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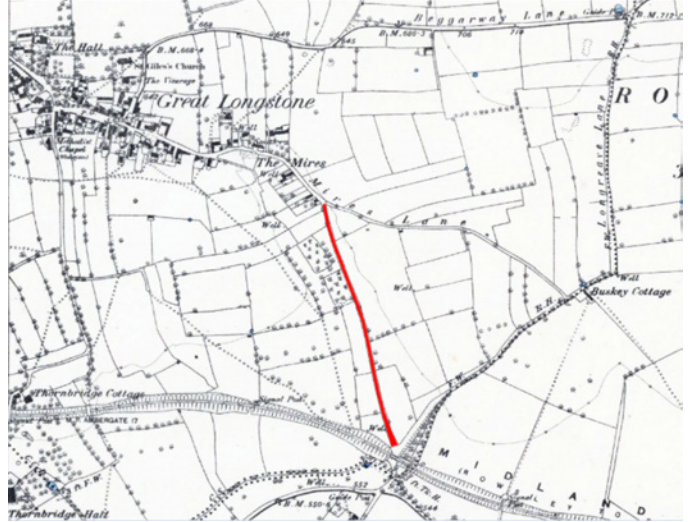
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How Old can New be *and* When is a Skew Not Askew?



Ordnance survey maps of Great Longstone from 1840 and 1876 - New Road shown in red

Those of you who read UTE cover to cover each month will have noticed a reference to 'New Road' in the Parish Notes (*UTE July 2024*). Most of you will probably have been unaware of this name for the main road into the village from the A6020 Ashford road, and just assumed it was the continuation of either Main Street or The Mires.

As you can see from the 1840 Ordnance Survey map, the only route from the Ashford Road to Great Longstone was up Longreave Lane to Buskey Cottage and then left down Mires Lane to the end of The Mires. It was not until 1859 that a proposal was made to construct a new road on land donated by The Duke of Devonshire and Mr Wright, to shorten the distance from the village from 1252 to 700 yards (1144 to 640 metres), at an estimated cost of £265. It does show a certain failure of imagination that 165 years later it is still known as 'new', though it is not alone in this. There are many New Inns dotted around the country – that in Gloucester dating as far back as 1450 – and they often only acknowledge their age as an 'Old Inn' when converted to a private house. In Bourton-in-the-Water, meanwhile, the Old New Inn clearly tries to be all things to all men!

So, what about the railway bridge that goes over Longreave Lane? In recent years, Parish Council minutes concerned

with drainage problems have referred to it as 'Skew Bridge'. Approaching it from the village along New Road, it certainly seems at a pronounced angle to the road. But if you approach from the Ashford road, it is clear that it is perfectly aligned with Longreave Lane, the old main road. The railway through Longstone was authorised by the Midland Railway (Rowsley and Buxton) Act of Parliament in 1860.

According to Robert Thornhill's Longstone Notes published after his death in 1973, "*I have known it as the New Road Arch but have no idea when or how that originated. Other names have been Longstone Hall Bridge, Longstone Hole Bridge and for a time after the road sign was put up, as the Low Bridge. There was no reason, so far as I know at the time, why it should be connected with Longstone Hall and the name Longstone Hole was certainly puzzling until about a year ago. At that time, I was examining an Ashford parish map giving field names and noticed that one in the corner of Thornbridge Park, near to the bridge, was called Longstone Hole.*"

According to Ian Cox, Skew Bridge was the next bridge along the A6020 towards the Hassop roundabout (in the parish of Rowland), which makes sense when you look at the photos below. He also remembered mishearing 'Longstone Hole Bridge' as 'Longstone Old Bridge' when young!



Longstone Hole Bridge



Skew Bridge

Rooted in Memory, Growing in Hope

Dear Friends,

November is a month that invites us to pause. In our villages, the turning leaves and lengthening nights seem to nudge us towards reflection. The fields lie quiet after harvest. The colours deepen. There's a hush in the air. And in our churches, we prepare to mark the great season of remembering.

At All Saints and Remembrance, we gather with communities across the land to honour those who gave their lives in war—many of them from our own small villages and families. The familiar words of Laurence Binyon's poem ring out again: 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.' In these moments, we're reminded how the past lives on not just in history books, but in our hearts and habits – in the names on our war memorials, the stories we tell, the silences we keep.

But Christian remembrance is never just looking back with sorrow. It is also looking forward in hope. In the Christian tradition, memory and hope

walk hand in hand. The God we meet in Scripture is the one who remembers His people – and calls us to remember who we are. Jesus himself, on the night before he died, broke bread and said, 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

Not as a private nostalgia, but as a sign of God's enduring love and promise. In every Eucharist, in every act of kindness, we remember him – bring him present among us – again. In the countryside, perhaps more than anywhere, memory is embedded in the landscape. We walk lanes trodden by generations before us. We tend fields farmed for centuries. We worship in churches that have stood through plague, war, peace, and pandemic. And yet we don't live in a museum. Rural communities are living communities. Our faith, like our villages, must adapt, grow, and carry memory forward with imagination and grace.

Remembrance, then, is not simply about loss. It's about gratitude. And it's about resolve: to honour the legacy of those who went before us by how we

live now. The prophet Micah famously asks, 'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?' These are not abstract ideas – they're the daily choices we make. The way we treat each other. The way we welcome the stranger. The way we care for creation. Even in the quiet rhythm of rural life, our choices ripple outward. When we plant kindness, we harvest peace. When we remember well, we become bearers of hope. And when we walk humbly, we're doing our best to follow Jesus – in small ways that can make a big difference.

So this November, let us be people of memory and people of hope. Let us hold the past not as a burden, but as a blessing. And let us look to the future not with fear, but with faith. As the old Scottish saying goes: 'They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind.' May we remember well. And live well.

With blessings,

David Harding,

Holy Trinity, Ashford-in-the-Water

Rope-Making in Edale and a Shoestring Forager Manual!



