	Lemon curd	Jar	
34	1	Marmalade	Jar	
35	1	Chutney	Jar	
		<b>Section 5</b>	<b>Handicraft</b>	
36	1	Hand knitted	Pair of socks	
37	1	Hand knitted	Bobble hat	
38	1	Hand crocheted	Any article	
39	1	Needlework	Cross stitch	
40	1	Needlework	Embroidery	
41	1	Needlework	Soft toy	
42	1	Picture	Art any medium	
43	1	Photograph	Featuring "Water"	
44	1	Woodwork	Any subject	
		<b>Section 6</b>	<b>Outdoor Class</b>	
45	1	Decorated Spade	Any medium	
		<b>Section 7</b>	<b>Childrens Class</b>	
46	1	Decorated yogurt pot	Filled with garden flowers	
47	1	Model of King Charles	Made from fruit & veg	
48	1	Digital greetings card	Own design	
49	1	Lego Model	Own design	

Please indicate if a kit or self design

Children's Section (age limit 11) years Child's age.....

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Sunday 9th July 10.30am - Free

**Wooling of the Well Dressing**

*Please email if you think you may be coming*

A timetable will be available later for help during the week.

Friday 14th July 3.30pm

**Great Longstone Well Dressing Blessing**

Held by the War Memorial, and followed by

**Longstone Summer Sizzle**

This will be at the School and is open to all.

Saturday 15th July 11am

**Little Longstone Well Dressing Blessing**

Wednesdays 26th July and 30th August 2-4pm - Free

**Jo's Café and Book Swap**

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### Matt Coates Breathes New Fire into the Bull-i-Thorn



We are blessed to have three such good eateries as the White Lion, the Crispin and the Packhorse all within walking distance, but if you fancy a trip a bit further afield, over the last year Matt Coates from Little Longstone has completely transformed the old roadhouse *The Bull-i-Thorn* at Hurdlow, on the A515 between Monyash and Buxton, where he is the General Manager.

Having spent 8½ years as Manager at the Packhorse, Matt knows the importance of great food in drawing custom in, and this May saw the launch of a new open pizzeria kitchen to add to their traditional classic pub fare. Great Longstone resident Jill Thornton recently visited with friends, and declared *The Hunter* pizza was 'phenomenal' and 'took pizza to the next level!' You can ask for any pizza can be 'calzoned' - you won't have seen a bigger one!

The pub, which dates back to 1472, is 5 minutes from the Tissington Trail, and there are footpaths from Monyash if you want to build up an appetite or walk your dog there. More information can be found on their website [bullithorn.co.uk](http://bullithorn.co.uk).



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## Annual Parish Meeting

*The following are extracts from the official minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 18th May, which are published on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Longstone School and also on the village website [greatlongstone.net](http://greatlongstone.net).*

### Attendance

Cllr Wendy Long (Chair), Cllr Simon Headington (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jane Rigby, Cllr Caroline Briggs, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Phil Barrett, County Cllr Sutton, Sarah Stokes (Clerk), Julia Morgans (LEAP), Sara Barrett (Wildlife Project) and 4 parishioners.

### Chair's report

The highlights of this report were: HM The King; Dan Cox leaving the PC but still helping; Jane Rigby joining the Cllrs; David Cadenhead joining the Cllrs until election; Platinum Jubilee; variety of PC jobs – mainly updating of admin and financial systems; looking at rewilding; Thornbridge Hall outcome. The Chair then thanked Sarah Stokes (Clerk) and Simon Headington (Vice Chair), as well as parishioners and LEAP.

### Matters raised by residents

Simon Headington (as a resident) gave a summary of the situation on churchyard maintenance and the wildlife project, with regards to mowing and maintenance. DDDC funds for this were not increasing, and little been done in the last 20 years (prior to clearance work by Simon and removal of debris by Dan and Tom Cox). He went through the different areas of the churchyard and proposed setting up a volunteer group. The churchyard needs cutting back twice a year as well as seeding and new plants. Simon pointed out that mowing tenders will go up next time, so the PC should look to cut less grass in future, but if the area is left alone, brambles will take over.

