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A Bee Easter!



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There is nothing quite like the quiet focus, the sensory awakening, being completely surrounded by that amazing nectar and propolis smell, the sound and vibration of tens of thousands of buzzings, and the potential threat of being stung or even mobbed by as many angry bees if things go wrong. It's a unique combination of pleasure, fear, fascination, meditation, and studied calm. If you get scared, frustrated or angry, the behaviour of the colony reflects your feelings and your job will be harder. I even regulate my breathing to my movements whilst handling a hive. Bees are sensitive to carbon dioxide and it makes them cross, so better to save the out-breaths for away from the frames.

The act of putting on the bee-suit, veil and gloves, checking for gaps where bees might get in, before going into the hives, also makes the experience of beekeeping a little other worldly. I sometimes feel like an astronaut zipping up before a space flight. Off on an expedition where there is a real danger you may die! With 80,000 bees per colony in Midsummer, and seven or eight colonies in each apiary, even after over 15 years of beekeeping, I still always say a little prayer before I go in, that I come back safe and do as little harm as possible to my bees. I often say to my friend at the main farmhouse "I'm just going to the bees, be back in a bit!" And she is quite used to me reappearing many hours later in a semi-trance, after a bee-time warp.

I was apprenticed by a very special beekeeper a long time ago. He had got to an age where the hives were becoming heavy for him, but he didn't want to stop beekeeping. When he found out I was interested, he offered to teach me in return for my help. He became one of my best ever friends. Sadly

he passed away some years ago. I made a pledge to keep his bees going for him and keep his beloved wife in honey.

I will always remember, in the beginning, my mentor wouldn't give me a swarm of bees until I had been stung to make sure I didn't have a bee-sting allergy. My naive reply was "but they will never sting me, because I will love them". I completely believed this, so I sat in front of the hive just watching them in awe. It wasn't long before one got tangled in my hair and I got my first sting. It was pretty painful but I had to laugh. And it also meant I got my first very own swarm of bees.

Last year I put 15 colonies to bed in September/October, after the heather harvest. I weigh the hives, to make sure they have plenty of honey stores to feed them during the winter months, when it is mostly too cold for foraging flights. I put on mouse-guards to stop our furry mouse friends from entering the hives, when the weather gets cold outside. They can transform the beautiful, sweet smelling honey frames into moss and mouse poo stinking nests!

The female worker bees have thrown all the male drone bees out in autumn and killed them. That is one of the slightly outrageous behaviours of the honey bee colony. Some say it is the price the male drone bees pay, for doing absolutely no work during the year, and guzzling on the nectar the worker bees bring home. In the winter the colony carries no passengers. Their honey stores have to last until spring. Even if flowers are open in the winter, the nectar doesn't rise in cold weather.

Each colony of bees survives the winter cold by clustering together in a dense, buzzing ball, constantly moving, so the



outside bees don't get too cold, before they move back into the middle of the warm cluster. I love resting my ear on the roof of the hive, listening to the musical hum of the stay-athome bees. On warmer winter days, they may go on a cleansing flight, then in February/March, they may start to hunt for willow and hazel pollen for the baby bees.

For the beekeeper, the beekeeping New Year starts when you put them to bed in autumn. If the colony is very strong and healthy, you have a good chance of getting a harvest from them next year. If you don't put them to bed on good form, next year will not be as productive. If they are not strong, with enough bees and a good queen, they very likely will not survive the winter.

For the bees, New Year starts in January, when the Queen Bee usually starts to lay eggs again, and the colony slowly starts to expand. I don't usually disturb the colony until late April, or even early May, depending on the weather. I have learnt over the years to leave my bees be whenever I can. They thrive on not being disturbed unless absolutely necessary. Time and again I get very good honey yields, and excellent colony survival rates, with my minimal disturbance methods. The trick is to know just when you need to open the hive for swarm prevention. If you miss the moment, the Queen of the colony may fly away with most of your worker bees and you will have no honey. I think this knowledge only comes with experience. It's also always easier keeping several hives, so that if you do miss a swarm you haven't lost all your bees, and you can rebuild your colonies from the remaining hives.