This autumn I'm running a series of Rope-Making Workshops at the Village Hall in Edale, and I hope this may be of interest to residents of other villages elsewhere in the Peak District. I warmly invite you to come to the last workshop this year on Sunday 23rd November. I am a rope-maker and environmental artist based in Hope Valley. You may have seen me at the Edale Country Day doing rope-making demonstrations or elsewhere participating in various creative community projects locally, including the Coat of Hopes last year.

I hope to continue offering monthly workshops in 2026 if there is enough interest in keeping an endangered heritage craft alive – rope-making and knot work. Even if you are unable to come this autumn, it would be good to know if you are interested in attending next year.

I would also like to share with you about an upcoming Kickstarter Crowdfunder campaign I'm running in November in order to work on a small publication I call the Shoestring Forager Manual – a step-by-step guide on how to find and process foraged fibres and make them into strong cords. A journey from plants to shoelaces, described and illustrated on two pages of a single sheet of paper, printed double-sided and folded into a small 8-page pocket-sized booklet.

This will be an educational resource – teaching wild foraging, rope-making and knot-tying skills to many, whilst playfully stimulating our ecological imagination using a familiar mundane object. It draws attention to cycles of production and waste, whilst celebrating making by hand with regenerative potential.

To support this project or find out more, please go to kickstarter.com/projects/walkinglantern/shoestring-forager-manual.
Hanna Varga

Last Rope Making & Knot Tying

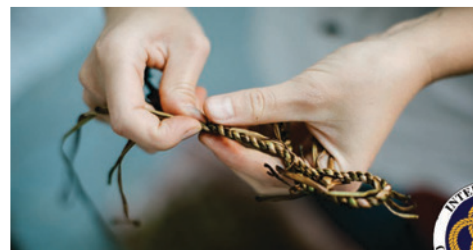
Workshop this Autumn - Sunday 23 Nov

Village Hall
Edale, Hope Valley
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There are morning & afternoon sessions. 9-12pm for families and 2-5pm for curious adults.



An exciting opportunity to learn a new craft skill in a small using natural fibres, lead by local artist Hanna Varga. We will talk about and explore the history of rope making, learn about local connections and tie some fancy knots.



to book your place, please email Hanna at hanna@walkinglantern.com



URGENT - Fresh Blood Needed!



At UTE's recent AGM, Richard Carter, our Treasurer, announced that he was going to have to step down, as unfortunately, and very sadly, he is having to leave the area with his wife Sue. We are very grateful for the sterling work he has done over the last six years – his mulled wine will be particularly missed! The treasurer's job is not particularly onerous or time-

consuming – to find out more, email editor@undertheedge.net, or contact Richard on **07900 980967**. You do not have to be a financial wizard – our accounting is mainly done on an income and expenditure basis, though a familiarity with spreadsheets and online banking would help. If you know of anyone who has recently retired or is looking for something new, please pass the word on!

Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 7th October. We had over 80 people attending and contributing to the process, which was massively encouraging for the Steering Committee who organised the event and presented the information.

For those who missed the event, each of the workstream leads presented a short summary of the content of their workstream and then hosted questions. As a reminder, the workstreams within the plan are,

- Business and Tourism
- Housing
- Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy
- Land Management and Nature Recovery
- Transport
- Creating Community

The slides used for the presentation are on the Parish Council website greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk.

We held another Steering Committee Meeting on 13th October and discussed the outcome from the meeting on the 7th, building in comments received from you all on 7th October.

The next steps in the Neighbourhood Plan involve consultation across the range of issues identified. In order to manage this sensibly and not overload everyone with meetings and surveys, it is our intention to balance these out over the next few months.

One next step will be to issue a general questionnaire covering the main topics, which will help us focus on specific areas of interest. This should be issued towards the end of November/early December.

In addition, a housing survey will take place from 10th November to 11th December. There is an article (*below*) in UTE covering this and all parishioners are urged to respond to the survey. We should have the results of this in January, so the Housing Workstream will hold a village meeting in February/March to discuss the outcome and take opinion.

The Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy Workstream hope to bring in Marches Energy Agency at the November Book Swap Cafe. Marches provide free and impartial advice in relation to...

- Keeping warm and well at home.
- Energy bills, tariffs & suppliers.
- Insulation and heating grants.
- Energy efficiency measures.
- Health and cold homes.

Also, with the help of U3A, we will have the use of a Thermal Imaging Camera to help householders identify areas of poor insulation within their homes.

Some of the Workstream leads will be holding sessions with those who have already expressed interest to further develop their strategies and prepare for further questionnaires and Village Meetings.

As always, this process relies on you to express your opinions and thoughts. If you wish to contact us with regard to joining a workstream or to leave suggestions, then please email villageplan@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk. It is going to be a busy few months so please help us by feeding back.

Cllr Andy Douglass, GLPC

Housing Needs Survey for the Longstone Area

Including the parishes of Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Hassop, Rowland and Wardlow



LONGSTONE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

High property prices, expensive private rents and a shortage of suitable, affordable housing can make it a real challenge for people on more modest incomes to live in the Peak District National Park. For young people interested in setting up a home for the first time, older people who need to downsize, or families struggling in high-cost rented homes, the lack of affordable housing can force them to move away from their families and where they have lived most of their lives.

To address this issue, the District Council's corporate priorities include enabling new affordable homes for local people where they are needed. In working with parishes in the Longstone area and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee, we have identified growing concerns that there is an unmet housing need that should be addressed.

Before any options can be considered, we're calling on the community to help us identify the type of affordable housing required to meet the need. If you feel your housing

is unsuitable, you wish to move in the next 5 years, and feel you have a local connection to the parishes above, please tell us about your housing issues through this survey form. The survey also provides the opportunity to express your view on the provision of new affordable housing in this area even if you do not feel you are in housing need.

