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Local Marriage Unites the Benefice



The church bells rang throughout the village on Saturday 9th May, as Longstone's Grace Dowding and Ashford's William Brocklehurst said 'I do'. Luckily, a vicar, Rev Carl Edwards (who had recently retired to Ashford), had been found for the service, and the church, decked out for the Flower Festival, looked lovely and welcomed all Grace and Will's family and friends on this joyous occasion. As a child, Grace used to sing in St Giles' choir, as well as helping with the Flower Festival, so the combined Ashford and Longstone choir did them proud on the day. Everyone then headed to the Brocklehurst family farm for the reception – luckily the weather held out and it was an amazing day! Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Brocklehurst!

SOS – Open Gardens Appeal



Currently we have only 12 gardens, and three of these can only do one day, so 11 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday – not great considering that we had 23 last year. We have only two in Little Longstone, almost as far apart as it is possible to be. Please, please will you consider opening your garden on the weekend of 11-12th July, on Saturday

from 11am – 5pm, and Sunday 1pm – 5pm.

No garden is too big or too small, as people come for a trip out looking for plants and ideas – they do not expect perfection. If you would be happy to open, please let me know on j.glencross@btinternet.com or **07808 539464**, you will be most welcome. Thank you! **Joyce Glencross**



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 Friday 19th June - Buxton
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 Friday 17th July - Sheffield Centralians
 Sunday 19th July - SUSCC
 Thursday 23rd July - Sheffield Outlaws

Longstone Tennis Club



The Tennis Club is being started up and will take place on the new courts. Sessions will take place on Sundays 10am to 12 midday and Thursdays 6.45 pm till 8.30pm (after Pickleball). First session will be on Sunday 24th May.

If you wish to join, you can do so by joining the 'Longstone Tennis club' WhatsApp group which is now under the 'Our Longstone Community' WhatsApp Community or by emailing with your name and mobile number to info@LASRA.uk. **Roger Topham**



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June Gardening Notes



Mid-May has been really cold, but there is the promise of warmer weather, which I hope will carry on into June. A really busy time in the garden, but when everything is planted out, it will be a matter of just keeping the weeds down and picking the produce. When my potatoes reach 8" or 9" high, I earth them up to prevent light getting to the tubers, and this will encourage a greater yield. It's also a good time to give them some fertiliser. Runner beans might need tying to their supports initially, till they start twining around the sticks. Broad beans likewise will need some support to prevent any strong gusts blowing them over. I covered my onion sets this year with some netting, as the birds pulled half of them out last year, and this has worked really well. I grew carrots in a container last year and kept this elevated so the carrots were around three foot above the ground, and this prevented

carrot fly spoiling the crop. This worked a treat, so I will grow two containers this year. If we do get a hot dry spell, keep plants well-watered, especially sweetcorn, peas and beans.

The tomatoes are doing well, and once again, I have grown several varieties, including red, yellow and black, although they all taste the same as the reds. The flavour of home-grown tomatoes is unbeatable, and to get the best flavour, keep them at room temperature and not in the fridge. I have aimed for a succession of tomatoes by sowing them over a two-month period, so should get the fruit from the end of June through to October. June is the peak month for cacti flowering, and they always put on a great show over a number of weeks. I will pot on cacti that have become rootbound into a really sandy compost. The first flush of leaves on the acer trees is always a welcome sight (*see photo*). **Andy Hanna**

Apple Cake Recipe for Horticultural Show Entries to Class 31 on 22nd August

<i>Cake</i>	<i>Filling</i>	
125g butter	350g cooking apples	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 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

A Horrible History



Much has been written about the cruel conditions endured by workers at Cressbrook and Litton Mills. Both mills were built in the late 18th century and, in their heyday, were places of hideous cruelty and exploitation, where ‘apprentices’, the starving children of London orphanages, were brought in to be worked literally to death in many cases, in pursuit of fat profits for the mill owners.

When I was vicar of Wardlow, I remember being told of mill children being buried there. Kathryn Maltby confirmed these stories of unrecorded burials, perhaps even some illegal ones, by men at night. The mill owners took the young bodies to neighbouring burial grounds rather than nearest one, so that by having them spread around, it would be more difficult to see the evidence of high child mortality.

Having a degree in maths and statistics, I recently took the old Wardlow burial register and copied the entries into a computer spreadsheet for analysis. Plotting the ages at death between 1876 and the modern day, it showed what most people would expect – an improvement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with a further uplift in the post-1930s era. The record starts with an average age of 30 years, rising to 80 now. Some of this rise will be due to families moving out of the rural area to find work in towns and cities, leaving their older generation to live out their time on earth where they had their family home. The result is an ageing population, showing up in the rising average age at death.

Next, I separated out the deaths where the abode was Cressbrook, Litton, Monsal Dale, Ravensdale and Millers Dale, yet the burial was in Wardlow. The average age at death for the 14 burials in the period up to 1900 was just 5 years, compared with an average of 36 years for all the deaths from Wardlow and elsewhere. I think the gap between the two averages might well confirm those stories of poor little children sacrificed to line rich men’s pockets.

Doing this analysis and scanning the individual register entries has been fascinating, and it reminded me that the only exorcism I conducted in my time as Vicar was one connected to Cressbrook Mill, but that’s another story!

Rev Clive Thrower

A Stella Start at the White Lion!



The White Lion has seen as many managers over the last few weeks, following Buster’s hasty departure, as the country’s had Prime Ministers in as many years! Finally, some stability...

Stella Martin started on 27th April, and she’s here for the duration, or at least until Robinson’s manage to find someone to take over the lease. Stella hails from Doncaster and, as she says, has nothing to take her back there! She has run her own café in the past, so is no stranger to hard graft, and was recently rung up by her boss at Inglenook Inns, who couldn’t believe how much she had taken in one day.

Food is now available all week, and Stella is looking to add more veggie options to the menu. The hours are flexible, so if you’re a little late, Stella will happily rustle something up, as she’s someone who loves being busy!



