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Well Blessing Reclaims its Pagan Roots



Resplendently arrayed in colours of the sun, Lorna Cooper blesses this year's spectacular dressing

A Ceremony to Honour the Sacred Spring and the Spirit of Place

O sacred well of Great|Little Longstone,
Heart of hill and home,
We gather at your edge in thanks and awe.
From deep beneath Longstone Edge you rise,
Through veins of limestone and memory,
Bearing the gift of water, clear, cold and true.
You have quenched our thirst for millennia,
Washed our wounds,
Nourished our gardens and our-kin.
For this, we honour you.
Spirits of the land, stone, sky and spring,
Elders of this dale and keepers of the flow,
We offer our words,
We bring our thanks with song,
With flowers and with clay,
Bless this well, keep it whole,
Let no shadow cloud it's source.

Let the people remember that water is sacred,
That earth is alive,
That the old ways still walk beside us.
From child to elder,
From sowing to harvest,
May this well run clear through all our days.
By leaf and by root,

By rain and by moon,
By the memory in stone and the kindness in hearts,
We give our blessing.
Blessed be the well of Great|Little Longstone,
Blessed be the water that flows,
Blessed be the land that holds it.

Water is then sprinkled on the dressing and the bystanders

The blessing is spoken,
The gift is honoured,
The well is dressed and watched over once more.

Let this well remind us we are part of the turning world,
Keepers of what is sacred,
Sharers in what is given.
May we walk gently,
Speak kindly,
And guard the gifts of the Earth.
Blessed be the well,
Blessed be this place.
Blessed be the path ahead.

Thank you.

Lorna Cooper, Celebrant

Butterflies Galore



Caroline Surridge and Sandra Taylor on Tuesday 8th July
Great Longstone's well dressing celebrated the butterflies in our area. Longstone Edge is one of the few south-facing limestone edges, and hosts 24 of the 33 species found in Derbyshire, including the rare Wall Brown. The Butterfly Transect is walked once a week to note down the butterflies found in each of nine sections. Pauline Harrison counted 300 in a couple of hours the week before the dressing! Take part in the Big Butterfly Count from 18th July to 10th August by doing your own count - details on bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org.

Jane Littlefield created the stunning design for the dressing, before directing proceedings via WhatsApp from a ferry en route to Holland, and then from cycleback. Caroline Surridge and Nicky Bunting organised all the sessions, finishing in such record time that they were able to go and

help Little Longstone! The school came down to help for two separate sessions, during which Sue Walker gave a talk about the butterfly transect. Thanks are due to John Fawcett, who was responsible for all the strong-arm stuff, soaking the board, puddling the clay in, and setting it up on site.

A Kaleidoscope of Nature's Colours



Little Longstone's well dressing was inspired by the hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. Its aim was to capture the joy and diversity of hues, from the subtle greens of ancient moss on dry stone walls to the startling crimson of a summer sunset over rolling hills.



Frank Bagshaw from Crich Tramway Museum gave an interesting talk, with slides of the Museum and how it came to be. It all started in Southampton, where there was a tram which needed to be housed.

Crich was ideal, as it had a line from the quarry to Ambergate, plus a building which could store two double-decker trams. They've done a lot of work restoring trams and buildings such as the facade of Derby Assembly rooms after a fire, plus the Red Lion pub which came from Stoke-on-Trent and was rebuilt brick for brick. The museum has come a long way since its beginnings, with indoor exhibitions, a sculpture trail and much more.

On Wednesday 6th August, we have an outing to Tissington – for more info, ring me on **07876 481946**. Our rearranged meeting of Karma Franklin on her early life in Buthan will be on 3rd September.

Zoe McGregor



1959: first two trams arrive (Cardiff 131 and Leeds 399)



Motorbike Theft Update

The motorbike stolen from Little Longstone (*UTE July 2025*) was burnt out three days later. Despite the owner giving the police its tracker location, they were not prepared to investigate it.



St Swithun Fails to Dampen Spirits at the Little Longstone Show



Alex with helpers Bob Staples and Annie Low



Alistair Sneddon of Bagshaws conducting the fund-raising auction



Caroline Cotterill and Coco



Heave-ho! Dan Barker and the girls pull the home tug-of-war team over the line



After one of the longest drought and series of heatwaves since 1976, July 15th saw a day of unremitting rain. St Swithun could not have been more clear, 'Enough is enough!' Forty days of rain till 24th August? We shall see – farms and gardens badly need it. In true British tradition, the rain held back its worst for the weekend, but this did not deter the punters. With a huge marquee and large covered seating area outside, it was easy to keep dry, and eventually the rain gave up the struggle mid-afternoon. Kudos to Alex Longsdon for following through on his concept of a mini-festival to get people together and bring out the community spirit – he had put an enormous amount of effort and thought into the day. There was even a buggy service to ferry people from the car park by The Hollows up to the show ground at the top of the hill.

Everyone from both Longstones, Thornbridge, and far and wide, had a great time. Caroline Cotterill's dog Coco won the 'Prettiest Dog in Show' class, and her husband Jeremy could be seen celebrating with more than just one visit to the Beltie

Bar, where Heather Turner's right arm was working overtime, pulling pints fast and furiously! There were plenty of stalls, with Richard Whittlestone and Alistair Slack showcasing art and antiques, all sorts of interesting oils and condiments from the Brocklehursts' *Brock & Morten* brand, wine and ale from Hattersley Wines and Peak Ales, face painting galore for children and adults, and burgers, ice cream and more to soak up the ale. Alistair Sneddon deftly ran a fund-raising auction with lots ranging from dinner for two at the Packhorse Inn, a leg of lamb from Jim Longsdon, a Belted Galloway meat box from the Turners, to three nights bed and breakfast stays and an afternoon 'getting plastered' (Emma's words!) with Jim Harrison at Thornbridge Hall. The auction raised over £2,000, which went a little way towards recouping the £6,000 Alex had personally funded to put on the event.

Thanks again to Alex for a great day – Emma Harrison was heard to say, 'Roll on next year – you want to watch that young man – he could be the next Michael Eavis!'.



What a Scorcher!

Saturday 12th July was one of the hottest days this year – and the Village Hall, plus other Open Gardeners providing refreshments, did a roaring trade slaking thirsts. A netball team from Pontefract, who play in the Jenny Jones Memorial Netball League, had chosen this day to do a 26-mile circular sponsored walk from Bakewell. Having started at 6.30am, they had not had much to drink since noon, when at quarter to five, the Village Hall appeared like an oasis on their horizon. Jane Beale quickly rehydrated them and filled their water bottles for the final push down the Monsal Trail to Bakewell. The girls raised over £2,000 for the CoppaFeel! youth-focused Breast Cancer charity. Congratulations!

St Giles' Bells Ring Out for Longstone Week



John Thorpe and Linda Pelc in his Triking 'Bee'

John Thorpe and Linda Pelc from Bakewell, plus Ian Sterritt from Sheldon, joined three 'natives' to ring at 1.30pm before the Well Dressing Blessing in Great Longstone at 2pm on 12th July, marking the official start of Longstone Week.