Residents can answer the Housing Needs Survey via a questionnaire which can be accessed online at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/LongstoneHNS

We also encourage anyone with a local connection to any of these parishes but living elsewhere to complete the survey.

If a level of housing need can be evidenced via the survey, the District Council, in collaboration with partners and local communities, can help to enable the development of new affordable housing for local people.

The survey will open on 11th November and the deadline for completing the survey is 14th December.

If you have any queries, or need a hard copy of the survey, please contact Emma Holt, the District Council's Housing Needs and Research Officer, on **01629 761252** or at emma.holt@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. **Emma Holt**

A Popular Programme From Leading Chamber Ensemble



Former BBC New Generation Artists the Galliard Wind Ensemble will be performing what is bound to be a popular programme in Peak Music's afternoon concert at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor, on Sunday 23rd November. Music from the likes of Rossini, Mozart, Ravel and Holst will be sure to delight Society members and non-members alike. Tickets are available at £25 (£5 for anyone in full-time education) via the society's website www.peakmusicsociety.org.uk. Tickets are also available by calling **07989 637964**.

The Galliard Ensemble is now in its 30th year and has

performed at the Wigmore Hall, the BBC Proms and at venues throughout the world. They are passionate about bringing music to diverse audiences and also carry out a wide range of educational work. They are known as distinctive and entertaining performers and have also won great acclaim for their various recordings.

They are certain to provide a suitably joyous finale to the first half of Peak Music's season, which continues in the New Year.

Maurice Unwin



November Gardening Notes

Storm Amy provided a good amount of rain, but apart from that, we have not seen a great amount of rainfall. However, the ground is still warm and is neither rock-hard or sticky mud, so ideal for removing weeds and forking over. Dandelions are not easy to get rid of, as the slightest bit of root left in the ground will regrow, but I did manage to get out some with all the roots as well. I am also applying a good amount of spent compost to improve the soil structure. I did bag up some leaves last autumn so I must check if I have some leaf compost. I will be placing my seed order shortly and have decided to grow some flowers as well as the vegetables and fruit. Now that we have been given the go ahead to use the allotments again (providing we sign our agreement to accepting the risks), it was good to see a couple of allotment holders return after a summer absence. Some will not return but there is a waiting list.

We are getting some good autumn colours with the acer trees (*see photo*). I am still busy in the borders trimming back shrubs and trees and keeping things tidy. I have some large flowering lilies in the greenhouse about to flower, which I bought at a flower show in August. They normally are planted in early summer to flower in July and August but these look like they are going to put on a show despite the late planting. All the tender plants are now tucked away in the greenhouse for the winter although to date we have not had any really cold weather. I have planted up containers with tulips and daffodils but it is not too late to get some more in the ground. Although I am not watering succulents and cacti, I keep an eye on the other plants to make sure they don't get too dry. If you are considering planting trees or shrubs, now is a good time to do so whilst there is still some warmth in the ground.

Andy Hanna





Last month, we celebrated our 101st birthday with a celebration cheese and wine supper, where lots of laughter and catching up was had by all. We had a hilarious game of Beetle Drive and where the same table won each game, not that we were counting!! Thanks to our wonderful committee for providing the supper.



Our meeting next month is on 5th November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, when we are welcoming one of our own members, Anne Spring, to tell us about her life in Spain. Mystery Parcel is by Di Watson and the competition a Spanish item. All welcome. **Sue Carter**

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Keith and Eileen Adamson

The Friends of Little Longstone Chapel would like to express thanks to you both, for all you did to promote and care for the ongoing running of the Chapel.

We sincerely appreciate the dedication you showed over the years.

Thank you again for your support.

Maureen Child

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Great Longstone Harvest Thanksgiving

We wanted to say thank you to all who came to take part in our Harvest Thanksgiving, bringing themselves, their children, friends and pets. **Thank You!**

We live in a beautiful managed landscape, where we are privileged to live alongside the farmers who work hard to provide our food. We also experience at close hand the many beautiful, fragile gifts of the natural world, and reflect on the urgency to protect them. Cherishing all God's good gifts to us, especially too in one another, we gave thanks for the work of so many toward the building up of the life of the church in our community, The Body of Christ.

We celebrated with an informal service of thanks and praise followed by a shared lunch in the Village Hall where we exchanged stories and fellowship. A huge thank you to those who planned, designed and printed our posters and service sheets, cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully, delighted us with music and song, to Heather

Shirt for baking the amazing harvest loaf in the form of a wheatsheaf (complete with a long-tailed mouse!), and to those who ordered supplies, rang the bells, wound the clock, cooked quiche and tasty treats, made salads, baked bread and puddings, set tables, served, washed up and most importantly came to share in giving thanks.

Thank you to our mum and babe, Claire and George, and all loving pet owners, and to our three speakers. Lynn Burns of Tideswell Village View Farm spoke of how her mixture of chickens, ducks, sheep, pony and pig are very calming for those with autism and mental health problems. Frank Hammond, our Churchwarden, spoke of the duties of his role, being responsible for the church fabric, keeping order in church, and fielding alarm calls in the middle of the night. During the vacancy, he and Richard Carter have also had to deal with weddings, funerals and arranging services, for which Richard now plays the music on his iPad



(not always with the right number of verses in the hymns!). Simon Headington, Parish Clerk, spoke of how shocked he was to come to his first Parish Meeting, thirty years ago, to find he was the only person present apart from the councillors, having come from Tanzania where there was 100% attendance at village meetings, where there would be lively debates and flip charts around the wells. At the end of these meetings, every villager voted, with health, education and water always important matters to decide on. He noted that between the 2011 and 2021 censuses, the number of residents over 85 doubled from 26 to 52. Anna Dutch (supported by her four-legged friend Pepper), our beautiful singer, gave a haunting rendition of the Irish

blessing to close the service.

