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#### He is Our King!

Less than a year from the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Longstone was once more en fête. First off the block was Hassop, with their bunting up days before Longstone, whose bunting went up a day later than planned, as it took Heather Turner six hours on the floor of the Village Shop to unravel it from the pile that it had ended up in last year. A merry band consisting of Tom and Dan Cox, Vic Holmes, Darren Spibey and Colin Melland, led by Will Turner operating a cherry picker from his JCB, then got it all up on a showery Thursday evening. Now faded to more white and blue than red, white and blue, one wonders how long it will be before it sees the light of day again.

On the day itself, the weather failed to dampen the spirits of the forty-odd residents (and a few dogs) crammed into the Village Hall to see the ceremony together on the big screen, with not a yellow *Not My King* placard to be seen anywhere in the vicinity!

Jane Littlefield and Julia Morgans from LEAP had organised a particularly scrumptious set of cakes and other goodies. The Pink Gin cake and Kir Royale cakes made by Longstone's own Park Pantry were much admired, and thanks to donations from local councillors, refreshments were all free. Angela and Mike Robinson were splendidly dressed up in the spirit of the occasion.

All around the village, houses sported bunting and Union Jacks, and the WI had once again 'crowned' the postbox by the White Lion. On the glorious Sunday afternoon of the weekend, residents from the top of Station Road held a successful reprise of their Jubilee party, with a delicious Union Jack cream cake baked by Zoe McGregor, and zero food miles Scotch eggs from the Morris family, made from their own quails' eggs and sausage meat from their pigs.











#### Thornhill House Having a Whale of a Coronation Feast!

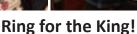












The challenge thrown out by Linda Pelc, the local grand dame of the bell ringing community, yielded two new recruits from Longstone, Lucy Wright and Richard Gosney, both of whom took part in the special celebatory ringing at 3pm on Coronation Day.

The more experienced ringers then rang 'touches' (a technical term!) of Coronation Doubles. This is a newly composed variation on the oldest 'method' in bell ringing, Grandsire

Doubles, which dates back to 1650, but with twists introduced by the somewhat prosaically named 'P-Single' rule. This rule first saw the light of day in a letter in August 1968 by Frank T. Blagrove to the Editor of the bell ringers' weekly magazine *The Ringing World*, as part of an ongoing correspondence on the nomenclature of Doubles methods (these are rung on five bells, with an optional tenor bell ringing behind).











#### Flower Festival at St. Giles

Once again, those behind the flowers for the festival surpassed themselves not only in the quality of their blooms but in their imagination in interpreting the brief of *Hobbies*, which knows no bounds. This year, the children from Longstone School also got involved, decorating the porch and font, drawing pictures of their hobbies and writing rhyming couplets describing their likes and dislikes.

Each contributor based their display on one of their own hobbies or interests. Christine Shimwell's display of *Collecting Records* was down to her husband Peter being a vinyl enthusiast. Back in the day, cycle shops often sold

records, and believe it or not, Curry's started life as a cycle shop! Records then were an expensive hobby, and if you indulged, it was likely that you couldn't afford a car. Other displays featured *Ornithology* by Jane Crossan, *Fishing* by Fiona Dowding (some call it a sport while others consider it the art of life, apparently), *Reading* by Pamela Wales (based on *Heidi*, one of her favourite books as a child), *Dancing* by Barbara Burley, *Boxmaking* by Jennifer Rowson, *Patchwork* by Jan Hudson, *Family History* by Joyce Glencross, *Gardening* by Su Woollen, *Painting* by Judy Dilks, and *Dolls Houses* and *Embroidery* by Elisabeth Bee.

## Holy Trinity Church Ashford in the Water Flower Festival

3rd - 11th June

Theme: 'Children's Story-Time'

Well Dressings run at the same time.

Church open daily from 10.30am-7.00pm (except Sundays: 11am -7pm)















## Great Longstone Open Gardens

Saturday 1st July 11am - 5pm Sunday 2nd July 1pm - 5pm

Entry to all gardens £5 each. Accompanied children free.

Parking in Church Lane

#### **Horticultural Show**

To enter for the show in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th August, please use the entry form in this month's UTE (page 10). Entries are free, so please come and have a go!

Admission to the Show for nonexhibitors is 50p (children under 12 free). **Wendy Hanna** 

#### **Longstone Turns Green**

Did you perhaps notice the subtle change to this magazine's name on the front page, and wonder why? In a shock result from the local district council elections on 4th May, Kelda Boothroyd of the Green Party trounced the Conservatives in the new Calver and Longstone ward by 441 to 367 votes in a two-horse race, with a turnout of 45%. Our previous district councillor, Liberal Democrat Clare Gamble, had decided to stand down at the election following the change in boundaries, and to join the Litton Parish Council instead.

In the neighbouring Tideswell ward, which now contains Litton and Wardlow, it was even more one-sided, with the Green candidate Neil Buttle winning with double the number of votes of the Tory candidate.