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The Curious Case of The Disappearing Posts



Over recent months, numerous wooden posts have been removed and stolen from the grassed area as you enter the village of Rowland (*see photo*). The thefts took place in January, February and on Wednesday 13th May. Each time they have been replaced, they have eventually been stolen again!

If you have any information about why these wooden posts keep being removed and then stolen, please call 101 or send a private message to the Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page, quoting 26*280386.

Anthony Boswell
PCSO Derbyshire Dales

Oxfam Fashion Show

At 7.30pm on Friday 5th June in the Medway Centre, Bakewell, Oxfam will present a fun and unique shopping experience, in association with SOS Charity Fashion Shows, with clothes carefully selected to represent all age groups, sizes and occasions.

Local models will strut the catwalk, showcasing favourite High Street brands at a fraction of the RRP – M&S,

Dorothy Perkins, Dash, Wallis, New Look, Monsoon, Planet, Next, Asos, CC, Windsmoor, Miss Selfridge, Top Shop, Evans, Phase Eight, Oasis and River Island.

There will be refreshments and a raffle. Tickets are £5 – available from the Medway **01629 813638** or **01629 636477**, or pay at the door.

Darrell Jennings

Bakewell International Day of Dance



Bakewell's 21st International Day of Dance will be held on Saturday 28th June from 11am-4.30pm, filling the town again with music and dance from around the world. Well Heeled Appalachian Dancers continue to host this event, described as the best event ever held in the town, and which heralds the start of Bakewell Carnival Week.

This year, there will again be over 30 groups displaying dance styles from around the world at six outdoor venues from 11am to 4.30pm. They will include a group of Latvian dancers who last performed here in 2016, and *Ardantzeta Dantza Taldea*, a dance group from Pamplona. *On Broadway* will bring upbeat dances from Hollywood shows, and the fun-loving *Hopfrogs Dance School* will Rock and Roll, alongside old favourites such as *Black Pig Border Morris* and *Timberline Steve* with his precision line dancing group. Back again are *Sheffield Steel Rappers*, a young female team who will impress you with their acrobatic style and precision footwork, *Derby Tappers* and *The Silver Swans*, an adult ballet group from Matlock.

Come and watch the displays, then if you feel like it, join in and have a go, to learn a few basics of the individual dance. The outdoor venues are all free! Don't be put off if it rains, as there will be an alternative wet weather programme in Bakewell Town Hall from 12pm. You'll find more information on our Facebook page and at bakewelldayofdance.co.uk. **Darrell Jennings**

Funding for Local Projects to Protect Peak District Wildlife



**Peak District
National Park
Foundation**

Through its Community Nature Fund, the Peak District National Park Foundation is offering grants to local groups taking action to create, expand and improve spaces for nature. The Fund supports initiatives that promote biodiversity, restore habitats, and encourage community engagement.

Grants can be used to support all kinds of work that will benefit wildlife and biodiversity, but examples could include creating wildflower meadows, planting hedgerows or trees, building or restoring ponds, and installing bird or bat boxes.

Funding of up to £5,000 is available towards project costs, including the hire or purchase of tools, equipment and materials, as well as the costs of professional contractors where needed.

Parish councils, schools, CICs, CIOs, charities, community

groups and societies can apply for projects taking place within the National Park boundary. Smallholders can also apply as long as the projects are not-for-profit and can demonstrate clear benefits for biodiversity. The next deadline for applications is Friday 5th June and applicants will hear the outcome of their application by Friday 3rd July. If this is too soon, there are further deadlines on 25th September and 29th January 2027. For more information and to apply, visit peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/community-nature-fund.

The Foundation's aim is to create a National Park thriving for nature and people, protected for future generations, with more land managed for nature, more heritage and rare habitats protected. They are building a community of supporters to work with them to protect and improve the Peak District for everyone. To join the community, head to the Foundation's website. **Mike Sawkins**

Ellis John Nicholson 27 June 1938 – 16 April 2026

This eulogy was given by Ellis' nephew, Robert, at his funeral in St Giles on 12th May



If I had to choose one word to describe Ellis, it would be **character** – he truly was one of a kind. Growing up, he was a bit of a hero to me – I spent a lot of time at Lakeside, Bakewell with him and his parents, John ('Jack') and Doris, and from an early age he had a considerable influence on me, whether he realised it or not.

A few things I remember were his love of westerns, jigsaws, wrestling in the lounge and breaking the furniture. After a pint or two, he even kept a lorry tyre at the back of the garage so that if he rolled in too far, it would protect his treasured car! They were silly moments, but that was Ellis – full of life and always up for a laugh.

He showed me the value of hard work, taking pride in what you do, and just as importantly, how to enjoy life along the way. Of course, like any strong character, he had his moments. There was the famous falling out with his Dad, for instance – the 'Great Goose Incident' – when they went months without speaking after Ellis ran over the goose. Apparently, Grandad was spitting feathers! But that was Ellis, full of spirit, and never short of a story. He also had nicknames for people – 'Tosh', 'Ramsbottom' – you were never quite sure what you would be called next, but it was always said with affection. And then there was his sense of humour – he could make people laugh without even trying, and being around him always lifted your spirits.

Ellis was born in Ashford-in-the-Water, on Fennel Street, to Jack and Doris, on 27th June 1938, in the very same house where my mum, his sister, was born too, and he lived a full and long life to the age of eighty-seven. Growing up in Ashford, he participated in the village pantomimes at an early age, and there's even a photo of him dressed as a pixie!

Hard work was part of his life from the very beginning, and it stayed with him throughout. He started out as a mechanic at Toft and Tomlinson, and he was a brilliant one. He could fix just about anything – cars, lorries, caravans – you name it. Ellis took pride in doing things properly; his work ethic was something you could not help but admire. Later on, he

worked as a lorry driver, both for Grandad and Hinchcliffe's at Shining Bank Quarry, before eventually joining ICI at Tunstead Quarry, where he worked his way up to foreman. That says everything about him: he earned respect through hard work, determination, and the way he carried himself. When he retired from ICI, Ellis continued to work and help Jimmy Long in his business, which I know he thoroughly enjoyed.