Thanks of course also to Father Lionel, his wife Jenny, their Otterhound Vanity and their friends. He commented that the churchwardens' staves (one headed with a crown, the other a mitre) were originally cudgels to keep order. As a result of a 14th-century incident in Exeter Cathedral, where a butcher took exception to the then bishop, to this day, the bishop asks loudly 'Are there any contumacious people without?' before he comes out with the choir to process up the nave.

I hope we can do it all again next year, with ever more of us and our pets, and enjoy ever more time to chat and rest in the company of God and each other.

Alison Waltho



'Tis the Season to be Thankful – Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la!

Ashford-in-the-Water, like Wardlow, celebrate their Harvest with a Pie and Pea supper in the War Memorial Institute. This year, it was on 18th October, with 65 people sitting down at 12 tables to enjoy the feast.

Last year, Linda Foster was worried she would not have enough peas when someone turned up at the last minute, but this year, there were no such worries. A choice of garden or mushy peas accompanied red cabbage and a very tasty steak pie from Stanedge Grange Butchery in Newhaven, cooked by a lady who used to do Critchlow's pies back in the day. This

was followed by a choice of lemon cheesecake or trillionaire's (there's inflation for you!) shortbread.

The popular quiz posed a few tough questions, with the two bell ringers' tables coming first and second with 45 out of 51 correct, requiring a tie-breaker (how long is the M6?) to decide who got the Ferrero Rocher, and who the Terry's Chocolate Orange. John and Linda Foster, and John and Sarah Winkworth-Smith manned the kitchen, with two others, in their usual efficient fashion. Thanks to all for an enjoyable evening!



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Packhorse Inn December Menu

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Parsnip and apple soup, crusty bread £8
Smoked haddock Kedgeree & soft boiled egg £9
Guinea fowl terrine, celeriac remoulade & seasonal chutney, crostini £8.50
Creamy goats cheese & cranberry arancini, port and orange glaze £8.50
Smoked mackerel and horseradish paté, crispy capers with crostini £9

Mains

Porchetta with bubble and squeak and braised red cabbage, gravy £24
Venison burger, chorizo jam, cheddar, chips and pickles £19
Confit duck leg, sweet potato puree, juniper braised cabbage & pink peppercorn sauce £22
Roast turkey crown with all the trimmings £20
Braised beef cheek, horseradish mash and roast root veg £24
Pan fried haddock, parsnip puree, smoked pancetta, & parsley cream £22
Dry rubbed Venison haunch, tartiflette with sweet and sour onions £24
Parsnip, chestnut & cranberry terrine, with all the trimmings £19
Sausage & mash with juniper braised red cabbage, onion gravy £18
Marinated bavette, tenderstem broccoli, house chips and Diane sauce £25

Sides

House Fries £3.75 Santa's Xmas fries £5 Buttered Mash £3.75
Seasonal Veg £4 Stuffing ball £1 Pigs in blankets £5

Desserts

Sticky ginger pudding with fennel infused butterscotch sauce £8
Homemade Bakewell pudding £8
White chocolate and cranberry parfait £8
Mulled poached pear with vegan vanilla ice cream £8
Coldeaton Ice Cream and Sorbet selection £2 a scoop
Packhorse cheese selection £13

Service of Light for All Souls' Day

A Service of Light will be held in St Giles at 4pm on Sunday 2nd November. It is an element within the broader observance of All Souls' Day, a Christian commemoration of the departed held on 2nd November. During the service, a central feature is the lighting of candles to symbolise Christ's resurrection overcoming death and to remember and pray for loved ones who have died. This spiritual act provides comfort and hope, fostering a connection between the living and the dead and reinforcing the belief in eternal life.

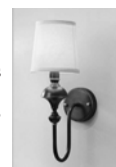
The service has three key themes:

- **Remembrance:** The service is a way to remember and honour deceased loved ones, whether they died recently or long ago.
- **Spiritual Reflection:** It provides a time for spiritual reflection and a deeper connection with the souls of the departed.
- **Hope and Comfort:** The lighting of candles serves as a reminder of God's unending love and the hope of eternal life, offering comfort to those who are grieving.
- This service is open to all and we shall be remembering your loved ones so please add their names to our prayer list found in Church.

Frank Hammond, Church Warden

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R.I.P. Janet Finney

Janet died on 9th October in Thornhill House, aged 93. She had lived in Great Longstone for 78 years, and was landlady of The Crispin Inn for 30 of these (*UTE October 2020*). Our thoughts are with her daughter Di Hawksworth and her family.

Autumn at Thornhill House



The rusty and golden colours of the trees and flowers around our home have inspired us to draw on our artistic skills to make flower arrangements, wreaths, and greetings cards. As the brilliance of the patio begonias began to fade and wind snatched the blushing leaves from the trees, we once more found our poetic voices.

Ode to Autumn

October comes once a year,
And when it comes it brings good cheer.
Children playing in changing leaves,
It's the season that brings the Autumn breeze.
The coldest month follows next,
Why it's so cold has us all perplexed.
Open the doors and let them in,
To miss this season would be a sin.
Beautiful colours in this season,
Preparing for Christmas could be the reason.
Excitement grows as we approach each day.
Hot cocoa, warm fires, cozy blankets is where we'll stay.
Rustic scenic country cottages,
Harvesting vegetables to cook for our pottages

We thought homemade bread would go well with vegetable pottage. But baking bread is such a lengthy and strong-arm process, so we tried our hands at a quicker and easier way and made bread buns. Our ingredients were just Greek yogurt, salt and plain flour and surprisingly they turned out not only edible but delicious! Now we have asked the cook to serve up the veggie pottage.

Joy Thrower



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Memento Mori (Remember You Must Die) – another Tread Softly Encounter



It was a special moment for us last Wednesday, following our Sunday harvest service, when we were all invited to share a reflection led by a group of pilgrims from Birmingham, who were walking the Peak Wesley Way. The Pastor talked about the latin phrase *memento mori*, which means 'remember you must die'. Being aware of our own mortality, our vulnerabilities can help us to live life more fully and focus on what's important. Andy had taken the funeral of Ozzy Osborne a few days earlier. He recalled three common wishes of people who realise they are soon to depart this world; to leave something worthwhile behind: to hope and work for a better world and to live a more loving life.