Sara Barrett then outlined how ideas have grown for the wildlife project on 'God's Acre', now that Simon has cleared areas including ivy. New plants in both grassland and shade should be shade tolerant, and seed will have to be purchased and harvested. Locals (especially those who like growing) and school should be encouraged to get involved: different people could be involved in planting or clearing and record keeping. The project needs community support and should make the churchyard more accessible. She had produced a report titled *Great Longstone wildlife project*. It should be

referred to as a 'wildlife project' rather than 'rewilding', as wildlife projects can look more managed. It would require 2–3 days work per year once the project has been set up, and records should be kept.

Resident 1 asked for clarification over which areas are planned to be part of the project and what mowing standards are set, saying that residents could learn what to do in their own garden through taking part in the project.

Simon Headington explained that the PC has money for mowing and maintenance, but it may not be necessary to mow around the back if rewilding is done. The ivy on the walls needs to be sprayed off. Memorials had disappeared in some areas pre-cut back. Ideas for the wildflower project will be shared with the PCC, who have been given a copy of Sara Barrett's report. He is to go on a Diocese churchyard maintenance course arranged by the PCC.

Cllr Long felt it would be a good idea to put something together for UTE, and noted that when looking at rewilding, the Rec is a sports area where hedgehogs had been seen.

Resident 2 stated it was surprising what comes up in one's own garden when left to its own devices, and that it was good to leave some ivy for butterflies.

It was resolved that the PC should ask a contractor to treat the ivy (but not on the walls). The point of contact is to be Sara Barrett, supported by Simon Headington. LEAP, Sara and Simon are to put something in UTE, and arrange a meeting for July.

LEAP reported on the well dressing, where they were working with school on ideas for a theme, and on getting involved with the possible wildflower project with the church.

Resident 1 requested the PC to ask for a right of way sign for Croft Rd near the postbox, leading in the direction of Edge View Drive, and also asked about the current situation of the cricket pavilion. Cllr Long explained that the Cricket Club are supposed to cut the square. The land belongs to the PC and the buildings to the Cricket Club. The Village Hall ask for permission to use the pavilion for the fell race, which they arrange. Cllr Barrett noted that Bakewell Cricket Club has gone, as not playing in a league. Cllr Headington noted that the CC pay the insurance on the buildings.

Resident 2 thanked the PC on behalf of the parishioners for their hard work.

## Parish Council Notes

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### Attendance

Cllrs Wendy Long (Chair), Simon Headington (Vice Chair), Phil Barrett, Caroline Briggs, James Cox, Jane Rigby and Sarah Stokes (Clerk).

### Declarations of interest

Cllr Cox declared an interest in the football field quote, and Cllr Headington in the Church Croft planning application.

### Elections

Cllr Wendy Long was elected Chair, proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Barrett.

Cllr Simon Headington was elected as Vice-Chair, proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Long.

### Councillors' Declarations

The clerk had received signed declarations of acceptance of office and declarations of interests for all Cllrs, and will ensure they are publicised and sent off within 28 days to DDDC.

### Recreation ground

**Playground:** Swings work now complete, joinery is due to commence shortly. The bolt on the benches in front of the terrace houses is not to be replaced yet – options for replacement in 2024 will be looked at in the next inspection. Dan Cox is to carry out power washing in the next month. The PC inspection on 26th April uncovered no new issues. The RoSPA report is expected this month. Clerk to check who is responsible for strimming around the play area equipment, as there are now high nettles.

**Equipment for years 11+:** The Clerk is to ask B Cardona again for the moss treatment data sheet, and request that the court is locked when treatment has been carried out. It was noted that there was only one netball hoop on court – the Clerk is to investigate the whereabouts of the other one.

