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Stone the Crows!

Once again, the village of Wardlow came alive with scarecrows for the village's annual flower festival over the August bank holiday weekend.

There were some amazing scarecrows displayed, with more than nine displays throughout the village with various themes, including the Minions, the Flowerpot Duo, Three Little Pigs and the Wolf, Einstein, and a cat on a wall made purely of straw. The display of the Flowerpot Duo even appeared on a local's Facebook page on 20th August, where Villager Jim used AI to create an amazing animated

video with the Duo jumping off their wall and sauntering off. You can see the video for yourself at facebook.com/VillagerJim/videos/792431729813952.

There were two categories this year with a small prize for each winner. The children's scarecrow prize went to Rupert and Patsy Cherry for their display of Peter Rabbit and Mr MacGregor's garden, and the overall winner prize this year went to the amazing display of the Flowerpot Duo by Carol Duncan. A massive thank you goes out to all who entered.

Claire Rowland



Longstone Chase Fell Race 2025

Once again, a sold-out race, after the usual flurry of late entries followed by the sad tales of those hoping for a cancellation place! The weather held off, after a very wet week which actually improved the downhill sections, turning them from the previous hard-baked and dusty slides into something with a bit more grip. The good conditions were not enough to enable the winners, Lewis Roberts with a time of 29' 51" and Constance Jenneson on 33' 50", to challenge the existing men and women's record times, but they and everyone else seemed to enjoy the course. The winners of the trophies for the fastest locals were Darren Spibey with a time of 36' 38" and Grace Dowding on 41' 42".

As has been the case for several years, all category winners were presented by Wendy Long with a stained-glass plaque made by Jane Littlefield. It was great to see the geographical spread of runners who had come in pursuit of these special mementos, or maybe just for a nice end of summer run? The cricket club opened their bar and the two village pubs did a good trade in food, so everyone hopefully went away happy. Thanks go, as always, to the local farmers for their help and to all the volunteer marshals who make this event, which raises funds for the Village Hall charity, possible.

Full results can be found online at my.raceresult.com/348549. **Peter Thompson**



Darren Spibey and Grace Dowding on Longstone Moor en route to winning the fastest locals trophies, presented by Wendy Long



Junior Fell Race 2025



Under-9 Winners

This year's Junior Fell Race was another wonderful event – blessed with beautiful weather and a brilliant turnout. It feels like it gets better every year, with a great mix of local runners, visitors from Sheffield, and plenty of families staying on for the adult race too.

We had over 30 children taking part across two distances, with separate races for U9s and U11s. This year, we introduced a new course that let parents see the runners all the way round – it looked deceptively easy but the rough ground and long grass made it a real challenge for little legs!

There was some fantastic running on show. In the U9s, Ewan Raybould stormed home in 3:55, closely followed by Riyan Popat (3:57) and Harry Jennings (4:23). Emilie Ojari



Under-11 Winners

won the girls' race in 4:23, with Minnie Barker and Violet Smith not far behind.

The U11s took on two tough laps, with Totley runner Hrishi Popat taking the boys' race in 6:57, ahead of Jules Hamilton and Eddie Hobart. The girls' race was brilliantly contested, with Anwen Roberts first home in 10:01, followed by Ocean Gordon and local runner Isabella.

A huge thank you to Dan Cox for letting us use his field (and clearing the cows!), Mad 4 Ink for their generous printing support, and to the brilliant team of volunteers who make this event possible each year. It's always such a highlight of the village calendar – we can't wait for next year!

Sophie Stephenson

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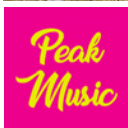
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'Beguiling' Musicians at Peak Music



Peak Music Society's second concert of the new season features an all-female trio, whose debut concert in 2023 was described as 'beguiling'.

The Portrait Players specialise in bringing 17th- and 18th-century music to modern audiences, and their choice of instruments from that musical era makes for a different musical experience compared with the more usual chamber ensembles.

Claire Ward (soprano), Kristina Watt (theorbo and lute) and Miriam Nohl (cello and viola da gamba) are in the midst of a busy concert schedule, which has included an appearance at this summer's Buxton International Festival.

Graduates of the Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music, they have individually worked with many of Europe's leading orchestras and ensembles.

Their concert for Peak Music at 7.30pm on 21st October is kindly supported by Making Music's Philip and Dorothy Green Young Artists Scheme.

More information can be found at www.peakmusicsociety.org.uk, where tickets can be purchased for £25 (£5 for those in full-time education, by contacting secretary@peakmusicsociety.org.uk). Tickets are also available by calling 07989 637964.

Maurice Unwin

The Allotments are now Open Again!

After careful consideration, the Parish Council has recently decided to reopen the allotments.

Investigations early this year found that the allotments contain high levels of lead contamination (over 3,000 mg/kg), against recommended maximum levels of 80mg/kg. However, it has been learnt that the normal level of lead in the Peak District is an average of 2,400mg/kg, so the levels in the allotments are not greatly different to those that are likely to be found in the gardens and fields across the area.

The Environmental Health Department at DDDC have notified the Parish Council that the allotments do not meet the criteria to be considered as contaminated land. Given that lead contamination is endemic to this area, the Council agreed that it would be better to ensure that residents are aware of the problem and that we all take our own steps to minimise the risks.

The key points are:

- Lead can be absorbed into the body by ingestion (i.e. accidentally eating it), inhaling it (from breathing in dust) and absorption through the skin. Once lead is in the body, it cannot be excreted.
- Lead is particularly dangerous to young children (6 and under) as it can impact on the developing body, in a number of ways.

The best way to minimise risk is to follow some basic rules:

- Always wear gardening gloves when working with soil.
- Wash tools and boots before taking them into cars or

homes (to avoid taking dust inside) and always wash hands carefully after any outdoor activities.