Alison Waltho

Look Who's in the Mirror!

Twenty-one Longstone Ladies gathered in the Village Hall on 15th October for an 'artistic experience'! Armed with an apron and mirror they came to create a self portrait using pastel. There was a little apprehension to start with, but before long a variety of images magically appeared! You can appreciate the results as you study the enclosed photograph.

Well done to everyone involved. Chat, laughter and a glass of wine made this a very happy evening.

Lesley Platt and Ann Green



Apple Day 2025



It has been an amazing year for apples, and it showed by the quantity we had at our annual Apple Day at the Morris Family Farm on Station Road. We bought a new press this year to give us three to work with, but it wasn't enough to get through everything, and we still haven't touched our own

trees. We will be doing another pressing soon and hope to produce a lot of apple wine, cider and cider vinegar.

Thank you to everybody who came and brought their apples. It was a great day with an amazing turnout. Let's hope the sun shines as well next year. **Allen Morris**

Monsal Hill Climb Sees New Record Times



The popular annual Monsal Hill Climb (first run in 1930) took place on 5th October. The picturesque setting of Monsal Dale attracts a huge crowd for what is the traditional end to the cycling season. This year, it raised over £500 for Little Longstone Chapel from the proceeds of the car park. New records were set in the junior category by Finley Hudson from Harrogate with 1:22.6, and in the youth open category by Ezra Batema from York, smashing 7 seconds off the

previous record set 9 years ago with a time of 1:23.3. Andy Nichols from Team Lifting Gear Products was the overall and open senior winner in a time of 1:20.9. As you can see above, Dan Cox kindly brought his straw blower to make the car park access less slippery after all the rain the previous day. The photo at the top (©Phil Crow www.philcrow.com) shows Finn Miller from Matlock crossing the line in 2:2.4.

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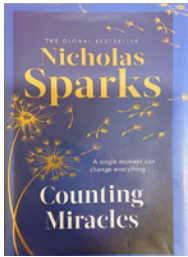
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Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks. Tanner has spent his whole life moving from place to place, belonging nowhere. So, when his dying grandmother reveals the name and location of the father he never knew, he plans to visit Asheboro to lay the past to rest, then move on – just as he always has. Kaitlyn knows exactly where she belongs. In Asheboro, she's built a life for herself and her kids that she's proud of, especially after the turmoil of divorce. But when she meets lone wolf Tanner, she can't help but feel something has been missing. Jasper will never belong again. He had everything – and he lost it all. Now with only his old dog Arlo for company, he lives quietly, haunted by the tragic accident that took place decades before. Three strangers' worlds are about to collide, changing the trajectory of all their lives. Because some paths cross, some merge, and others guide your home.

This book is heartbreaking. The kind of novel that could leave the reader with emotional baggage. The prose is stunning and unparalleled. I would highly recommend for anyone who loves a good romance. **Rating 5/5**



Shadows in the Moonlight by Santa Montefiore. When Pixie Tate is summoned to the wild Cornish coast to unravel a curious mystery at the stately St Sidwell Manor, she knows that something quite extraordinary must be hiding in its shadows. Over 100 years ago, in the dark of night, a child vanished from his bed never to be seen again – and Pixie must now discover the truth of those final moonlit hours. As she loses herself in the past, secrets are revealed, love affairs exposed

and, ultimately, Pixie will be forced to make a devastating choice that will change her life forever.

I found this book to be engaging, mysterious and romantic. The perfect easy read which kept my interest from the very first sentence. The writing was eloquent and expressive and the characters complex and engaging. The perfect read.

Rating 5/5



The Shame Archive by Oliver Harris. Buried deep in MI6's digital archives is the most classified directory of all. It doesn't contain war plans or agent profiles, but shame: the misdeeds of politicians, royalty, business leaders and the service's own personnel. There are seven decades' worth of images and recordings, usually acquired for the sake of assessing risk, sometimes as a guard against betrayal, often engineered by MI6 for their own purposes. They are the most sensitive two thousand terabytes of data in the Service's possession. When material from the archive begins appearing online, panic spreads through the Establishment like wildfire. At first, the security breach only manifests itself in apparently random events: a suicide, a disappearance, a breakdown. But when it's discovered that the individuals concerned were all contacted by the same anonymous person, a connection comes into focus.

Harris is an outstanding writer creating high-quality, well-thought-out thrillers that are impossible to put down. I found that the dual perspective of the novel worked exceptionally well. I would recommend for people who enjoy a good espionage thriller. **Rating 5/5**

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Parish Council Notes

The following are extracts from the official minutes from the GL Parish Council meeting on 10th September. 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), James Cox, Andy Douglass, Stevie Hornsey, Simon Headington (Clerk) and a resident. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Phil Barrett.

Declarations of pecuniary interest

Cllr Cox declared an interest in Village Green moles.

Public Comments

The resident stated she was interested in the allotments discussion. It was agreed to move this up the agenda.

Allotments

Advice from DDDC Environmental Health Department and DCC Public Health Department was that although the levels of lead contamination in the allotment are some 30 times higher than the recommended safe level for allotments, the land is not considered to be contaminated. The reason for this is that this is close to the normal background level for the Peak District area. The authorities left the decision on reopening the allotments to the Parish Council, though they did recommend that allotment holders follow appropriate procedures to minimise contact, inhalation or digestion of soil. Lead is more mobile (and so more likely to be absorbed by plants) in acidic soils, which are not found in the allotments. Finally, a paper from 1957 has been found that identified the field thought to have been used for washing lead, as a short distance from the allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to all allotment holders to pass on advice from Environmental Health about risks and mitigation, and to urge allotment holders to conduct their own research and follow the recommended guidelines whilst working their allotments. The allotments will be reopened to those who have confirmed, by signed return of new contract, their understanding of the risks and who wish to continue using their plot. All allotment fees for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 are to be waived, and the allotment holders are to be encouraged to establish an allotment society as a way of collectively representing the

views of the allotment holders to the Parish Council.

