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Climb Every Mountain



This Clematis Montana just off Station Road reaching for the top of a high conifer illustrates just how it got its name!

July Gardening Notes



We are getting a real mix of weather from heatwave to well below average temperatures, but at least we have had some rain. The tomatoes are ripening now and they are looking really healthy – they are grown in containers, and I water them every day and add a small amount of liquid feed each time to the watering can. Cacti and succulents can be allowed to dry out between waterings, so at this time of year, once a week is about right.

My containers are looking good at the moment (*see photo*), and to keep them going, it is important to deadhead and give the occasional feed. I am always busy at this time of the year potting on plants that have outgrown their pots and also taking lots of cuttings. I like to keep a few plants near the kitchen door so that I can pick fresh items for salads, such as lettuce, basil, parsley, and mint. The growth in the borders

is huge this year with ideal growing conditions – I like to keep on top of the weeding and have no problem filling the green bin.

In the allotment, we are getting some produce now, with courgettes, cabbage and broad beans from the vegetable patch and a bumper crop of strawberries from the fruit side, with raspberries and apples to follow. Last year, we had a record crop of apples and are looking good for another good crop. I will be thinning the apples out quite a bit so that we get bigger and better apples. I have not grown peas for a few years but was given some seed for mangetout so will see how they turn out. I am also growing some parsnips, which have never done well in the ground so I am growing them in a large container – fingers crossed!

Andy Hanna

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Roy Hattersley 28 December 1932 – 13 June 2026



Great Longstone's most eminent resident, Roy, Lord Hattersley, onetime Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, has died at the age of 93. He and Maggie have lived in Church Lady House, opposite the Village Cross, for thirty odd years, and in September 2001, he wrote a piece for *Under the Edge* about how they ended up in our village.

Unlike many other celebrities who hide themselves away from public gaze, Roy and Maggie were always interested in local goings-on, happy to give their advice and encouragement. For many years after they first arrived, they would come out to serve mulled wine at the Christmas carol

singing event by the tree on the green. Roy's amusing take on life in Great Longstone regularly featured in his *Spectator* column in the late 2000s. On one occasion, it even referenced the August 2007 edition of *Under the Edge* (of which he was an avid reader), when a particular piece of purple prose caught his eye.

A lifelong member of the Labour Party, he was proud that he and Maggie between them formed 40% of the paid-up Great Longstone membership. As firm supporters of Sheffield Wednesday, they were both, until recently, regular fixtures in the Directors' Box at the Owls' Hillsborough Ground as well as attending away matches.

For many years, Roy was President of Thornhill House, and he was also an annual fixture for firing the starting gun and presenting the prizes at the annual Fell Race. As Chairman of the Buxton International Festival, in 2001 he had the brainwave of adding a literary element to what was then a purely musical event, and was able to attract literary and celebrity giants such as Margaret Drabble, PD James, Beryl Bainbridge, Sir Jeremy Isaacs and Michael Palin, many of whom he and Maggie hosted in *The Fairies*, the guesthouse at the end of their garden. And in November 2015, as Patron of Helen's Trust (now merged with Blythe House), he and Matthew Parris raised £2,800 for the local charity by facing off 'In Conversation' in front of a mesmerised audience of 180 in the Carriage House at Thornbridge Hall.

Roy was a prolific author and dog lover, the two coming together in *Buster's Diaries* and *Buster's Secret Diaries* featuring the escapades and thoughts of his beloved English Bull Terrier, Buster. Buster was to be succeeded by Jake, and in turn by Teddy, a Patterdale terrier with a Houdini-like ability to escape, who would think nothing of leaping through first-floor windows, necessitating Fort Knox-like fortifications to restrict his movements!

FOLS Summer Fayre Saturday 11th July

Friends of Longstone School

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Friends of Longstone School (FOLS) are delighted to invite everyone to this year's Summer Fayre, taking place at Longstone School from 1-4pm on Saturday 11th July.

The afternoon's celebrations will begin with a Children's Fancy Dress Parade, assembling on Croft Road at 12.25pm before making its way to the Village Green for the traditional Blessing of the Wells at approximately 12.30pm.

Following the blessing, the Summer Fayre will open at Longstone School, offering a fun-filled afternoon for all ages. There will be a variety of stalls, games, refreshments, and entertainment, making it a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and support the school.

We hope as many residents and visitors as possible will join us for what promises to be an enjoyable community event. Everyone is warmly welcome.

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18/07/26

OPEN DAY

We would love you to come along to the Great Longstone Recreation Ground for a fun afternoon on Saturday 18th July, 12pm-5pm

Barbecue, Bar, Tea, Coffee & Cake from 12pm

Under 12s Football starts at 12pm
You can try your hand at

Tennis Court

- Pickleball - 12pm to 2pm
- Tennis - 2:15 to 3:15pm
- Basketball & Netball "hoops" - 3:30pm to 5pm

The Rec.

- All Stars Cricket (5 to 8 years old) - 12pm to 1pm
- Dynamo Cricket (8 to 11 years old) - 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- Badminton - 1pm to 3pm
- Slow bike race - 3pm
- Table Tennis - 12pm to 5pm

Cricket Square

- Bowls - 12pm to 1pm
- Croquet - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Cricket Mixed Match (soft ball) - 3pm to 5pm

Want to start a new sports club?
Want to use the facilities for a recreational purpose?
Want to shape the future of the use of the Rec?
Come along and have a chat.

All events are free for anyone and everyone, mixed gender. Equipment will be provided

Longstone Open Gardens Weekend

Sat. 11th July 11am - 5pm & Sun. 12th July 1pm - 5pm



16 gardens (2 in Little Longstone & 14 in Great Longstone) will be open over the weekend, also the Morris family farm
Stalls in some of the gardens

Free Parking Station Rd. DE45 1TS

Drinks and cakes available in the Village Hall

Admission to all gardens for both days is £5 per adult
Accompanied children free, dogs on short leads only please

Proceeds to local charities

Village Week Scarecrow Competition

As a part of Village Week the Parish Council are sponsoring a scarecrow competition across Great and Little Longstone. The theme is anything related to 'Sports', and judging will take place during Village Week (12th-17th July), with winners being announced at the LASRA Sports Day on Saturday 18th. This means that the scarecrows need to be in place by the evening of Friday 11th July.

Entry forms and numbers are available from the Village Shop and cost £1 each. The prizes will be three vouchers (£50, £25 and £10) that the winners can spend in the Village Shop or one of the village pubs.