- Wash and peel produce very carefully to ensure that all traces of soil have been removed. It is probably best to avoid things like leafy salad crops that can easily collect soil in the folds of leaves.
- It is possible for lead to be absorbed into crops, but it is thought that the alkaline nature of local soils means that this is less likely to happen in this area. However, it is probably best to minimise the amount of locally grown fruits and vegetables that are given to young children.

All activities have risks and benefits to them. Planting and tending crops will be good exercise, and doing this at the allotments can give the added benefits of social interaction and general mental well-being. However, as with everything, it is important to understand what the risks and benefits are, and to make your own judgements.

Finally, one of the reasons for carrying out the initial testing was the stories about the washing of lead ore in this area, in past centuries. However, recently an article has been found, written in 1957 by noted local historian Robert Thornhill, that identified a different field for this activity. You can see the article on the village website at greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk/washing-ore-in-longstone.

If you are a resident of Great Longstone and would like to go on the waiting list for an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk.

October Gardening Notes

My container plants have put on a show this summer and I am still getting a colourful display (*see photo*) with begonias and bidens. I will empty the containers as the flowering comes to an end and start getting ready for the spring display of tulips and daffodils. Some of the plants that are not hardy will have to go back in the greenhouse. I do have some room in the greenhouse, as the tomatoes have now finished and have been cleared away. I am winding down the watering of succulents and cacti, as they do not get any water at all during the winter. The borders are mainly finished now, but plants such as rudbeckias and sedums give a fine autumn display, and then there are the acers, which have amazing autumn colours. I will be cutting down perennials that have finished flowering, but will leave some plants alone that provide architectural interest and some cover for overwintering wildlife.



Some good news for the allotments – the Parish Council are going to reopen them to those prepared to sign an updated tenancy agreement. This will lay out the risks involved with the high levels of lead in the soil, but it needs to be noted that there have been no health issues with current allotment holders. If sensible precautions are taken, then there should not be any problem. In other words, wash your hands after working in the allotment, wear gloves, wash the produce after harvesting, and be aware that the risks are far higher for young children. There are 15 allotments, and I am monitoring the number of tenants who want to carry on. I know one or two who will not be coming back, which might leave some vacant plots. If you are interested in taking on a plot or even half a plot, please contact me on **07578 337813**.

Andy Hanna

Out and About with Andy Hanna



This recent photo was taken showing the footpath on the Edge leading down to Black Harry



Last month, Karma Franklin gave a most interesting talk on her beloved country of Bhutan, where she was brought up. Bhutan is nestled in the Himalayas between India and China, and it is a very poor country. Australia and Canada give a lot of aid to the country, helping to build roads and infrastructure. Bhutan is the least visited country – if you visit, you pay a daily tariff of £250 which covers accommodation, food, a guide and transport. This helps to keep the country's culture and sensitivity. Kharma is wearing Bhutan National Dress in the photo – until recently, people had to wear National Dress when they went out.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st October in the Village Hall and will be our 91st Birthday Party. The committee will provide the meal, and Christine Shimwell the Mystery Parcel.

Zoe McGregor



Pickleball Championship

The first ever village pickleball competition took place on the newly surfaced MUSA on a sunny Sunday in September. Six teams of two all played each other with playoffs and a final to finish.

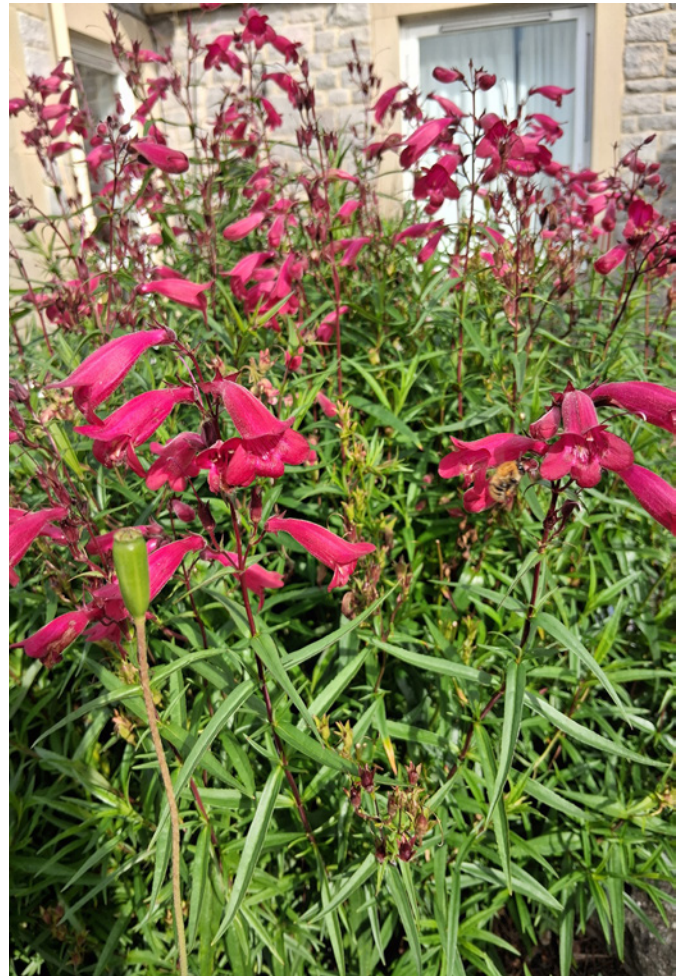
There had been a lot of humorous banter prior to the

competition, but in the end, a thrilling final saw Matt Burrell and Jonathan Beatson beat Wendy Hammond and Vicky Blackwell in a very hard-fought match. It felt only right that we retired to the White Lion afterwards to ruminate on the outcome!

Roger Topham



Thornhill House Gardens



The grounds of Thornhill House are maintained by a professional company, which keeps the trees and hedges in trim, but you may not know that a small voluntary group of “ladies of a certain age” have planted the bit of colour and interest in the residents’ gardens. They do not profess to be experts in horticulture and are no match for Andy Hanna! However, many residents, relatives and visitors have been delighted with their efforts, especially with the pots of begonias which grace the patio and the individual pots of blooms outside each resident’s window.