Beekeeping is very much part of my life. I may not go into my colonies during Winter, but I am still very connected to them. If they are in trouble during the winter, I dream about them. I have grown quite used to dreams where I forget to zip up my veil and get a bee suit full of bees, dreams where I get stung from head to foot, dreams where I have one bee inside my veil, and I can't get it out because there are hundreds of bees around me... I'm waiting to be stung, praying its not on my eye or windpipe! I just laugh when I wake up. It rarely happens in real life. I remember how grateful I am for their amazing honey and pollen these long dark winter months!

Even in my full protective gear, I do get stung most times I go in my Bees, but only once or twice. I am lucky not to be allergic to bee stings. The pain doesn't last long, before it changes to a deep warm sensation. Bee stings are supposed to protect you from arthritis. They are also used in medicine, as a form of regulating the immune response for allergy sufferers. Some people are unfortunate and can get anaphylactic shock from a bee sting, which is a potentially

fatal allergic reaction. It can be counteracted with an epipen, or adrenalin.

They say you should 'tell the bees' of any birth, death, or major life-changing or challenging event. I know why, I think, now. Spending time with these furry honey flies is great meditation time. It helps you to digest and process such happenings and find peace. Bees also seem to have absolutely no fear, which is inspiring. I am told they are researching the benefits of beekeeping for people with ADHD and other mental health challenges. The very high energy and activity levels in the hive, combined with the necessary calm and focus needed to successfully handle the colonies, are said to help people with ADHD stay calmer and more focused for several days after each session. Meanwhile, learning to face and master fear, and to remain calm and focussed, is said to help some anxiety or post-trauma presentations.

The reward, with a little luck, is delicious honey. Next time you tuck into some honey, have a thought for how it is made. One little worker bee may make 1 teaspoon of honey in its lifetime, with thousands of flights to thousands of flowers. They are truly expert at foraging! They then carefully dry the nectar, until there is the right sugar to moisture ratio, before capping it as honey.

My mentor hardly ever used smoke to calm the bees. The smoke made him cough badly. I have learnt to handle my bees with very little smoke. If I do smoke them, I usually use herbs from my herbal medicine practice. They can be therapeutic for the colony and calming. Got to be better than cardboard! If there is spare honey and the bees have plenty for themselves, I then steal it as kindly as I can, give great thanks, and haul the extremely heavy honey supers home to extract. To extract our honey, we simply scrape the cappings off the frames, spin it out into a tank, pass it through a double sieve, and straight into the jar. It is the purest, most natural honey you will find. Its extraordinarily good flavour is a reflection of its unprocessed high quality. We use organic beekeeping methods, however, since our bees are free to fly wherever they choose, we cannot guarantee organic honey!

If you'd like to try my honey, you can buy some online from annasholisticoutdoors.com or tinyurl.com/AnnasHoney Anna Dutch



April Gardening Notes

April is when the gardening year starts in earnest, with lots of seeds to sow, and the soil starts to warm up. My tomatoes are growing away quite well in 3" pots and I will pot them up into 5" pots when the roots fill the pot. I am growing several different types, most of which will end up in large pots in the greenhouse. However I grew Tumbling Tom cherry tomatoes and they did really well outside. The soil should start to warm up towards the end of the month and seeds can be sown and planting out can take place. At the end of the month, I shall plant my seed potatoes. There will be a few first earlies and then the main crop Desiree which did so well last year despite drought conditions. We have just used up the remaining potatoes from last year's harvest. A lot of planting and sowing will take place, with broad beans being the first to go in. I have had to do a few repairs in the allotment as the snow bought down my frame and netting which protects the brassicas. I have just taken out the last of the brussels and it will not be long before I plant new ones for next years crop. I will lime the areas where I am planting brassicas and beans and will spread fertiliser on other areas to give new plants a boost.

The greenhouse is full to overflowing so I will make some room by removing some of the pot plants which have overwintered in there. I will also take down the bubble wrap which has done a good job of protecting my tender plants. Now is the time to get plug plants from the garden centres which I plant out into 3" pots, and they grow away really quickly. The borders have given a really good spring show and the perennials are starting to emerge and take over for

the summer show. Plants such as snowdrops and clumps of daffodils can be split to provide more for next year. Cyclamen will seed themselves around and especially like dry shade such as under trees. Late April and early May is the time for bluebells (see photo below).