The 2012 Queen's Jubilee Scarecrow Competition, which had the theme 'Royalty', was won by the Broomes' giant orange papier-mâché 'King Prawn'. There is a better picture on page 5 of UTE's July 2012 edition, though sadly it is in black and white.



Simon Headington, Parish Clerk

LEAP Trip to Manchester Art Gallery

What a treat it was to enjoy a personalised tour of Manchester Art Gallery with volunteer guide Richard Foulkes. Many of you will know Richard from our regular Art Talks at the Village Hall, where his enthusiasm and knowledge always bring artworks to life.

We decided it was time to see some of the pieces for ourselves, so fifteen of us caught the train to Manchester for a day out. Richard led us through the galleries with his knowledgeable, engaging commentary, helping us make connections with the themes and artists we've been exploring in his talks.



It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the artworks first-hand, enjoy each other's company, and deepen our appreciation of the collection. A memorable day out for everyone.

Jane Littlefield

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Wardlow Events

The theme for this year's flower festival is '75 years celebrating Peak District National Park'. We will also have our scarecrows on display throughout the village while the flower festival is on, from 8th-12th July. **Claire Rowland**

WARDLOW

WARES WEEKEND & FLOWER FESTIVAL

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July at Wardlow Church
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**WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY TO
SUNDAY 12TH JULY
10.30AM-4PM**

Longstone & District Horticultural & Garden Society Show

Saturday 22nd August, 2026, 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	Savoury Scones	On a plate	
3	6	Broad Bean pods	Any variety		28	5	Ginger Biscuits	On a plate	
4	6	Runner Beans	Any variety		29	1	*Cheese & Tomato Quiche	On a plate	
5	3	Beetroot	Any variety		30	4	Flapjacks	On a plate	
6	2	Cucumbers	Any variety		31	1	**Apple Cake	On a plate	
7	3	Courgettes	Any variety		32	1	Jam of any fruit	Jar	
8	5	Tomatoes	Any variety		33	1	Marmalade	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	Small wreath Arrangement any shape max.30cm dia.	Fresh foliage and garden flowers		40	1	Canvas work	Any article	
					41	1	Embroidery (not in above classes)	Any article	
15	1	Arrangement on a saucer/sideplate	Fresh foliage and garden flowers					CREATIVE ART	
16	1	Green Arrangement	Greenery only		42	1	Picture	Art - any medium	
17	1	Minature Arrangement	No more than 10cm/4ins overall		43	1	Photograph	Featuring "a door/s"	
					44	1	Woodwork	Any subject	
18	1	Year of the Book Arrangement	Display of flowers and foliage - <i>bought flowers may be used</i>				SECTION 6	OUTDOOR CLASS	
					45	1	Decorated Watering Can - Any size		
		SECTION 3	FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE				SECTION 7	CHILDREN	
19	6	Pansies or violas	Blooms		46	1	Home made muffins	Any flavour	
20	1	Sweet Peas	Vase of mixed colours		47	1	Painting/drawing of Book Character	A4 size max.	
21	5	Cosmos - 5 stems	Any variety						
22	3	Roses	Any variety		48	1	Garden on a plate	Max. 28cm dia. plate	
23	1	Cut flowers	In a Vase						
24	1	Flowering plant	Max 25cm pot		49	1	Animal Magic - made from veg and/or fruit	Cocktail sticks allowed	
25	1	Foliage plant	Max 25cm pot						

*Add label with ingredients ** Recipe to be given in a future UTE

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

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Apple Cake Recipe for Entries to Horticultural Show Class 31

<i>Cake</i>	<i>Filling</i>	Line with greaseproof paper a deep 7" round cake tin with loose base. Melt the butter over a low heat. Remove the pan from the heat and mix in the caster sugar, beaten egg and sifted flour, to make a fairly stiff mixture. Turn 2/3 of the mixture in the tin and spread to the sides, making the surface level.
125g butter	350g cooking apples	
125g caster sugar	50g sultanas	
250g self-raising flour	25g chopped walnuts	
1 large egg	1/2 level tsp cinnamon	
	50g demerara sugar	Mix the peeled and chopped apples (350g), sultanas, walnuts and cinnamon together and scatter on to the cake. Then sprinkle over the demerara sugar. Dot the remaining cake mixture over the filling - it will not cover completely. Bake the cake in the centre shelf of a moderate oven 325°F/160°C/140°C fan for 50-60 mins. or until the cake is cooked and a light brown colour. Leave in the tin to cool before removing.

Jennifer Rowson

It's Black over Bill's House!



Tread Softly walkers have been enjoying the beautiful blooms around the village and along the lanes, looking forward to Open Gardens next month. Aren't the roses especially gorgeous this year? Luckily, this week, our hardy bunch avoided a drenching, but the dramatic greys and sunlit fields prompted some Derbyshire folklore weather-watching.

Join us any Wednesday at 10am by St Giles' lychgate for a gentle 'walk on the mild side', followed by coffee and cake afterwards. Everyone welcome, especially if you are in two minds about trying it - you'll be warmly welcomed.

Alison Waltho

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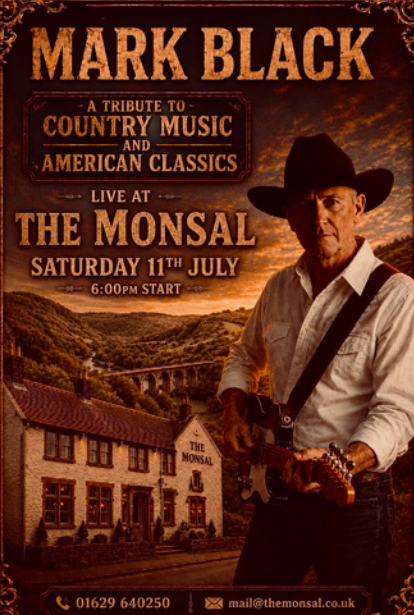
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Safe Passage from Little Longstone to the Monsal Trail

Over the last few years, both the Coxes (*UTE May 2022*) and Neil Brocklehurst (*UTE July 2024*) have put fences on the Station Road to Little Longstone footpath, to separate walkers and dogs from cows and their calves. This month, following a couple of incidents, Neil Brocklehurst has put up a new fence to divide the middle field on The Hollow, Little Longstone to Monsal Trail footpath. As the top part of this field is flat, in the past it was hard to tell if cattle were in the field or not – in April 2023, a bull appeared from nowhere, charging down the slope towards Tracey Mactaggart and her terrier Fiadh, only skidding to a halt at the very last minute (*UTE May 2023*).