Outside of work, Ellis made the most of life. He loved his holidays, especially those with friends such as Arthur Oliver and Barbara Harding. The stories from Greece, Spain and Ibiza were full of laughter, mischief and memories. Sport was also a big part of his life. He loved football and cricket, and was an exceptionally good fielder and wicketkeeper. While he could bat, he was known as a bit of a slogger, which made him even more entertaining, and possibly influenced me a little too!

It was through cricket at Ashford that he met Doreen. Apparently, he was fielding behind a tree at the time! Together, they built a life in Great Longstone, in the family home where they lived for fifty-four years. That kind of marriage is something truly special. Ellis leaves behind a loving family – their daughters, Louise and Suzanne, Suzanne's husband James (a man Ellis once thanked for taking her off his hands!), nine grandchildren – Emma, Charlotte, Megan, Abby, Daniel, Nathan, Matthew, Harry and Billy, and seven great-grandchildren – Ben, Brody, Hunter, Ronnie, James, Myla and Vienna, all of whom carry a part of him forward.

Ellis also had a great love for caravanning. His caravan was his pride and joy, and he looked after it with real care. It reflected him perfectly, always looking after things and making sure everything was exactly right. He and Doreen shared a love of the open road, travelling all over the UK, but Hunstanton always held a special place for them, alongside their friends Dot and Peter Askew.

While living in Great Longstone, Ellis developed a true passion for sea angling. It all started with conversations over a pint in the White Lion, and eventually led to him winning an award for catching the rarest species. It was particularly





brave really, considering he could not swim.

Ellis was someone who would always help others. If something was broken, he would fix it. If someone needed a hand, he would be there – usually with a bit of laughter along the way, and maybe a pint too! That really sums him up – warm, generous, hard-working, and full of humour that stayed with you. To know Ellis was to know someone who was always doing, always helping, always moving forward – with a pint and a bit of fun.

Thornhill House says Farewell to Di

We are having a Strawberry and Prosecco Tea Party at Thornhill House on Sunday 21st June from 2–3.30pm to say a fond farewell to our very special matron, Diane Duncan.

She has been with us for 16 years, and I'm sure you will agree that she has earned a well-deserved retirement. All are welcome to join us and raise a glass to wish Di all the best for her new chapter. There will be cake also!

Lucy Wright

This last year was not easy for him, because sitting still just was not his way. But we can take comfort in knowing he is now free from that struggle. We will miss him dearly – his humour, his presence, and the way he made people feel. He taught us the value of hard work, of looking after each other, and of not taking life too seriously. Uncle – your tools are down and your work here is done. You have earned your rest. On behalf of Doreen, Louise, Suzanne, and all the family, thank you all for your love and support. **Robert Watson**

Cuckoo Calling!

I was lucky enough to hear the cuckoo on Longstone Edge on 2nd May, and it reminded me of a childhood rhyme, which is:

The cuckoo comes in April
Sings its song in May
In the middle of June
It changes its tune
And July it flies away.

I wonder – will this need adapting to accommodate climate change?
Jean Gledhill

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FOLS and the Parish Council are jointly organising a scarecrow competition that will run in the two Longstone villages over Longstone Week.

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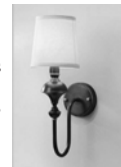
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Great Longstone Cricket Club Early Season Update



Although the weather during late April and almost all of May was definitely not classic cricket weather, Great Longstone Cricket Club both hosted and played several matches. The two clubs who lease the Rec enjoyed playing in the picturesque setting that Great Longstone effortlessly provides, and in so doing contributed substantially to LASRA funds.

The GLCC men's team endured a somewhat below par start to their season of friendly fixtures, with losses in their first bunch of games. However, plenty of promise was evident and several new recruits might indicate an upturn in coming weeks.

The two new teams which GLCC are striving to establish in 2026 are both showing good signs of taking off. The under-13 team is still recruiting players to supplement the seven or eight regular teenagers who attend, and who are showing great promise, and are most definitely enjoying themselves as they learn the basic points of the game. We anticipate that the juniors will play friendly softball games

Spam, Lovely Spam!

Unsurprisingly, the Editor's email gets none of the dubious personal offers in its Junk (or Spam) email folder one hears about, just unsolicited offers to improve UTE's website and occasional off-the-wall ones, such as Chesterfield Golf Club offering us business opportunities!

This bizarre one makes you wonder just how it ended up with us. Turkish barber shops do seem to all the rage, though – Sedgely near Wolverhampton has 30 for its population of 12,000. For the record, we do not run one on the side!

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this year, with the aspiration to possibly play hardball cricket in a league in 2027.

The shining success this year is the establishment of a women's section. From having no female members at the start of the season, we regularly have between 12 and 20 women turning up on Monday evenings for training. Wendy Hammond deserves recognition for her tremendous efforts in attracting most of the women, and thereafter training them so that they were competitive in fixtures played against Grindleford in late May, and also participating in a women's cricket festival arranged by Derbyshire Cricket Foundation. News of their success, or otherwise, will be reported in future editions of UTE.

Martin Pinder

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**



Moor Road Closure

Moor Road will be closed on Wednesday 17th June from 6-10.30pm for the annual Longstone Hill Climb cycle event.


People's Emergency Briefing – Bakewell

In November last year, leading experts set out the evidence on the climate and nature crisis in a formal briefing to an invited audience of more than 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media in Westminster. The briefing presented the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy, and did so on the public record.

This message is so important that it needs to be heard nationally, so a 50-minute film, presented by Chris Packham, has been prepared, which combines authoritative scientific content from Westminster along with reactions from the public. It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain, and what the evidence says about risks and responses. The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and is supported by a wide range of organisations including the National Trust, Church of England, Exeter University, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, National Education Union, and many more.