**Cricket and Football:** Dan Cox and Cllr Cox to look at a deep spike machine. Goal turfing has been carried out. It was decided to go ahead with the reseeding work on the other goal. The Clerk is to ask the contractor for a quote for two new goal sockets to allow goals to be moved across while the grass recovers. Cllr Barrett is to look at the tree on the

Rec, whose lower branches may need to be removed to allow for the goal to be moved. Cllrs to look at the mowing tender next meeting, with a view to mowing changes. The Cricket Club buildings were discussed – planning permissions and insurance are paid for by the CC, and they have useful toilet facilities. A Sports Club or Association was also raised, as well as a Bowls Club – this had been trialled before, but there was not enough interest and required high maintenance. The Clerk is to book out the football field for Friday evenings 5pm onwards (apart from Fell race night) for the rest of the year, with the boys to play from 5-6pm and girls 6-7pm, sorting out any arrangements amongst themselves. The Clerk is to let JH Fitness know there is only one goal, as they are using it at half term. It was noted that the mowing contractor had unexpectedly been rushed into hospital, hence the mowing is behindhand. The Clerk has contacted the CC on the cricket square mowing. Painting and staining this summer is waiting on the contractor.

#### **Village greens/Village Hall**

**Allotments:** Cllr Barrett and S Barrett had coordinated a letter to allotment tenants about funding for a water supply. Cllr Barrett went through the letter, detailing options, including donations to the fund from a vegetable stall of surplus veg from allotments. Cllr Barrett to contact S Trezise Harding with regards to funding and plans, along with funding from Derbyshire Dales CVS.

**West Green:** The old bench has been removed and a new bench delivered and installed.

**Well dressing/Coronation:** Funds from DCC for the coronation had been passed to LEAP for their event. Well blessing is on 14th July at 3.30pm, followed by school 'Summer Sizzle' event open to the community. F Parker has arranged a walkabout to commemorate the War Memorial centenary on 18th July. Repairs to the green have been carried out, but further damage on greens by vehicles has since occurred. The Clerk is to ask contractor to reset the dislodged stone sett on The Cross green. A key and a tubular heater for the electrical box on the War Memorial green are awaited. Xmas and Carols will be put on the July agenda.

#### **Closed churchyard and cemetery**

**Biodiversity and maintenance plan:** Cllr Cox brought up the burial grounds,

where the PCC are looking at rewinding some areas. The Clerk will re-request a quote for spraying the ivy in the closed churchyard. A figure was proposed by Cllr Headington to enable action before the next meeting, so that biodiversity action can occur 12 weeks later. S Barrett was thanked for all her work so far on the rewinding project (see Annual Parish Meeting minutes). LEAP's involvement in the community project was noted.

#### **Footpaths and roads**

**Defibs:** Monthly checks done.

**Speeding/streetlighting/grit bins/bins:** The Clerk is to chase invoice for snow work.

**Drain issues:** The Clerk will report two blocked drains in the 'Top Yard' vicinity, and re-contact DCC and Cllr Sutton on the drain issues on Church Lane in the vicinity of the Village Hall. Issues on Butts Rd, Glebe Ave and Station Rd were also noted. The Clerk is to contact Highways Dept to sweep the gravel spilling out from the verge on Butts Rd, as this is a safety issue. 'Pathfinder' biodiversity verges were noted, as plan is to cut back in October by DDDC. Some residents are looking at cultivation licences, but the PC have received no correspondence on this. DCC are currently carrying out work on the cattle grid on Moor Rd and the wall on Leys Lane.

#### **Council Administration**

Clerk will invite new District Cllr Kelda Boothroyd to future meeting.

**Land registration:** The Clerk has obtained a lower quote for the solicitor work from a solicitor used before, and will gather documents for them.