Given the high footfall on this footpath and the growing number of injuries and even fatalities resulting from incidents between cattle and walkers, this seems a very wise and welcome measure. Jill Thornton and her little Jack Russell Bear, who have been badly frightened in the past by being chased by cows, are so relieved they can now walk the circular route from Station Road via these two footpaths and the old railway station, without having their hearts in their mouths at any point!



Annual Parish Meeting

The following are extracts from the official minutes of the GL Annual Parish Meeting meeting on 29th April. These are published on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Longstone School as well as the village website greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk.

Attendance

Cllrs Jane Rigby (Chair), Phil Barrett, Andy Douglass, Stevie Hornsey, James Cox, District Cllr Helen Froggatt, Simon Headington (Clerk) and 36 members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from Peter Donaldson, Sarah Stokes, Deborah Henley, Caroline Briggs, Mark Knight, Angela and Mike Robinson, Jade Ojari, Emma Richards, Louise Waine, Jeremy Cotterill, Jennifer and Peter Rowson, Alison Waltho.

Chair's report

Highlights included thanking her predecessor, Wendy Long, chair for 10 of the 18 years she served on the Council; working with the LASRA Committee on the resurfacing of the Tennis Court (thanks to Sports England, Little Longstone Parish Meeting and others for financial support); continuing work on the Neighbourhood Plan; dealing with issues relating to the allotments; ongoing care of various community assets, including village greens; working with the Churchyard volunteers; ongoing highway flooding issues causing problems for the Village Hall; success of the Christmas Eve Carol Concert; the need for more councillors.

Thornhill House Trustees update

Richard Thornhill, Vice Chair of the Trustees, gave an update on the Charity's plans to move the Nursing and Residential Home to a new, larger, site on Station Road. This £5 million project will allow the charity to expand its services and make it better able to

meet residents' needs in the future. The existing site will be run as now, until the new site is fully ready, when it will be sold to help pay for the project. A professional fundraiser has been engaged, and initial discussions had with the Planning Authority, whose feedback will be incorporated into their plans. The Trustees will have further engagements with the community in the coming months.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Douglass reported that since the first meetings of the Steering Committee, just a year ago, progress had been made by the six workstreams (Climate Mitigation & Renewable Energy, Land Management and Nature Recovery, Transport, Business & Tourism, Housing and Community). A number of consultations had been conducted, including public meetings and questionnaires. Work will continue over the coming year, building on evidence from these earlier engagements with the community.

Old Infant School Building

A brother and sister team from Sheffield explained their plans to open a nursery for children from 0-5, in the Old Infant School building. They need to obtain change-of-use planning permission, as a nursery comes under a different planning category to a pre-school. They also need to register with OFSTED, so cannot yet give an opening date.

Community WhatsApp Group

Alexa Masterson-Jones provided details of a newly-created 'Longstone WhatsApp Community'. This community contains a number of threads (e.g. news, lost & found, announcements) and individuals can join as many different threads as they wish. A QR code is available to people who want to sign up. It was

agreed to see if existing groups could be imported into this new framework.

Community Organisations' Reports
Longstone Area Sports & Recreation Association (LASRA): Mike Meurer, Chair of Trustees, reported LASRA have had a successful first year and are now establishing areas that local residents would like them to concentrate on.

Great Longstone Cricket Club: Dave Richards, Club Captain, provided an update. The club had played matches on a regular basis during 2025, and has a full programme for 2026. The launch, last summer, of ECB accredited Junior Cricket Coaching with Dynamos (5-8) and All Stars (8-11) was very successful and will be returning shortly. New teams are being launched for women and for young people (under 13s).

Longstone Events and Activity Programme (LEAP): Jane Littlefield and Julia Morgans described LEAP's many activities, mainly in the Village Hall.

Peak Wesley Way: The co-ordinator, Sheila Travis, explained the origins and progress of this interesting programme, which is a clever way of combining low-impact tourism with maintaining a network of old chapel buildings.

Longstone Week 11th-19th July

This year the Great Longstone Well Dressing will be prepared in the school, ready for the blessing on Saturday 11th. The first weekend will include Open Gardens, and on the Saturday, a Children's Fancy Dress Parade and the FOLS Fete. During the week there will be musical and history events, before the LASRA Sports Day on Saturday 18th. There will be Scarecrow and Container Garden competitions throughout the week, and a flower festival in the Little Longstone Chapel. A number of cricket matches are also scheduled.

Dog Mess Nuisance

Please may I politely ask whoever is allowing their dog to use the side grass of the Platform Housing bungalows on Croft Road, to be a great deal more responsible and consider picking it up and disposing of it in an available bin. It is very unpleasant. We take pride in our individual gardens and this, the third dollop, is just entirely thoughtless.

Andrea Tilson

Shut That Gate!



The footpath gate into the field by The Hollow, Little Longstone is being regularly left open, despite clear signs requesting the gate to be closed.

Although most of these gates have a strong spring to self-close, this one only has a heavy weight, which is not sufficient to actually close the gate.

It is a miracle that one or more of Jim Longsdon's sheep and lambs have not wandered out onto the road and been killed.

Please always make sure gates are firmly shut behind you, as sheep may be up the top of the field out of sight.

Even those gates with a heavy spring have a latch that needs to be fastened to avoid it being opened by an animal pushing against it.



Thornhill House Manager



Thornhill House is delighted to welcome Faith Vargas as its new Manager later this month, following Di's retirement.

Having spent the last seven years working predominantly in nursing education, Faith is looking forward to a new challenge and is excited to bring her leadership experience and passion for training to Thornhill House. She is particularly interested in promoting holistic, individualised care that recognises each resident's unique needs, preferences, and life experiences. Faith is also keen to support the home as it continues to grow and prepares for its move to its new location at The Grange.

Faith is already familiar with Thornhill House, having previously worked as a bank nurse, mainly covering night shifts. This experience has allowed her to build relationships with many of the residents and staff, providing a valuable head start as she steps into her new role.

Throughout June, Faith will be working closely alongside Di, learning more about the day-to-day running of the home and getting to know residents, relatives, and staff in greater depth. She is excited for the journey ahead and looks forward to using her skills and experience to help Thornhill House continue to thrive, develop, and deliver outstanding care for its residents in the years to come.