Lucy Wright with the rest of the band of ringers in St Giles

A New Home for Much-Loved Thornhill House

The John Thornhill Memorial Trust has secured the purchase of The Grange, Station Road in Great Longstone to be a new home for Thornhill House. It will be designed to provide the best level of care in a first-class facility that will take all the dedication, care and memories from the current Thornhill House to a modern and welcoming home fit for the future. 'Thornhill House is such a special place and has served as a wonderful home for so many local people over the past 30 years,' says Lucy Wright, Chair of the Trustees, 'but, with demand for care increasing and changing, we are creating a new home that will ensure we are supporting those who need us for the next 30 years and more.'

The plans are to convert the site into a new nursing and residential home which has the capacity to meet changing future demands, whilst of course respecting the heritage and surroundings of the building. 'When the possibility to purchase The Grange arose, we just couldn't turn it down,' says Richard Thornhill, Vice-Chair, 'The location is perfect and will enable us to continue to deliver vital services for local people in an expanded and future-proofed home.' The purchase process is underway, and the planning application process will begin this summer. The current residents will be unaffected by the project. It is still very early days, but it is anticipated that our residents will be welcomed into the new Thornhill House in late 2027, when it is completed. We also plan to increase capacity from 19 to 24-26 beds which will mean that more local people will feel the benefit and be able to receive care in a 'home from home'.

Thornhill House was founded by Molly Thornhill who had been greatly affected by the loss of a dear friend's mother who died soon after she had to go into a care home far away from loved ones and everything familiar. She set up the trust in memory of her late husband John to find a better way, and thanks to the hard work and generosity of local people, Thornhill House was opened in 1994. Since then, it has welcomed over 200 residents who have made it their home.

As the first dual-registered Nursing and Residential Home in the country, Thornhill House has long been recognised as an exceptional home, always gaining top ratings for its quality of care. It has remained at the centre of the Great Longstone community, delivering specialised care for the elderly in a warm and welcoming environment, and has remained an asset to the people of the village and the surrounding area. After 30 years on the existing site, change is now needed to ensure it can serve future generations. In the spirit of its founder Molly, the John Thornhill Memorial Trust is looking to move to this new location so it can deliver the best and most modern levels of care for those in need.

As an integral part of the Great Longstone community, we welcome your opinion, to ensure the project is best shaped to meet demands and has the support of local people. You can ask questions and leave written feedback at a drop-in consultation session on 11th August at Great Longstone Village Hall between 10am-12. For more information about the project, please email administrator@thornhillhouse.org.uk.

Lucy Wright

Longstone Local History Group

For our July meeting, the Longstone Local History Group visited Masson Mill at Matlock Bath. This dates from 1783 when Sir Richard Arkwright, making use of the River Derwent's water power, set up a cotton spinning mill. For our visit, we were taken on a guided tour of the factory by two ladies, appropriately attired in clothing typical of the period during the 18th and 19th centuries when the mill was in full production. During our tour, we were given demonstrations of some of the machinery used in the processes of spinning and weaving cotton. We were also shown the steam engines which replaced the original waterwheel and which themselves have now been replaced by hydro-electric turbines driven by water from the river, hence reverting to the original source of powering the mill.

The next meeting of the Longstone Local History Group will be on Sunday 5th October, when we shall be making a day trip to Wollaton Hall in Nottingham. This trip will include a tour of the Hall, followed by the Nottingham Industrial Museum and Wollaton Village.

Peter Donaldson



Open Gardens Thank You

Blessed are the cake makers. And equally blessed are the tea servers, car park attendants, Open Gardeners and the organisers of the event. And thank you to Robert Thornhill for loaning his field for car parking, and Mad4Ink for their generous support with posters. It was another successful year with 23 gardens open both in Great and Little Longstone.

Despite the inclement weather, with lots of heat and not much rain, the gardens were coaxed into a fine display and a steady stream of visitors walked their way round, with the energetic ones venturing over to Little Longstone. Open Gardens attracts enthusiastic gardeners keen to pick up new ideas and also to share experiences and offer tips. It also attracts the walkers and holidaymakers who enjoy the

village and the surrounding countryside. Hopefully some of them also joined the LASRA Sports Day. It was noticeable that not many dogs made the trip this year as the temperature was not to their suiting.

If you have any ideas to improve the event or suggestions for local charities to support from the proceeds, please message me on **cubanheel26@btinternet.com**. Just as a reminder, all of last year's proceeds were donated to LASRA, Thornhill House, Eyam and Bakewell Transport and Bluebell Wood.

The amount raised this year was almost £3,800 – a good result, though the LASRA event did affect our refreshment sales. Thank you for all your support.

Frank Hammond, Joyce Glencross and Richard Carter



A stunning sculpture by Jane Littlefield and Andy Douglass – Roger Topham served pizza for £5 – The Rowsons' Passion Flower



Deborah Henley helpfully provided a detailed plan – a lovely display of pink and red phlox planted by her mother Sue Hillyard



Esther and Nicci Bunting's face painting

Elizabeth Prince & Cath Cox in the Robinson's garden – ice lollies were served



Sara Clarke's garden has many relaxing spaces for different times of the day – Joyce Glencross enjoys great views to the south



Visitors to Lorna Cooper's garden escaped the heat of the sun to enjoy her homemade refreshments

New Gardens in Little Longstone for the Open Gardens Weekend

Ali Plowright and Simon and Nicola Robertson joined Jeremy Cotterill to open their three Little Longstone gardens this year. Ali's amazing borders have only taken five years to establish – it does help having four keen gardeners as sisters to share plants with – not to mention her wild meadow and raised vegetable beds! Simon and Nicola have achieved impressive results in only three years – their allium *Schuberti Firecracker* provides architectural interest long after the blooms have died.



Summer at Thornhill House



We couldn't miss Ashford's well-dressing week in June. On the Tuesday, lovely Alan from Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport took us for several spins around Ashford so we got a bird's eye view of the wells. We were absolutely blown away by the delicate and detailed work of the wells, and six of them too! It couldn't have been a better outing and after a hot sunny day we enjoyed ice cream looking down on beautiful Monsal Dale. We can't wait for our next journey together.

At the end of June, we welcomed Longstone village folk to our garden party. Ken Langford played saxophone accompanied by Joyce Poulter on beat box and Anne Turner on sticks. We knew Ken from his old patrol route as our local



bobby. The box of percussion instruments was also enjoyed by some of our visitors too. (Guess who!)