**Community Facebook and website:** These are working well.

**Vacancies for Parish Councillors:** The Clerk is to action notices for the two vacancies with DDDC.

**Inspection of Council owned land:** Taking place in September/October.

**Risk register:** The Cllrs went through the changes. The Clerk will action these for approval at the next meeting.

#### **Finances**

Cllr Headington gave an update on income and expenditure against 2023/24 budget. Cllr Long thanked Cllr Headington for keeping the PC on track.

**Credit card:** The Clerk is now in receipt of the PC credit card, to be used for stationery, Xmas lights, etc.

**Signatories:** Dan Cox has now been removed from the RBS account and Cllr Headington added. David Cadenhead has not been added as signatory to the

Unity a/c as he is no longer a councillor.

**Other matters:** It was noted that the insurance premium (£930) had decreased. The Annual Governance statement for the 2022/23 Audit and Accounting statements were approved and the documents duly signed. The Clerk will publish the documentation and send it to the external auditor. Kashflow is now used for accounting.

**Bank mandates:** No change. Cllr Headington suggested transferring funds from Unity account to RBS, as they give a better rate of interest for a lump sum. The Preauthorisation List was updated with small amendments, as permitted under item 5.6 of the Financial Regulations.

**VAT claim issue:** No update, a further VAT claim will go in the Autumn.

#### **Planning**

##### **Applications:**

NP/DDD/0423/0374 Church Lane Farm, Church Lane. Erection of agricultural building. **No objections**

NP/DDD/0323/0355 Church Croft, Church Lane. **No objections**

NP/DDD/0323/0329 Windyridge, Longreave Lane. Proposed alterations, extension and new garage. **No objections**

NP/DDD/0323/0297 Glebelands, Station Rd. Extension and alteration to outbuilding. **No objections**

##### **Decisions:**

NP/DDD/0922/1195 Crackendale View, Furnal Ave. To demolish current concrete panelled garage and rebuild a new garage. **Granted**

NP/DDD/0123/0063 Gildlow. Proposed ground mounted solar panels x 22 in garden. **Granted**

NP/DDD/0323/0297 Glebelands, as above. **Granted**

##### **Planning Appeal decision:**

A P P / M 9 4 9 6 / c / 2 1 / 3 2 7 9 0 7 2 Thornbridge Hall. Extensive document available on the PDNPA website. Summary decision: The appeal is allowed, the enforcement notice is quashed, and planning permission is granted (with terms).

##### **Police report**

PCSO Boswell reported one crime and one theft in GL and LL.

##### **Dates of next meetings**

Wednesdays 26th July and 13th September at 7pm.

##### **Contact Details**

Sarah Stokes, Clerk to Great Longstone Parish Council, Longstone Byre, Little Longstone, Bakewell DE45 1NN. Tel: **01629 640851**. Email: **parishcouncil@greatlongstone.org**





Our June meeting was a little different from normal. Although everyone was seated, we were introduced to chair yoga by Jo Taylor, who practises yoga daily and runs classes in Eyam. As Jo said, everyone can do this, even simple breathing, holding your foot off the ground and circling your foot one at a time, to stretching your arms above your head. At the end of the session everyone said they could feel they had done a workout.

Our July meeting will be on Wednesday 5th July. Tony Hood will be coming to talk about his involvement with Edale Mountain Rescue in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Our competition will be *Mountain Picture*.

As always, anyone wishing to join us please get in touch with Davia on **01629 640157**. **Zoe McGregor**

### No Mow May

Our 'No Mow' May, which extended into 'No Mow' June, has certainly paid off in our garden. On one day we spotted a Small Copper butterfly (*see photo*) flitting between our Ox-Eye daisies. This was followed by a Meadow Brown and then to our delight a rarer Wall Brown. To top it all, two goldfinches were hanging from the hawkbit flower heads, eating the newly formed seeds. I can thoroughly recommend leaving a patch of uncut lawn for the butterflies, insects, birds and bees to enjoy.

**Sue Walker**



### Storytime Anyone?

A Storytime session for under 5s with parents/carers is held at Bakewell Library, Granby Road, on Tuesday mornings 10.30-11am, with colouring and simple crafts afterwards.