There have been several screenings in the Derbyshire Dales already this year and more are planned. A screening in Wirksworth at the beginning of May was standing room only, and there are upcoming screenings in Belper and Buxton (see nebriefing.org/screening-map for details). Darley Dale Community Radio had this to say about a screening at the Whitworth Centre in April – *Thanks to everyone who arranged it. I think Bakewell Climate Action have a showing soon! It's interesting and frightening at the same time. 'Isn't it just for hippies and people who have crystals and stuff though, Cas?' No it's not, it's for our kids and grandkids – try and see it at some point!*

Local readers of UTE are invited to attend our forthcoming screening of the People's Emergency Briefing in Bakewell Town Hall at 7pm on Friday 26th June. Our MP, John Whitby,



People's Emergency Briefing

Bakewell



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will be in attendance, and there will be cake. Tickets are free, but places may be limited, so please book in advance at bakewellclimateaction.org (or ask Adam the postie if you are not online). Suitable for 16 years and over - no little ones please.

Georgina Blair

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2026 Flower Festival and Well Dressing Details

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Ashford-in-the-Water's **Well Dressings** and **Flower Festival** run concurrently from **Saturday May 30 - Sunday June 7 2026**.

- **Six wells** to be dressed.
- **Flower Festival** at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, 10.30 am - 7.00 pm daily. The theme is "For All The Saints..."
- **Well Dressings in place for viewing around the village:** Saturday May 30 - Sunday June 7. **Runs concurrently with Flower Festival in Holy Trinity Church.**
- **Sheepwash Demonstration** at Sheepwash Bridge, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QF, Saturday May 30, approx. 3.00 pm.
- **Duck Race** at Sheepwash Bridge, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QF, Saturday May 30, approx. 3.30 pm.
- **Well Blessing Service and Sermon at the Old Preaching Cross** by Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby Cathedral: Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday May 31, 3.00 pm
- **Village Parade and Blessing of the Wells with Youlgreave Silver Band.** Starts at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday May 31, 3.30 pm.
- **Village Day with Matlock Band** on Hall Orchard, Court Lane, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Saturday June 6, 2.00 pm.
- **Closing Service of Thanksgiving** at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday June 7, 5.30 pm.

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Introducing 'Our Longstone Community' on WhatsApp



Following feedback from residents during the recent Village Plan engagement sessions in the Village Hall, we're pleased to launch 'Our Longstone Community' - a new WhatsApp community group designed to help better connect residents across Great and Little Longstone.

The community has already grown quickly since its launch at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29th April, and we're delighted to have already reached around 90 members. Within the community, there are currently nine subgroups, covering topics including sports and recreation, lost and found, buying and selling items, local events, and more!

The aim is to create a friendly and helpful space where residents can share local information, news and recommendations, and support one another. To help keep

the groups welcoming and useful for everyone, members are simply asked to stay respectful, keep discussions village-focused, avoid spam or political debates, and respect one another's privacy.

This is very much a community-led group, so all villagers are welcome to suggest ideas for new sub-groups or improvements. The best place to share suggestions is in the 'General & Social' group within the community.

To join, simply use your phone to scan the QR code, which will open the community in WhatsApp and allow you to join. We'd love to see even more villagers getting involved!

Alexa Masterhorn



June Local Government Update

UTE readers who follow the Great Longstone Community Facebook page will have noticed that we were recently exhorted to write to the District Councillors to protest the proposal in their Weed Management Report to resume using glyphosate as a weed killer 'in selective instances across footpaths, closed churchyards, open cemeteries, war memorials and District Council owned buildings like the leisure centres and the Town Hall.' Glyphosate is nasty stuff (see pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9101768 for a scientific review article which details its neurotoxic effects), but Monsanto and Bayer, who make and sell glyphosate-based weedkillers on a massive scale, assure us it is safe to use.

Several of us who are involved in the Little Longstone wildlife verges project wrote to protest against the proposal to resume the use of glyphosate. Our emails went to all the councillors, and we all got a positive response back from Councillor Simon Ripton, who represents Hathersage. None of us received any response from our own District Councillor for Calver and Longstone, Helen Froggatt. Ultimately, the decision of the Community and Environment Committee was not to reintroduce the use of glyphosate, in part because of the number of emails they had received from concerned residents.

The Reform administration County Council has now been in place for a year. They celebrated by having a reshuffle, and the passionate Australian and former Conservative Stephen Reed is now the Deputy Leader. It is hard to know what the County Council has achieved over the past year. Headline decisions have been disappointing: closures of adult education centres and care homes, and the proposed closure of Glossop recycling centre. At least one of those policies (the care homes) was just carrying on plans proposed by the previous Conservative administration.



No official figures on either pothole complaints received, or pothole fillings accomplished, are released, but Charlotte Hill (who started out as Cabinet Member for Potholes, Highways and Transport, and is now just Cabinet Member for Highways) recently posted a

video on Facebook which involved her pointing at a pothole and explaining at length what patching activities would happen in the next week. No follow-up video showing the filled-in pothole has yet appeared, but when it does, it will be proof of at least one accomplishment.

Part of the difficulty in knowing what the County Council has done is the lack of a well-resourced local press. The national press also leaves much to be desired - it has taken a long time for the papers to take any notice of Nigel Farage's £5 million donation from Christopher Harbourne, a British businessman now living in Thailand, who made his money from cryptocurrency transactions (no, your correspondent has no idea what that means either). At least the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner has now launched an inquiry into whether or not Farage broke Commons rules by accepting the gift and not declaring it. Harbourne has also given Reform (more properly Reform UK Party Limited) over £22 million, making up nearly two-thirds of all the funding the party has ever received.

Some rich people bankroll political parties. Others fund statement buildings. I was at a concert in Oxford over the weekend, at the newly opened Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities, which was funded by an £185 million donation from Stephen Schwarzman, an American businessman who founded the private equity firm Blackstone. The public-facing areas are lovely and it is a super concert hall, but Oxford is not short of arts venues, and apparently the faculty offices in the floors above are on the small side. £185 million could go a long way to support arts and culture in those parts of the country that have very little.