You may have spotted an unkept trough with what looks like weeds, but a label naming some of the plants is the group’s idea to introduce the residents, at eye level and closer to the home, to wildflowers like teasle and creeping

toadflax. The “weeds” are now seeding so more should pop up next year.

The group cannot claim credit for the successful crop of apples in the garden, which we think is largest ever and, no doubt, due to the sunny summer bringing pollinators in, but maybe we should have learned about thinning the fruit so as not to put a strain on the tree. The sunny summer has brought many butterflies to the garden, especially to the buddleia. The pollinators have also been busy on the pentstemon and honeysuckle. We will soon be thinking about what to plant for autumn and winter, so if you enjoy gardening and have ideas for us or even your time to help, we will welcome you with trowel and a cup of tea (with biscuits).

Joy Thrower

Badger v Wasp, or the Aftermath of the Carnage on Longstone Edge

Mark Cocker has kindly allowed UTE to reproduce his article from The Guardian's Country Diary of 3rd September.

Mark is a naturalist and multi-award-winning author of creative non-fiction. His latest book, *'One Midsummer's Day: Swifts and the Story of Life on Earth'*, is out in paperback (Vintage, £10.99). Described by the Natural History Book Service as 'a dazzling and wide-ranging celebration of all life on Earth by one of our greatest nature writers', the New Statesman sums it up by 'Mark Cocker's ode to a remarkable species makes a powerful case for the value of awe in a time of ecological grief.'

Mark was brought up and educated in Buxton and now lives half a mile from the house in which he was born.



The field we walked is a former quarry site called Deep Rake, which has been backfilled with spoil and is almost desert-like in its stoniness. This summer, the ground is even more dry and hard, yet as we crossed, we chanced on something that was as beautiful and unexpected as it was dangerous.

It was a wasps' nest. About 10 inches underground, it had a limestone slab over the core and occupied the space of a deflated rugby ball. The outer structure comprised papery scallops overlapping like roof shingles. Every one had multicoloured bands – a pattern arising (one assumes) as the workers laid down the pulp, mouthful by mouthful, but from a multitude of timber sources. Each change of hue thus represents both hours of work and marginally different colours of wood. In a way, the nest is this entire landscape rendered through the art of paper-making, and all over its delicate detail were the artists themselves.

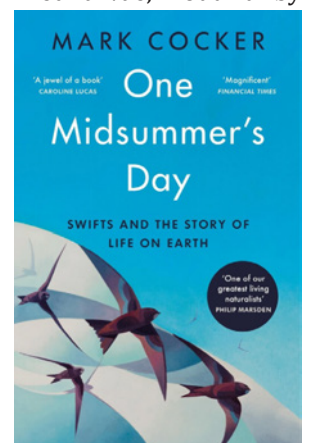
Some of you will perhaps be wondering – shouldn't that nest have been enclosed in darkness, hidden to the world, accessible only through a wasp-sized entrance? Yet this was a nest in chaos and, in truth, the owners looked disoriented and uncertain, even lost.

The heart of the drama we were obliged to imagine. The night before a badger had snuffled across these flats and,

in one moment, its exquisite senses had drawn out of the infinity of Longstone air, a wasp's pheromone trail to the underworld. Down it dug, back-pedalling paws through the baked ground until it could hear the growing hum of thousands of workers primed for defence. There would have been a moment when all that tissue-like delicacy met the earth-sharpened iron of badger claws. In came the striped snout as its owner's steel jaws sheared through the nest, the adults and the sweet, sugar-filled larvae, mouthful by mouthful.

It must have been carnage. Here before us was its sorry aftermath: the shattered colony, the excavations and the loose orange soil tamped by badger prints. At the core of our astonishment was an image of that latter animal, thickly assailed by desperate wasps, their venom apparently worthless on an old brock's ancient wasp-hunting hide.

Mark Cocker



Goboka Rwanda Trust Proms Concert

Heather Thomas is organising a concert (*see poster opposite*) for her worthwhile charity The Goboka Rwanda Trust on 19th October. This year, it is a Proms night and a commemoration of 80 years since the end of WWII. Please book early as this concert is always popular – flags welcome!

Jean Gledhill

Sheep Survives Ordeal in the Deep

Thanks to Hugh Wright for this Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal clipping from Thursday 22nd February 1866:

About five weeks ago Mr. John Thornhill, of Wardlow, in this parish, missed a sheep from his flock, and after making an unsuccessful search for it, he concluded it had been stolen, as he could hear no tidings of it. A man named John Robinson was going home through a field adjoining the farm the other day, when his attention was casually directed to a small orifice in the surface of the ground, which was about eighteen inches in diameter. He approached the hole for a closer inspection, when, to his great surprise, in a little chamber, three feet six deep and four feet square, was the sheep still alive, although it had been in this perilous position, without food or water, for a month and four days. Upon being extricated and set free, it ran to the wall, jumped over into its own pasture, and does not seem at present to suffer much from its long incarceration.

Longnor is a Funny Place!

Thanks to Hugh Wright for sending this Buxton Advertiser clipping from Saturday 2nd June 1894:

Johnson v. Eyre: Claim for damage – Daniel Johnson, of Longstone, sued Wm. Eyre, contractor, Longstone, in Bakewell County Court on Friday, for £1 damage to a field. Mr. Ainsworth (Messrs, Ainsworth and Shipton, Buxton) defended. Plaintiff said defendant carted stones through his land, and had no right to do so. He had made a track across the field where there was no road before. He shot his stone up and came back again. He went 200 yards down the field. Cross-examined: Witness did not know anything about the work. Eight loads were carted down his field in two days. After the defendant's carter was told not to cart any more stone he did cart some. Joshua Millward, auctioneer and valuer, Longnor, said he had examined the land that morning. The Judge: It is a long time after. Witness: But I can see the effects of the carting of the stone. It was a narrow-wheeled cart, and the track was two hundred and thirty yards. One pound was very reasonable damage. Mr. Ainsworth: We are only summoned for doing damage to growing crops. What is the value of the whole field? Witness: £400 or £500, I should think. What would be the yearly rent? I can't tell how much an acre, but if it would sell at £400, I should put it at £16, that would be four per cent on the purchase. Mr. Ainsworth: Would you like to farm it at £4 per acre? I farm some no better than that at £4 per acre. Where? At Longnor. Mr. Ainsworth: But Longnor is a funny place. (Laughter.) Plaintiff said the adjoining field was let at £4 per acre. Mr. Ainsworth said the work was contracted to be done by the dilapidation valuer, and Mr. Eyre was the contractor. The Rev. Giles Andrew, vicar of Great Longstone, said he instructed Mr. Eyre to go on the land. Joseph Dore, farmer, Ewe Close, estimated the damage at 4d. the lot, and John Brown, carter, said only six loads were taken down. The Judge held that plaintiff was entitled to recover some damages, and gave a verdict for plaintiff for 10s.



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Judy Dilks Recognised by Women in Dairy



Judy Dilks of Home Farm, Hassop was one of only three finalists for the 2025 *Women in Dairy* award, along with Jane Barnes, a Stilton producer from Melton Mowbray, and the winner, Claire Whittle, a vet from North Wales.

The award celebrates the achievements of

women in the dairy sector, recognising individuals who demonstrate the *Women in Dairy* values of connect, share, and inspire others. The quality of nominations this year was described as 'exceptional – each of the finalists is an ambassador for the industry, beating the drum for dairying on both a national and local level. Judy combines calm leadership with a focus on sustainability, animal welfare, and education. She connects with the community through school visits, farm tours, and Open Farm Sunday events, sharing knowledge and inspiring both young farmers and the wider public'.

Judy told the BBC, 'Food is so readily available in supermarkets, but people still don't understand where it's come from or how it's got there, so it's important that every farmer should promote British food and farming and explain about traceability and the sustainability. Having farmed for 40 years, you just have to juggle alongside doing the farm work, paperwork, inspections, looking after the shop, looking after customers. You're always busy, but I love it and I wouldn't have it any other way'.

Congratulations, Judy!

Parish Council Notes

The following are extracts from the official minutes from the GL Parish Council meeting on 9th July. 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), Andy Douglass, Stevie Hornsey, Simon Headington (Clerk). Apologies for absence from Cllrs Phil Barrett and James Cox, County Cllr Alistair Sutton and District Cllr Helen Froggatt.

Clerk's Report

Set up meeting with the owner of the Old Infant School building; MUGA resurfacing; Village Week preparations; potential sale of Vicarage – the Clerk had not yet written to the Bishop. The Council felt that it was still worth sending the letter, to show the strength of feeling about this in the community.

Allotments

At the June meeting the Clerk was asked to clarify if Environmental Health's recommendation in April to close the allotments remains, and to follow-up with DCC Public Health Department for advice. Environmental Health restated that, according to legislation, they did not consider the allotments to be contaminated land. They recommended that if GLPC decides to reopen the allotments that allotment holders should be made aware of recommendations to help reduce risks from heavy metal contamination. The council decided the issues associated with managing allotments in the Peak District, with the area-wide potential for risk from heavy metal contamination, were greater than the capacity of a small Parish Council. The Clerk will draft a letter to our local MP to see if he can encourage DDDC and DCC to be more proactive. The Clerk will write to allotment holders with the Environmental Health Officer's advice. The allotments will remain closed whilst further advice is sought. The Clerk will follow-up DCC Public Health Department's lack of response to his enquiries. GLPC will see if any University department is interested in studying an issue that most likely covers the whole of the Peak District.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Douglass reported the Steering Committee have held monthly meetings, the next to be on 21st July. Six work streams have been

identified – Housing, Conservation & Environment, Farming, Business & Tourism, Creating Community and Transport. A formal application has been submitted to the PDNPA to notify them of the intention to start work on a Neighbourhood Plan across the Civil Parishes of Great Longstone and Little Longstone. Members of the Steering Committee will have a stall at the LASRA Sports Day to share information and engage with the community.

Recreation Ground

Tennis Court Resurfacing Project:

Sports England have awarded a grant of £10,900 towards the project and for equipment. The resurfacing has been completed but the area has been kept locked to allow the tarmac to set. The dry weather has meant that there was no need for a trackway to protect the Rec during delivery of the tarmac – the cost saving from this will allow maintenance visits at the end of Years 1 and 3, at no additional cost. The Clerk is to pay the invoice for £15,355+VAT. The painting of the court, costing £1,995+VAT is scheduled for the week of 21st July. The Clerk will pay the invoice for this once the work has been completed to the required standard. The Sports England grant includes £900 for 50% of the cost of new Tennis posts and nets (£500) and free-standing pickleball nets (£1,300). Cllrs agreed in principle the balance of the equipment costs will come from Council funds allocated to the project. The Clerk will discuss with the Chair of Little Longstone Parish Meeting to arrange the equipment purchase, in consultation with LASRA. Wendy Long, former GLPC Chair, is to be invited to perform the reopening of the Court.

Rules for safe use of Rec: The Clerk is to discuss potential by-laws with LASRA.

Longstone Village Week

Bunting has gone up and preparation of the Well Dressing is going well. A small grant will be made to the owner of the 'Cherry Picker' for costs of putting up and taking down bunting.

Old Infant School Building

Meeting arranged with the new owner.

Planning Matters

Applications:

1 Glebe Court, Glebe Avenue, NP/DDD/0325/0194. S.73 application for the removal of condition 2 on NP/DDD/0197/002. **Awaiting Decision**
Anrek, The Cross, NP/DDD/0525/0463. Retrospective permission for new fencing in a Conservation Area. **No comments**

Shakerley House, Main Street, NP/DDD/0625/0601, NP/DDD/0625/0606. Installation of EV charging point in listed building. **No comments**

Lismore, Grisedale Road West, NP/DDD/0625/0628. Rear extension. **No comments**

Former builders yard, Main Street, NP/DDD/0725/0625. S73 variation of condition 2 of NP/DD/0720/0682.