July had us obsessed with sport, sport, sport. Len, Dorothy, Evelyn, Jean and Janet played their balloon version of tennis during Wimbledon, umpired by carer Taz. Hilary Clarke managed to drag herself away from the tennis and cricket on television to celebrate her 91st birthday on 16th July with one of Kelly's special cakes. Her only comment on her day was "I'm living too long". St. Swithin's Day seemed to be promising the much-needed rain which when it came was welcomed by our beautiful begonias and saved Charles having to water them every day. **Senga Furness**

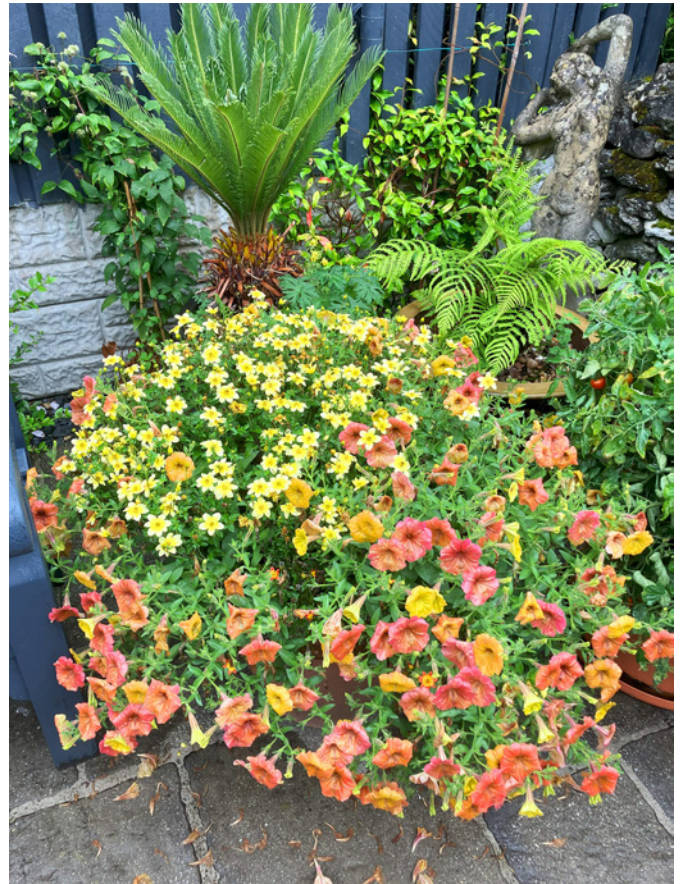
August Gardening Notes

After a really dry spell, we have had some proper rain and I hope there is more to come. I dug some potatoes out, and despite the rain and me watering them, they were bone dry underneath, but the early potatoes have been really good. The sweetcorn has been really early this year – they like the hot weather and being well watered. Beetroot is one of my favourites and is cropping well although one or two went to seed. We are also getting courgettes, runner beans, broad beans, French beans and spinach. The soil tests showing high lead levels have scared most of the allotment holders away and there remains just a small group of us left. My wife and I have had blood tests to check for lead levels in our bodies and these have not shown any trace of lead in our system after twenty years in the allotments.

At home, the tomatoes are providing a bumper crop and they are delicious. The small yellow cherry tomatoes (*Sungold*) are a favourite in the greenhouse and the *Tumbling Tom* outside are prolific although a tad small. My succulents and cacti love the hot weather and we have had an amazing show of flowers of all colours and sizes. I have bought quite a few outside to enjoy the hot dry conditions – the only conditions they do not enjoy are the cold and wet that we get in the winter, so they will then go back into the greenhouse. The containers planted with annual flowering plants have done well as always and will keep on flowering if you keep deadheading; a liquid feed is also beneficial. The photo is of my yellow and orange display which comprises one petunia plant and two bidens plants. I am growing some dwarf sunflowers for the Longstone Horticultural Show on 16th August which is quite a challenge to get them in flower at

the right time and to ward off the slugs and snails.

Andy Hanna



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Heatwave Cricket

Fifty years ago, there was a heatwave similar to this year, the difference being that snow fell on Buxton on the 1st June during the Derbyshire versus Lancashire county cricket game, which surprisingly finished with a win for Lancs. The memory came to mind as we sat watching Longstone play Sheffield Centralians in a 20-over game. Not that any play was lost by snow but a biting northeasterly wind cut through the spectators in the shadow of the pavilions. The players meanwhile had the benefit of sunshine taking the edge off the chill. Perhaps the pavilions could be manoeuvred to allow some sun for the supporters? Perhaps not.

Who needs sun when the cricket proves exciting with Longstone posting a respectable and competitive 120. Jenson Jowett opened with a quick-fire 18 including four fours but wickets fell quickly at the other end. Then, George Askew scored another fine 25 including two big sixes and two fours, very ably supported by Ian Bunting with 21. No other batsmen scored double figures and extras was a big scorer.

So, could Centralians chase down the score? Their innings ebbed and flowed. At five overs it seemed possible, but at ten overs probably not, because of some tight bowling. As ever, one batsman started to score and then the result looked in the balance, but back came the riptide in the form of Toby Street. He came back to bowl and skittled most of the remaining tail after taking the wicket of their best batsmen. His final tally was five wickets for seven runs and he turned the game. He was ably supported by Asher Richards (two for thirteen) and Jenson Jowett (two for eleven). A good competitive game not interrupted by snow and thank you for the loan of blankets to ward off the chill.

Your Cricket Correspondent

Gig Report



The now bi-annual Karlos Kollektive music extravaganza gig took place on Saturday 5th July at the Village Hall. The place was packed out to hear Karl perform the entire previously lost Brian Wilson/Beach Boys *Smile* album, as a tribute to the recently passed songwriter in the first half of the show. The second half was filled with hits from the 60s to the present day, which were thoroughly enjoyed by an incredible sell-out audience who even managed to dance a conga for the finale.

I would like to thank all the people who helped make the evening such a joyous event of true community togetherness, and special mentions must go to Steve the sound technician, the amazing Alex, Nic and Hannah behind the bar, Jane for allowing the event to take place and all her support, and finally Pauline, for the amazing bunting.

Thank you for making it a truly special evening.

Karl Harrison

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	<p>The Village Hall Management Committee organise the Fell Race on the Rec every year. Money raised is shared between Mountain Rescue and the Village Hall Charity. To run this event, we depend on our regular helpers and always look forward to hearing from new people too! Please email thompsonpeter@yahoo.co.uk if you are available to help. Thank you! <i>The race is advertised online on:</i> Facebook, The Fell Runners Association and AV Timing</p>

	<p>Celtic Fusion Show Sunday 26 October 7:30 pm Great Longstone Village</p>
<p>Dynamic, inspiring, exciting, sweet, and surprising! Experience traditional fiddle tunes fused with rock, jazz, dance, and more! Tickets £13.50 leap.sumupstore.com</p>	

Barking Dog

Will the owners of the dog on Edge View Drive please control its endless continual barking. It must cause the immediate neighbours great annoyance, because it certainly causes it to those of us who live further away. Possibly a case of ASB?

Name and address supplied

90 Years Young!



Congratulations to Mike Hirst, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday 29th June.

Happy 80th, Terry!



Terry Cox reached this milestone on 15th June. Richard and James treated him and Margaret to a surprise trip on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway from Wirksworth to Duffield, complete with a delicious cream tea.