### More Knit and Nattering!

If you're looking for another Knit and Natter session, Bakewell Library in Granby Road hold a session on Wednesday afternoons 1-3pm.

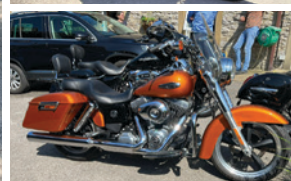
### Herbal Walk



A group of seven adults and two children spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening recently taking part in the LEAP Herbal Walk. We were taken on the guided tour by the enthusiastic Anna Dutch and her accomplice Pepper the Dog. Anna's medical herbalist degree and her client-based practice mean she is extremely knowledgeable! We didn't have to walk very far – between Cox's first field on the road out of the village and the Village Hall, we discovered tens of useful plants and trees. We tasted samples and heard many fascinating tales of their uses in times gone by. On our return to the Village Hall we made a herbal tea using the plants we had collected, including cleavers, nettles, ground ivy and elderflowers. It was surprisingly good! Anna also supplied some homemade fudge made using cocoa and almond butter, herbs flowers and fruits. Above are Sophie and Emily Morris making the tea. **Sue Walker**

### I Say, Top-Hole, What?

On 21st May, Bill and Zoe McGregor found themselves surrounded by a huge swarm of colourful bikers stopping for refreshment at the White Lion. This turned out to be the *Distinguished Gentleman's Ride*, a worldwide event involving 'dapper gentlemen' on stunning motorcycles' to raise money for men's mental health and prostate cancer research. £35k was raised this year in Derbyshire alone and \$7.5M worldwide.



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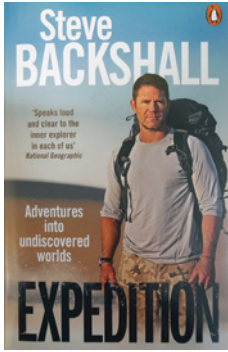
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## Bakewell Library Recommends...



**Expedition: Adventures into undiscovered worlds** by Steve Backshall. Steve details his teams' expeditions over the course of a year, with the destinations chosen from entries in his 'tatty notebook' that he has been hoarding since his teenage years. The author claims that the goal of his expeditions is to show that exploration is not dead, as he sets out to explore some of the 'hardest to get to' and 'most remote regions' of the world.

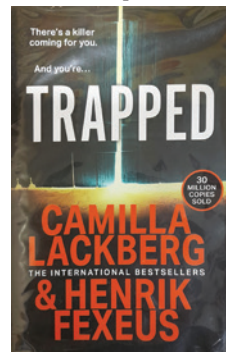
I will admit to stereotyping this non-fiction book when I chose it from the library shelves. I expected a tale that would amount to heroism as Steve and his team set out on their expeditions. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the book was far from that. Instead, it showcases the wonders of the world, the author's passion for them and his appreciation of the team. The writing at times left something to be desired, but given that much of it was written 'on location' it can be easily forgiven. This book shows that there is so much more to be discovered. **Rating 4/5.**



**The Long Weekend** by Gilly Macmillan. In an isolated retreat, deep in the Northumbria moors, three women arrive at Dark Fell Barn for a weekend getaway, believing that their husbands will be joining them in the morning. But when they get to Dark Fell Barn, the women find a devastating note, supposedly delivered from an old absent friend claiming that one of their husbands has been murdered. With

their phones having no signal, and there being no internet, the wives are stranded. It quickly becomes clear that their husbands are the glue of the group with their friendship going back to their school days. This means that the tentative friendships of the wives soon begin to fracture, and as the situation spins out of control, flaws begin to be revealed within the 'perfect' marriages of each couple and they begin to fear for their husbands as strange things begin to happen with Dark Fell Barn itself.