Andy Hanna



Bus Stop Change

The 173 Hulleys' service is moving its stop in Bakewell. From 26th March, the bus will start from Bakewell Square and there will be **no** pick up on Buxton Road. It will also add in a trip up to Shutts Lane. At the moment it has not been confirmed the drivers are still in the dark! However, Hulleys have updated the timetable on their website.

Di Hawkesworth





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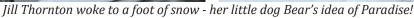
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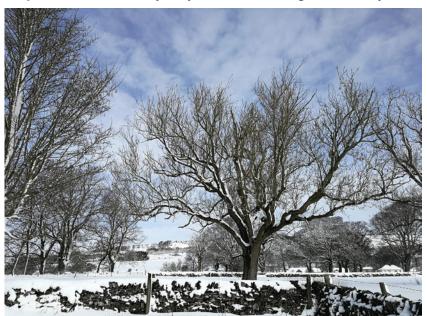








Icicles on the Institute (aka the Village Hall) in 1982, sent in by Deborah Henley





Deborah Henley had a good workout (above and below) on the footpath to Little Longstone from Station Road on 10th March!

Monsal Trail Access Improved



You no longer have to clamber over the stone step stile to get onto the Monsal Trail - this could be a dicey manoeuvre at the best of times, but especially when it's icy, particularly when accompanied by dogs on a lead!

So it's now gates all the way along the footpath from Little Longstone, giving a

much improved access to the trail. It's now an easy walk all the way to Wyedale in one direction or Bakewell in the other, with maybe a cheeky Gloucester Old Spot sausage roll at Quackers along the way!





Joanna Shimwell's ewes "Single file - keep in line there!"



Motor Bike Cover Found

I recently found a silver plastic motor bike cover lodged between my back garden wall in Croft Road, adjoining the Rec, and a shrub. This must have blown off the bike during recent high winds.

Please contact me on **01629 640042** to collect.

Iohn Beard

FLOWER FESTIVAL St. Giles' Church, Saturday 14th–21st May Theme: Hobbies

Any writers out there?

Bakewell Crime Writers are a small group of writers who have been meeting sporadically, ever since attending a crime writing course in Bakewell in 2019.

We now meet a few times a year in Great Longstone Village Hall, before repairing to the Crispin for lunch. We're a mixture of published and unpublished writers, and enjoy sharing work and discussing writing hints and tips.

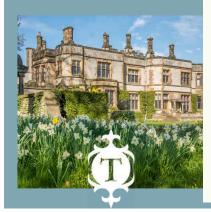
New members are always welcome - and despite our name, you don't have to write crime fiction! Our next meeting is on 30th April, from 11am to 1pm, followed by lunch. Email me at darrenvalepatience@gmail.com for more details or to register your interest.

Georgina Blair



Thanks to Joanna Shimwell for this atmospheric landscape photo







ALL DOG OWNERS! PEAK LAMBING SEASON

PLEASE KEEP DOGS UNDER CLOSE CONTROL OR ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES

Lambing is a critical and sensitive time when it is especially important for dogs to be kept close and on a lead.

St Giles' Vacancy Update

Representatives from the benefice, including the churchwardens, met recently with the new acting Archdeacon, Nicky Fenton, to review our recruitment process. As I have previously written, the Church of England has too few clergy to meet its present requirement. Consequently, our benefice of Curbar, Stony Middleton and Longstone, which includes Wardlow, will only be able to recruit a part-time clergy person. Nicky explained how the Diocese is allocating clergy with one to 10,000 population, effectively concentrating scarce resources to towns and cities. On that basis, our benefice will have a greater proportion of clergy time than the norm but less than we now have.

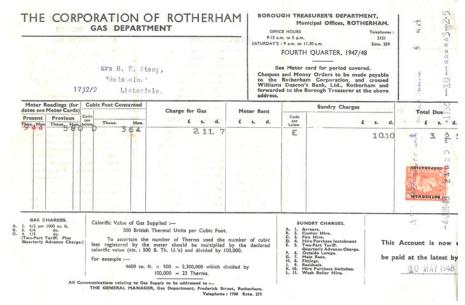
We have agreed that we should press on with the recruitment and be in a position to advertise in the near future. We still do not know what will happen to our vicarage.

We will keep updating you on the recruitment whenever we have any news. Meanwhile, if you are arranging a funeral, please contact either myself or Richard Carter through the undertaker and we will arrange for a member of the local clergy to see you. Also contact us for baptisms or weddings.