Objections on non-compliance.

Condition 9 specifies that the dividing of the yard into 2 distinct areas, and the construction of an additional building, harm the historic interest character of the site and undermine the reason for the approval of this conversion in the first place. Dividing up the open yard means the area for parking and manoeuvring no longer meets Condition 12.

Longstone Hall, Main Street, NP/DDD/0725/0657 & 0658. Replacement of single-storey kitchen extension, glazing over service well, new garages and stabling, replacement of outdoor pool changing rooms, new outdoor pool retractable canopy, upgrade outbuilding for visitor accommodation, various repairs and alterations to existing house and grounds including replacement of main southern entrance gates. **No comments**

Enforcement Notices:

Watersaw Mine Compound, off Moor Road, ENF: 24/0143. Breach of Condition 20 of planning permission NP/DDD/0805/0818. Deadline for compliance extended to end of August.

Community Right to Bid

It was agreed to take no further action on this matter for the time being.

Financial Matters

Cash on 30th June £47,014. Budget was reviewed and spending is well within projected levels.

Items from Councillors

Updates requested on use of Longstone Moor mining assets, in particular Deep Rake, the Watersaw Mine Compound and the Blakedown Hollow Tailings Lagoon, and on unauthorised overnight parking on Moor Road.

Dates of next meetings

7pm Wednesdays 12th November, 2026 - 14th January, 11th March, 13th May.

Contact Details

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Little Longstone Parish Notes

The following are extracts from the official minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11th August in Little Longstone Chapel.

Present: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mr J Longsdon (Vice-Chair), Mr P Davey, Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr S Robertson, Mrs C Burns, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs E Lee, Mrs C Cotterill and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk). Apologies were received from Mrs M Longsdon, Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright, Mr and Mrs K Adamson, Ms G Blair, Mrs J Blair, and District Cllr H Froggatt.

Financial matters

Payments: New court surface (GLPC) £6,000; Mowing Bruno Cardona £1,870 (inc. chapel), James Cox £1,095; Well dressing clay £327, Jill Glossop £30, Sam O'Reilly £167, Maureen Child £20; Chapel Room Hire £80.00; Parish Clerk Admin £1,620, Expenses £127; DW Turner (bunting up/down) £360; Community Heartbeat Trust Emergency Phone £72.

Bank balances: RBS current £1000, deposit £12,907, plus Skipton and Mansfield savings accounts (Fredericks' last payment included). Half of clay payment received from LEAP.

S137 allowance: £11.10 for 2025/26.

GL Multi-Use Games Area: Two grants received: Derbyshire Dales CVS £1,000 and Sports England £10,900, giving surplus of £2,025. LASRA have asked if this could be used to buy two recycled plastic benches for £450, and a replacement practice cricket net for £1599 - approved, provided only for use on the Rec.

Xmas items: Purchase approved of 10' Xmas tree for the trough and 8' one for the Chapel, plus 6 miniature trees if required (some of the miniature ones have been planted as suggested, and not just disposed of).

Miscellaneous: Purchase of wreath and grit/snow ploughing costs for winter 2025-25 approved.

Monsal Head

DDDC Proper Officer: Meeting arranged with the Chair and Clerk with the Interim Director of Governance and Corporate Services. The 'Monitoring Officer' with the Chair are the trustees of the Parish land (the short-term car park) and act on the directions of the Parish Meeting.

DDDC Car park lease: The Clerk has chased DDDC, but no progress. PM covered legally by former lease document.

Power take off point: The Clerk has chased DDDC trench work quote, but no progress.

Ice cream van 'No parking' signage: The Clerk has chased with DDDC and also asked Cllr Froggatt's help to get this moving.

Litter/bins/bench staining: DDDC have now stained the benches at the busiest end of the row. Update on moving of bin – currently no litter issue from full bins.

EV charging points: DDDC have no plans for Monsal Head at present.

Monsal Dale and Viaduct

Fencing incident near weir: Accident reported to Chatsworth Estates Dept by Mr K Adamson. PM also liaised with Chatsworth, who have recently put up a new post and rail fence along the section of concern.

Accident on steep steps: On steps leading from Monsal Head towards the viaduct. The Clerk reported this to Peak Park, who inspected and stated it was too big a job for them, so they contacted DCC.

Footpath leading to weir: The 'nobbles' on this path are getting worse and bigger. They are now on the planned works list for DCC Rights of Way.

Other Matters

Generic email: The Clerk to look into updating the email address to a .gov address.

Review of village week

Well dressing/blessing: Thank you to Lorna Cooper for an excellent and stunning job blessing the well. It is hoped she will do it next year. £173 raised for 'Mind'. The amount appears to vary depending on the charity. Well dressing group to look into a QR code for 2026.

Bunting: This looked brilliant. It was agreed to purchase further bunting for about £600 (based on cost this year). The Clerk has asked Cllr Froggatt for funds towards this from her local projects grant fund.

Band: There was much discussion on booking band for 2026: villager attendance numbers low, possible change of band, cost of band in relation to number of villagers attending; advertising the event more (the Clerk will look into boards), event would be better on Sunday, but Grumpah do not have a late afternoon Sunday slot. The Clerk and Chair are to contact the band who play locally.

Longstone show event: This was an independent event. Mr A Longsdon is to be commended for his good effort

and bravery given the awful weather. Everyone enjoyed it. The Chair noted that the fiscal rules for a Parish Meeting mean that LLPM cannot give funds towards this event or host an event of this nature. NALC had issued guidance having checked and confirmed the rules, prior to the February meeting.

Open gardens: The Chair reported that three Little Longstone gardens were open alongside the GL ones, with a good flow of visitors. With gardens open at each end, visitors were also brought up to the chapel for the flower festival.