The constant twists within the story really did keep me guessing, and I found it to be so unpredictable, unlike most suspense thrillers. The author's description of the wild Northumbria moors and the surroundings of Dark Fell Barn were top notch and really added to the atmosphere and believability of the story. Whilst the characters within the story are deliberately unlikeable you cannot help but feel empathy for their pasts and get drawn further into the story. I couldn't put it down. **Rating 5/5.**



**Trapped** by Camilla Lackberg & Henrik Fexeus. Detective Mina Dabiri and Mentalist Vincent Walder are brought together by the shocking murder of single mother Tuva. Tuva was killed within a magician's box pierced by swords. According to a countdown engraved by the killer on the body, there will be three more murders.

Despite the length of this book, I never lost interest and it kept me guessing all the way to the end. The plot was cleverly written and complex whilst remaining well explained. This book was unputdownable. **Rating 5/5.**

Aimee Mills



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## July Farming Notes

The first of our Highland calves was born on Dad's birthday, 26th May. The second and third calves were born on 14th June. We have five cows calving this time, and it's quite exciting because we had a different bull for this year. We hired a pedigree Highland bull, who came to visit for three months from mid August last year. So far we have had two heifer calves and one bull calf. It's great to have two heifers, as they could make good breeding cows in the future. The steers (castrated male cattle) are kept for around four years before they are mature and well grown enough to be used for their beef. We only feed them grass and haylage made on the farm, so they are slow growing, but the meat has a good amount of flavour. In May we took a steer to be slaughtered and after hanging for a month, we picked up the meat which has been butchered at Highfields Farm shop in Ashover, Chesterfield. It's an interesting and continuing cycle of life, as we are enjoying the meat raised here, whilst taking care of the cows on the farm and looking out for new calves being born. I always say it's a privilege to grow and enjoy food that has been produced here on our doorstep.

Our lambs are growing well, despite the dry conditions

meaning that the grass has stopped growing. We are just about managing for grass at the time of writing (18th June). The long, hot and dry spell of weather came as quite a shock after a very wet March, April and beginning of May. It's incredible how fast the conditions can change. We are fortunate to have some leftover hay from haymaking last year, which is in reserve for feeding to the sheep and cattle, should we run short of grass. It's highly likely we will get to that stage in the next week or two. The weather has just started to break with a thunderstorm last night and more rain forecast, which is badly needed. It may take a while for the grass to recover. We haven't made any hay yet, as we are on a conservation scheme which means we don't mow the hay meadows until early July... which isn't far away now!

On Sunday 11th June the hot, sunny weather continued for our Vintage Tractor event, in memory of John Shimwell. There was a good turnout of around 25 vintage tractors and we went on a fantastic loop around the local area, led by Andrew Lomas who arranged the route. We raised £250 for Macmillan Cancer care. Hoping to repeat the event next year!

**Joanna Shimwell**





## Thoughts from the Pulpit



Rev. Clive Thrower

I remember when I started work in the computer department at Rolls-Royce in Derby in 1962. Their main IBM computer occupied a room as large as half of the church nave and had an internal memory size of a million times smaller than the memory in my smart watch.

The local union rep persuaded me to join his white collar trade union. I went along to the first branch meeting only to find that the discussion was all about stopping computers taking away their jobs! My best friend David was working on numerical controlled machine tools, and his work quickly caused an enormous change on the shop floor from one man to one machine tool, be it lathe, milling or grinding, to one man per six or more machine tools. Echoes of the Luddite revolution of the early 19th century – the Luddites were a secret organisation of English textile workers who formed a radical faction which destroyed textile machinery. They protested against manufacturers who used machines in what they called 'a fraudulent and deceitful manner' to get around standard labour practices. Luddites feared that machines would replace their role in the industry, and they were right.

Round about 1981 I was an unpaid member of the staff of Derby Cathedral and met regularly with the Dean and Canons to discuss theology and related church matters. I presented a paper on computers and artificial intelligence. This was largely theoretical as the machines of the time weren't fast or large enough to match most human responses, but now they are. The intelligence is gained from analysing huge bodies of data to provide an optimum or best answer or action.