Frank Hammond

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The Third Certainty in Life?



I came across this gas bill from 1948 recently, amongst some old family photographs, and thought it rather ironic that the first time it has seen the light of day in 75 years is just as the country has experienced its highest ever increase in energy prices. Anyone looking at it who has just received a large gas bill will do so with a mixture of amusement and despair.

Mrs Stamp was my grandmother and as a small boy I lived with her, along with my mother and a family lodger. She had been widowed early in her life and took in lodgers to help make ends meet. I remember her as a strong, well organised lady, which is why I am surprised that the bill was over three weeks overdue when it was paid.

I do not have gas bills as Mires Lane is not on the general gas grid. It is interesting to note that of the seven properties on the lane, there are four different methods of heating in use, namely oil, LPG, biomass and solid fuel (coal). No doubt in a generation's time they will all be heated by air and ground source heat pumps or solar energy, as the zero carbon movement reaches its conclusion and Derbyshire winters will remain cold with snow, frost and fog.

If there is any message that can be taken from this story, it is not to believe politicians when they say they can get inflation under control. There is a saying that there are only two certainties in life, taxation and death. Perhaps it is time to make it three, and add inflation!

Andrew Roddis

Readers under the age of 60 may be puzzled by the postage stamp on this gas bill. Stamp duty of one penny (tuppence from 1920) was payable on receipts for invoices over £2 from 1st January 1892 until it was abolished in 1964. Postage stamps could be used from 1881 as an alternative to an official revenue stamp.

Stamp duty was first introduced in England on 28 June 1694, during the reign of William III and Mary II, under "An act for granting to their Majesties several duties upon vellum, parchment and paper, for four years, towards carrying on the war against France". The attempted enforcement of the Stamp Act 1765 in the British colonies in America led to the outcry of "no taxation without representation".







Since we started LEAP we have applied for, and been very fortunate to have received, grants from Derbyshire County Council's Community Fund, Derbyshire Dales and local residents.

We are delighted that we have been able to fund so many projects and activities. We are financially secure and have recently received a further £1,000 from Derbyshire's Community Fund.

We are keen to put on events that appeal to all our community, so if you have an idea or would like to organise something, please get in touch (juliamorgans@ yahoo.co.uk or jane@janelittlefieldglass.co.uk) as we can help with funding and advertising and anything else you need.

Julia Morgans and Jane Littlefield

LEAP Update



In March, we enjoyed a fabulous evening with musician Dan Sealey as part of the Live and Local touring scheme. Derbyshire Wildlife joined us at half term to show us how to make bird boxes and understand bird calls. This was a really popular family event and we hope to do more with the wildlife trust in the Autumn.

A group of enthusiastic locals took part in a workshop with Jane Stirland, to make Easter garlands using recycled cashmere. The results were brilliant and we hope Jane will come back and do more later in the year.

Jane Littlefield

Upcoming LEAP Events in the Village Hall

3rd April Easter Pottery Café paint your own ceramics, 10am-1pm

- book through **07876 338902** (Steph) or email colouryourdreams22@gmail.com

26th April Jo's Café and Book Swap, 2-4pm

6th May Coronation Saturday on the Big Screen, 1.30pm onwards





Hulleys' Visitor Bus Vouchers



Last year, we launched a travel scheme for visitors staying in the Peak District National Park to help reduce traffic congestion. We partnered with various Caravan Parks and Youth Hostels, offering them discounted vouchers for their guests. The scheme is called Go Keyless and it offers 25% off single and return journeys, or unlimited travel for any 5 passengers for £12 for a single day, and £40 for a week.

It doesn't cost partner businesses anything, it just offers an additional incentive for guests to stay with with them. We provide the vouchers or digital passes depending on the business' needs. Not only does it offer an incentive for visitors to stay with participants who offer this scheme, but also encourages passengers to visit your village or town from other parts of our network.

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Can anyone offer us a place to live? Any ideas you might have would be very welcome. Pepper and I have been in Longstone three and a half years now and are very happy and settled here. We really want to stay. I also have ponies in Little Longstone, who are very happy where they are.

If you have any suggestions or know somwhere we can rent, please call me on **07702 209869** or email

hopevalleyherbs@icloud.com. Thanks for any help or ideas! Anna

Anna Dutch

Please Don't Park on the Pavements!