Lucy Wright

Quotes Needed for Two Jobs

The Parish Council is looking for quotes to:

1. Re-stain all of the brown wooden areas (window frames, doors and noticeboard) on the front of the Village Hall, and to repaint a white wooden window frame on the north side of the porch.
2. Supply and fit a new double-glazed window, with a wooden frame, to replace the current unit that is on the road side of the porch.

Anyone who is interested in quoting for either of these jobs, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on clerk@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk for full details.

Zero Food Miles Food from the Village Shop



Heather and Will Turner have been raising a couple of pigs regularly for a few years now, but this is the first time they have been selling the meat in the Village Shop. The sausages (plain, tomato and Cumberland varieties) arrived first and literally flew off the shelves, but if you're quick, you can still pick up some of their seriously mouth-watering dry-cured back and streaky bacon.

The Large White/Pietrain cross weaners arrived from Tideswell last October, and enjoyed a happy life in a barn at Bellholes Farm – so named because there was a bellhole lead mine on the land. These were open cast mines that ended up being the shape of an inverted bell.

Two more weaners are on the way, which will be ready in time for Christmas, along with their traditional meat from one of their Belted Galloways (they have five cows, five calves and a bull, Bellholes Roger, with five more calves on the way). So, make a mental note to get in your order in December!

Meanwhile, Heather has been selling home-grown asparagus (nearly over now) and incredibly flavourful and sweet strawberries – you wouldn't think they were the same fruit as those you get from the supermarkets.

Go, Worzel Gummidge!



At 9am on 27th May, parents and children arrived at the welcoming Canteen at The Monsal, along with myself and Simon Headington. Neither Simon nor I knew what to expect and were so surprised to find half the room transformed into an colourful art space full of fabrics, stuffing materials, broom handles, buttons and scissors.

Children began to draw out their designs on paper for their scarecrow head. There was so much creativity in the room, and it was very quiet as everyone began to draw and create. Then the fun began – the designs migrated from paper onto

the fabric head pieces, and there was much laughter and chattering. They were sewing, glueing and listening to the many suggestions. The Tweed Queen, Marge Elliot's sewing machine, along with considerable skill, barely stopped the whole morning. Lorraine was busy helping and face painting too. Simon stuffed and put eyes on the many snakes to make Medusa's 'hair' – maybe she will offer protection to all who visit the Monsal!

We had a fabulously creative time. Look out for some of the scarecrows during village week. **Ali Plowright**

Morris Dancing Along the Monsal



On 31st May, several troops of Morris Dancers walked from Great Longstone along the trail to Little Longstone. They danced, with their musicians playing, through the Headstone Tunnel and on the Monsal Viaduct before climbing the steps to the top and dancing again on the road by The Monsal.

Many gathered to watch the talented dancers from Sheffield City Morris, Sheffield City Women, Whip The Cat, Sutton Masque and Pecsætan. Great movement and music. **Ali Plowright**



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Last month, seven members enjoyed a day at Crich tramway museum. We were lucky with the weather – as we left, it poured with rain!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Unfortunately, our speaker is not able to come, so we are having a social evening with a trading stall. Teas will be provided by Susan Cooper and Lynne Macaskill, and the Mystery Parcel by Judy Fraser Smith

Zoe McGregor



Congratulations, Mr and Mrs Finneran!



On Monday 8th June at 1.30pm, Melanie and Paul Finneran were married in Little Longstone Chapel by Methodist Minister Tim Morris, with the Bakewell Registrar in attendance. Melanie and Paul were very touched by Tim's thought-provoking and poignant words, and the way he seemed to weave a visual tapestry with Melanie's childhood memories. They both loved the simplicity of the service and the simplicity of the chapel, which was decorated beautifully by the florist.

Melanie's parents, Jill and Brian Hampton, moved to Great Longstone when Melanie was ten, so much of her formative life happened in and around the Longstones. She went to school at Lady Manners before moving away in her 20s, and her last few years have been spent living in Chesterfield on the edge of the Peak District.

Melanie and Paul met in Leeds, where Paul previously lived. Melanie has enjoyed showing Paul the landscape of her

childhood, and having grown up in a city, he has completely fallen in love with the area. This encouraged Melanie to see her childhood home with different eyes – she realised that she had taken so much of it for granted, and now as an adult could see the beauty that Paul could see.

It was on one of those days, on the way to visit Melanie's parents, that they stopped to look at the Chapel. They were amazed it was open and they could make a drink and enjoy the peace that The Chapel offers. Paul immediately fell in love with it, and they decided then and there that The Chapel was the place they wanted to exchange their vows. To be able to surround themselves with friends and family and long-standing connections was something they would really cherish, so they began straightaway to find a way to make that happen in such a beautiful, peaceful place. They both wanted a traditional but simple wedding surrounded by those they loved. This was a second marriage for them both and they wanted a very special day.

Making arrangements to marry in the Chapel wasn't a simple task, compared to Melanie choosing her shoes. Once she saw those amazing pink bows, that was it, everything had to fit around the style and colour – those shoes set the scene. Her father found them totally impracticable, which amused Melanie – 'practicality doesn't come into the equation with a pair of shoes like that' – she loves them.

As well as finding a childhood place to make memories in, finding local people to make their day memorable was also important to Paul and Melanie, so they used a florist from Bakewell, a photographer from Great Longstone and a violinist from Darley Dale.

Talking to Melanie and Paul, they both said that choosing to marry in The Chapel was such a wonderful decision for so many different reasons and that they are both happy to guide anyone through the process, since there are a few hoops to jump through to make dreams a reality.

Ali Plowright



Martin Oliver 17 February 1931 – 11 May 2026



Martin Oliver was born in Gritstone cottage in February 1931, the son of Eliza and Martin Senior. He was a seven-month baby and not expected to survive. As specialist facilities were non-existent in the thirties, he was wrapped up warmly and placed in a shoe box beside the fire.

He was the middle one of three brothers. Long-time residents of Longstone will remember his older brother Bill, who lived on Spring Bank and worked for Furniss and Hassall, and Arthur, who lived up Mires Lane and had his own painting and decorating business.

A further brush with death would occur when Martin was eight, when a burst appendix necessitated a surgeon being rushed from Sheffield to operate at Bakewell Cottage Hospital.

As a young man, Martin was opening bat for the cricket team. He was part of a very successful side, which included the likes of Colin Slack, Roy Finney and his brother Bill.