Note that the data will contain all the current biases and stereotypical thought process that went into the saved material. So here is one of the ethical concerns that these machines will not just reproduce but entrench attitudes towards minorities, foreigners, females, LGBT and so on. Where is the moral compass in searching out answers to society's or individual's issues? Analysing vast stores of data is the sort of thing we all understand can be best done using a computer. However, their analysis now extends to the variety and complexity

of how we ask questions or give commands, in order to understand what we are trying to achieve. In other words, to think like a human and thus set the goal for data analysis for a response or action.

Let me pose a possible church scenario – that of the Sunday sermon. There are many available published sermons based on the day's readings and theme for the particular Sunday, so we have a database from which to 'create' a new address, but this wouldn't be me. If you were to collect my sermons and online search history, there would then be a database of my perspectives and thought patterns, and knowing the theological type of church we attend, the database can be filtered to a subset I might have delivered to give the content of the sermon. This could then be delivered by someone else, say a lay person, given the decreasing availability of ordained clergy. Or perhaps the Bishop of Derby will solve part of the clergy number crisis by issuing a sermon from Church House, Derby to be read in churches where there is no clergy person. Worse still would be the system in Turkey where mosque imams throughout the country are given an address for Friday prayers by the Directorate of Religious Affairs in Ankara. According to theologian Cemil Kılıç, the Friday prayer sermon in Turkey has been transformed from an Islamic ritual into a political ritual. He said "The Friday prayers are not conducted with the consent of Allah but rather for the enjoyment of the ruling AK Party and for the approval of the President," adding that imams who do not want to read the sermons provided for them can be removed from their positions.

The UNESCO statement on artificial intelligence and ethics says that the rapid rise in artificial intelligence (AI) has created many opportunities globally, from facilitating healthcare diagnoses to enabling human connections through social media and creating labour efficiencies through automated tasks. However, these rapid changes also raise profound ethical concerns. These arise from the potential that AI systems have to embed biases, contribute to climate degradation, threaten human rights and more. Such risks associated with AI have already begun to compound on top of existing inequalities, resulting in further harm to already marginalised groups.

Already there are AI systems of medical assessments that outperform the average human practitioner in some specific conditions. It won't be too long before we could see services like the NHS 111 call system being automated to bring a faster and more accurate initial diagnosis to patients.

Hannah Fry was on TV recently in a programme about Virtual Assistants (e.g. *Alexa* and *Hey Google*). She had previously been asked to read 19 sentences that were listened to by an AI system that could then reproduce her voice with her individual intonations and accent in artificially created sentences, using words she hadn't previously given to the system! To give another example, at a congressional hearing in the USA, the head of a major tech company played a prepared audio recording of his opening statement to the committee. He then explained that the neither the words or the voice were his, but it was a computer's response to his request that it produce an opening statement for him. Search online and it won't be long before you will encounter fake images and surprisingly accurate looking videos of famous people doing things they might not do in reality. These are often amusing when the deceit is seen, but frightening if you think you have seen the real person, for these are often the influencers of thought and actions in society.

My message is clear: we must engage as Christians in this debate about artificial intelligence. Its impact on society may be compared to the Industrial Revolution or the change by early humans of wandering hunter-gatherer groups into settled farming communities. It will raise profound questions about what it means to be human, where is God in the machine, and what ethical imperatives drive society and individuals.

I'll leave you with this frightening thought that ten years from now when I am resting in a box across the road from St. Giles' church, you could be watching a hologram of me, or maybe a robot vicar, in the pulpit delivering a believable sermon appropriate to your current situation regarding church and society. And like the central character in *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, or the image of a local advertiser in *Reflections* magazine, never getting any older!