The common theme here is that very rich people rarely spend their money on things that bring the biggest benefit to society. This holds true when applied to our UK media ecosystem, which is full of examples of billionaire ownership of newspapers and social media platforms. The end result of this is that it is hard for us to know what is going on in local government, which in turn means it's hard for us to make informed choices when we vote. UTE readers are encouraged to sign this petition to Parliament - petition.parliament.uk/petitions/760061 - which is calling on the Government to ban foreign media ownership, enact a social media levy and introduce new regulatory reform.

Georgina Blair

New Volunteers Welcome



Book End on Bridge Street, Bakewell is a secondhand charity bookshop which supports the work of Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport, and is staffed seven days a week by a team of friendly volunteers.

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

DATE	EVENT INFORMATION	Charge
Sat 6 th June 10 am –12 pm	Paper Marbling This workshop will be an introduction to the art of marbling onto paper and will look at different techniques to create unique patterns.	£10 Email to book
Tues 9 th June 11.30am	Guided tour of Manchester Art Gallery <i>Email4leap@gmail.com for details</i>	£5 for the tour
Thur 18 th June 7pm- 8pm	Art Talk - Glass With Richard Foulkes, Manchester Art Gallery Guide and Jane Littlefield	£5 donation to MAG
Sat 20 th June 10 am –12 pm	Well-being Café Join us for a morning of rest and relaxation. There will be demonstrations and stalls as well as tea and cake!	Free
22 nd Jun 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 Thur 28 th May 7.30 pm	The Life of Chuck A life-affirming, genre-bending story about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz based on a story by Stephen King.	£5 On the door
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
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! Entry forms at the shop or Village Hall or scan the QR code for an online entry form.	

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Meanwhile, just around the corner, their brand new campsite, Church Lane Touring is finally open for business. Planning permission was initially refused in October 2021, despite a lot of local support, but a second application in December 2023, addressing concerns over impact on the landscape and noise disturbance, was approved in April 2024. Since then, the old scrubby hedge has been grubbed up and replanted, the dry stone wall completely rebuilt from scratch (*UTE May 2025*), a huge septic tank installed (*UTE January 2026*), and

a brand new wide access made, with excellent sight lines onto Beggarway Lane.

The site has five large hardstandings, which accommodate caravans or motor homes, each with full hookups to electricity and water. There's also a waste disposal station near the entrance. It's listed on pitchup.com and other online booking sites, and brings extra holiday capacity to the village, which in turn should bring more much-needed trade to the Village Shop, pubs and other local businesses.



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LEAP Activities Report 2025

Thanks to the dedication of our many volunteers, LEAP continues to offer a vibrant programme of activities that bring people together, support wellbeing and encourage creativity. Several of our regular groups have become well-established fixtures in the village calendar, including:

- Men's Cookery Group
- Sewing Group
- Meditation Group
- Manchester Art Gallery Talks
- Book Swap Café
- Film Club



The Men's Cookery Group, led by Annie Davey and Julia Morgans, has been particularly popular, regularly attracting around a dozen participants. Over the year, they have produced everything from lemon curd to wild garlic focaccia, and last summer they planned and hosted an impressive three-course Indian meal for forty friends and family.

Our meditation sessions are kindly run by Sophie Stephenson, a resident who donates her time and expertise to support the wellbeing of others.

The monthly Manchester Art Gallery talks, delivered by gallery guide Richard Foulkes, have continued to educate and entertain. Topics have ranged from Lowry's portraits to the process of sculpture-making. We hope to continue these



sessions and are planning a group visit to the gallery to see the artworks in person.

The monthly book swap café is extremely well attended, and we are extremely grateful to our team of amazing volunteers who run it.

Alongside our regular groups, LEAP also delivers a varied programme of one-off workshops and special events, offering residents the chance to try new skills and experiences. In 2025, these included:

- Pewter embossing
- A Gong Bath
- Wire sculpture workshop
- Natural wreath making
- Christmas craft workshop
- Two Live & Local performances
- A Health and Wellbeing session
- Apple Day



We can subsidise activities or offer them for free, by applying for and receiving grants. We are grateful to have received £850 from Little Longstone Parish Meeting and £650 from The Ralph Rider Trust for equipment for the men's cooking and sewing group. We also had funding from Derbyshire Dales Local Projects Funds.

In summary, LEAP continues to make a valued and meaningful contribution to village life. Our activities provide opportunities for people to learn, connect with others and simply enjoy themselves, helping to strengthen the sense of community that makes our village such a special place.

Julia Morgans and Jane Littlefield

LEAP Yoga and Sauna Retreat



On Sunday, LEAP ran its first Yoga and Sauna Retreat. We decided to hold it at Thornbridge Outdoors, and hired their yurt for the morning.

Sue Firth-Jones led us through an hour of gentle yoga, which was perfect in that lovely warm space. We hired a Scandibox Sauna from Dronfield, and Tom of scandiboxsaunas.co.uk

brought along a portable wood-fired sauna and plunge bath, which was great fun. We also made our own body scrubs using essential oils and other natural products. Everything was finished off with a delicious lunch.

Thanks to everyone who joined us – it was a great success, and we will definitely repeat it in the future. **Jane Littlefield**

Longstone Local History Group

At our May meeting, we welcomed a guest speaker, Margie Burnet, archivist at Haddon Hall. Helped by some fascinating photos, she described its history and 1920s restoration after two centuries of neglect. As she proudly reported, Haddon is considered to be the best-preserved medieval house in England.

Our next meeting will be one of our summer outings away

from the Village Hall. On Tuesday 16th June, we shall visit Buxton for a walking tour of the grotesques that are a feature of the town (a grotesque is a decorative carving on a building that has no functional architectural purpose), meeting at 6.30pm at the entrance to the Spring Gardens Arcade.

Peter Donaldson

Longstone CE Primary School News



Many thanks to Friends of Longstone School (FOLS) for providing new playtime equipment. The ribbons, the hoops and the frisbees have been enjoyed by all!



More recently, inspired by the Flower Festival at St Giles Church, the children in the school have created artwork of their own favourite stories.