On leaving school, Martin went to work at Hassop Hall as a gardener, before completing two years' national service in Pembrokeshire. On returning from this, he was offered a gardening job at Thornbridge Hall, where he remained for forty years. At the time, a young woman called Janet Kenworthy from Middleton-by-Youlgreave was also working there as a live-in maid. They met at the Crispin Inn, and were married a few years later, initially living on Spring Bank

before moving to The Gardener's Cottage at Thornbridge Hall. They went on to have three children – Angela, Richard and Rebecca.

In addition to his day job, Martin had an allotment off Church Lane and was also the gardener at The Grange, first for the Armitage family and then the Kennings. He would enter produce in the annual show and had particular success with his runner beans. Not such a proud moment was when he inadvertently set fire to a hedge on Station Road by carelessly disposing of a cigarette during the drought of 1976. Fortunately, the damage was limited and he escaped prosecution.

On retirement, Martin and Janet moved to a bungalow on Croft Road and appreciated being closer to the centre of village life. They particularly enjoyed walking the dog on Longstone Moor. After Janet's death in 2020, Martin continued to live in the bungalow with support from family and Meals on Wheels from Thornhill House. Unfortunately, a fall necessitated a move to Valley Lodge Nursing Home a couple of months before his death at the age of ninety five. He would have liked to have seen out his days in Great Longstone, but received excellent care at the home.

Martin and Janet's ashes will be scattered on Longstone Moor.

Angela Leivesley

A Tudor Rose?



This unusual rose in my garden nicely follows the bosses of roses on St Giles' roof, which are neatly divided between the houses of Lancaster and York.

My son Giles gave me a standard red rose two years ago, but when it flowered it came out white. The supplier was going to change it in the autumn, but in between, it went red, so I kept it, and now it's flowering in both colours!

Deborah Henley

A Blast from the Past!



The Monsal Trail regularly hosts walkers, runners, dogs, horses and bicycles (electric or otherwise), but a Sinclair C5 rally? Technically, they are classed as an electrically assisted pedal tricycle, so presumably are legally allowed on the Trail.

For the benefit of those aged under 40, the C5 was the brainchild of an eccentric inventor, Sir Clive Sinclair, who made his money from early computers such as the ZX80. Launched in 1985, only 14,000 were ever made.

Patricia Robinson (née Warnock) 22 November 1945 – 25 May 2026



Enjoying the sunshine in Fethiye

Born in Peak Forest and brought up in Buxton, Derbyshire, Patricia trained to be a nurse at Hope Hospital, now renamed Salford Royal. She worked in New Zealand for a short time after she qualified before returning to Buxton to work at the Devonshire Royal Hospital and then the Cottage Hospital. She qualified as a Nurse Specialist in the 1980s and subsequently became Matron of two hospitals, in Bolsover and Clay Cross, and she relocated to Great Longstone.

Her son Jonathan was brought up in the family home on Green Lane, Buxton. Tragically, Jonathan was killed in a road traffic accident when he was only twenty years old.

In the early 2000s, after she had retired from her professional life in the NHS, she indulged her love of flowers and trained as a florist. At the same time, she volunteered her time and her skills in supporting the NSPCA with Human Resources and management issues.

In 2008, after holidaying in Turkey for many years and loving the country, she moved to Fethiye to enjoy the Mediterranean lifestyle. She loved the blue skies and sunshine and travelled regularly within the country, visited

Istanbul many times, and regularly sailed to the neighbouring Greek islands. She had many Turkish friends and picked up some language skills.

She thoroughly enjoyed her years in Turkey, but a few years ago, she returned to her home in Great Longstone, with Aysha her cat, and was happy to be back to enjoy village life again.

Patricia was a beautiful woman, always well-dressed and immaculately groomed, a loyal and loving friend who will be deeply missed and remembered with much love by all who knew her.

Her funeral service was held at Macclesfield Crematorium on Tuesday 16th June. Donations in her memory can be made to the British Heart Foundation.

Sheila Kelly (Patricia's cousin)



At the Ashford Arms Hotel for an 80th birthday lunch last year

A Few Questions Could Make a Big Difference

Derbyshire Dales Primary Care Network is reaching out to patients aged 30 to 65 with a short questionnaire about family history and cancer risk. If you receive one, please take a few minutes to complete it.

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The questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete online using your mobile phone. Receiving it does not mean there is any concern about your health – it is simply a routine proactive check being offered to patients across the Derbyshire Dales.

Together, a few answers today could make a big difference tomorrow.

Chris Elkin, Derbyshire Dales Primary Care Network

UTE AGM

This will be held in the White Lion at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd July. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a drink and some light refreshments.

It's an opportunity to meet the team and learn about what we get up to and how we do it.

We're always on the lookout for new helpers, so if you're interested, come and have a chat with us about how you can get involved.

Ashford-in-the-Water Flower Festival – ‘For All The Saints’



St Nicholas – Sarah and John Winkworth-Smith



St Peter – Hilary Bartlett



The Saints – Gill Harris



Pillars – Linda Foster and Vivien Lee

Ashford's Flower Festival was once again a tremendous success, despite poor weather. Numbers were down on last year but still thousands of visitors from all over the world visited the church over the nine days of the festival, who marvelled at the creativity and skill of the arrangers. The income will be down from the last year's record high, but only slightly. Whisper it quietly, but the tentacles of AI could already

be reaching into a flower arrangement near you! Sarah Winkworth-Smith was seeking inspiration, when her son suggested she ask ChatGPT for ideas. While its design was rather schmaltzy, and nowhere near as sophisticated as Sarah's creation, it was uncanny just how good it was. John Winkworth-Smith was responsible for the incredibly lifelike wall and chimney, and Jane Pepper for dressing the tree.

Ashford-in-the-Water Well Dressings



Creativity and skill was also evident in Ashford's six well dressings, from the children's homage to David Attenborough, to a homage to Andy Warhol's painting of Marilyn Monroe and tributes to Mozart's Magic Flute, Beryl Cook and Beatrix Potter.

Traditional Sheep Washing Demonstration in the River Wye at Ashford-in-the-Water



Hundreds of years ago, sheep were washed in the river by Sheepwash Bridge to clean their fleeces so as to improve the price achieved, as well as removing ticks and other pests – now it's just an annual demonstration. Photo by Michael Hardy of Dronfield.

New Online Calendar and Booking Process for the Village Hall

Great Longstone Village Hall is very well used and keeps Jane Littlefield, our Booking Secretary, busy! To make our systems more efficient, we will be moving our online Google Calendar over to a new one that is run by Hallmaster. Many local village halls use this system. It means you will be able to view events and see immediately when days are free. You

can then make an enquiry directly from the calendar. The new system also includes invoicing.