The Conservatives have lost control of Derbyshire Dales District Council after 24 years in charge and only the second time in 48 years (between 1995 and 1999 there was no overall control with the Liberal Democrats the largest party by one seat).

The Liberal Democrats are now the largest party by one seat, holding 12 seats with Labour on six seats and the Green Party four. Before the election, the Conservatives had 17 seats, ten more than the Liberal Democrats, but the number of councillors has been reduced from 39 to 34 with changes to ward boundaries to reflect population changes at this election. The other two Green Party councillors represent Bonsall and Winster, and Youlgreave.

All the Great Longstone Parish Councillors were returned unopposed: Phil Barrett, Caroline Briggs, James Cox, Simon Headington, Wendy Long and Jane Rigby, leaving two vacancies. David Cadenhead decided not to stand this time.

#### A Message from Your New District Councillor

A huge thank you to all the residents who took part in the local elections on the 4th May. I am delighted to have been elected to represent you for the next four years on the Derbyshire Dales District Council.

I know my voice will make a difference, as a Green Party councillor always changes the focus of the conversation. I strongly believe in the power of communities and therefore will always fight for long term community benefit over short term individual gain.

As a young parent I will be able to represent families and young people within our community. Meeting the needs of young people and families is vital to ensure local communities thrive and so we can all look forward to a stable future. This is reflected in the Green Party priorities, which are:

- Making sure housing meets the needs of the community.
- Supporting a strong local economy that would provide secure local job opportunities.
- Slowing traffic to make our streets safer.
- Enhancing local leisure facilities for all ages.
- Ensuring we have clean air and clean rivers.

I would like to thank former councillor Clare Gamble for her hard work over the last four years. We are working together to ensure a smooth transition.

Looking ahead, I will work with the three other Green councillors and all other parties on the District Council to plan collaboratively to make the Derbyshire Dales a better place to live and work.

If you'd like to get in touch about any local issues, the best way is via email at kelda.boothroyd@derbyshiredales. gov.uk

Kelda Boothroyd



#### **New Rowland Butterfly Transect thanks to LEAP**

In July 2022, Catherine Chapman and I, two Rowland residents, attended the Great Longstone butterfly walk organised by LEAP and led by Sue Walker and Nicky Loveday.

Catherine and I were inspired by the walk and by Sue and Nicky's expertise. Sue put us in contact with the Derbyshire Butterfly recorder, Ken Orpe. Ken organised training for those interested in setting up new transects - a transect is a path along which one counts and records occurrences of the objects of study, such as butterflies. After an afternoon being inspired by Ken, we started our new venture.

We now have a circular route near Rowland, and there are four of us who take it in turns to walk the transect once a week from 1st April to 30th September. It's now Week 3 and, so far, we have seen one Red Admiral and three Peacock butterflies, so not bad going so early in the season. Ideally, you only walk the transect when the sun is shining, so it is a real joy to do.

The Great Longstone transect is just off Moor Road. They are also looking for volunteers to count butterflies - what's not to like? Thanks to Sue and Nicky for your inspiration and LEAP for organising it.

#### Tracey Sharkey

## **Quails Eggs Now Available on Station Road**

The Morris Family Farm are pleased to announce that our fresh quails eggs are now available for sale. We were a bit puzzled that the quails stopped laying when we first put them outside in their new hut, until Allen did a bit of research and found out that quails will only lay when there are sixteen or more hours of daylight! **Allen and Nicola Morris** 





May was another cold and wet month with little sunshine, let's hope for better in June. My tomatoes are growing away quickly - I tie them in to canes as they grow up, pinching out the side shoots and letting them get up to 5 or 6 trusses before pinching out the tops. They are in twelve inch pots so they will get watered every day, more water if it is particularly warm. I also give them a liquid feed a couple of times a week. Sounds a lot of work but well worth it. At the beginning of the month I will plant out the real tender plants such as squash, pumpkin, courgettes, sweetcorn and runner beans. Keep recently planted plants well watered till they are established. Brassicas such as cabbage, brussels and kale, I

#### **June Gardening Notes**

keep covered with fine mesh netting to protect from butterfly white. Fruit such as blackcurrants, red currants, strawberries and raspberries will also get netted to protect from pigeons and pheasants. Earlier plantings of broad beans, potatoes, leeks and beetroot will benefit from a dressing of fertiliser.

Succulents and cacti are a show this month, and I will be busy taking lots of cuttings and dividing plants to increase my stock. I have planted up quite a few pots with annuals to give a colourful summer show and I will be able to bring out a lot of plants from the greenhouse now that they don't require winter protection. The sweet peas are looking good – it is really important to keep picking the flowers

to prolong the flowering season. The perennials are growing away fast and some, peonies for example, will require support to stop them flopping over. I have a number of Acer trees which have beautiful leaves that change colour through the summer and into autumn.