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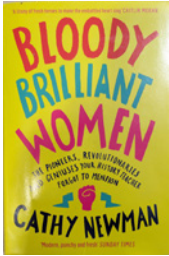
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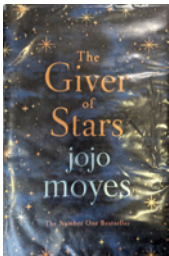
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Bakewell Library Recommends...



Bloody Brilliant Women by Cathy Newman. In this freewheeling, feminist history of modern Britain, Channel 4 journalist Cathy Newman explores the motivations of the women who played a crucial role in the dramatic transformations that took place in British women's lives from the mid-19th century onward. These were uncompromising women, who seized – or created – opportunities for themselves and who refused to be bowed by tradition, convention, or their generation's hostile, entrenched views about gender. While a few of them are now household names, many more have faded into oblivion, their personal and collective achievements mere footnotes in the history we are told.

A sharply written and engaging look at the women who pushed against the boundaries of their time. Newman showcases trailblazers who refused to conform, challenged expectations, and behaved with the same agency men took for granted. I discovered so many overlooked figures, and Newman's authoritative yet empathetic writing brings them vividly to life while exploring why history forgot them. Absolutely fascinating. **Rating 4/5**



The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. Set in Depression-era America, a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. England, late 1930s, and Alice Wright – restless, stifled – makes an impulsive decision to marry wealthy American Bennett van Cleve and leave her home and family behind. But stuffy, disapproving Baileyville, Kentucky, where her husband favours work over his wife, and is dominated by his overbearing father, is not the adventure – or the escape – that she hoped for. That is, until she meets

Margery O'Hare – daughter of a notorious felon and a troublesome woman the town wishes to forget. Margery's on a mission to spread the wonder of books and reading to the poor and lost – and she needs Alice's help. Trekking alone under big open skies, through wild mountain forests, Alice, Margery and their fellow sisters of the trail discover freedom, friendship – and a life to call their own. But when Baileyville turns against them, will their belief in one another – and the power of the written word – be enough to save them?

This historical fiction novel is a tribute to the transformative power of books and to the Kentucky Pack Horse Librarians. It is an empowering story of resilience, determination, and friendship – both gripping and deeply emotional. The novel features strong, engaging female characters who fight for what they believe in. The vividly described setting brings the landscape to life, leaving the reader longing to experience its richness firsthand. **Rating 4/5**



Normal Rules Don't Apply by Kate Atkinson. In this collection, we meet a queen who makes a bargain she cannot keep; a secretary who watches over the life she has just left; and a man whose luck changes when a horse speaks to him. Witty and wise, with subtle connections between the stories, *Normal Rules Don't Apply* is a startling and funny feast for the imagination. In Kate Atkinson's world, nothing is over until 'the talking dog speaks'.

I love Kate Atkinson's novels, so I was keen to read her book of short stories. The stories are dark and quirky, they put me in mind of Roald Dahl's *Tales of the Unexpected*—some are slightly disturbing, but all are intriguing. I particularly enjoyed the way the stories are interlinked, albeit often loosely. Although, as short stories, you could easily dip in and out of this book, I found myself wanting to read it straight through. **Rating 4/5**

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June Farming Notes

It's been a busy spell for us at Dale Farm, with the campsite season picking up pace with lambing time and some work with the Highland cattle. The days are long and the weather has been mixed - the end of April sunshine was wonderful, but it was short-lived, and now I'm still in my waterproofs and winter coat, which seems to have been needed since last September for all but for a week or two!

We had our annual TB test at the start of May, and to get ready for this, we needed to move various groups of cattle around from winter grazing positions to spring grass closer to the farm. The TB test was clear, which is a great relief, and while the vet was on the farm, we had rings put into the noses of our Highland bulls. If we want to show them in the future, it's a requirement that they have a nose ring. We would also need to halter train them, which we are perhaps going to try soon once lambing is done. The bulls look very grown up now - the process was very fast and they hardly flinched, which was reassuring. It wasn't a task I fancied

doing myself, so we left it in the capable hands of the vet.

Lambing started in early May and is still ongoing. The weather hasn't been great for our 'outdoor' lambing system, and we have had lots of triplets and some quads - also not ideal, because they tend to be smaller and weaker lambs. I tried telling the ewes 'quality is better than quantity', but a fair few didn't get the memo! We have also lost more lambs than last year. It's been a bit of a problematic one in some ways - shearlings (sheep that have only been shorn once) lambing for the first time can be fussy mothers, and these have also needed more help to birth the lambs. However, focusing on the positives, there are plenty of lovely lambs skipping around the fields now on a sunny day. But on a nasty weather day (and there have been a few in the last two weeks), they are sheltering and cowering under the walls. My hope is things will get warmer and sunnier soon, as it's nearly June and doesn't feel like it at all!

Joanna Shimwell



Marmalade Gold!

Angela Robinson has done it again! She is one of the winners at the 2026 Dalemain World Marmalade Awards (see UTE June 2023), and received her award at the Marmalade Festival in Penrith on 25th April.

This time, she won the *Marvellous Makers of Marmalade* category, which is only open to those who have already won a category in the past - Angela had previously won the *Dark and Chunky* category twice, as reported in *UTE August 2021* and *UTE June 2022*. In other words, she was competing against the very best.

Angela's winning marmalade this year was 'Seville and Sour Cherry Jelly Marmalade', with the cherries coming from a tree in the White Lion car park. Sadly, she only made two jars, so you won't be able to grab a jar from the chair outside her garden.

Angela has been competing since 2020, and has not yet given up hope of one day winning *Best in Show!*



2026 Flower Festival



Judy Dilks' pièce de résistance – The Great Gatsby

The theme of this year's Flower Festival, organised by Pamela Wales, was *The Beauty of Books*, with each flower arranger choosing their own book (or series of books, in the case of Ann Cleeves' *Shetland* books, which most people will be familiar with from the BBC TV adaptation). The splendid displays covered a wide set of genres, allowing the imagination to run riot. There were dark elements in two Agatha Christie murders (spot the revolver in *Death on the Nile*) and Daphne du Maurier's Gothic classic *Rebecca*, and the sheer ebullience of the Roaring Twenties in Scott Fitzgerald's *Great Gatsby*, brilliantly brought to life by Judy

Dilks, complete with ostrich feathers. The Tread Softly Walking Group, led by Alison Waltho, excelled themselves with two completely different displays, the first time they have taken part in the festival.