Parking/speeding/streetlights: The Clerk attended a site visit with Cllr Sutton to look at the entrance marker near Packhorse and also the pot holes in road, which were mainly running up the edge of the road and were filled later that day.

A parishioner thought that DCC have not done a good job. The Clerk has requested that two entrance markers (by Packhorse and near Christmas Cottage) be remarked, along with the white lines down the centre of the road. The Clerk is to contact DCC and PCSO Boswell about speeding through the village and along Scratta. It was noted that noise was being tightened up nationally, and that speeding and noise was worse at weekends.

Footpaths/dog poo: The Clerk has requested arrow/waymarking discs to go on both sides of the gates at end of track and towards Dale Farm Footpath signage for the footpath in the field to the rear of Longstone Byre, leading to Dale Farm and Cherpit Lane.

Trough area: Updates were given on new noticeboard post installation. Staining of two benches will be put on next meeting's agenda. Mr S Robertson is to look into the barrel planters and bulb planting ready for next year. The Clerk is to ask the contractor if it is ok to switch the pump on in the troughs. The Chair is to look at painting required.

Biodiversity project: A resident suggested that if seeds are not going to be planted then the mowing schedule should revert to before. The biodiversity team had contacted the PM to say that they are planning on planting seeds in the autumn on the area down from the chapel, as it was too dry in spring.

Village Maintenance (strimming etc): This is to be monitored during mowing season and reviewed at November meeting for 2026 plans.

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LASRA Update

It has been great to see that the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has been very busy over the summer period. Residents have been taking full advantage of the new surface and equipment that has been provided through the various donations, grants and LASRA funds. For those who are not currently aware, there are regular drop-in Pickleball sessions Thursday at 5pm and Sunday at 4pm. There is equipment available to use if you don't have your own. There is a booking system for residents if they want to pre-book the court for their use. All details are on the notices on the MUGA.

We also have further equipment on the way. Following Wendy's success in obtaining the Sports England Grant, we have some surplus funds from the original amounts made available by Little Longstone Parish Meeting and Great Longstone Parish Council. Little Longstone Parish Meeting have kindly agreed to fund a new practice net for the cricket team and bench seats that can be used within the MUGA to

rest weary legs between games. There will be a new notice board fixed to the MUGA to tidy up the notices and calendar for the MUGA, and we have placed an order to refurbish the storage cupboard that will be used to store the tennis racquets and balls; Pickleball bats and balls; and the netball, football and basketball balls.

A big thank you to the grounds people, who have put in a lot of time and effort to bring the Rec back to a special place to be. A major focus has been on the cricket square and pitch but please remember half of the square is for bowls and croquet (new equipment is now available). In getting the grounds ready for the numerous cricket matches, the team have cut the whole of the Rec for general use, and it looks magnificent. Thank you again to everyone who has given their time to getting sport going again on the Rec.

All you need are your trainers and some energy - everything else is provided for you! **Andy Douglass**

Good News for Longstone

Local History Group

Until recently, it had seemed that the Longstone Local History Group would have to disband, because of difficulties in recruiting members to help with running the group.

However, at a meeting of the Group's committee, the decision was taken to revise the management structure, with the happy outcome that the group's meetings and activities will be able to continue into next year.

As previously, the History Group will meet on the third Tuesday of every month (except August). Details of these meetings will be announced in due course.

Peter Donaldson, Secretary LLHG

Parish Council seeks New Members

The Parish Council plays a central role in the community. In Great Longstone, it should consist of 8 volunteer councillors supported by a part-time clerk. Unfortunately, the Council is currently down to 5 councillors, the lowest it has been in its 130-year history.

The Parish Council represents the community to other levels of government, including the Peak District National Park and District and County Councils. It also looks after various assets on behalf of the community, including the Recreation Ground, the Village Greens, the Allotments and the Defibrillators, and works closely with other village organisations.

The main time commitment is the bi-monthly meetings, which take place at 7pm on a Wednesday evening in the Village Hall. If you are interested in applying for co-option to the Council, please contact the Clerk or any of the current councillors (see greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk for names and minutes of past meetings), and come along to our next meeting on 12th November to find out more about our work.

Simon Headington, Clerk GLPC

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We would like to invite everyone to join us in giving thanks for the wider 'Body of Christ' in our community – a grateful thanksgiving for a 'Harvest of time and talents'. The proceeds will be donated to Matlock food bank and humanitarian aid.

Please join us as we celebrate in a service led by Father Lionel, Jenny and their otterhound Vanity, followed by a 'bring and share' lunch in the Village Hall. You might like to bake a loaf, make a quiche, salad or pud – thank you. Please bring at least one imperfect vegetable or fruit for our children's display.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for nature and nurture. David Adam on page 85 of his book *The Cry of the Deer, Meditations on the Hymns of St Patrick* reuses this quote 'Earth is crammed with heaven, Every common bush afire with God, He who takes off his shoes, sees'. It is in respect and love for nature and one another, seeking out their mysteries, he says, that we discover the Mystery to be enjoyed.

Alison Waltho



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What some of our County Councillors did this Summer

After a slow start (*UTE August 2025*), our County Council did manage to have some meetings in July, but then everybody went on holiday in August. If anybody did watch the recording of the July Council meeting, they may remember Alan Graves, Leader of the Council, being asked if he felt that SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision) was being over-diagnosed. Graves responded 'we are very committed to the SEND process and we are committed to making sure that everybody that has a EHCP (education, health and care plan) does get one.' That's like saying they're committed to making sure everybody who has a cat, has a cat.

The lack of meetings in August meant Graves had time to speak to Radio Derby about SEND provision, when he said that he thought there was overdiagnosis of SEND, and suggested that schools encouraged families to apply in order to get extra money. When asked if he had any evidence for overdiagnosis said he didn't have any. As Derbyshire received a very poor Ofsted report on its SEND provision last year, one does wonder if Graves is hoping that some of the improvements required by the report could be made less challenging by reducing the numbers of children and young people involved.