**Clive Thrower**

*PS Did Clive write this or did ChatGPT?*



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### Services in July

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Trinity 4

9am Morning Service (Wardlow)  
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#### 9<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 5

11 am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

#### 16<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 6

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

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Trinity 7

11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

#### 30<sup>th</sup> July - Trinity 8

11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

## July in the Garden

**Lawns:** Water in dry weather, aerate surface of lawn. Apply fungicides to control fusarium, dollar spot and corticium.

**Roses:** Remove deadheads as they appear. After first flush of blooms, feed roses with rose fertiliser and hoe into the soil. Spray against insects, black spot, mildew and rust.

**Herbaceous plants:** Continue cutting back early flowering plants and deadheading where there are still flowers.

**Dahlias:** Continue tying young stems to their stakes. Feed once a fortnight with a liquid fertiliser.

**Chrysanthemums:** Reduce the number of shoots per plant to five, except on sprays and poms. Apply a balanced fertiliser in the middle of the month.

**Sweet peas:** A liquid feed may be needed every twelve days. Continue pinching out tendrils and side shoots from cordons.

**Trees and shrubs:** Prune deciduous shrubs such as Jasmine and Philadelphus after flowering by removing spent flowers and weak shoots.

**Fruit:** Pick soft fruit, summer-prune trees grown in restricted form. Support heavily cropping branches of apple, pear and plums. Pick blackcurrants and prune bushes.

**Vegetables:** Complete leek planting, late brussel sprouts, winter cabbage, sprouting and spring broccoli. Sow spinach beet. Make late sowings of peas and globe beetroot.

**General tasks:** Between now and the Autumn carry out any repairs, painting or renovating. If going on holiday cut the lawn and hoe all around. Check plant ties and the leave the hose ready for your neighbour to water for you. Leave instructions to cut sweet peas and collect vegetables.



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Warm a non-stick frying pan with some olive oil, season the cod with salt, pepper, turmeric, coriander, paprika and onion granules, and fry until golden and crisp. Put the pan in an oven at 180C (Gas Mark 4) for about 4 minutes until it's opaque and just firm to the touch. Remove from the oven and rest the cod for two to three minutes.

To plate, spoon the sauce vierge onto the plate with a glaze of balsamic vinegar and place the cod on top. Serve with green beans or wilted spinach and scallop potatoes.



*Serves 2*

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50g kalamata olives  
30g fine capers  
4g torn basil leaves  
12g spring onions  
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**Knit and Natter - Mon:** Wardlow Village Hall 1-4pm, **Thurs:** GL Village Hall 1.30pm  
**Tuesdays -** Storytime, Bakewell Library, Granby Road, Bakewell 10.30-11am (page 10)  
**Tuesdays -** Art Group, GL Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm  
**Fridays -** Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50  
**1st/2nd July -** Open Gardens Weekend, Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 1-5pm (page 4)  
**5th July -** WI, *Tony Hood on Edale Mountain Rescue*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 10)  
**5th July -** Folk Night, The Crispin 7.30pm (page 4)  
**6th July -** UTE AGM, The Crispin 7pm (page 4)  
**9th July -** Well Dressing Wooling, GL Village Hall 10.30am (page 7)  
**14th July -** Great Longstone Well Blessing, War Memorial Green 3.30pm (page 7)  
**14th July -** Longstone Summer Sizzle, Longstone School 3.40pm (page 4)  
**15th-23rd July -** Little Longstone Flower Festival, Little Longstone Chapel (page 4)  
**15th July -** Little Longstone Well Blessing, Little Longstone Chapel 11am (page 7)  
**15th July -** War Memorial Commemoration Walk, War Memorial, 2pm (page 5)  
**18th July -** LL History Group War Memorial Village Walk, War Memorial, 7.30pm (page 5)  
**22nd July -** Karl Harrison Live, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 3) £10  
**23rd July -** Flower Festival Service, Little Longstone Chapel 3pm (page 4)  
**26th July -** LEAP Jo's Café and Book Swap, GL Village Hall 2-4pm (page 7)  
**26th July -** GL Parish Council Meeting, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 9)

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