This year, the tea, coffee and cakes, organised by June Fawcett, were held in the church rather than the Village Hall, so as not to disturb the many activities going on there. A goodly spread was always on offer, including gluten-free options, with Angela Thornhill's coffee almond cake and lemon drizzle proving as popular as ever, along with delicious Victoria sponges, chocolate cakes and brownies.



Death on the Nile – Su Woollen



Rebecca – Liz Bee



Animal Farm – Barbara Birley



Chocolat – Fiona Dowding



The Shetland Novels – Liz Bee



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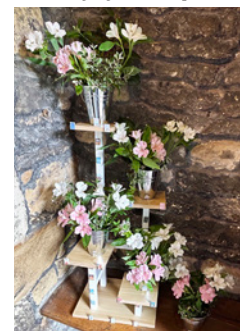
The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse – Tread Softly Group



Book of Genesis – Tread Softly Walking Group



Around the World in 80 Days – Joyce Glencross



Entrance display



Remember When – Christine Shimwell



Cakes and Bakes – Pamela Wales and Jennifer Rowson

St Giles has a New Lay Reader – Congratulations, Alison!



Alison about to lead her first service in St Giles

Congratulations to Alison Waltho on becoming a Reader in the Church of England, joining David Beale at St Giles. Alison, along with eight other Lay Readers, was licensed by Bishop Malcolm in a special service at Derby Cathedral on 18th April, and took her first service the following Sunday, 26th April, in St Giles.

Readers in the Church of England play an important role in the public ministry of the Church. There are currently around 150 Readers who are licenced and with Permission to Officiate in the diocese of Derby.

Reader ministry is voluntary, but every Reader must first follow an intensive course of nationally accredited theological training. The training in Derby diocese is mainly delivered through online teaching and group discussion over a period of three years, and in addition there are three days a year when trainees to meet together in person. But there is much more to becoming a Reader than passing exams! Most important of all is sensing a personal calling by God, a calling that is recognised by by others and affirmed by the Bishop.

Readers were first used in the 19th Century, when there was a massive increase in the population of England. In response, the Victorians built lots of churches, but then had




Newly licensed, Alison with Malcolm McNaughton (Bishop of Repton), David Beale, and supporting priest Brenda Jackson

to work out how to respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people who flocked to them, as well as their expectations for well-led services. Part of the answer was to license a group of lay people to work with the clergy.

They were called 'Readers' because one of their more obvious jobs was to read out loud Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, so that congregations could join in. Readers lead worship, teach, preach and encourage people in their everyday faith as well as sharing God's love and message of hope to those who may not yet know it. Some Readers are involved in chaplaincy in schools, prisons, workplaces and hospitals, while others are involved in community development or pioneering new ways of reaching out to those on the fringes. Some of you will have already been blessed by the walks Alison has organised, and by the many ways she has been involved in village and church life.

Whilst Alison is based mainly at St Giles, her gifts will be available to, and valued by, all the churches that make up our benefice. We give thanks for all that she brings and wish her every blessing in her ministry.


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Pilgrimage and Prayer

We may often think of pilgrimage as an epic, exhausting trek to an ancient, faraway shrine. Maybe a challenging, solo prayerful journey of reflection. Recent TV programmes, including those by Simon Reeve, much like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales of 1400, have offered a broader perspective. I recently listened to the experiences of a Franciscan monk who had walked some of the long pilgrimage routes. He described many motivators recounted by fellow pilgrims, including intentionally finding time to reflect and listen to God, exploration and adventure, meeting new friends, pondering life worries, seeking fun and excitement, and to escape! For most people, maybe many of these elements ring true.

Yet pilgrimage might simply be described as prayer in motion, and a spiritual practice that can be embedded in everyday life. Whether we are walking across breathtaking scenery, or just meandering round our own local allotment or churchyard, stepping out of our daily routines invites us to encounter ourselves and something outside ourselves, beyond our control in a fresh and transformative way.

Ending a recent pilgrimage at Canterbury Cathedral, Torrin, the recently appointed Pilgrimage Officer, surprised us with a hugely warm welcome, guided us to tea and cake and then invited us to join his weekly, primarily silent, mini-pilgrimage around the outside of the cathedral. At certain points, he shared a prayer of thanks or reflection, prompted by the ancient architecture, artefacts and gardens that we passed along route.

Many of us find prayer difficult in the busyness of everyday life. We sit in the quiet, our distracted minds attracted by social media, 'to do' lists, and nagging worries. An attraction

for me of pilgrimage is the simple, steady repetition of our feet treading the ground beneath, anchoring us in the now, prompting us to notice the many blessings and wonders of our natural world, making space. The act of walking simplifies focus. The rhythm of steps becomes a quiet, steady heartbeat of prayer, resourcing our journey in life.

'Prayer is the turning of our whole mind, our whole being towards God' (Father Gilbert Shaw in *Celtic Daily Prayer Book One: The Journey Begins*).

When we undertake an intentional, prayerful walk – whether a multi-day hike or an afternoon stroll across our local fields and trails – we are willingly embracing the unpredictability of the road. We can't control the steep hills, the sudden rain, or aching limbs. In moments of discomfort, even vulnerability, or perhaps great beauty, and in the company of others, such as on our recent sunrise walk up Longstone Edge, or the hospitality and creativity of our flower festival at church, we are maybe reminded of our own smallness, our reliance on others and a greater love connecting us. The unpredictability of the journey and process strip away our self-reliance. We are forced to surrender our need for control and instead, learn to listen, and make room for those we travel with, and ultimately for God.