**Andy Hanna** 



#### **Marmalade Gold**

Angela Robinson first brought the Dalemain World Marmelade Awards to our attention (UTE August 2001). This year it has merited two separate mentions in the national press. On 30th March, The Times published an obituary of C Anne Wilson, whose history of marmalade, which won a prize in 1985 for its unusual subtitle, and whose publication inspired the annual competition at Dalemain Mansion in the Lake District. The Book of Marmalade: Its Antecedents, Its History and Its Role in the World Today, Together With a Collection of Recipes for Marmalades & *Marmalade* traces its 2,000 year history back to ancient Greece and Rome. Then on 30th April, The Times reported that an Australian had won the Dalemain Marmalade for the King category with

oranges grown on a single tree in their garden in Perth, and that one of his jars was to be presented to King Charles as a formal coronation gift.

This year Angela won five golds and lots of silvers for her entries. To gain gold, you have to be awarded full marks by the WI judges, which is a tall ask in itself. Angela's faultless marmalades were two different Dark and Chunky Marmalades, a Whisky Marmalade, a Redcurrant and Seville Clear Jelly Marmalade. Congratulations, Angela!

If you want to try Angela's marmalades and jams for yourself, they are available for sale on a chair at the far end of the snicket from Station Road through to the Rec.







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## LEAP Walk with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

On a lovely sunny May morning, twelve of us came together with Mark from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to do a local walk and immerse ourselves and our senses in nature. Mark explained how important it is not just to spend time in nature, but to consider the beauty, smells, colours and textures to fully benefit from the experience. Along the route, we took part in various tasks and games, such as colour matching a coloured counter with the local foliage and looking at compositions and shapes in nature. It was a really interesting and different way to experience a walk, and the morning was rounded off with a lovely cup of tea and slice of cake at the Village Hall. Jane Littlefield





**New Ties and Old Ties** 

We were delighted to hold Jonathan Escalante-Phillips and Rebecca Lindley's wedding at St. Giles in April. What made this extra special was that Rebecca is the granddaughter of our former vicar the Reverend Harold Lindley.

Frank Hammond, Churchwarden

#### Bakewell's 19th International Day of Dance

We are so excited to be holding our 19th Day of Dance which will be held on Saturday 24 June, filling our picturesque town again with the music and dance from around the world.

The Day heralds the start of Bakewell Carnival Week, along with the Farmers Market and with local well dressings on show, it is a day out not to miss. So join the several thousand people who travel from around the country to enjoy the dancing, colour and fun.

This year up to 30 groups will be displaying dance styles from around the world at six outdoor venues from 11.00am to 4.30pm. Come and watch the displays, then join in and have a go!

You can travel the world with lively upbeat dances from Hollywood shows, American Line Dancing and the more traditional style from the Appalachian Mountains. We are delighted to welcome back La Tierra Flamenco dancers as well as the very colourful Indian beats, who always put on such a brilliant show. Ballroom and Bollywood will be on offer along with a taste of Salsa from the Rueda Academy. Rock and Roll will be provided by the fun loving Hopfrogs Dance School.

Old favourites such as Black Pig Border Morris and Timberline Steve who has drawn in the crowds for years with his precision line dancing group. To add to the colour of the whole day, traditional British dances will be well represented with plenty of Morris and clog dancing. New for this year is Hazarah, who will be bringing Folkloric dances from the Middle East. We will also be welcoming for the first time Sean Eireann Dance Academy with some energetic Irish dancing. There will be dance workshops running at the Town Hall. Confirmed so far are Hazarah and traditional French dance, with Le Vendredi Dance. Local dance team, Well Heeled Appalachian Dancers continue to host this event which draws so many people into the town and gives Bakewell a real buzz for the start their carnival week

Bakewell Day of Dance is very much a community event involving local groups and interests. There will be opportunities to join in and learn a few basics of the individual dances or you can just relax and enjoy the performances – and it's all free! Don't be put off if it rains as there will be an alternative wet weather programme

in the town hall from 12.00 pm.

The whole day will be rounded off in fine style with a ceilidh at Bakewell Town Hall, with music provided by the ever popular Well Dressed Band and their favourite caller John Brown. The international flavour of the day will continue here with a taste of some simple dances from France. All are welcome to this family friendly ceilidh. Proceeds of the evening will go to a Bakewell based charity supporting Rwandan people (www.thegobokarwandatrust.co.uk).

For more information about the day or tickets for the ceilidh ring Jude on 01629 815469 or Di on 01629 812104. You can also visit our website <a href="https://www.bakewelldayofdance.co.uk">www.bakewelldayofdance.co.uk</a> or email: jude.brown4@live.co.uk





A mighty celebration! Fiona third from the right.

Photo Credit: Ronald Goud

## Longstone's Skating Star Shines Again!

Fiona Harrison has been off representing Great Britain again, this time in Amsterdam at the Masters' International Short Track World Championship Games. She ended with an impressive tally of two gold medals, three silver and one bronze, and narrowly missed out on a World Record, with a Dutch athlete pipping her to the post by a few hundredths of a second. Not downcast by this, it's only made Fiona more hungry to improve her technique and grab the title next time round!