The calendar will be available through the Great Longstone PC website greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk/village-hall-information.

Julia Morgans



SUMMER 2026 WHAT'S ON

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Unless otherwise stated all events are in Great Longstone Village Hall.

DATE	EVENT INFORMATION	Charge
Film Club Thur 25 th Jun 7.30 pm	Song Sung Blue Based on a true story, two down on their luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to follow your dreams.	£5 On the door
20 th Jul	Monday Monthly Meditation Group Sophie Stephenson expertly and gently guides these monthly meditation sessions. New members are welcome. 6.45 p.m. arrival 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Free
Film Club Thurs 30 th July 7.30 pm	Marty Supreme is a wily hustler with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness. A gripping odyssey about a nobody who wants to be somebody,	£5 On the door
24 th Jun, 29 th July 26 th Aug	Book Swap Café - last Wednesday of every month 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Bring a couple of books to swap and join us for tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat.	
11 th July – 19 th July	Garden Container Competition As part of Village Week, we are running a hanging basket/garden container competition with small prizes! Your entry may be a traditional hanging basket or any container, recycled or otherwise planted with whatever takes your fancy. Use plenty of imagination and creativity.... but more importantly have fun! Email4leap@gmail.com Entry forms at the shop or Village Hall or scan the QR code for an online entry form.	
Wed 23 rd Sept 7 pm – 9 pm	Ceramics with Mel We welcome Mel back to run an evening workshop making <i>sgaffitto</i> pots. This is a decorative technique where you scratch through a surface layer to reveal a contrasting underlying layer. No experience is needed as Mel will guide you. You can visit her shop in Leah's Yard, Sheffield called Eath Paper Fibre, where she sells her products as well as holds workshops.	£15 Email to book



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Longstone Local History Group
 LLHG will be staging an event in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th July, which will include a showing of some of Frank Parker's village films.

Cricket Club Home Fixtures
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Who Says What About Tourism?



Most of us enjoy visiting other places, whether it's heading off to explore somewhere new or returning to a much loved location. We are lucky in the Longstones to live in a beautiful part of the world, and it's not surprising that many people want to come and enjoy the countryside around us. The late May bank holiday weekend drew a lot of visitors to the Peak District, and a quite a lot of them turned up at Monsal Head.

I am no expert in understanding Google rankings, which are probably increasingly AI driven, but it is interesting looking at Google maps of our area, and zooming in and out. At a certain level, Chatsworth House is the only thing visible, but zoom in a little further and Haddon Hall, Lathkill Dale and Monsal Dale/Monsalhead Viaduct and Headstone Tunnel become visible. I did this in incognito mode, but if you try it using your own Google profile, you will probably find a place you looked up once on Google Maps also appears.

Chatsworth is our local equivalent of the Sun in terms of Google reviews (24,564 at time of writing). Haddon Hall has 2,797 reviews, Lathkill Dale 270 reviews and Monsal Dale 1,226. Hassop Station Café and Cycle Hire has 4,968 reviews, but doesn't appear until a bit more zooming in. It's worth noting that neither Lathkill Dale nor Monsal Dale are business-owned pages actively pushing for reviews. Some of the reviews posted for Monsal Dale include photos, and it's remarkable how few people are visible in them. But haven't we all got holiday snaps of apparently empty landscapes, and know the etiquette for taking turns and keeping out of each other's photos.

No doubt many of these photos also pop up on social media with inspirational captions. Visit Peak District and Derbyshire tends to avoid advertising known 'honey-pot' locations on their social media channels (a recent Facebook post extolled the delights of visiting Cheadle) but Let's Go Peak District recently posted about toilets in the Peak Park, and included Monsal Head at the top of a list entitled 'some of the most reliable toilets in the whole park' describing our 'car park toilets with views over the viaduct'.

In Little Longstone, we are at the nexus of this popular enthusiasm for a place and the physical impacts that has. On that May bank holiday weekend, there were too many cars for the available parking places, which meant people parked in passing bays and across residents' gateways. This led to congestion, and bad-tempered behaviour (from drivers, not residents). The rubbish left in Monsal Dale after the picnickers had left, though, did give rise to some bad tempers among residents.

So, what do the various bodies that govern our patch of countryside think about tourism to the Peak Park? Our East Midlands Mayor, Claire Ward, has said that she wants to make the East Midlands a destination for domestic and

international tourism that rivals the Cotswolds or the Cornish coast. To this end, she announced in November 2024 that the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) would be funding the development of a Destination Management Plan for the EMCCA region (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire), which would bring together the existing two Local Visitor Economy Partnerships (LVEPs). This month, she announced the creation of Visit East Midlands, with a nine-member board including Jane Marriot, Director of Chatsworth House Trust, Barry Lewis, founder of Amber Valley Vineyards and also former leader of Derbyshire County Council, and Adam Andrews, Chief Commercial Officer at East Midlands Airport.

While EMCCA is getting organised, the Derbyshire and Derby LVEP has been delivered by Visit Peak District and Derbyshire. Their Destination Management Plan (2025-35) states that one of their priorities is 'sustainable growth – increasing international and domestic overnight stays'. There is also a Sustainable Tourism Action Plan, which notes the negative impacts of tourism, including litter, overcrowding at busy sites and pressure on infrastructure. Encouragingly, it also says that one of the things it will focus on is 'implementing visitor management principles to minimise the impacts to the Peak District and Derbyshire and ensuring that the benefits of tourism are maximised, shared with and understood by local communities.'

There is also a National Park Management Plan (2023-28), which has four priority areas: Climate Change, Landscape and Nature Recovery, Welcoming Place and Thriving Communities. Objective 7 in Welcoming Place is to 'encourage a sustainable visitor economy that supports local businesses, cares for the National Park's special qualities and respects the wellbeing of local communities.'

When it comes down to it, the bodies that have the most impact on how we experience tourism in our local area are the County and District Councils, neither of which have much to say about tourism as they delegate that to Visit Peak District. The County Council no longer controls our public transport (that's now EMCCA, but is another thing that they are trying to get organised) but does look after our roads. And last month, it decided to surface dress the hill down to Monsal Dale, just before a cycle sportive. The District Council controls car parks and bins. We'd like more of both, although the bin situation is complicated by ownership of land in the dale. Local government is short of money after years of austerity cuts. The Peak District National Park Authority has had its funding cut. Mayoral authorities now have the power to implement a visitor levy on overnight stays, although Derbyshire County Council has voted against the idea. Most of our visitors are day visitors, so wouldn't be affected by it anyway.