Another Councillor who was busy in August was Jack Bradley, the Cabinet Member for SEND and Education. On 28th August, DCC published a notice in which Bradley said, 'I have taken a decision to declare five properties that the Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service use surplus to the service's requirements.' The reason given for the closure was 'rapid changes to the grant conditions'. Control of adult-skills funding transferred to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) this academic year, but the reduction of about £400,000, leaving an allocation of £4.5 million, was announced in April 2025. The Department

for Education announced in November 2024 that it would stop funding free maths courses, which were offered in Derbyshire, at the end of March 2025. Neither of these decisions can be described as rapid changes.

The closure was effective from the following Monday 1st September, affecting approximately 1,300 learners and 22 employed staff. Somebody then spotted that DCC had not followed its own processes for key decisions, as the decision to close the centres had been made two days earlier than the full notice period required, and so the decision had to be taken again on 2nd September. Both decision notices can be viewed on DCC's website, and the difference between the notices is quite striking. The first, which is much shorter, also gives as a reason for the decision, 'to enable Property Services to progress the decommissioning of the buildings'. The second doesn't mention future uses of the buildings, but promises a public consultation and a full review of Adult Community Education Services in Derbyshire. This of course won't help the learners at the five centres that have now closed.

Alan Graves managed to fit the Reform Conference in Birmingham into his schedule, where, the *Derby Telegraph* reports, he said that they hoped to save 'tens of millions of pounds worth of savings' at Derbyshire County Council in the first year of their administration. He said he thought the council was overstaffed in all departments. He followed that up with an appearance on Radio Sheffield on Friday 12th September at 10am (available on BBC Sounds) in which he said they had identified that they were 20% overstaffed compared to comparable authorities.

It will be interesting to find out how the desire to cut staff and show savings impacts the services we receive as residents. **Georgina Blair**

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Wed 22 nd Oct 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Sewing Club with Marge Elliot In this session Marge will be expertly guiding you to make a pinafore dress with pockets. Book early as numbers are limited to 8 people .	£10 Book in advance
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Sun 26 th Oct 7:30 p.m.	Live and Local - Celtic Fusion Show Dynamic, inspiring, exciting, sweet, and surprising! Experience traditional fiddle tunes fused with rock, jazz, dance, and more!	Tickets £13.50
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Wardlow Flower Festival



The Church of the Good Shepherd once again opened its doors over the August Bank Holiday weekend to showcase a wonderful flower display, organised and created by local talented people. This year's theme was based on *War through the Years*, and some beautiful works of art emerged.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to those who volunteered their skills and time to create some wonderful displays, and also to thank those that sponsored a window,

including Whites of Calver, LB Jackson, Paws & Play Gundogs, Lathes.co.uk, Tideswell Welding Services, Luxury Loos and Charles Transport Ltd. We'd also like to thank those individuals in the village who kindly sponsored their time and donated in whatever way they could. We had some lovely visitors from far and wide coming to see our lovely displays and then enjoy some lovely homemade cakes, along with a cup of tea or coffee. **Claire Rowland**

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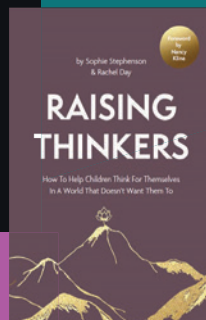
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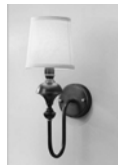
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October Farming Notes



Elderberry of Great Longstone

We have recently joined the Highland Cattle Society – a new journey for us since taking over the farm. My father, John Shimwell, had been a member, but Nick and I didn't know much about what it entailed, so we let the membership expire in the chaos of late 2021, after John's unexpected death. Now that we are more established, it felt like the right time to think about our plans for the Highlands, so we went to the Highland Cattle Society (HCS) for some advice.

HCS told us that pedigree livestock are more desirable for other potential breeders and those interested in keeping Highlands. In addition, it is a positive spur for the future of Highland cattle to breed quality animals, and pedigree bloodlines help ensure this. Some of the older Highland cows were already registered as pedigree with the HCS, and in the last few years we have hired pedigree bulls, so that we



Black Grouse of Great Longstone

will hopefully produce quality stock ourselves. All the cows on the farm are now home-bred, and we want to make the cattle pedigree where possible, so we are now recognised as *The Great Longstone Fold*, and will appear as such on a register with the HCS. We have recently registered *April of Great Longstone*, *Edith of Great Longstone* and *Elderberry of Great Longstone* as pedigree females. We have also birth-registered two young bulls – these will need to pass a vet inspection before they can be registered as pedigree bulls.

Nick has been grooming the bulls to get them used to being handled. They are now more quiet than the young heifers, as we can stand with them and they enjoy a good scratch. The next step is to halter break them if possible, so that we can lead them on a halter, which is more desirable when dealing with a bull!

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A Word from St Anne's, Over Haddon

The coming of October tells us that Summer is past and we are well and truly into Autumn! But what a Summer! One of the warmest, sunniest and driest on record, to the enjoyment of many, although not necessarily to all farmers and gardeners. Nevertheless, the churches in the benefice will be holding Harvest Festivals, giving us an opportunity to decorate the churches with the rich colours of Autumn, sing harvest hymns and thank God for the abundance of creation.

This October, on the 7th, also marks the second anniversary of the dreadful massacre of 1,200 innocent Israelis, and the kidnap of 250 hostages, by the terrorists of Hamas, which led, of course, to prolonged reprisals by the government of Israel against the population of Gaza, with the aim of rescuing all the hostages and crushing Hamas permanently. This has not yet been achieved, but nearly 70,000 Palestinians living in Gaza have been killed, including thousands of innocent children, and much of the settlement and infrastructure of that benighted strip of land has been destroyed, whilst at the same time more illegal Israeli settlement has been established on the West Bank, and Palestinian rights there eroded.