Photo Credit: Ronald Goud

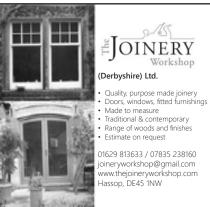


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#### Farewell but not Goodbye, Harold!

When Harold Richardson retired from the Electricity Board, he and a friend invested in a couple of books on walks in the Peak District. Not long after they had started to venture out and explore the beautiful countryside, they came upon Great Longstone. Little did Harold know as he strolled into the village that this would be the start of a long and happy relationship.

Shortly afterwards, he and his wife came out to a service in St. Giles, and were made so welcome by Clive Thrower and the churchwardens Angela Thornhill and Robert Cumming, that they came back the next week, and the following one! At the time, Clive had not long taken over as Vicar of Longstone, and with the departure of his curate, had to look after four churches single-handed. To help spread the load, Clive persuaded four of his congregation to help by leading services when he was at another church. These were Ted Fraser-Smith, Robert Cumming, Alan Grant, and Harold, who did not need much instruction, as he had already completed a training course to become a lay reader, though he never became officially licensed as he was always moving about. Despite living in Sheffield (and latterly Hathersage), Harold threw himself into our village life, and he was one of the prime movers in getting Under the Edge off the ground, continuing to write the Notes from St. Giles for several years. His trademark beard made him a natural Father Christmas!

ST GILES CHURCH

Over twenty years later, and Harold is the only one of the original four still leading services, but on Sunday 14th May, having celebrated his 90th birthday, he felt it was time to call it a day. Always one with a good story, he did not disappoint in his last sermon. It was based on a chap having a haircut in a barber's shop. As he was finishing up, the barber let slip that he didn't believe in God. When the customer asked why, he explained that the world was full of such terrible things that no God would allow to happen. The customer did not respond to this immediately, but on leaving he found a vagrant sitting outside with long filthy matted hair. He went back in and said to the barber "I don't believe there are any barbers!" In response to the barber's puzzled expression, he continued "Well, if there were any barbers, you wouldn't have people like that outside any more!"

Harold has always enjoyed the sound of the bells, and always rings the Sanctus bell himself to call the faithful to church on a Sunday, so it was fitting that the local bell ringers gave him a fine performance of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor to set the tone for his final service. Afterwards, wine and tea were on offer, together with a splendid fruit cake baked by Heather Turner, and the Churchwardens presented Harold with a beautiful stained glass piece of the church made by Jane Littlefield in thanks for his huge contribution to the life of St. Giles over the years. We hope to see Harold around, albeit in a less active role, for many years to come!









## The Peak Wesley Way Meets Great Longstone

Even now, I hear you saying "What's the Peak Wesley Way?" and "How are we going to meet it?" Let me explain. The Peak Wesley Way is an initiative of the Peak Methodist Circuit, and we believe we could create contemporary opportunities for people to engage with the ancient spiritual practice of pilgrimage within the Peak Park.

People will be able to travel from chapel to chapel, staying overnight there. They will book overnight stays in each via an easy-to-use website, and will be provided with information, prayers and reflections for the clearly signed paths (in various formats).

#### Matlock — Youlgrave — Great Longstone — Baslow — Hathersage — Castleton — Edale

We are busy providing showers, toilets, kitchens and other facilities in the chapels. A starting date is dependent upon the building work being completed, but we are hoping to be ready later in the summer. In each chapel the pilgrims will have exclusive access to accommodation that is warm and comfortable, but not luxurious, and still obviously a chapel. The pilgrimage will be priced to be as affordable as possible.

Well-presented information about the chapel and the village will be available. For those wishing to purchase food, directions to recommended local pubs and shops will be provided.

One of those chapels will be Great Longstone Methodist Chapel. Thus, we are calling out to you for help in the following ways, hoping that your local knowledge will enhance the pilgrimage.

- Do you have special stories about your village that we could use to display in the chapels?
- Would you be willing to act as a 'welcomer' occasionally when the pilgrims visit you?
- Do you know of cleaners or local cleaning companies who could be interested in providing a paid service?

If you do, please contact Joan Carr on joan.bramwyn26@me.com or 01629 826776. We will then find a date and time when we could meet you to explain in more detail - coffee and refreshments will be provided!

#### Jeepers Creepers - What Amazing Peepers!

Barbi Rodger is a great believer in the principle of 'Use it or Lose it', having engaged the services of a personal trainer, Fiona Harrison, to keep her trim and in good fettle. It wasn't long before she spotted the stone pingpong table on the Rec, and having enjoyed the game of tischtennis as a child, this was incorporated into her routine straight away. More formally known as Table Tennis (an Olympic sport since 1988), it was originally called wiff-waff when first played on English dining tables in the late nineteenth century, as Boris Johnson took delight in informing the Mayor of Beijing in 2008.