Although it is only illegal to do so in London, the Highway Code states that elsewhere drivers "should not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it."







There seem to be an increasing number of cars parking on the pavement on Main Street. This thoughtless behaviour severely restricts wheelchair and pushchair progress, and seems to be getting worse, both with the increase in builders' and workmen's vehicles on the building works being undertaken by Peak Venues on the old barns just by Church Lane, as well as outside the large number of holiday cottages along Main Street.

These cars are causing a lot of disruption for the elderly trying to walk to the Village Shop. Could cottage owners please leave notices inside cottages asking their clients not to park on the pavement? **Name and address supplied**



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MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS WILL FOLLOW.

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News from Longstone School

On 6th March, two teams competed at the County Cross Country Championships. The Year 3/4 girls ran first, and were amazing to watch, crossing the finish line close to each other and all with a sprint finish. One of the girls finished second overall out of over 50 runners - a fabulous achievement!

The Year 5/6 boys also ran a fantastic race, finishing strongly and really pushing themselves to 'push' for places. It paid off, as when the results were announced, they finished in third place overall out of 12 schools - a fantastic result. We were so proud of how well they all ran and they certainly all gave it 100%. It was also great to have parents there to cheer the children on!

The previous Thursday, 2nd March, the children had a great day celebrating World Book Day in school, having fun character hunting, author quizzing, baking and dressing up, as you can see from the photos below. **Sophie Rawding**









Baslow Bowls Club Offer!



Come and join us! Crown Green Bowling is a great way to keep active and make new friends - you don't need a partner or specialist kit. We're offering half price membership with three sessions of free coaching for beginners, plus a guide to Crown Green Bowls. Club bowls are available for your use, and there is onsite parking.

We're running free taster sessions on Sunday 7th May and Saturday 13th May at 10.30 and 11.30am on Baslow Sports Field DE45 1SP. To book, call Graham on **07730**

359226 or email bbc.baslow@gmail.com. Our website is baslowbowlsclub.co.uk. Helen Watt

Pannenkoeken in de Kerk?



Bell ringers are a sociable bunch, and every band has its own idiosyncracies one tower in Berkshire, for instance, boasts a wine rack full of homemade wines to enjoy after the evening practice. Closer to home, Ashford-in-the-Water mark their individuality by celebrating Shrove Tuesday with fresh pancakes consumed during their weekly practice, with a range of toppings from the traditional lemon and sugar, to golden syrup, chocolate spread and even mincemeat!

This tradition started nearly ten years ago, when tower captain Linda Pelc acquired a crepe maker from her niece's café in Liverpool, where it was surplus to requirements. When Peter and Cheryl van Burgh moved to the Peak District

and Cheryl started learning to ring in 2017, Linda saw an opportunity and said "Peter's Dutch - he must be good at pancakes!" And so it was that the next Shrove Tuesday, Peter came along as a short-order chef producing pancakes for those standing out whilst others rang. This year provided an opportunity for the new learners Linda has been teaching to meet the rest of the band, and she and her husband John brought along a couple of four-pint bottles of batter which Peter turned into over 30 delicious pannenkoeken.

Helen Watts BAKEWELL osteopathy CLINIC **WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:** • HEADACHES & MIGRAINES **NECK PAIN & WHIPLASH** FROZEN OR STIFF SHOULDERS TENNIS ELBOW SLIPPED DISCS • REPETITIVE STRAIN INJURIES TRAPPED NERVES LOWER BACK PAIN • HIP, THIGH OR KNEE PROBLEMS • POSTURAL CHANGES DURING PREGNANCY CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME (ME) **CLINIC HOURS** The clinic is also a multi-disciplinary clinic AND HOME VISTS: The Bakewell Osteopathy Clinic is open each week day from 9.00am to 6.30pm (except Wednesdays) and following therapies: OSTEOPATHY (except Wednesdays) and every other Saturday from 9.00am to 2.00pm. We can NUTRITIONAL THERAPY HYPNOTHERAPY IDD THERAPY (for acute and degenerative disc issu www.bakewellosteopathy.co.uk 7B Buxton Road, Bakewell, DE45 IDA

Local Elections - Important Notice



For the first time at the elections on 4th May, you will have to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. This can be a passport, driving licence, blue badge parking card, identity card with Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) mark, concessionary travel card, biometric immigration document,

Defence identity card or National identity card.