So, you do not need hiking boots, nor adventurous movement to be prayerful. Throughout Christian history, the Desert Fathers and Mothers taught that the deepest inner spiritual journeys can be achieved by staying completely still. Thomas Keating, in his book *Intimacy with God*, describes an inner movement towards a sense of union with love. We can make a pilgrimage out of our morning commute, our daily dog walk, baking a cake, watering our garden or just by slowing down our everyday

activities and treating each moment as a sacred step. By intentionally paying attention to the world around us – the birds, the changing seasons, the beauty of creation – we are invited to offer prayers of awe and gratitude.

Over the coming month, perhaps take a moment to pause, step out, and pray. Whether you are wandering through the beautiful, rolling countryside around Bakewell or sitting quietly in the pub, whether a person of faith or none, let every step, every moment be an intentional offering. Open yourself to the possibility of a deeper way, resting in a loving God alongside you.

Postscript: a friend pointed out to me that, on the day I was writing this article, it was 'National Pub Day' to encourage footfall. We are lucky enough to have five pubs, one church and three chapels, I think, across our local villages. Maybe we need to encourage footfall across all nine establishments. I don't think Chaucer and his crew would have had a problem with that!

Alison Waltho



Jon hot-footing his way toward The Flying Horse for our overnight stay en route to Canterbury.

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Services in June

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7th June – Trinity 1

9am Eucharist (Wardlow)
10.30am Eucharist (St Giles)
6pm Benefice Evensong (St Giles)

14th June – Trinity 2

9.30am Sung Eucharist (St Giles) (+A)

21st June – Trinity 3

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

28th June – Trinity 4

9am Morning Worship (Wardlow)
10.30am Morning Worship (St Giles)

*From July, Evensong at St Giles will be
on the second Sunday of the month*

June in the Garden

Lawns: Apply lawn fertiliser and continue regular mowing, apply fungicides for disease control and weed killing.

Roses: Spray with Roseclear or similar product to control pests and diseases.

Herbaceous plants: Control weeds by hoeing between plants, stake tall plants such as delphiniums and water newly planted beds.

Dahlias: Plant out young plants when danger of frost has passed, stake and label each plant.

Chrysanthemums: Plant out flowering varieties in garden, also pom-poms. Scatter slug bait.

Sweet peas: Hoe around plants, mulch in dry weather. Tie in cordons as they grow.

Flowers from seed: Make sowings of hardy and half hardy annuals when risk of frost has passed. Sow hardy biennials in drills in nursery bed.

Trees and shrubs: Plant out shrubs that are tender when young (fuchsia, arbutus, choisys and hydrangeas) and keep watered until well established. Cut off dead flowers and thin out shoots that are weak from shrubs that have finished flowering. Remove dead wood and thin shoots from forsythias to keep in shape.

Fruit: Control pests when seen. Feed and water all fruit when fruit is swelling. Tie up new shoots on blackberries and loganberries. Control weeds around trees and bushes in the cultivated ground. Protect strawberry fruit with straw and scatter slug bait.

Vegetables: Cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Prepare site for sowing marrows. Make sowings of summer spinach, salad crops, beetroot and French beans.

General tasks: Spray roses, fruit bushes and broad beans weekly against aphids and caterpillars. Apply liquid feeds or dress with fast-acting fertiliser and water in.



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Larb Gai (Thai Chicken Meat Salad)

The last two editions of UTE have featured dishes from central and southern Thailand. Larb comes from the north of the country, and originates from neighbouring Laos. *Gai* is chicken in Thai, and this truly moreish dish works equally well with *Moo* (pork). Yes, in Thailand 'the pigs in the pen' really do 'go Moo, Moo, Moo!' Cows, on the other hand, go 'Wua, wua, wua', so beef is *Nue Wua* or just *Nue* (meat) for short.

- 2 tbsp white rice
- 250g chicken mince
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 shallot
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp chilli flakes
- 1 tbsp chopped coriander leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped mint leaves
- 1 spring onion
- 1 Baby Gem lettuce

First, toast the dry rice grains in a small frying pan over a medium heat until they are a dark orange brown, stirring to avoid burning. This will take about 15 minutes or so. Then, grind the rice in a spice grinder or pestle and mortar to a coarse, slightly gritty, powder.

Finely chop the shallot and cook with the mince in the water for 3-5 minutes until cooked and the water evaporated, breaking up any lumps as you go, and take the pan off the heat. Finely chop the spring onion and the fresh herbs, and add with the fish sauce and lime juice. Finally, add the toasted rice and chilli flakes, mixing well.

Tear the leaves off from the lettuce, put 1 tablespoon of the mixture in each leaf, and arrange decoratively for serving as canapés, or pour evenly over a bed of lettuce leaves, if serving as a salad.

Enjoy – you won't have any leftovers!



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Tuesdays - Art Group, GL Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm
Wednesdays - Walk on the Mild Side, St Giles' Lychgate 10am (page 19)
Thursdays - Knit, Stitch and Natter, GL Village Hall 1.30-3.30pm
Fridays - Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50
5th June - Oxfam Fashion Show, Medway Centre, Bakewell, 7.30pm (page 5) £5
6th June - LEAP Paper Marbling, GL Village Hall 10am-12 (page 12) £10
15th June - LL History Group Buxton Walking Tour, Spring Gardens 6.30pm (page 15)
17th June - Longstone Hill Climb Cycle Event, Moor Road 6.30-10pm (page 9)
18th June - LEAP Art Talk on Glass, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 12) £5
20th June - LEAP Wellbeing Café, GL Village Hall, 10am-12 (page 12)
21st June - Thornhill House Tea Party, Thornhill House, 2-3.30pm (page 7)
22nd June - LEAP Monthly Meditation Group, GL Village Hall, 6.45-8 pm (page 12)
24th June - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall, 2-4pm (page 12)
25th June - Film Club *Song Sung Blue*, GL Village Hall, 7.30pm (page 12) £5
25th June - Peak Performance Musical Evening, Hassop Hall, 7.30pm (page 10)
26th June - People's Emergency Briefing, Bakewell Town Hall, 7pm (page 10)
28th June - Bakewell International Day of Dance, Bakewell 11am-4.30pm (page 5)
2nd July - UTE AGM, White Lion 7.30pm (page 5)

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