In Little Longstone, we are starting a residents group to record the impacts of tourism on our village and to lobby for infrastructure improvements (Castleton got red lines to deal with nuisance parking). There is a working group on Business and Tourism as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, which is doing some work on analysing the different types of visitors we get and how we could encourage the ones we want (ones that come on foot, by bike or bus, and spend money in the shop and pubs). For the ultimate in sustainable tourism, check out the Peak Wesley Way. That's on my list for one of my next adventures!

Georgina Blair

Pickleball Sessions at Baslow



Baslow Sports Field have recently received a grant from Better Derbyshire Dales to fund the painting of two pickleball courts on their multi-user games area. We are now able to offer pickleball sessions, with a trained coach, every Sunday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm.

We are aware that some villages have their own courts, but the advantage of playing at Baslow is that you don't need to find a four – you can come on your own, or with a friend, and mix in with other players. We have two courts marked up and we aim to play short 15-point games and then swap around so that you play with and against lots of different players.

Pickleball is an easy game to learn, it's great fun and, for the more experienced, it can be fast and furious.

There is plenty going on at Baslow over the summer – tennis, cricket, bowls and a handy café for those in need of refreshment. Why not come down to take a look and give pickleball a go? You will be very welcome. Pay on the day, £3 a session. Contact me on **07974 484158** for further information.

Jackie Mantell

Travelling Cats



These two cats, Ruby and Murphy, were enjoying the Morris Dancing along with their owners at Monsal Head on 31st May. They had persuaded their owners to travel from their home in Dorset to stay in Derbyshire and were having a fun time climbing the hills, but had put a request in for a larger rucksack. They told me they were inside cats, so frequently requested time outside and were amazed at how strong their owners had become as they became heavier and larger. They were only nine months old. **Ali Plowright**

Vanity, 10 Years Young



We sang Happy Birthday at church last week to Father Lionel and Jenny's contented Otterhound who enjoyed his birthday Jammie Dodger with appropriate decorum.

Look out for news about our pet service later this year, celebrating all our homeloving and farm animals and giving thanks for all their love and companionship. At harvest, we especially remember our farmers and their careful management of animals' welfare throughout the seasons.

Alison Waltho

Pet Service Ahoy!



One of Tom Cox's Charolais was very interested to hear about it as I walked up the lane about 10pm. Pepper, Anna Dutch's wee dog, who had wandered into church earlier, and was enjoying sniffing in the sunshine, knew about it because she came last year (with Anna who sang so beautifully), and she didn't particularly want her photo taken!

See the next issue of UTE for details, and please tell your two- and four-legged friends.

Alison Waltho



Young Askew Bags his First Century



While Rajasthan Royals maybe soaking up the international cricket glare regarding the exploits of their young prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, whisper it quietly, but at a more localised level here in the Peak District, similar excitement is building over the exploits of our own 16 year old, George Askew. On 20th May, against Hathersage Cricket Club, George notched up his first century (also in a T20 match), a landmark moment in any cricketer's career. This will certainly be the first of what will undoubtedly be many more to come.

Let us though set the scene on what was a red-letter day for the young Askew. Longstone won the toss and opted to bat on what was a very sticky, damp wicket. The team for the evening was a mixture of the new and the old, in some cases, very old! Dorian Askew (George's father) was back out on the pitch for Longstone for the first time in nigh on thirty years, accompanied by a former, though younger, teammate returning to the Longstone fold, Ed Green. The Dad's Army component of the team was further bolstered by Martin Pinder, making his first appearance this season as wicketkeeper, and the Chairman, still stiff from Friday's outing. But a Longstone team is always balanced by its more youthful contingent, a blend that on this evening was to prove a winning formula.

The GLCC innings did not get off as planned. Hibbs, Richards Junior and Senior, Mason and Green all found themselves quickly back in the pavilion ruminating over how better to balls that were simply not coming onto the bat. By the 9th over, Longstone had stumbled to 64 for 6, and the chat was already that there might be an early finish and the team would be home to see Villa finish off their

successful European venture. But it was at this point that the game took a dramatic turn. The skipper, Pete Street, made a valuable and well-judged 25 before retiring not out. What was notable about the innings was the use of his feet to negate the stickiness of the wicket. Elliott Street then also found himself back in the hutch, with a lesson learnt on the importance of grounding your bat properly when taking a swift run.

But this is an evening in which youth was to have its moment. Toby Street knocked-up a delightful 75 not out, which on any other day would have been the standout innings. Yet it was left to George Askew, whose timing of the ball is second to none, to put on a display of power hitting, including 12 sixes and 5 fours, ending up 101 not out. At one point, there were concerns that the match would not be completed, given the number of balls lost in the nearby river!

Hathersage, set a sizeable target of 229, were never realistically in the hunt. Wickets fell steadily as the opposition struggled to keep up with the run rate. On a ground with a small boundary on the riverside, they eked out 149 runs, but were constantly behind on run rate. Notable highlights from the fielding team included seeing Ed Green return to the fold with his bowling, Dorrian Askew proving he can still rip a ball with his wily left arm spin, Martin Pinder demonstrating the worth of effective use of pads behind the stumps, and some good catches taken by the skipper fielding out in the deep in increasingly gloomy conditions. But all this, of course, was after the Lord Mayor's show. The evening belonged to George Askew on a night that will live long in the memory.

Dave Richards

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July Farming Notes



where the sheep and lambs stand in a solution of minerals. It's designed to soak into the hooves and help them to stay healthy, as well as treating any scald, which usually comes up at this time of year and is a common problem, causing lameness and sore feet.

We should be shearing the ewes in the next few weeks, so I did some preparation for this by clipping away at dirty wool from the back end of the ewe and trimming the wool from the tail area. This helps when it comes to shearing, as the dirty wool is already removed and the benefit is that it also helps prevent fly strike. A sheep or lamb with a dirty tail is a magnet for flies. These will lay eggs, which soon hatch into maggots, and this can very quickly escalate into fly strike, where the maggots eat the flesh of the sheep. Disgusting and unpleasant! Prevention is better than cure, so by worming the livestock and keeping them clean, this does help. Shearing will also help with this.

The aim with the lambs now is to keep them growing well and thriving, by worming at intervals throughout the summer, and we also give them a mineral drench to help them as minerals are so important.