If your document is out of date, you can still use it if the photo still looks like you. If you don't have one of these forms of photo ID, or you no longer look like your photo, you need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to application is 5pm Tuesday 25th April, but you should apply as soon as possible in case the council needs to check any details with you.

You can apply for one online at **voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk** - You will need a recent photo of yourself and your National Insurance number. For a postal form, contact Derbyshire Dales District Council on **01629 761335** or **electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk**.

Parish and District Elections

These will take place on 4th May. All parish seats are up for election: existing members of Great Longstone Parish Council who wish to continue will have to stand for election alongside any new candidates. Great Longstone CouncilParish Council meet every other month.

To stand for election, download a nomination pack from derbyshiredales.gov.uk/elections2023. Nominations will be accepted at Matlock Town Hall from 21st March to 4th April (10am-4pm). Appointments can be made by emailing electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk.

Longstone Local History Group

Our group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except for August and September) in the Village Hall. The evening starts promptly at 7.45pm, with refreshments after the talk. New members are always very welcome - if you are not sure if it is for you, just come along to one meeting and see if you like us! The remaining programme for 2023 is as follows:

- 18th April. Ann Hall on *The early history of Hobb's Cafe,* Monsal Head 1859–1963.
- **16th May.** An evening outing to Hassop Church, where Brian Cain will give a presentation on *The Temple in the Peaks*, and we will see some of the historic vestments. Meet at the church at 7.40 please share cars wherever possible, as there is not much parking.
- 20th June. An evening guided walk of Belper details to follow.
- **18th July.** Frank Parker will walk us round Longstone in the evening, talking about places connected to the story of the War Memorial, which was erected 100 years ago.
- **September.** A day trip (date tbc) to Stoke-on-Trent Potteries and a Spitfire!
- **17th October.** Keith Blood on *Derbyshire by a selection* of its bridges.

Angela Robinson

Times Past

Thanks to Di Hawkesworth for this 60s cutting (centre, with glasses and curly hair). Others present are her brother Roger, Christine Wood (née Wager) and Rita Chapman (back left), Diane Hattersely (née Trew), Julia Pedley and Susan Hurst (front), Stephen, Andrew and Margaret Bennet (in front of Di).

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT GREAT LONGSTONE



HUSBANDS were called in to help at the annual New Year children's party organized by Great Longstone W.I. and Mothers' Union in the Institute on Saturday, when over 70 children attended. The children, aged between four years and 12, played games after tea and saw films shown by Mr. W. Wright and his son, Robert. Principal organizers of the party were Mrs. F. Whidby (W.I. President) and the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Lindley.

On 1st March, John Oliver, ex-Controller of Chatsworth, gave a very interesting talk about his work as Controller. John was born at Chatsworth, one of six children, with many happy memories of growing up on the estate. His brother Eric was Controller before him.

What with meeting the Duke and Duchess most days, organising many events such as the Country Fair and the Christmas Opening, concerts in the park such as Elton John, Meat Loaf and the the Picnics in the Park, to name but a few, John had a very interesting and varied job, though not one for the fainted hearted!

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday 5th April with Judy Dilks on *Easter Flowers*. Teas will be provided by Sue Cooper and Zoe McGregor, and the Mystery Parcel by Edna Gundry. Judy will judge the arrangements for our competition.

New members are always welcome - contact me on **01629 640483** or Beryl Jackson on **01629 640342** for more information. **Zoe McGregor**

Little Longstone Congregational Chapel

The Chapel will be full of Easter flowers



Easter Service Sunday 9th April 3pm

Please come and join us!

Bakewell and Ashford Film Society



Our next film, CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), is on Sunday 16th April at 7.30pm, in the Medway Centre, Bakewell.

CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) features a deaf family in Gloucester, Massachusetts. As a Child of Deaf Adults and the only hearing person in her family, high school senior Ruby Rossi always has a lot on her plate. Indeed, trying to juggle back-breaking work on her father's fishing boat, schoolwork,

social life, and the family's expectations can be too much for a teenager. But do her parents know Ruby loves to sing? When Ruby signs up for the school choir, singing becomes a passion, and suddenly, the talented young girl finds herself at a crossroads: should Ruby spread her wings and follow her dreams, or should she keep fighting everyday battles as a member of the proud Rossi clan?