Clerk's Report

A meeting was held in July with the new owner of the Old Infant School building. A 'no response' letter was sent regarding planning application NP/DDD/0725/0701 for a proposed extension at 9 Edge View Drive. A request for a Housing Needs Survey for Great Longstone and Little Longstone was submitted. The external audit has been completed and notice published.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Douglass reported monthly meetings of the Steering Committee have continued with the next scheduled for 15th September. The formal application was accepted by PDPNA on 10th September. GLPC will hold a grant received of £750 on behalf of the steering committee. Other grants may be available in the future. A Housing Needs Survey across both Great and Little Longstone will start in November. The Steering Committee is holding a public meeting on 7th October to update the community on progress.

Recreation Ground

The tennis court resurfacing project is complete and the new surface in use. It was agreed to purchase two 1500mm Trial Benches from TDP in Wirksworth for £390, a noticeboard to be fixed to the outside of the court for £333, a new cricket net and frame for £1,283. David Longden's quote of £600 to repair the storage units next to the tennis court was accepted. Cllr Barrett's draft rules and notice for the tennis court were approved, subject to LASRA's agreement and with added information on why bikes must not be used on the court. Rules for safe use of the Rec await a discussion between the Clerk and LASRA of the potential by-laws. The increase in the Consumer Prices Index of 3.8% in the 12 months to July 2025 means the annual maintenance agreement with LASRA will increase from £4,000 to £4,152 from 1st January 2026.

Longstone Village Week 2026

This will be Sat 11th to Sun 19th July. The Clerk will notify community organisations involved in 2025.

Village Greens

GLPC's mowing contractor has reported molehills have reappeared on West Green. Cllr Cox was asked to remove the moles.

Old Infant School Building

A meeting took place with the new owner of the building on 22nd July.

Christmas carols

The Clerk will discuss the arrangement with those who helped to run last year's event.

Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk will order a wreath on behalf of GLPC, to be laid by the Chair on 9th November.

Council Assets

The annual inspection will start at the Moor Road Quarry at 10am on 12th October.

Churchyard Conservation Project

Areas of grass that were allowed to grow, to give flowering plants the chance to seed, were recently mowed by the contractor and then raked up by the volunteer group on 6th Sept. The project co-ordinator, Sara Barrett, reported that Will Brindley, the council's contractor, had been very helpful and accommodating with the mowing requirement changes. The Clerk will pass on GLPC's thanks to Mr Brindley.

Planning Matters

Applications

The Cross, Anrek, Main Street NP/DDD/0525/0463. Retrospective permission for new fencing in a conservation area. **Approved with conditions**, including 'the wood shall be left to weather naturally, and shall not be painted or stained throughout its lifetime.'

Shakerley House, Main Street NP/DDD/0625/0601 & NP/DDD/0625/0606. Installation of EV charging point in a listed building.

Approved with conditions

Lismore, Grisedale Road West NP/DDD/0625/0628. Rear extension.

Approved with conditions

Former Builders Yard Main Street NP/DDD/0725/0675. Section 73 application for variation of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0720/0682. Parish Council objected to the application and Highways requested further details.

Refused

1 Glebe Court, Glebe Road NP/DDD/0325/0194. Section 73 application for the removal of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0197/002. **GLPC has objected**

Longstone Hall NP/DDD/0725/0657 & NP/DDD/0725/0658. Multiple changes. **PDPNA Senior Conservation Archaeologist has objected**

9 Edge View Drive NP/DDD/0725/0701. Proposed extension to dwelling. **Approved with conditions**

Enforcement Notices

ENF: 24/0143 Breach of Condition

20 of planning permission NP/ DDD/0805/0818. A Restoration Plan was submitted towards the end of August 2025 and is being reviewed by PDNPA.

Proposed move of Thornhill House
The Trustees of the John Thornhill Memorial Charitable Trust (also known as Thornhill House) are hoping to move the Nursing /Residential home from its current site on Beggarway Lane to new premises at The Grange on Station Road, subject to successful planning approval and raising of necessary funds. The development of the 4-acre site on Grange Road and redevelopment of the existing 1-acre site on Beggarway Lane will be the largest project undertaken in the parish in the past 30 years.

Recruitment of Councillors
GLPC currently has 3 vacancies. 1 has been the subject of a Section 87(2) notice, published on 5th September. An article is to be written for UTE.

Financial matters
Total cash at 30th August £31,968. Cllr Hornsey will check balances against bank statements. The external audit by PKF Littlejohn has been completed.

Items from Councillors
Cllr Douglass requested the Clerk prioritize looking into unauthorised use of Moor Road by camper vans.

Dates of next meetings
7pm Wednesdays 12th November, 14th January 2026, 11th March, 13th May.

Contact Details
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26 th Nov, 17 th Dec	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.	

Different Administration, What Difference?

Last month this column reported on the closure of five adult education centres in Derbyshire. This month we report that Derbyshire County Council have announced they are in talks with a care provider to take over eight council owned care homes, and are continuing with the sale of Ada Belfield, the council owned care home in Belper which was built in 2021 for £11.5 million, and won awards for its modern dementia-friendly design.

It should be noted that although it is a Reform administration that is going ahead with the transfer of all these care homes to private ownership, that the original decisions were made by the Conservative administration that preceded them. These decisions were made in the face of public opposition - there was a petition and public demonstrations about the proposed sale of the Ada Belfield Centre.

What this means of course, is that once in office, the Reform councillors have looked at the council accounts and realised how difficult it is to balance the books. Pre-election promises of lowering council tax (our increase in Derbyshire last year was 4.99%) by reducing waste have faltered in the face of the reality of local government. Alan Graves, Leader of the Council, was reported in the Derbyshire Times as saying that a council tax cut "would affect residents badly".