But here's the thing – when Barbi next went to visit her ophthalmologist



at the Claremont Hospital, he was amazed at the enormous improvement in her eyesight. When she mentioned that she had taken up ping pong, he said "Ah, that explains it", as Chinese doctors had long recommended the game for their older patients, since the constant changing of focus and direction was excellent exercise for the eyeball muscles. In the early years of the game in 1902, however, it was feared that it could give rise to eye strain in the form of 'ping-pong eye', along with other fanciful ailments 'ping-pong ankle', 'ping-pong wrist' and 'ping-pong back'. Two young women from Indianapolis claimed that after hitting the ball 551 times across the net, they started to see ten or eleven balls coming across the net at once! It wasn't until 2015 that a German scientist confirmed what the Chinese had long known, that an amateur ping-pong player has better visual acuity than a crack Luftwaffe fighter pilot. Fiona confirms that Barbi has developped 'phenomenal reactions', as you can see from the photo of her playing with her son Rupert, no mean player himself.

Barbi is now hoping to encourage more of the older generation to take up the game to improve their eyesight, and if successful would like to organise a tournament on the Rec for charity.





#### **Longstone & District Horticultural & Garden Society Show**



#### Sat Aug 5th 2023, Great Longstone Village Hall

Exhibits to be brought between 9.30+11 am, Open to public from 3pm



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  |  |  |
|       |    | Section 2   | Floral Art  |  |  |
| 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"<br>Including gardening<br>objects | Display of flowers and/<br>or veg & fruit<br>bought flowers may be used |  |  |
| 17    | 1  | Arrangement   | Display of roses & foliage bought flowers may be used                   |  |  |
|       |    | Section 3   | Flowers and Foliage   |  |  |
| 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 a | s marked above | subject to th | e rules and regulations |
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| Class | No | Section 4              | Domestic                      | <b>/</b>      |  |  |
|-------|----|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 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                           |               |  |  |
|       |    | Section 5              | Handicraft                    |               |  |  |
| 36    | 1  | Hand knitted           | Pair of socks                 | Pair of socks |  |  |
| 37    | 1  | Hand knitted           | Bobble hat                    |               |  |  |
| 38    | 1  | Hand crocheted         | Any article                   |               |  |  |
| 39    | 1  | Needlework             | Cross stitch Please           |               |  |  |
| 40    | 1  | Needlework             | Embroidery indicate if        |               |  |  |
| 41    | 1  | Needlework             | Soft toy a kit or sell design |               |  |  |
| 42    | 1  | Picture                | Art any mediur                | n             |  |  |
| 43    | 1  | Photograph             | Featuring "Wat                | ter"          |  |  |
| 44    | 1  | Woodwork               | Any subject                   |               |  |  |
|       |    | Section 6              | Outdoor Class                 |               |  |  |
| 45    | 1  | Decorated Spade        | Any medium                    |               |  |  |
|       |    | Section 7              | Childrens Class               |               |  |  |
| 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                    |               |  |  |

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Adult Section 12 + years

Completed forms to be handed in at the Village Shop or Cox's Milk Parlour by 8pm, Thursday 3rd Aug

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LEAP subsidises workshops for local residents – those living in Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Rowland, Monsal Head and Wardlow. Non-residents may join if there is space but will have to pay the full cost.

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Thursday 15th June 6pm Herbal Walk with Anna Dutch Free but please email to book

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Wednesday 28th June 7pm

#### The Longstone Edge Hill Climb

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Friday 14th July 3.30pm

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Our May meeting was the AGM. Once all the business was completed, Sam Hall, a WI advisor, spoke to us about her role. After this, members were treated to a delicious afternoon tea provided by the committee. Four members also decorated the postbox in time for The King's Coronation.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when the subject will be Chair Yoga with Jo Taylor. This month's competition is '3 Homemade Biscuits'. Looking forward to seeing everyone; new members are always welcome. **Zoe McGregor** 





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#### **Misty Reflections**



Fiona Harrison was out for an early morning walk with her dog Flo when she took this atmostpheric photo in Butts Road

Bakewell Oxfam Supporters Group are excited to announce they are hosting their first Folk Evening, to be held on Friday, 9th June at The Medway Centre, Bakewell. We have a fabulous line up, including Derbyshire's very own Judy Dunlop, who for many years has been held in high regard by leading figures in the world of folk music.

Known for her peerless renditions of tender ballads, it has been said she can turn any song into a classic. She has worked and recorded with members of Fairport Convention, The Albion Band, Show of Hands, Mick Ryan, and guitarists Steve Marsh and Jon Scaife. She will be accompanied by Nigel Corbett on violin and guitar. As a violin player with the Sheffield Symphony and Sheffield Philharmonic orchestras from 1974 - 1980, Nigel threw caution to the wind and joined the local Chesterfield Morris team in 1981, from which his love of folk music developed.