BASH meets once a month, usually on the second Sunday, from September to June, in the friendly atmosphere of The Medway Centre to show a variety of new, classic and foreign films. However, due to Easter falling on the second Sunday this year, our film will be on the 3rd Sunday in April. 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**.

Joy Thrower

Exciting Climax to Peak Music's Season



Peak Music's 2022/2023 season is coming to an exciting climax in the next few weeks. The March concert featuring the versatile talents of James Pearson and Lizzie Ball is a sell-out event with all tickets taken. This is no surprise, as they are both Peak Music favourites. James is pianist and musical director at the

famous Ronnie Scott's jazz club in London, but is equally adept in the classical genre. Lizzie, who grew up in Derbyshire, is a vocalist and violinist who is also at home in varying styles of music. Their concert for Peak Music concentrated on the American classics, with music by George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Aaron Copland amongst others.

The season finishes on 27th April at 7.30pm when the Sacconi Quartet perform at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor. The quartet was formed in 2001 by four graduates of London's Royal College of Music and has since gained great acclaim, performing in concert halls and festivals across the UK and Europe. Their programme will include pieces by Haydn and Schubert's much-loved Death and the Maiden quartet, as well as contemporary composers Caroline Shaw and Jessie Montgomery. Tickets for this event cost £25 for non-members and can be booked via the Society's website **peakmusicsociety.org.uk/tickets**.

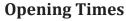
The next Peak Music season begins in the autumn featuring concerts by the Bones Apart trombone quartet, the Jervaulx Singers, the Katona Twins guitar duo, James Pearson Jazz Trio and the Maxwell String Quartet. Membership details can also be found on the website. **Maurice Unwin**

Onwards and Upwards

Thanks to Colby Burke for this photo of the path up to the Monsal Trail from the river.



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April Farming Notes

There's an old saying that I have heard from farming circles *In like a lion and out like a lamb* - which refers to the weather at the start and end of the month of March. 'In like a lion...' meaning that the weather at the start of March is somewhat aggressive, whereas a lamb would suggest gentler and more kind conditions! I would say the cold temperatures, snow, hail, sleet, freezing fog, heavy rain and strong winds we have experienced in the first 3 weeks of March are classed as 'lion' conditions rather than lamb! So hopefully we are through the winter now as we head towards April and lambing season. Lambing for us starts just before Easter so there's a bit of



Back to the weather - February was an unusually dry month. It was a case of too good too soon, as we were lulled into a false sense that spring was coming. I have been around for enough years to know that March can throw up some surprises. The most recent time was in March 2018 when 'The Beast from the East' came, bringing heavy snow and Siberian winds. The result was drifting snow that blocked Moor Road and Chertpit Lane. Waking up on the 10th March this year, it was certainly a shock to see how much snow



had fallen and the drifting on the lane and in the fields was reminiscent of the Beast. There was about a foot of snow on the ground but where there were drifts it was over two feet deep. We used our 4WD tractor to drive up the lane and break through the drifts so that we could access the livestock in the fields. A big thank you to Will Turner for ploughing Moor Road early on Friday so that normal vehicles could continue to use it.

Friday involved a monumental effort to clear the snow, as the drifting had blocked farm gateways, and we cleared as much snow as possible from the lane and campsite so that we could remain open. We had a chap from Sheffield staying in a tent, and a few camper vans. There was a lot of sunshine after the snow had been cleared - it was probably quite an amazing experience for them to see everywhere beautifully coated in snow.

For the livestock the snow isn't as fun. Harsh conditions are not really an issue for the Highland cattle, who are well equipped for winter conditions and seem to thrive in the cold better than wet. For the sheep, who are heavily in-lamb, it's less ideal for them to be put through stressful conditions. The snow definitely counts as stress for the sheep, so our main priority is was to make sure they had plenty to eat and easy access to hay. We decided to feed the ewes hay under the walls where they were sheltering from the wind. When the wind dropped it became a lot less brutal but for a few hours on Friday morning it was a blizzard and wholly unpleasant to be out.