Longstone Colour Run



A rainbow of colour on the Rec at FOLS' Longstone Sponsored Colour Run on 18th July! £2,565 was raised by children from Longstone CE School, which will go towards much-needed resources for our amazing school.

Ermine Emergence



Despite Sue and Chris Woods' fear that the ermine moths had laid so many eggs that the caterpillars would starve (having completely stripped the bushes on Hardrake Lane of all their leaves), three weeks later, new adults started to emerge. As you can see from the photos, they get their name from their wings being silvery-white with black spots, and they're really quite small (not much longer than a fingernail). New leaves were already starting to appear on the bare stems, despite the drought, so the bushes are clearly pretty resilient.

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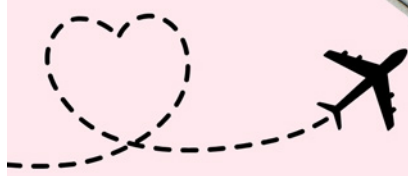
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White Knight Rescues White Lion

Just a couple of weeks after Jen and Chris' departure from the White Lion, the pub opened for business on 8th July, under the new management of Dan McGoverne and Casper Nicholson from the Bull's Head in Ashford-in-the-Water.

A month or so before Jen and Chris were due to leave, Robinsons got in touch with Dan to try and persuade him to help save the pub. They had had no luck finding anyone to take up the lease, and were faced with having to close it, possibly for good. Thankfully, this appealed to Dan's strong sense of community. Great Longstone born and bred, there was no way he could let the White Lion go under.

Dan had been so impressed by 22-year-old Casper that he promoted him last November to be his co-landlord. Casper had started washing pots at the age of 14, about the time that Dan took over the Bull's Head in 2019, quickly progressing to a couple of shifts in the kitchen, and has been there ever since. Always full of ideas, he has become Dan's right-hand man, and he and the rest of the team were up for the challenge of running two pubs. Dan and Casper now alternate with each other at the two locations.

Together with Bull's Head chefs, Harrison and Alfie, they have revamped the menu, bringing in a few favourites from the Bull's Head – Gambas Pil Pil, Beef & Unicorn Pie and Goan Fish Curry, which are already going down well with the locals!





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LASRA Sports Day



The 2nd Annual LASRA Sports Day got off to a grand start as Wendy Long opened up the newly laid MUSA court with a formal cutting of the red ribbon. A busy afternoon of sport ensued. The football tournament saw both matches – *Baslow Blazers vs Bakewell Bulls* and *The Battlers vs Bonsal Town FC* – played out to keenly contested draws. There was a hive of activity on the cricket front, with both *Dynamos* and *All Stars* coaching being overseen by Martin Pinder, whilst the bowling machine was on all afternoon for those wishing to test out their batting skills. Bill and Zoe McGregor offered their expertise on how to play bowls, while on the MUSA, first netball followed by Pickleball saw the new surface receiving a thorough workout. Elsewhere on the Rec, there was a constant flow of those wishing to try their hand at outdoor badminton and table tennis.

Later in the afternoon, bowls was replaced on the lawn square with croquet. Both Ali Slack and Matt Swift guided new players through how to play, making use of the newly purchased and very posh croquet set that LASRA has recently

purchased. If any villagers would like to play croquet on the Rec, contact Dave Richards on **07977 832324** or Mike Meurer on **07875 578888** and they will be happy to arrange – there's no fee. The final event of the day had of course to be Timeball, which saw a range of competitors, young and old, taking part in what is a unique Longstone tradition, with Kate McGoverne ensuring fair play was observed at all times.

Throughout the afternoon, tea and cakes were served from the pavilion – thanks to all those that contributed on the baking front. Heather Turner did a grand job on the BBQ, while Lizzie Long ran the bar providing welcome and convivial refreshment for all. A particular shout out to Peak Ales, our sponsors, who were very generous in their sponsorship of some fine ale, and to Holdsworth Food for ensuring soft drinks were also available, Shoemsmiths LLP for their financial donation to this LASRA event and William Cole for providing the PA system. It proved to be another great village afternoon – let's do it all again next year!

Dave Richards, LASRA Committee Member

Longstone & District Horticultural & Garden Society Show

Saturday 16th August, 2025, Great Longstone Village Hall

Open for exhibitors 9.30-11am and members of the public from 3pm

Entries are FREE, One entry per person per class only

Class	Qty	SECTION 1	VEG & FRUIT	✓	Class	Qty	SECTION 4	DOMESTIC	✓
1	3	Potatoes	Any variety		26	1	Loaf of Bread	Wholemeal or white	
2	6	Pea pods	Any variety		27	3	Fruit Scones	On a plate	
3	6	Broad Bean pods	Any variety		28	5	Biscuits	On a plate	
4	6	Runner Beans	Any variety		29	1	*Courgette Cake	On a plate	
5	3	Beetroot	Any variety		30	4	Flapjacks	On a plate	
6	2	Cucumbers	Any variety		31	1	**Savoury Quiche	On a plate	
7	3	Courgettes	Any variety		32	1	Jam of any fruit	Jar	
8	5	Tomatoes	Any variety		33	1	Lemon Curd	Jar	
9	3	Onions	Any variety		34	1	Chutney	Jar	
10	4	Carrots	Any variety		35	4	Eggs	On a plate	
11	1	Tray of Vegetables	1 each of 3 different types of vegetable				SECTION 5	HANDICRAFT made in last 18 months	
12	1	Plate of 1 type of fruit	Own choice		36	1	Hand knitting	Any article	
13	1	Collection of cut culinary herbs	4 different types: flowering or non-flowering		37	1	Crochet	Any article	
					38	1	Cross Stitch	Any article	
		SECTION 2	FLORAL ART		39	1	Patchwork and/or Quilting and/or Applique	Any Article	
14	1	Arrangement in a basket	Fresh foliage and garden flowers		40	1	Canvas work	Any article	
15	1	Arrangement in a wine glass	Fresh foliage and garden flowers		41	1	Embroidery (not in above classes)	Any article	
					42	1	Soft Toy	Any article	
16	1	Green Arrangement	Greenery only		43	1	Picture	Art - any medium	
17	1	Minature Arrangement	No more than 10cm/4ins overall		44	1	Photograph	Featuring "bridge/s"	
					45	1	Woodwork	Any subject	
18	1	Arrangement for a Party	Display of flowers and foliage - <i>bought flowers may be used</i>				SECTION 6	OUTDOOR CLASS	
					46	1	Sunflower/s	Grown in a pot	
		SECTION 3	FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE				SECTION 7	CHILDREN	
19	6	Pansies or violas	Blooms		47	1	Decorated Egg		
20	1	Sweet Peas	Vase of mixed colours		48	1	Painting/drawing of animal/s	A4 size max.	
21	5	Cosmos	Any variety						
22	3	Roses	Any variety		49	1	Duplo/Lego Farm	A3 size max.	
23	1	Cut flowers	In a Vase						
24	1	Flowering plant	Max 25cm pot		50	2	Animal Magic - made from veg and/or fruit	Cocktail sticks allowed	
25	1	Foliage plant	Max 25cm pot						

**Recipe given in July edition of UTE*

***Add label with ingredients*

Children's Section (0-5yrs; 6-8yrs; 9-11yrs): Child's Age..... Adult Section 12+ years

Complete forms to be handed in at the Village Shop or Cox's Milk Parlour by 8pm, Thursday, 14th August

I hereby enter the class(es) marked above, subject to the rules and regulations.