Deep cuts in local government funding from 2010 onwards (the austerity years of the Conservative government) hollowed out council services (remember we had a Sunday bus service in the Longstones), and despite increases in central government funding from 2019 onwards, funding is still due to be lower in real terms

in 2028/29 than it was almost two decades earlier. We know from personal experience that the cost of living is going up, which also affects the provision of council services, and an aging population puts more pressure on social care budgets. As discussed previously children's services are also under pressure.

Our councils deliver many of the services that are most important to us in our daily lives. Central government decisions on spending have a direct impact on the funding for those services. We need well-funded public services in order to live healthy and happy lives in our local communities. There is a national discussion that needs to be had about how we fund this. Parties promising lower taxes struggle to make convincing arguments, and when faced with reality are unable to find budgetary savings to save the things that we really care about, like publicly owned care homes for our loved ones. Another option is now being offered. What if those with the most offered a little more to maintain our public services? A wealth tax on those with the very most (assets of over £10 million) could go a long way to providing us with adult education centres, care homes and Sunday bus services that are focused on our communities' needs, rather than those of corporate shareholders.

In other news, Jack Bradley, the Cabinet Member for Education and SEND, mentioned last month as responsible for taking the decision to close the five adult education centres, has resigned from the Council, citing personal reasons. There will be a by-election in Long Eaton. And Paul Maginnis, elected in May 2025 as Conservative councillor for Sawley, Erewash, has joined the Reform party.

Georgina Blair

News from Longstone CE School

Take a look at Miss Dicken in action! She's working hard on her forest school training and is really looking forward to bringing her new skills into school. Exciting times ahead!

A different opportunity for some of the Year 5/6 children

last month – a skateboarding skills session at Darley Dale Primary School. The children had a fabulous time & mastered lots of tricks. It was great to see them grow in confidence during the session.



Last Stop for Two Beloved Locos: Can You Give Them a Home?

Is there a reader of UTE out there who has an 00 gauge model railway layout? I have a couple of old treasured locos that I would like to find a good home for before my

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November Farming Notes

There has been abundance of crab apples this year! If you have walked on Chirtpit Lane you might have seen the apples now absolutely covering the lane between the walls. The apples are really sour but the sheep enjoy eating them so I have been throwing them a few over every day! Now all the apples have fallen off the tree there will be loads that get crushed and will rot down eventually. I have made crab apple jelly which makes a sweet and fragrant preserve a bit like red currant jelly it goes well with a roast dinner and gravy or with pork pie and cold meats! It's quite a satisfying job for a gloomy October day (we have had plenty of those) to stew and strain the apples and then add some sugar and boil up before putting into jars and storing away until needed. They will keep for a long time in the cupboard.

I did a little reading about why so many apples have been produced this year and apparently it's called a 'mast year' triggered by a dry spring. This is when a tree produces a heavy crop of fruit, nuts or seeds. It's most common in oak, beech and chestnut trees.

On a rather wet Sunday we did some necessary repairs to a gate that has been damaged by illegal off road users of Chirtpit Lane. It reminded me of a conversation I had back in September about the lane and its continued use by illegal off roaders. Just before the Longstone fell race I spoke to a volunteer who was cutting back the foliage and hedgerow to make the lane wider (for the runners). I explained my

perspective; that I didn't think it was a good idea to cut the lane back too aggressively, especially when the only access in that part would be for walkers, push bikes and horses. The use of Chirtpit lane has been well documented in the past, with the village campaign group to formally close the route to mechanical vehicles via a Traffic restriction order TRO. We do still get some motorbikes illegally coming through and using the route. At least once a week there will be some but sometimes more and usually on a weekend bikes will show up. If there is opportunity for us to speak to the bikers, we explain that the route is now closed. Not all take notice of the signage but some do.

What is positive, is that the presence of 4x4 vehicles has reduced massively and they are now a rare occurrence here. However when they do attempt to tackle the route they can get stuck and cause damage to the walls and gate ways. Where the lane becomes narrow from the hedgerow and young trees it eventually is impassable for a 4x4 vehicle, which in some ways is good because it deters them from coming back. My concern was that if we 'open up' the lane by cutting back the undergrowth then the route could gain popularity amongst the 4x4s. A few years ago they used to come through in the early hours of the morning and it was quite scary and worrying seeing headlights blazing up the lane at 1am and wondering if everything was safe.

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Dear All,

Joy and I made a holiday visit to N. Ireland when the 'Troubles' were in full swing. It was frightening to sit on a bus from our hotel on the outskirts of Belfast into the city centre. As the bus came to a steel high ring-fence, the gates were opened to us and we passed through only to be stopped at a second set of gates. Armed police got on at the front and walked down the aisle examining the passengers one by one – satisfied, they alighted at the rear door and the gates swung back to allow us in. At that time, Rev Ian Paisley was the leader of the Unionist and Protestant faction. It always felt uncomfortable to me that a minister was leading his party with what often sounded very un-Christian remarks about Roman Catholics. Indeed, there was an apocryphal story of someone getting into the vestry one Sunday when Rev. Paisley was about to lead the service to challenge him over his attitude to RCs by asking what he had to say about the Bible command that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Ian Paisley's reply was to ask which version of the Bible his accuser was quoting!

This memory was jogged by a joke told by an NI comedian – he said that had thought after the end of the Troubles, that the six counties would become more like the rest of the UK; however, it now seems like the rest of

the UK is becoming more like N. Ireland, showing its tribal area demarcations with national flags! I was shocked to see last week, Union Jacks and St. George's Cross flags adorning traffic islands and roadsides in Derby. (I am not sure if the Dean of Derby Cathedral had registered how the flag on his cathedral might be interpreted!) Then again, in a TV report on the big protest march in London organised by the far-right activist Tommy Robinson, I was shocked to see Christian crosses being carried aloft amongst the flag waving.