The snow, ice, wet and mud has been bad for the ewes' feet, as several became lame following the bad spell of weather. Last week we brought all the ewes down to the farm for their pre-lambing vaccine, when we also checked and treated any with bad feet. It started off as a nice day before hail and sleet started falling heavily, and it finished off being a cold and miserable afternoon. Definitely ready for spring now! With less than a month until lambing, the ewes require close monitoring and feeding. It's also vital that their stress levels are minimised, as trauma can cause the ewes to lose their unborn lambs or even die themselves. It has been a March to remember; I am looking forward to seeing the daffodils in full bloom and some spring sunshine! Joanna Shimwell

Easter Musings from the Curate

When you read this it may already be well into Holy Week, or given everything else going on, you may already have celebrated Easter, even perhaps eaten all the Easter chocolate! However, I am going to imagine that it is the start of Holy Week and we could perhaps travel through the week together.

Holy Week is a time when Christians across the world come together in reflection and prayer. It is together, as God's people, that we accompany Jesus in this last week of his life. It is perhaps especially important this year to celebrate our many points of agreement given the pain many are feeling around points of disagreement.

I need to acknowledge that my journey through Holy Week written below owes much to Paula Gooder's book, *Women of Holy Week – an Easter journey in nine stories*, which I have recently re-read.

We start with **(Palm) Sunday** – Imagine yourself by the side of a hot dusty road, jostled by the crowd. It is the Passover - one of the three big Jewish festivals - and today feels like a day of celebration. The man you can see coming along the road, that everyone is cheering, is riding only a donkey but still strangely regal. He manages to look gentle, powerful and caring all at once. Could he be the one? The promised Messiah?

(Maundy) Thursday – Today is more intimate. There are thousands, perhaps millions, of pilgrims who have flooded into Jerusalem but tonight is the night families and friends eat and drink together and remember the story of their deliverance, a story of freedom and of a God who hears their cry.

(Good) Friday – A day of sorrow and confusion as Jesus, the man who has inspired, loved and led, is arrested, tortured, falsely convicted and crucified on a cross. A terrible death. Most ran away but some, mostly women, stayed with him until the end. Almost to impossible to imagine what

this felt like. Someone you thought was there to save the world, liberate everyone from conflict, hunger and pain. was seemingly overcome by evil. Even the light of day vanquished by darkness.

Easter Sunday – A day that starts in grief as we go to the tomb expecting Jesus' body, but ends in bemused joy as we realise that he is not dead but raised to life. Perhaps like Mary Magdalene in John's gospel account, today might be the day we hear Jesus say our name and suddenly recognise him as our Lord and Saviour.



I took this photo in the garden at Launde Abbey in Leicestershire. It speaks to me of the love and welcome we can find in Jesus. I wish you a very Happy Easter.

Nicola McNally

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.

Thank you to all who contribute to this much needed cause. **Richard Carter**

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7th April - Good Friday 2pm Hour by the Cross (St. Giles)

9th April - Easter Sunday 9am Parish Eucharist (Wardlow) 11am Parish Eucharist (St. Giles)

16th April - Easter 1 11am Morning Service (St. Giles)

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April in the Garden

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

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

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

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

Gladioli: Begin hoeing and dress with fish manure.

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

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

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

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

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

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Lentils with Venison Sausages

Lentils make a balanced alternative to mashed potato, as they have a high protein content, but they can be a bit bland if just boiled raw. This recipe makes them very tasty, and goes well with venison sausages, which have much less fat than pork. Use green or Puy lentils as these hold their shape while red or yellow varieties end up as a mush. Lentils have been grown in the Le Puy region of France for over 2,000 years and their unique peppery

flavour is due to the area's volcanic soil.

Rinse and drain the lentils and finely chop the onion. Finely chop the thyme and rosemary. Heat the oil in a small casserole dish and fry the onion for 7 minutes or so until soft. Crush the clove of garlic and add to the onion with the lentils and

100g green or Puy lentils 1 tbsp oil 1 medium onion 1 garlic clove 1/2 tbsp fresh thyme 1/2 tbsp fresh rosemary

225ml vegetable stock

6 venison sausages

half the thyme and rosemary. Cook for 1 minute.

Add the stock and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer for 40 minutes until the lentils are tender, stirring occassionally.

Meanwhile, put the sausages on a roasting tin in an oven at 180°C for half an hour, turning once. Finally, stir remaining herbs into lentils, cook for 1 minute and serve with the sausages and tenderstem broccoli.



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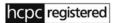
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