Name:Tel.No

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Little Longstone en Fête



Bedecked in its new bunting – the Chapel beautifully decorated for the Flower Festival – Grumpah Band near the Packhorse



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Well, the weather behaved itself for the FOLS Summer Fair, and we were treated with a lovely sunny afternoon on Saturday 21st June! The game zone with football, cricket, karate and a bouncy castle assault course was very busy. Parents, carers, villagers and children were treated to homemade cakes, Pomeroy ice creams and Ginger Butchers' sausages and burgers. Local stall holders Mad4ink, Wye Bakery, Alison & Marie from Park Pantry, Granny Alice, and Villager Andy Hanna, with his amazing plants, had their amazing products on show to buy.

The raffle went down a storm with vouchers and donated produce from local businesses. Overall, just over £1,800 was raised which is amazing, especially as the fair was early this year and not tied in with Longstone Week.

As always, a **huge thank you** to all our volunteers, cake bakers, tombola donations, stall holders, Martin Pinder, Mr Knight the headmaster and Adam the caretaker for running the sports, local businesses for donating prizes, and parents, children and villagers for making this another successful fundraiser for the children of Longstone School!

Team FOLS



Longstone Ladies' June Event



This year, the Longstone Ladies' barbecue took place on the recreation ground (historically it has been held in a member's garden). Our thanks go to LASRA for allowing us to use the facilities in the Tea Hut, and also to those who are involved in looking after the ground – you are all doing an amazing job.

The weather was perfect – some would say too hot, but the ladies managed to find a shady spot to sit. Members were



asked to bring something to barbecue, plus either a sweet or savoury dish to share. The array of salads and sweets was fabulous. Twenty-two members attended and took turns in cooking their food on the barbecue. Drinks were served (and topped up!) throughout the evening.

A lovely sociable event held in a beautiful location with the best view from a recreation ground for miles around.

Pauline Harrison

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Ian Cox RIP

Ian Cox's funeral will take place in St Giles, at 11am on Tuesday 5th August.

Road Closure

Mires Lane will be closed from 8am-4pm on 12th and 13th August to replace BT poles. The order and diversion route can be viewed at one.network/?tm=143819240.

Parish Council Notes

The following are extracts from the official minutes from the GL Parish Council meeting on 14th May. These are published on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Longstone School as well as the village website greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk.

Attendance

Cllrs Wendy Long (Chair at start), Phil Barrett, Andy Douglass, Stevie Hornsey, Jane Rigby (Chair at end), District Cllr Helen Froggatt, Simon Headington (Clerk) and two allotment holders. Apologies for absence and her resignation from the Parish Council were received from Cllr Caroline Briggs.

Elections

Cllr Wendy Long announced she would be resigning from the Parish Council after the election of a new Chair. She had served on the Council for 18 years since being elected in May 2007, 10 years of which as Chair. She thanked all the Cllrs she had served with and said how much she had enjoyed working with so many different people over the years. Although Cllr Long will no longer have a formal role with GLPC, she was willing to remain involved and be supportive of the many activities being undertaken. Cllr Douglass proposed Cllr Rigby as Chair, seconded by Cllr Barrett, with all in favour. Cllr Rigby then took over as Chair and Wendy Long joined the members of the public.

After a short discussion, it was decided not to elect a Vice-Chair at this stage, given that the Council now only has 5 members.

Public Comments

An allotment holder, who with the support of his employer, had undertaken 30 additional soil tests and a water test, for presence of three heavy metals, discussed the results with the Council. The single test of the water supply showed no signs of concern with the levels for all three heavy metals being below those permitted in UK drinking water. With the soil the results for arsenic were within the permitted range with a mean of 15.9mg/kg and median of 15.5mg/kg. The accepted background level for the Peak District area average is 290mg/kg and guideline limit for allotments is 49mg/kg. With cadmium the results were slightly elevated with a mean of 4.5mg/kg and median of 4.2mg/kg. The background level for the Peak District area is 2.9mg/kg and guideline limit for allotments is 3.9mg/kg. The problem was with lead. Previously a single test using soil from various parts of the allotments produced a (unverified) result of 3,089mg/kg. The results of the new tests (two samples were taken from each of the 15 allotment plots) gave results with a mean of 4,309mg/kg and median of 2,900mg/kg. The background level for the Peak District area is reported to be 2,400mg/kg and current guideline limit for allotments is 80mg/kg. The mean figure was elevated by two particularly high readings of 20,000mg/kg and 27,000mg/kg. These results showed that the initial testing undertaken earlier in the year was not spurious and although the levels found were not significantly above those expected in areas of high mineralisation, which includes the Peak District, they are significantly higher than the UK Soil Guidance Values for allotments (80mg/kg). What is not known is how mobile the lead is, i.e. whether it is bound to the soil or if it is likely to be absorbed by crops. Testing for this is quite expensive, but it might be worth carrying out investigations later in the year, to see if it can be established as to how much is being taken up into different types of crops. Remedial action, if this route was selected, would involve the removal of the topsoil to an agreed depth, inserting a membrane over the whole site, and then importing clean topsoil. This exercise would

be likely to cost tens of thousands of pounds and is almost certainly not a realistic option for the Parish Council.

Allotments Update

Payment of £167.71+VAT was approved for the single water and 30 soil tests carried out since the previous meeting. The allotments are to remain closed whilst these investigations continue. The clerk is to update the warning signs on the two allotment gates, and write to the allotment holders with the details of the test results. The Council is to find out what the cost would be to test crops grown in the allotments. The Clerk is to write to the Environmental Health Department at DDDC to update them on the Council's investigations, and contact the Public Health Department at DCC, for advice. GLPC expressed their thanks for the ongoing help and support from the allotment holder who arranged the testing.

New committee

A Staffing Committee is to be established with the four Cllrs present initially serving on it. The Clerk will prepare its draft Terms of Reference.

Standing orders

The updated standing orders, based on the NALC 2025 model document, were discussed and approved, subject to removing all the words in clause 3(i) after 'A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak.'

Financial regulations

The updated financial regulations, based on NALC 2025 model document, were discussed and approved.

Representation on external bodies

Village Hall: GLPC's two nominated representatives on the Charity's board of Trustees to be Cllrs Barrett and Hornsey.

Longstone Area Sports and Recreation Association: Cllrs

Douglass and Barrett will continue as the Council's representatives and Trustees.

