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We are the Champions!



Congratulations to Will Ward and GLPC Chair Jane Rigby for winning the President's Cup at the Horticultural Show. Jane was clearly on a winning streak – less than two weeks later, she was the fastest local woman in the Longstone Chase Fell Race (full reports overleaf)

Longstone and District Horticultural and Garden Society Show



The Reynolds Dish	Best Children's Entry	Oliva Dilks
Hilda Longsdon Cup	Best Exhibit in Outdoor Class	Andy Hanna
Vera West Trophy	Best Handicraft Exhibit	Deborah Fairclough
Roger Cox Trophy	Best Creative Art Exhibit	Billy Washington
The Hague Goblet	Most Points in Handicraft	Jennifer Rowson
The Hanna Trophy	Best Domestic Exhibit	Janet Byrne
Hugh and Catherine Wright Glass Trophy	Most Points in Domestic Section	Tracey Sharkey
Longstone and District British Legion Horticultural Society 1927	Best Flowers and Foliage Exhibit	Alice Lampard
The Philips Trophy	Best Sweet Peas Exhibit	Sarah Stephenson
The Colin Slack Tankard	Most Points in Floral Art Section	Judy Dilks
The Gee Cup	Best Floral Art Exhibit	Judy Dilks
The Kenning Rose Bowl	Most Points in Flowers and Foliage	Sarah Stephenson
Frank Hurst Memorial Trophy	Best Vegetable and Fruit Exhibit	Andy Hanna
Silver Challenge Bowl (President's Cup)	Most Points in Vegetable and Fruit Section	Jane Rigby & Will Ward
Longstone Horticultural Society Perpetual Challenge Cup	Most Points Overall in Show	Andy Hanna

The Longstone and District Horticultural and Produce Show was held on Saturday 22nd August in the Village Hall. 'Great Expectations' (*Charles Dickens*) was certainly the feeling we had at the beginning of the growing year, but as the seasons rolled on, the difficulties were soon obvious, created by the driest and hottest temperatures. However, as you will see from photos of the show, our expectations were realised by the number of exhibitors and entry items.

The judges were extremely impressed with the children's classes. They suggested we give them much encouragement and help in all the age groups, and said they would be very pleased to come again next year, as the standard of entries and presentation of the whole show are always a pleasure to see.

A lovely couple entered this year and went away with the President's Cup for most points in the **Vegetable and Fruit** section – so congratulations to Jane Rigby and Will Ward – we look forward to seeing you next time.

For this year's show, we had a new section **Creative Art**, and for this a new trophy was awarded, the Roger Cox Trophy, kindly donated by Cath Cox and family. Roger was one of the first supporters of the Horticultural Show, a great Longstone farmer who loved all kinds of creative art, and the village also remembers Ian (Roger's brother), who died just over 12 months ago.

The show is for all age groups and a delightful four-year-old, Olivia Dilks, was the winner of the Reynolds Dish, while Mike Taft, now in his 95th year, entered the woodwork section with an intricately turned item, and won one of the raffle prizes. Well done to you both!

From the Committee, our grateful thanks to everyone who made the show such a success, and to all those behind the scenes for their help in producing a much appreciated event. Hope to see you again in 2027.

Andy and Wendy Hanna

Longstone Chase Fell Race 2026



Alex Ediker - fastest man



Caroline Brock - fastest woman



Darren Spibey and Jane Rigby - fastest locals



In theory, there was a new name at the helm of the fell race this year. In reality, like so many things in the village, it really is all down to everyone pulling together to put on another great event. After a long dry summer, the rain early in the week was very welcome. It turned a very hard and slippery course into a far more comfortable and pleasant route. The turn in the weather also brought the welcome sight of livestock back in their familiar fields, so as usual, a huge thank you must go out to all of the farmers and landowners for going the extra mile to move cattle, open gates and generally put up with a couple of hundred people going charging across the edge.

After a lightning start by Alex Ediker, there was a buzz around the field that the course record might be under threat. Alex put in a great performance in winning (28:05) but ultimately fell short of the record time. He tells me,

though, that he will be back next year for another go. Perhaps the least surprising sight of the evening was Caroline Brock returning to her customary place at the top of the timing sheets (34:27). The first local runners home were Darren Spibey (36:12) and Jane Rigby (38:12).

All that remains is to say one more huge thank you to the whole of Great and Little Longstone for making the event possible, from marshals, to parking attendants and the wonderful LASRA for opening the bar and providing some gratefully received portable toilets. Watching the runners race around the village has always been an inspiring sight, but witnessing the camaraderie and spirit of the volunteers that make the event possible is more inspiring still.

Full results online at results.racetimingsolutions.co.uk/results.aspx?CId=16269&RId=24341

Nigel Garfield

Junior Fell Race 2026



This year's Junior Fell Race brought a slightly cooler day and a smaller field than we've seen in the past few years, but it was no less fun for it. It's become a lovely way to mark the end of the summer holidays, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar local faces.

We kept the same course as last year, with plenty more marshals out on the route this time, so every runner found their way round without a wrong turn (or a cut corner) in sight.