What relevance is this, you may ask, to a Parish Magazine in the Bakewell

Benefice of Derbyshire, and what can we do about it anyway? Well, its relevance is that we are talking about a geographic location, 'between the river and the sea' (the Jordan and the Mediterranean) historically described as Palestine and, to many people (Jews, Christians and Muslims) regarded as a 'Holy Land'. For us, it is the land where Jesus, and his ancestors, lived, where He was born, grew up, carried out His mission, died on the cross and arose from the dead. And it was where the Christian Church began. So, what happens there matters to us. What we can do about it is admittedly limited, although our government could, perhaps, be doing more than it seems to be at present...but we can pray, express our concerns and opinions and support those organisations that are trying to bring peace and alleviate suffering.

It is, perhaps, worth remembering too that we, as the British nation, do in fact bear some historic responsibility for what is happening. During the First World War, we were fighting the Turks, who controlled the area, and at the same time promised the indigenous Arabs their independence, and the Jewish diaspora a homeland, if they would help us in our fight. In 1918, Britain was given a 30-year mandate over Palestine, during which

time it allowed settlement of Jews from around the world – largely in kibbutzes – but after the Second World War, the numbers mushroomed, not surprisingly, following the Holocaust, and a war of independence (against Britain) broke out, which became a civil war between Jews and Arabs, leading to the creation in 1948 of the state of Israel, two small Palestinian territories – the West Bank and Gaza – and a great many Palestinian refugees. And as we can see, it is far from being resolved. So, perhaps we too should pray for forgiveness?

**Roger Truscott,
St Anne's, Over Haddon**

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Joint Services in October

+L-Longstone, A-Ashford,
R-Rowsley, W-Wardlow

Note new service times and venues

5th October – Trinity 16

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

12th October – Trinity 17

10.30am Eucharist (Longstone) (+A)

19th October – Trinity 18

10.30am Eucharist (Rowsley) (+L)
6pm Benefice Evensong (Bakewell)

26th October – Last after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship (St Giles) (+W)

October in the Garden

Lawns: Mow new lawns when three inches high. Roll to firm seedlings if loose. Aerate old lawns and treat with autumn fertiliser.

Roses: Prepare new beds for planting, digging well and mixing in fertilising manure. Continue to spray against aphids and fungal diseases.

Herbaceous plants: Tidy beds and borders. Keep down seedling weeds. Replant plants that need moving.

Dahlias: Cut down top growth blackened by frost, then lift tubers with a fork. Dry tubers upside down. When dry, store in boxes with peat - having dusted them with flowers of sulphur.

Gladioli: Lift corms before frost, cutting off all but half an inch of stem and placing in a dry cool place. When dry, store in boxes or trays.

Chrysanthemums: Overwinter plants by leaving in the garden or lifting into boxes in coldframe or greenhouse. Ventilate well. Give gentle heat if necessary. Dust with fungicide against mildew. Disbud late varieties.

Trees and shrubs: Start planting deciduous trees in suitable weather towards the end of the month. Take hardwood cuttings of forsythia, Philadelphia and buddleia davidii.

Fruit: Pick and store apples and pears. Cut out fruited blackberry and loganberry canes and train in new shoots. Spray peaches and nectarines for peach leaf curl. Use grease bands on trunks of apples and cherries to catch winter moths.

Vegetables: Plant out spring cabbage, lift beetroot and store dry, clear away pea haulms and dig vacant ground.

General tasks: Remove summer bedding plants, replace with spring bedding, spread a net over garden pools to catch leaves.



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Lou Thacker's Butternut Squash Orzo Bake

Halloumi (the squeaky Greek cheese beloved by BBQers) and orzo (popularised by Nigella) were both ingredients unknown to supermarket shelves in the UK twenty years ago.

1 red onion
500g butternut squash
3 garlic cloves
2 tsp olive oil
1 tsp paprika
300g orzo pasta
700 ml vegetable stock
250g cherry tomatoes
2 tbsp pesto
225g halloumi cheese

Substitute mozzarella for halloumi if not available. Orzo looks just like rice – not a pasta to make at home!

Peel the red onion and cut vertically into twelve wedges. Peel and crush the garlic cloves, then peel the butternut squash, halve it and remove the seeds before cutting into 1 cm cubes (or buy frozen cubes to save prep time). Cut the halloumi into 2cm cubes.

Put the onion, squash and garlic into a roasting pan, and drizzle over the oil and paprika. Season generously with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss everything so it's all coated, and bake in an oven at 220°C (200°C fan or Gas Mark 7) for 30 minutes.

Add the orzo, vegetable stock, cherry tomatoes and pesto. Mix well and then sit the cubes of halloumi on top. Bake for a further 15-25 minutes, until the halloumi is golden and the orzo cooked through. Check at 15 minutes, as the orzo cooking time can vary depending on the brand, and return to the oven if it needs longer, adding a splash of water if it's drying out.



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Thursdays - Knit, Stitch and Natter, GL Village Hall 1.30-3pm
Fridays - Whist Group, GL Village Hall 7pm, £2.50
1st October - WI 91st Birthday Party, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 6)
5th October - Harvest Service and Village Hall Brunch, St Giles 10.30am (page 15)
7th October - Neighbourhood Plan Village Meeting, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 12)
12th October - LEAP Apple Day, Morris Family Farm, Station Road 2-4pm (page 16)
16th October - LEAP Ceramic Evening, GL Village Hall, 7-9pm (page 17) £15
19th October - Rwanda Trust Proms Concert, GL Business Park 6pm (page 9) £12.50
21st October - Peak Music Concert, Cavendish Hall Edensor 7.30pm (page 4) £25
22nd October - LEAP Sewing Club, GL Village Hall 10am-4pm (page 17) £10
22nd October - Sophie Stephenson *Raising Thinkers*, GL Village Hall 7pm (page 19)
26th October - Live & Local *Celtic Fusion*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 19) £13.50
29th October - LEAP Book Swap Café, GL Village Hall 2-4pm (page 17)
30th October - Film Club *Penguin Lessons*, GL Village Hall 7.30pm (page 17) £5

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