Holme Meal Trust: Former Cllrs Wendy Long, Peter Thompson and Simon Headington were appointed as trustees of this Charity in July 2007. All were still in post and GLPC invited them to remain in post. The Clerk will send Cllrs a copy of the 2024/25 charity's accounts.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Douglass reported initial meetings had gone well, and a Steering Committee established. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on 4th June. Andy Nash, who was heavily involved in the production of the Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan, has agreed to attend the next meeting

to share their experience. The Terms of Reference document for the committee was approved, and Cllrs Douglass and Barrett will be GLPC's representatives on the Steering Committee.

Inventory of land and assets

The full list of GLPC's assets is contained in the May 2025 version of the Asset Register. The bunting and two sets of Xmas Tree lights are to be added to the register. The principal assets include: Field 7340 (Outrake Quarry Field 1.34 acres, Field 6552 0.57 acre, Guilders (Builders) Quarry, Village Greens (Land Registry DY482175), West Green & Allotments (DY318854), Recreation Ground (DY461279), Tea Hut & Pavilion (Leased to LASRA), War Memorial (Grade II Listed Ref 1158480), Market Cross (Grade II Listed Ref 1334973).

Insurance cover

Insurance is due for renewal on 1st June. It was agreed to continue to use the cover provided by Zurich Insurance.

GLPC memberships of other bodies
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils membership £328.71, Peak Park Parishes Forum membership £12.00.

Records Retention Policy

The retention period for Insurance Policy Details is to be changed to 'indefinite' as recommended in the Internal Audit Report.

Ordinary meetings of the full Council

The pros and cons of switching to monthly meetings were discussed. It was agreed to stay with bi-monthly meetings, usually on the second Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November. Additional meetings will be arranged if required. Given the amount of work currently being undertaken it was agreed to schedule an additional meeting on 11th June. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting, run as a standalone event, was a success and that it should be run on similar lines in 2026, on Wed 29th April.

Clerk's Report

Organised two extraordinary meetings of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting. Work connected with potential heavy metal contamination of the allotments. Worked with Cllr Douglass on arrangements for Neighbourhood Plan meetings. Confirmed participation in Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 25-26 Submitted application to Better Derbyshire Dales Fund for £1,950 for MUGA Project. Worked on draft benches policy. Outstanding/Ongoing

tasks - Land registration name/address changes with solicitor, investigations relating to the Field and Quarry with Clerk.

Recreation Ground

Annual Inspection of the play and exercise equipment: Undertaken in May by Playsafe Ltd. There are no 'red' issues this year. The advice included that ideally information boards should be fitted to each piece of adult fitness equipment. This will be reviewed at a future date.

Tennis Court Resurfacing Project:

Applications to National Lottery and Sports England have been unsuccessful. Wendy Long had resubmitted the Sports England application earlier in the week. The back-up is for GLPC and Little Longstone Parish Meeting to each pay £6,000 from their reserves, leaving the balance of £5,350 to be found through community fundraising efforts, though this will initially have to be covered by GLPC. An application for £1,995 to cover the painting/colouring elements of the costs has been submitted to the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund. The Clerk and Cllr Douglass will meet the contractor on site on 16th May. Ideally the work will be completed before the LASRA Sport Day on 13th July during Village Week, but this will depend on the contractor's work schedules.

Safe use of the Recreation Ground:

There are a number of unwritten rules, such as prohibitions on golf and archery, but nothing has been documented. The Clerk, in consultation with LASRA, is to draw up a recommended set of rules for the use of the recreation ground.

Longstone Village Week

A range of events have been organised from 12th-20th July. The main ones in Great Longstone are the PCC Open Gardens on 12th/13th and the LASRA Sports Day on 13th, along with some weekday evening events and cricket matches. A number of events are also being organised in Little Longstone. This will be discussed in more detail at the June meeting.

Planning Matters

Applications:

22 The Meadows, Grisedale Road West, NP/DDD/0325/0219. Alterations and Side Extension. **Granted**

1 Glebe Court, Glebe Road, Great Longstone NP/DDD/0325/0194. S.73 application for the removal of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0197/002.

Awaiting Decision

Enforcement Notices:

Watersaw Mine Compound, off Moor

Road, ENF: 24/0143. Breach of Condition 20 of planning permission NP/DDD/0805/0818. Deadline for compliance is now set at 30th June.

Community Right to Bid

Cllr Douglass discussed the recent issues with the old infant school building and that this might have been easier to deal with if it had been listed as a Community Asset. He presented a table showing various buildings in the parish that could possibly fall under this legislation. It was explained that the legislation just puts in a pause in the process, so if the owner wishes to sell the building for an alternative use, the community is given a six-month window to bid. It was agreed that this should be taken forward as part of the Neighbourhood Plan review.

Community Email Engagement

GLPC is to sign up to the Zoho 'Campaigns' email module, through our current IT suppliers Parish Online, at a cost of £28/year.

Training for Councillors and Staff

Cllr Hornsey attended the DALC Councillor Essentials course. Clerk to send Cllr Rigby dates for DALC Chair Skills course.

Financial Matters

Total reserves at 31st March stand at £21,875 (£6,000 reserved for Tennis Court resurfacing, £1,500 for Village Hall repairs). Total cash available £41,989. Cllrs Rigby and Hornsey to be given access to GLPC's new finance system. Wendy Long to be removed from all accounts.

Items of Correspondence

The family of a former resident had requested a plaque on a bench. Pending the approval of a benches policy, the Clerk is to consult with the former Chair for recommendations.

Dates of next meetings

7pm Wednesdays 9th July, 10th September, 12th November.

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Success! It wasn't Swift but We Got There...



2025 appears to have been a good year for swifts in our villages, with 9 or 10 birds being seen and heard in screaming parties at any one time. We have four Swift Boxes on our house on Furnall Avenue. Two single boxes were installed in 2021 and a double box was added as part of the local project to install Swift Boxes around the village last year. We also use a Caller, which is a small rechargeable MP3 player that plays a loop of swift calls and screams that we downloaded from the internet. We stand the Caller on our windowsill near the boxes, but only use the Caller when we see swifts flying around the village, so as not to annoy our neighbours. The Caller draws the swifts to come and investigate the sound and the boxes, as they like to be around and nest near other swifts. In previous years, they did show some passing interest in our boxes and occasionally went into the boxes for very short periods, but we had no success attracting a breeding pair or raising any swift chicks.

So we are **very** excited to report that for the first time since 2021, we have had a breeding pair of swifts using one of our single boxes and they raised two or three chicks. Swifts also went into our remaining three boxes and we occasionally had pairs of swifts in the double box for extended periods of time, which we understand bodes well for them returning to breed in these boxes in the future. Regrettably, we didn't have a camera in the single box, so can't be exactly sure of the number of swift chicks we had but Chris 'Ninja' Thirtle was lucky enough to get a photograph of two of the chicks near the entrance hole in the box on 13th July. Sadly, we were unable to spot the moment that they fledged because they were already fully grown and looked just like adults.