We are also thrilled to have the Bonfire Band, another up and coming local band hailing from Bamford, including Emily Irving-Witt, Wesley Walker and Stephen Bollom. They sing and play a variety of instruments including mandolins, concertina, fiddles, flutes, bodhran drum and

#### Oxfam's First Folk Evening!

guitar. Their folk music is inspired by traditional Irish jigs, reels and hornpipes; tunes locally written in the Peak District; mainland European melodies; and anything else evocative of the land.

And finally we will be welcoming The Mutual Fan Club, a Sheffield based, acoustic folk pop band, comprising of Liz Robert and Cari Kirby. Ex next door neighbours and working mums, you can expect songs about love, family, morality, ghosts, and peace! Local Derbyshire singer songwriter Karlos Kollective will also be making a special guest appearance too.

As you can see our evening will be full of contrast, but we know we have a wonderful evening of music and song to look forward to.



Tickets can be bought from Maxwells Bookshop or phone Pru: 07940 934362 or Jude: 01629 815469 to reserve tickets. Adults £12.00 and Under 16s and Students £6.00

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#### James (Jim) McDonald 1934 - 2023

Jim died at home in The Close, Great Longstone, this February. He had a fall in December and never really recovered from it. His wife Liz nursed him when he came home from hospital, with the help of the excellent community nursing team from Baslow surgery and beyond.

Jim and Liz had been married for 56 years and he had two children and five grandchildren. They came to Great Longstone in 1998 and soon joined those residents who help the village community to thrive. He became Treasurer to *Under the Edge*, and Liz and he managed its distribution for over 20 years making sure all residents received their copy each month, even if they had moved away. They also helped with the Sports Days and Longstone Fell Race.

Jim was a working member of the Longstone Local History Group, giving talks on two occasions, as well as regularly making refreshments. He spoke about the results of his research into photographs taken of the local railway in its heyday, which were found at Thornbridge Outdoors. He was well qualified for this, being a railway and tram buff all his life, with a well-stocked library. On another occasion he spoke about his memorable encounter with the Chancellor of Austria on a trip in 1949 from Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester.

Jim's history is of a working-class boy who worked hard and rose to become a University lecturer. He was born in Leicester where his father worked as a clicker in a shoe factory and his mother ran a sweet shop. He was the only child and money was found for his education at Wyggeston Junior and Grammar Schools. Leaving school at 16, he worked in insurance with the Commercial Union and served for two years in the National Service in Egypt. Jim then studied at night school for qualifications in business and eventually trained as a further education teacher in Huddersfield in 1966. It was here that he started his training in the newly developing subject of IT. This led to lecturing posts at Granville and Stannington Further Education Colleges in Sheffield. Aged 42, he obtained a degree in Computers in Business after further studies at Sheffield City Polytechnic (now Sheffield Hallam University) and became a lecturer there in 1977.

Throughout this period, Jim was an active support to Liz who ran games teams and outdoor sports in her role as PE teacher at secondary schools in Sheffield. This involved taking children on residential school adventures such as camping and canal boats during the holidays and at weekends.

Jim retired in 1994 and soon joined a group of fellow

#### **Rowland Marmalade Hiccup**

UTE sends its commiserations to Sue Stephenson, the Marmalade Lady of Rowland, who has had to pause production of her marmalades, jams and chutneys as a result of a broken ankle. Sue had been walking with her dog Abbey in Hassop Woods, when she slipped and fell down a slope in a very inaccessible place that no ambulance crew could get to.

Appropriately enough, the Edale Mountain Rescue Team, for whom she raised £3,387 in the year to March 2023, came to her rescue. Sadly the current state of the NHS meant that it was nine days before she could have the necessary operation, but Sue is at last able to put weight on her leg and hopes to be back up at the jam pan very soon!

teachers who walk around Derbyshire and South Yorkshire every Thursday. The highlight of these walks was all the chitchat over coffee, reliving break times in the University staff room.

Jim and Liz have a wide circle of friends and relatives and are well travelled, visiting them at home and abroad. They made a memorable trip overland to Greece in 1968 and since 2000, they have made regular trips to Australia to visit their daughter Anna and her family (three grandchildren) in Adelaide, combined with travels to Sydney and further afield. They naturally saw more of their son James and family (two grandchildren) who live in Nottingham. In recent years Jim has enjoyed family times supporting his grandson Edward, who trains and competes at Holme Pierrepont and Lee Valley White Water as part of the British Canoeing team.

At home Jim was handy around the house where he helped with cooking, decorating and gardening. Latterly he played snooker in the Village Hall with old work colleagues and was an avid Sudoku puzzler. He particularly enjoyed the special one in the *i* newspaper. He also took great enjoyment in back episodes of *Last of the Summer Wine*, and in reading railway magazines.