Reporters who asked marchers what they were protesting about received varied answers but most tried to stress that they were not being racist. Most felt it unfair how illegal immigrants were being treated to hotel accommodation when many ordinary folk were struggling with expensive and unsuitable rented homes. Also expressed was a sense of loss in our traditional national identity. Maybe some have awakened to the way Christianity has shaped our language, laws and customs over many centuries, hence the crosses being carried.

'Love your neighbour as yourself' is a commandment with roots in Jewish and Christian scripture, found in Leviticus 19:18 and quoted by Jesus in the New Testament (Matthew 22:39), signifying that you should care for others with the same empathy, respect, and concern you have for yourself. This principle calls for unselfish care and is considered a central tenet of the law, extending beyond close communities to embrace all people. Leviticus 19:18 states, 'You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD'. Jesus identified this as the second great commandment, comparable to the first, to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' He explained that all other laws and teachings are based on these two commandments.

The phrase does not assume a high level of self-esteem is a prerequisite for loving others. Instead, it assumes that humans already possess a natural instinct for self-preservation and care. The command directs this natural inclination outward toward others. The meaning can be understood in several ways:

Firstly, it is closely related to the Golden Rule ('Do unto others as you

would have them do unto you'), which is a practical application of the principle. It means treating other people with the same kindness, respect, and grace that you would want for yourself.

Secondly, the love described is not merely an emotion but an action. It involves showing compassion, helping those in need, and working to nourish and cherish others just as you would yourself.

Lastly, the command is a call to be 'other-centred' rather than 'self-centered'. It requires a conscious effort to look past one's own desires and consider the needs and well-being of others. In the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke, a lawyer, seeking to limit his obligations, asks Jesus, 'Who is my neighbour?' The parable illustrates that one's neighbour is not just a person who is similar to you by ethnicity, religion, or social status. A neighbour is anyone in need of your mercy.

Jesus was quite clear that to follow him would mean a falling out with some family and friends. My two eldest great-grandchildren have multi-ethnic friends and have now started to dissociate themselves from some of their other friends because of the racist comments they are saying in connection with the flying of Union Jacks and St. George's crosses. I thank God for their critical thinking and not going along with the crowd.

Many people who assert that they are not racist and are defending Christian values will have failed to fulfil the second great commandment of Christ Jesus if the net outcome of their protest results in the failure to help those in need. Please debate this with your fellow church and non-church friends.

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2nd November – All Saints Sunday

9am Eucharist (Wardlow)
10.30am Eucharist (St Giles)
4pm Service of Light for
All Souls' Day (St Giles)

9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Service at War Memorial
followed by service in St Giles

16th November – 2nd before Advent

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

23rd November – Christ the King

10.30am Morning Worship (St Giles)

30th November – Advent Sunday

10.30am Benefice Eucharist (Bakewell)

November in the Garden

Lawns: Continue aeration, make final cut and apply autumn fertiliser. Bring in mowing machines for overhaul before storing for winter.

Roses: Plant out new roses using planting mixture of bone meal and peat or other humus forming material. Stake standard roses with a stout stake and secure near the head of the rose.

Herbaceous plants: Clean up established borders, plant tops can be composted if reduced. New plants may still be planted in mild weather. Finish digging new borders and beds for winter weathering.

Dahlias: Examine stored tubers, cut away portions of tubers that have rotted and dust cuts with sulphur.

Gladioli: Clean lifted corms and store for winter.

Trees and shrubs: Continue planting deciduous trees and shrubs in fine weather.

Bulbs: Complete planting tulips and hyacinths. Examine pots and bowls of bulbs and move any with shoots inside, placing them in cool conditions not exceeding 10°C (50°F). Give sufficient water; paper white and soleil d'or narcissi can be taken straight into warmer conditions.

Fruit: Start winter pruning established trees, but do not prune plums, cherries, damsons, peaches and nectarines. Check that ties are not cutting into bark. Cut out cankers and control woolly aphids with insecticide. Inspect stored fruit and ripen pears at room temperature.

Vegetables: Continue digging vacant patches for winter weathering.

General tasks: Lift begonias, geraniums and fuchsias and bring inside. Dig vacant ground and leave it rough for frost to break it down. Dress heavy ground with lime and clean up fallen leaves to stack for leaf mould.



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Jean Gledhill's Hawthorn Ketchup

I had been marvelling at the abundance of hawthorn berries this year when, like divine intervention, this recipe suggestion popped up on Facebook. It's already been much complimented upon by friends who've had a jar.

500g hawthorn berries
500g crab apples
or green unripe apples
500ml cider vinegar
500ml water
100g tomato purée
170g brown sugar
1 tsp dried mixed herbs

Remove any stalks from the hawthorn berries and wash them in a sieve before transferring to a large saucepan with the vinegar and the water. Chop the apples into small chunks and add to the pan – don't peel or remove pips as they add to the flavour and contain pectin. Bring the pan to the boil and simmer for about 45 minutes, till the skins on the haws start to burst and



the peel is separating from the apples.

Pass the contents of the pan through a sieve into a clean saucepan, working as much through as possible with a wooden spoon, scraping the bottom of the sieve every so often. This is a bit tedious, but it is vital in order to get the correct texture.

Add the tomato purée, sugar and dried herbs with some freshly ground pepper to the pulp and heat over a low heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Then bring to the boil and simmer for about 10 minutes. The ketchup may seem a bit runny, but it will thicken as it cools. Pour into sterilised jars and enjoy!

If you like your sauces to be a bit fiery, add two finely chopped red chillies (with seeds removed) when you add the sugar.



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22nd November - LEAP Christmas Pottery Painting with Steph 2-4pm (page 18)
23rd November - LEAP Christmas Concert at Cavendish Hall, Edensor (Page 4) £25
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