Newly-fledged swifts don't stay around the nest area but apparently start their migration back to Africa as soon as they have left the box – heaven only knows how they have the strength and stamina and know where they are going!?

It has also been exciting to see and hear that some residents who put up boxes only last year have also had swifts showing an interest in, or going in and out of their boxes. When we first took the plunge and put up Swift Boxes in 2021 we were told it could be 4-8 years before we might host a breeding pair of swifts due to the lifecycle of these amazing birds, so we are feeling very fortunate that we only had to wait five years and very relieved that we delayed the installation of our solar panels until August.

This year, we have also noticed much more swift activity and regular screaming parties around Furnall Avenue, Grisedale Road, Glebe Avenue and Station Road. This may be due to the large number of new Swift Boxes in this area, the breeding pair in our box and nest sites in the eaves and roof spaces of nearby houses, the proximity to the pasture fields and their rich insect life and the loss of several nesting sites along the Main Road over the past few years. Whatever the reason, we are not complaining and delighted that we might be seeing the start of a new colony of swifts in this part of the village.

We have had even more requests to put up Swift Boxes and we hope to install them after the breeding season this year, ready for 2026. If anyone else is interested in putting up Swift Boxes before April next year, please get in touch with me at **nickloveday@hotmail.com** or **07870 412830** as we may be able to add you to our installation plan.

A huge thank you to Derbyshire Swift Conservation for inspiring us and helping us to take action, as well as encouraging us to be patient! Thanks too to all the residents who have joined us in the fight to help and protect these critically endangered birds. It looks like our efforts are starting to pay off. Here's to the 2026 breeding season!

Nicky Loveday



Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee held its fourth meeting last night. The various workstreams have been identified and we have started to flesh out the content. The workstreams are Housing, Conservation & Environment, Farming, Business & Tourism, Creating Community, and Transport. The formal application to PDNPA has been submitted to declare the area and formally approve the process. This will go to their next committee meeting.

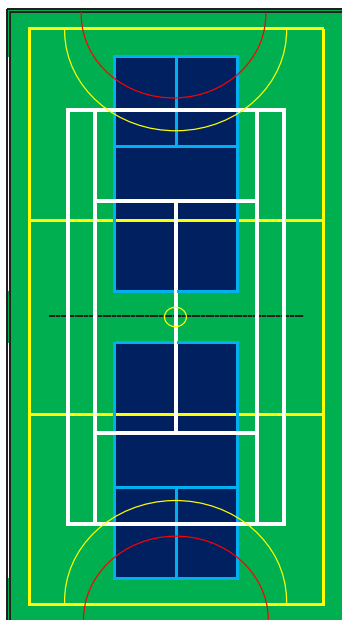
We held a drop in session at the LASRA Sports event and had a few people stop by for a chat and understand the process, perhaps not quite as popular as we had hoped, but the other attractions on offer during the day probably explained the lack of interest.

The team will be in a position by early September to present back to the parishioners within the Longstone Area

on the progress made so far, and to ask for both ideas on the day and further participation in any workstreams that are of interest to you. It is essential that the detail in the plan is reflective of your requirements, and we need your participation. We will publicise the details of the session as soon as it has been finalised.

So please take the time to share your ideas, and get involved as we progress through the communication and engagement process in autumn and winter. We do have a regular update email that gets sent out to those who have registered. If you want including on this list then please drop a line to **villageplan@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk** and we'll include you on the circulation. Please also use this email address if you have any comments that you would like to pass on to the team working on the initial stages of this plan.

Andy Douglass



Multi-Use Sports Area Update

During the LASRA Sports Day, the Parish Council and LASRA Trustees were delighted that Wendy Long accepted the invitation to open the MUSA. As well as her many years with the Parish Council, Wendy also managed to secure funding of £10,900 from Sports England towards the costs of the new facility, well done!

With the new tarmac now completed, the next phase is to apply a non-slip acrylic-coloured surface to the court. Originally scheduled for the week of 21st July, this will probably now happen a week later, due to rain delaying the contractor's schedule. There will be a further week of closure whilst the acrylic surface cures. The diagram shows the new layout for tennis, pickleball, netball and football. The new tarmac is formulated specifically for sports use and is softer than tarmac used on roads and drive. The surface will indent if heels or hard soled shoes are worn, and also if chairs or stools are placed on the surface. So **please**, only soft-soled sports shoes to be worn. The acrylic surface will also damage if cycles are ridden on it, so again, **please**, no cycles – only use the MUSA for ball sports.

The Parish Council have purchased new tennis nets and posts. These are the lightest available, to make removal and storage easier. The old posts had distorted at their bases and would not fit the new sockets. Two new free standing pickleball nets on castors have also been bought – these can be left to the side of the court, to make things easier for pickleball players. LASRA have obtained pickleball bats and balls for those who don't have their own, so do come down and try out the new facility. **Andy Douglass, GLPC**

Local Government Update – a Novel Approach to Climate Change

It's nearly three months since the County elections in May, and so far the new administration is chiefly noticeable for cancelled meetings. The committee calendar on the DCC website records hardly anything else for June and half of July. The cancellations also extended to the EMCCA (that's our mayoral region) Transport and Digital Connectivity June meeting June, postponed at the last minute as it was not quorate because of the non-attendance of four councillors, two of whom were from DCC. This meeting may not sound exciting, but it's where the transfer of responsibility for our bus services from the local authority to the Mayor is discussed.

The Council meeting on July 9th did take place and, unlike last time, was livestreamed. It is available to watch on DCC's *YouTube* channel, and is worth watching. One notable exchange involved Councillor Carol Wood, Cabinet member for Net Zero and the Environment, who, while answering a public question about the refresh of the DCC Climate Change Strategy, said that they would not be using 'an ideological term like climate change.' One wonders how she would have responded to Darwin when she heard his theory of evolution. She went on to say that they would not be including any 'explicit measures to reduce greenhouse gases' in the revised strategy. Shortly after this, John Lawson, the Cabinet Member for Council Efficiency, presented a performance and budget report in which he described one of the authority's challenges as 'volatile weather conditions, in particular a series of named storms', which had had a deleterious

effect on road condition and 'which required considerable additional work to rectify.' While addressing the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather, is essential, at the same time failing to take action to reduce greenhouse emissions is like trying to deal with an overflowing bathtub without turning off the taps.

One thing the Council has done, is to publish a consultation on proposals for new parking restrictions in Castleton. Like Bakewell, Castleton is very popular with visitors, and parking issues have featured in the national media. DCC have worked with Castleton Parish Council on the proposals which include new 'red routes' which prohibit parking at any time on several roads, new limited-waiting bays and new pay-and-display parking bays. We could do with some 'red route' markings on the A6020 between the bridge and Hassop roundabout!