Although he became less active over the last few years, he is remembered for making a real contribution to others throughout his well spent life. Rest in peace, Jim. **Ann Hall** 



Jim on a LLHG outing to the Roundhouse at Barrow Hill, with Chris Hall, Mike Taft and Liz

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#### **Bakewell and Ashford Film Society**

Our last film of the 2022-23 season, Mrs Harris Goes to Paris, is on Sunday 11th June at 7.30pm, in the Medway Centre,

In partnership with the House of Dior, 'Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris' tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

Our next season begins after the summer break on 10th September, when he hope to continue to meet once a month, on the second Sunday, from September to June. Our aim is to meet in the friendly atmosphere of The Medway Centre to show a variety of new, classic and foreign films. There will be an introduction to each film, with refreshments served

during the interval. Accessibility is important to us - we use a wheelchair and hearing-loop-friendly building with film subtitles and a hearing loop. Join the Film Society via our website bashfilms.org.uk, sign up on the night, or call the membership secretary Joy Thrower on **01629 814863**. As a member of the film society you will also be entitled to borrow for two weeks any DVD or BluRay from our ever growing library of films (see bashfilms.org.uk). **Jov Thrower** 



#### **Thornhill House**

Could you volunteer for a short time each week?

Thanks to the support of local helpers, Thornhill House has provided Meals on Wheels to villagers for many years. We now need more volunteers with a car to deliver meals on a Thursday and/or Friday lunchtime, from 1.30 until 2pm. Thornhill House would also welcome villagers who could help serve morning coffee to our residents.

A DBS security check would be necessary, but this comes through fairly quickly now. If you are interested in helping us, for further information please contact the Manager, Di Duncan, on **01629 640034**.

**Anne Webb** 

#### Jumping Jehoshaphat! Who Took My Pots?

When Mike and Angela Robinson were away for a few days recently, they returned to find three or four grey pots (similar to that shown in the photo) had been stolen from in front of their house. Only those with tulips in flower had been taken, presumably to re-sell. Sadly, two of the pots were quite expensive, from a pottery near Hadrian's Wall, but they didn't take a similar pot which had crocuses that had finished flowering.

It's all a bit of a mystery, as Mike points out that all the gardens around them are equally attractive and full of planted pots. They were probably taken the night before they returned, as their daughter had been round the evening before and not noticed anything awry.

There have been reports of similar items going missing in Ashford, and

cars cruising around looking into gardens, so keep your eyes peeled for anything out of the ordinary around your neighbourhood. As Angela says, "It's not a nice feeling, knowing that someone has been taking our things."





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#### **June Farming Notes**

Here we are at the middle of May (at the time of writing), the sun is shining and the countryside is bursting with life. It doesn't get much better than this! Long days with warmer air, the fields filled with sheep and lambs, and the grass is growing well. After a long winter and a tough start to Spring, it finally feels good. Spring was definitely later this year than last, and we have had a good deal more rain, so the ground is still relatively soft. As a result, we struggled to get the necessary field work done, such as rolling and chain harrowing. Then we had a couple of mad days when a fierce wind dried out the ground enough to make conditions right for chain harrowing, but we were also deep into lambing season, so it made a busy time even more demanding. The swallows have returned, which is another sign that we are heading in the right direction; we have quite a few swallows nesting on the farm, swooping around and chitter-chattering, accompanying the sound of a blackbird who has been singing so beautifully lately. To enjoy the small pleasures of Spring really is a blessing.

Just as lambing was almost done, we had a couple of problem cases. Nick and I have managed pretty well with just the two of us, but on a couple of occasions I needed back up when I couldn't get the lambs out for one reason or another. Heather came up and helped to deliver a lamb that was born deformed, missing the full back leg. The lamb died, which was sad but probably for the best. We also had a memorable time lambing the final set of triplets, where the last lamb had its head twisted backwards and there wasn't enough room inside to move around and straighten the head. I felt so very thankful for the farming community on that day, as Heather, Peter Wright and his daughter Cheyanne (who are lambing up on Longstone Moor) came down to help us. Heather, myself, Cheyanne and Peter all had a go at getting the lamb out, in what was a very tight space... and eventually Peter managed it. The lamb was alive; we were all quite amazed. A happy story!

We have also just finished a week of TB testing with our Highland cattle, it's a big relief to have a clear test, particularly as there have been some TB cases in the area.

One final thing to mention – there will be a Vintage Tractor Run, starting at Dale Farm, on Sunday 11th June at 10am. The tractors will arrive and gather before heading off, returning around 2pm. This is in memory of John Shimwell.

Joanna Shimwell



#### Letter from the Curate's House

Doesn't time fly! It seems such a short time since I was writing a magazine article to say hello at the start of my three month placement, and now I am writing to say goodbye (or perhaps 'au revoir' if, as part of the Tideswell team, I help out at Sunday services in June). It has been a privilege to travel alongside you in Church and the wider community for the past few months. I have met many people with glad and generous hearts, people who care for others in the community. I have met many who devote themselves to fellowship and prayer. Although the Longstone benefice is still without a permanent vicar, I hope you will be encouraged about the way ahead. There is so much that is good. Listen to God and I truly believe he will show you the way.

My last day in your benefice was Thursday 18th May. SAMTSIRHC day. Has anyone any idea what I am writing about (without reading down)?