A note about the wool – I only recently learned that wool releases minerals, such as nitrogen, into soil if used around your plants in the garden. It apparently helps keep moisture in the ground, and the slugs and snails don't like it. So it sounds like using wool scraps is a great environmentally friendly way to take care of your plants!

Joanna Shimwell

It's been an exciting month – since the last time of writing, we now have five Highland calves, three heifers and two bulls, in an interesting mix of colours, which is always nice! There are three more highlands left to calve – one is due any day, and the other two will be a bit later.


The lambs are mostly four to five weeks old now, so we gathered them in yesterday for an overall health day. The last few years, we have introduced a standing foot bath





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Dear All,

We are already living in the sci-fi future we've seen in movies. Artificial Intelligence is transforming our world as much as the internet did. In June, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullaly, opened a debate in the House of Lords about AI. She pointed out that God made us creative beings, and AI and wider technologies are a remarkable product of human creativity, which have led to extraordinary discoveries and breakthroughs at speeds that we could never have imagined. Technology has connected us across the globe and opened up endless new opportunities for working, creating, learning and travelling. We now carry vast information, processing power and connectivity potential in our pockets with us every day.

But this extraordinary product of human creativity, and the power it places in our hands, also raises urgent new questions. What are the implications for our human relationships, for our connections with family and friends? How does it impact on our working lives – the existence of, or the quality of our jobs? What are the implications for warfare, for climate change, for our engagement with information and democracy? Just because we could create something or deploy technology in a certain way, does that mean we should?

The archbishop spoke of the decline in child literacy and skills in critical thinking. Of fake news, shaping opinion and presenting fiction as fact. One study found that Chatbots invent information, sometimes up to 27% of the time. There is a serious risk of a fundamental breakdown in trust across society. The real danger is not in our rising gullibility, but in our rising cynicism, that we will believe nothing. Perhaps it's not surprising that some people are turning to chatbots rather than other human beings for comfort or wisdom in moments of loneliness, loss, anxiety or pain.

It all sounds pretty hopeless but Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross offers profound hope to all humanity, in every season and circumstance. It also offers us a model for living a sacrificial lifestyle, one where with him at work in us, we can choose to sacrifice our own personal ends in service of others and begin to see his Kingdom come on earth. Within this, lies the hope for our relationships, families and societies.

Christian faith is not in a predictable future, but in a faithful God who has guided His people through the fall of empires, the chaos of plagues, and the upheaval of revolutions. Yet the church has stood the test of time, trials and upheavals. This historical resilience gives us confidence to face the age of AI not with anxiety, but with faith-filled

action. During a 16th-century plague, Martin Luther argued against fleeing, articulating a theology of service and a duty to care for one's neighbour. In the 20th century, figures like Dietrich Bonhoeffer stood against tyranny, showing a faith that compelled action even at great personal cost. This legacy reminds us that faith provides a source of strength and resilience within crises, not an escape from them.

The archbishop concluded that, above all, we must put people – our common, glorious humanity – ahead of profit, convenience or technological progress at all costs, and ensure we harness AI to serve humanity, to be an extraordinary tool in the creation of a more just, abundant and hope-filled world.

Rev Brenda Jackson

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19th July – Trinity 7

10.30am Eucharist (St Giles) (+R)
6pm Benefice Evensong (Bakewell)

26th July – Trinity 8

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July in the Garden

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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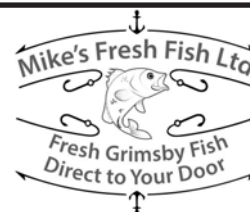


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'Pad' in Thai means fried, while 'Kra Pao' or 'Gaprao' is holy basil, so this dish is a 'holy basil stir-fry'. It's been widely considered to be the unofficial national dish of Thailand since 1957, when its popularity spread, having first appeared only

200g minced pork or chicken

4 large garlic cloves
1 red chilli

1 tbsp oyster sauce

1 tsp fish sauce

½ tsp dark soy sauce

10g hot basil leaves

25ml chicken stock

2 tbsp vegetable oil

around 1925 in restaurants run by Chinese immigrants.

Two different types of basil leaves are used in Thai cooking – Thai basil and holy basil. Both are available from the Lemon Grass Oriental Supermarket in Chesterfield. Their frozen holy basil cubes can be used if the fresh leaves are not in stock: use four in this recipe.

Don't substitute with the ordinary basil that you're familiar with from Italian recipes! The taste is quite different, and Thai basil is more stable under high or prolonged cooking conditions. It has a slightly spicy

anise- or liquorice-like flavour, while holy basil is spicier and has a clove and pepper flavour, with lemon and peppermint overtones.

Chop the basil leaves if using fresh ones, then crush the garlic cloves. Deseed and finely chop a quarter of the red chilli, cutting the rest into 1mm slices. Heat the oil in a wok over a medium heat, before adding the garlic

and chopped chilli, frying until fragrant but not crispy. Add the mince and stir-fry till cooked. Now add the oyster sauce, fish sauce, sugar, soy sauce and stock, and mix thoroughly.

Increase the heat and add the sliced chilli and chopped basil leaves. Continue stir-frying until the leaves have wilted.

If using holy basil ice cubes, fry until melted, and mix in well. Serve with jasmine rice and (optionally) fried eggs.



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8th-12th July - Wardlow Flower Festival, Wardlow Church 10.30am-4pm (page 5)
11th-12th July - Open Gardens Weekend, 11am(Sat)/1pm(Sun)-5pm (page 4) £5
11th July - LL Well Blessing, The Hollow Little Longstone 12pm
11th July - FOLS Fancy Dress Parade, Croft Road to Well 12.25pm (page 4)
11th July - GL Well Blessing, GL Green 12.30pm (page 4)
11th July - FOLS Summer Fayre, Longstone School Field 1-4pm (page 4)
11th July - Mark Black Country Music, The Monsal 6pm (page 5)
14th July - T'Owd Man Morris, Monsal Head 7.30pm (page 9)
15th July - LL History Group *Frank Parker Film Show*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 16)
16th July - Cressbrook Band, The Crispin 7pm (page 3)
18th July - LASRA Sports Day, The Rec 12-5pm (page 4)
18th July - Karlos Kollektiv Summer Gig, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 5) £12
20th July - LEAP Monthly Meditation Group, GL Village Hall, 6.45-8 pm (page 15)
26th July - Bottomless Brunch, The Canteen Monsal Head, 10am-12pm (page 7) £35
29th July - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall, 2-4pm (page 15)
30th July - Film Club *Marty Supreme*, GL Village Hall, 7.30pm (page 15) £5

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