And finally, some news from the District Council. DDDC. In common with the other district and borough councils in Derbyshire, it has released a consultation on the proposals for the composition of the unitary authorities which will form our local government from 2028. There are three different proposals, all of which involve two councils for the whole of Derbyshire, with various options for where to put Amber Valley. There are lovely maps and a link to the consultation on www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-reorganisation/about-local-government-reorganisation. The consultation ends on August 10th, so be quick! **Georgina Blair**

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August Farming Notes

The recent hot weather spell seems to have come to an abrupt end, as at the time of writing we are having a downpour, and in the last few days we have recorded 40 mm of rain! It was definitely needed here (and around the country), as the drought has been in the news with the reservoirs running low. For the farming community, the prolonged lack of rain does mean concern – crops and livestock are impacted. Those who have made their hay already report that the yield is drastically lower than last year due to the dry spring. Some farms have been forced to start feeding hay to their livestock, because the grass has stopped growing. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide a return to equilibrium and it does feel 'greener' already after the recent showers. The pond on Chertpit Lane is starting to recover after getting very low. We did use the opportunity to get in there and clean it out!

At the end of June, we were able to get an important summer job done, which is shearing the sheep. It was a blistering hot day, and the shearer had both my sympathy and admiration working non-stop under the sun. Wool these days seems to have very little value, which is a shame, but the job must be done regardless. I keep wondering if we can find another way of using the wool, rather than the current system to send it off for such a small return. Any local spinners or ideas are welcome!

Our haymaking is done later in the season and it's certainly looking a much thinner crop than usual.

Joanna Shimwell



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Dear All,

Recently, I visited some churches in East Anglia, which had beautifully carved angels in the beams of the roof – as well as plenty of gruesome demons lurking in the darker corners of the church. The ‘angel roofs’ served as a visual reminder of heaven and were designed to be a focal point during religious services, to create a sense of awe and wonder for the congregation. They were also a display of wealth and craftsmanship that showcased the skill of medieval carpenters and woodcarvers. Angels are mentioned nearly 300 times in the Bible and appear in both the Old and New Testaments. In the early days of the Christian church, angels appeared on several significant occasions. It was an angel who moved the stone which had been placed in front of Jesus Christ’s tomb after his execution to stop the body being stolen. The same angel told two women who came to fetch the body that Jesus had risen from the dead. Later, an angel appeared to one of Jesus’ followers, Philip, sending him to meet a senior Ethiopian official. Another angel appeared in a dream to a Roman centurion, Cornelius. And an angel miraculously helped another follower, Peter, to escape from prison. Over the centuries since then, many Christians have reported experiences

that they can only explain as encounters with angels. The New Testament book, Hebrews, suggests that angels can and do intervene in people’s lives... ‘Do not forget to entertain strangers for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.’

As for demons, we might be tempted to dismiss them as a rather antiquated way of explaining things we can’t understand. But in the Bible, demons consistently do three things. Firstly, they cause self-destructive behaviour in the person they are possessing. Secondly, they cause the person to feel trapped by their condition. And, finally, they separate that person from their family, friends and community. Sadly, there are many today suffering from mental illness, addictions and other habits which lead to self-destructive behaviour, and make people feel trapped, and often separated from family, friends, and community. Whatever our demons may be, they leave us in need of healing. When Jesus exorcised demons, he demonstrated an authority through his spoken word that other exorcists did not have. This authority is why the people were continually amazed.

In his letter to the Romans, St Paul wrote ‘I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the

future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

People have different beliefs about the nature of evil but the church has always encouraged us to follow Jesus’ example, that is, to use good to overcome all that is evil. There’s an old story about the Eskimo who had two dogs, one white and one black. Every Saturday, he would enter them in a race where people bet on which would win. Sometimes the white dog won and sometimes the black dog won, but the Eskimo won every time! Someone asked him ‘How do you know which one will win?’ The Eskimo said, “The one who wins is the one I feed during the week.” Every day, we have an ethical battle on our hands between good impulses and evil impulses. The impulse that we feed will be the one that will win.

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Herbaceous Plants: Continue dead heading. Remove supports from plants that have finished flowering and cut off tall weak stems.

Dahlias: Continue to spray against pests. Inspect plants for symptoms of virus infection. Mark for later destruction. Feed with liquid fertiliser and keep plants tied to their stakes as they grow.

Gladioli: Cut flowers for indoor decoration, but leave at least four leaves on each plant.

Chrysanthemums: Disbud where large blooms are wanted. Complete disbudding outdoor flowering varieties. Water once a week in dry weather; apply fertiliser to fatten buds.

Sweet Peas: Mulch, feed and water if necessary. Cut blooms regularly to prevent formation of seeds. Spray against insect pests.

Trees and Shrubs: Pruning – prune shrubs that have finished flowering. Cut back established wisterias taking out the tips of young shoots when they have made three or four leaves.

Greenhouses: Take cuttings of regal pelargoniums. Remove tips of tomatoes if plants are to be followed by chrysanthemums. Discontinue feeding and reduce watering.

Fruit: Pick early apples and pears while under-ripe. Summer prune restricted forms of apples and pears. Plant rooted strawberry runners.

Vegetables: Sow seed of spring cabbage. Sow lettuces for early winter use.

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Jill Thornton's Unputdownable Pavlova

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Separate the eggs, putting the whites into a clean mixing bowl (use the yolks for something else, like hollandaise sauce). Whisk till soft peaks are formed when you remove the whisk. Add the sugar a little at a time, whisking on maximum speed till stiff and glossy. Mix the vinegar and cornflour together well in a small bowl, and stir into the egg whites.

Line a large baking tray with baking parchment and spoon two thirds of the egg white mixture onto it in a rough circular, elliptical or rectangular shape about 12 inches in diameter, smoothing it with a spatula. Use the remaining third of the mixture to build the outside edge up to form a wall.

Preheat the oven to 160°C (140°C fan, Gas Mark 3). Put the pavlova in, reducing the temperature to 140°C (120°C fan, Gas Mark 1). Bake for just over an hour, so that the outside is hard but still white. Turn the oven off and leave the pavlova inside for an hour to cool and dry.

6 large eggs
350g caster sugar
1 tsp white wine vinegar
2 large tsp cornflour
600ml double cream
2 heaped tbsp
caster sugar
200g strawberries
300g raspberries
200g blueberries
Icing sugar to dust

To assemble, whisk the cream and icing sugar until stiff peaks form when you remove the whisk. Spoon the cream into the centre of the pavlova. Hull and quarter the strawberries, and arrange the fruit on top of the cream, before dusting with icing sugar from a sieve.



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31st July - Film Club *Mr Burton*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 10) £5
6th August - WI outing to Tissington (page 2)
11th August - Little Longstone Parish Meeting, LL Chapel 7pm (page 11)
16th August - Longstone & District Horticultural Show, GL Village Hall 3pm (page 13)
18th-25th August - Wardlow Scarecrow Festival (page 2)
22nd-24th August - Wardlow Flower Festival, Wardlow Church 10am-4pm (page 2)
27th August - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall 2-4pm
5th September - Fell Race, The Rec, Junior 5.30pm, Adult 6.30pm (page 10)

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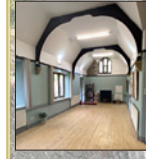
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