I am sure some of you got this straight away. SAMTSIRHC is CHRISTMAS written backwards. It is 'Christmas backwards' day.

What happened at Christmas? God sent Jesus to Earth as a baby for us. Now on this 'Christmas backwards' day. God takes Jesus back to heaven from earth as a resurrected man. Because we often think of heaven as 'up there'

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and Earth as 'down here', Christmas is seen as a descent or going down, whereas 'Christmas backwards' day is a going up or an ascent. Its proper name is Ascension Day.

Ascension Day is one of the four major feast days of the Christian year (along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost), but it is nevertheless very often completely overlooked. This is partly because it falls on a weekday but also perhaps because it is easily overshadowed by the fire and excitement of Pentecost that follows ten days later. It wasn't always so, and some of you reading this may well remember a time when Ascension Day even meant a day off school!

This festival marks the transition moment between Jesus' forty days of resurrection appearances and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Just as the Annunciation is the prelude to the life and work of Jesus, the Ascension is the prelude to the life and work of the Spirit through the Church and it opens the third act of God's wonderful rescue plan for the world that moves from creation, through redemption to sanctification.

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ascend to his Father (John 20:17) and that, unless he does, the Spirit cannot come (John 16:5-7). Jesus in human form could only be with some people, in some places, at some times, but by going to his Father in heaven he would send the Holy Spirit so that God could be with anyone, anywhere, at anytime (John 14:23).

In Luke's version of the Ascension (Luke 24:45-53), Jesus tells his followers that they should wait in Ierusalem to receive the promise from on high. Later in Acts 1:6-11, Luke tells us how Jesus disappeared from their sight up on the Mount of Olives. However, they were not downhearted because they knew that this was not a final goodbye but more of an 'au revoir', because very soon he would return, although none of them quite knew exactly what that would mean. They would have to wait for Pentecost (Whit Sunday) for that.

Yours in Christ.

Nicola

#### Matlock Food Bank

If you would like to make a donation, did you know that there is a reception point in St. Giles at the back of the church? This is regularly sent to Matlock as the donations fill up.

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**Richard Carter** 

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#### 11th June - Trinity 1

11 am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

#### 18th June - Trinity 2

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**Dahlias:** Plant out young plants and pinch out tips to make them bushy. Apply mulch to conserve moisture and prevent weeds.

**Gladioli:** Give plants a good soaking in dry weather.

**Chrysanthemums:** Stop plants set out in May. Hoe in a dressing of suitable fertiliser.

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

Flowers from seed: Complete planting of half hardy annuals in border

**Fruit:** Thin fruits if crop is heavy, allowing for natural dropping. Harvest strawberries when ready. Spray all fruit on trees and bushes against pests. Protect fruit against bird damage.

Vegetables: Plant Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage, savoys, purple sprouting and spring headed broccoli, and marrows. Continue sowing salad crops, peas and French beans. Sow swedes, dusting drills and seedlings with insecticide powder against flea beetles. Plant leeks, sow spinach beet, and water salad crops when needed.

General tasks: Stake plants as necessary. Control weeds by hoeing or applying weed killers. Water garden in dry periods.

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#### Angela Thornhill's Crispy Lemon Cake For someone who professes to hate baking, Angela Thornhill

produces exceedingly good cakes! They disappear almost as soon as they are placed on the table at Church or Village Hall Church events.

Her Coffee Almond Cake featured in Under the Edge in November 2020. This recipe is another of three that Angela was given 59 years ago by Christine Household, whose father was in the same regiment as

John ('Jack') Thornhill, father of Angela's husband Peter. It's a cake fit for the Queen's Coronation, since Camilla has shared her favourite cake recipe, which also features lemon – a classic Victoria sponge, but with a lemon curd filling.

170g soft brown sugar 170g margarine 170g self-raising flour 2 eggs 1 lemon 85g caster sugar



Beat the brown sugar, margarine, flour and eggs together with the zest of the lemon until light and creamy.

Pour into a greased tin and bake at 180°C for about 25 minutes. Test by probing with a skewer and bake for a few minutes longer if it comes out with cake batter stuck to it.

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Thursdays - Afternoon Knit, Stitch and Natter, GL Village Hall 1.30pm

Fridays - Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50

June LEAP events - See page 11

3rd - 11th June - Ashford Flower Festival (page 3)

7th June - Folk Music Night, The Crispin, Great Longstone, 7.30pm (page 12)

9th June - An Evening of Folk Music, Medway Centre, Bakewell, 7.30pm (page 13)

11th June - Vintage Tractor Run, Dale Farm, 10am (page 16)

11th June - BASH, Mrs Harris Goes to Paris, Medway Centre, Bakewell 7.30pm (page 15)

**24th June** - International Day of Dance and Ceilidh, Bakewell, 11am-4.30pm (Page 6)

1st - 2nd July - Great Longstone Open Gardens (page 3)

**5th August -** Horticultural Show (page 3, 10)

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