Congratulations to all the runners, and a special mention to our own village and school crowd who took part: Emilie (2nd U10 girl) and Joseph Ojari, Harry (2nd U10 boy) and Izzy Jennings, Thomas (2nd U12 boy) and George Boswell (3rd U12 boy), all from the village, and Eli Millington (3rd U10 boy) and Anwen Roberts (1st U12 girl) from our local

school. Well done, all of you.

As always, the volunteers made the event. Thank you to everyone who pulled on a hi-vis vest at short notice and pitched in, to Dan Cox who lets us use his field and a particular thank you to Jane Stirland, who has helped make registration so efficient it can now be run by the children themselves.

After seven years of organising the race, we'd love to hear from anyone interested in taking it over from next year. We'll do a full handover, but fresh eyes and hands are always good for an event like this. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch at pstephenson477@gmail.com. It would be wonderful to see the race continue.

Paul, Sophie, Jem and Una Stephenson

October Gardening Notes



At last some rain! Not a huge amount, but enough to green things up, especially the grass. I am tidying up the allotment and taking out plants that have now finished, such as the sweet corn. I have sown some green manure, which is fast growing, it will suppress weeds and prevents nutrients from being washed away – it will also add valuable organic material, and can be dug into the soil in spring. I have taken down my tomatoes and will spread the spent compost in the allotment to lighten up the soil, which does tend to get very compacted. I am still gathering a few vegetables such as beetroot, kale, spinach and cabbage, and have onions and potatoes in store. Seed catalogues will be coming out this month, so I will be looking forward to ordering some seeds for next year, taking note of what did and what did not do well, maybe trying something different. Down the side of the allotment is a large stand of ivy, which attracts large amounts

of bees and insects.

My container plants at home are still flowering, although some are reaching the end, so all the annual plants will be removed and then there will be more spent compost to spread on the borders. October and November is the time to plant tulips and daffodils for a show next spring – the garden centres will have a large choice available. Having taken out the tomato plants from the greenhouse, I will take the opportunity to have a good clean out – it's surprising how dirty it gets. With all the hot weather, some plants wilted and the foliage just burnt up. However, with cooler and wetter weather, some of the plants are sending out new foliage, which would not normally happen till next spring. There is still some interest in the borders (*see photo*) – the pink flowers are sedum.

Andy Hanna

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Painting of the Rec Buildings



The Tea Hut and Changing Rooms on the Rec need some TLC. To be frank, there is some debate as to their longevity. Some of the outer boarding has warped, leaving gaps for water to get in, and the Tea Hut floor has a large hole, caused by rot and woodworm. We decided to do what we could to protect the structure from an external perspective, and set about the task of painting the buildings.

Over the August Bank Holiday, we filled, sanded, washed, undercoated and painted on two topcoats. This was no small feat, and without people generously giving their time, it would have been monumental for the small group that started on the Friday.

The list of names at the end of this piece are people I'd personally like to thank for working earnestly to preserve these buildings for several years to come. It was a great turnout given it was the summer holidays.

We still haven't nailed down (pun intended) the future use of the buildings. In terms of cricket, we now have a women's team, a men's team and the makings of a youth team. How do we accommodate their needs for getting changed? There is no accessibility access to either building or an accessible loo. Do we need showers? What else could the buildings be used for?

For now, the external work is almost complete, and the buildings are looking great. A big shout out for all their hard work to Phil and Sara Barrett, Vicki Blackwell, Chris Clarke, Andy Douglass, Jo Elliott, Nigel Garfield, David Hammond, Frank Hammond, Wendy Hammond, Jane Littlefield, Josie Pinder, Martin Pinder, Dave Richards, Kat and Richard Roberts (well supported by their children), Pete Street, Roger Topham, and Amanda and Richard Whittlestone. You've done a cracking job – thank you!

Mike Meurer, LASRA Chair

Please Be Bike Aware – Know Your Highway Code!



Over my 60 years, I have been a driver, a cyclist, a motorcyclist, a horse rider, a tractor driver. I would like to think that I am attentive to myself and other road users. In the past week, I have once again experienced a driver demonstrating disregard for my safety as a cyclist. It is not an uncommon experience, and I do wonder why it has taken this most recent one to impel me to write this article. Perhaps it shocked me more because it happened so close to home, as I cycled up out of Ashford heading for Shady Lane.

I would like to draw your attention to Rule 163 of the Highway Code and in particular the passing distances. It has changed, and is worth reading, if like me you passed your test in the last century, or revisiting if you are a more recent addition to the wheeled community. In summary, drivers of

both cars and motorbikes must give a minimum of 1.5–2m space around a cyclist, depending on your speed. To pass a horse, it's 10mph and a minimum 2m of space.

Given the quality of the road surfaces, and the chances and result of a bike hitting a pothole or lump, I want to highlight the importance of being aware of the consequences of hitting a cyclist. Not just the legal ones – I'm asking you to explore the emotional ones for the driver and everyone else who might be changed mentally or physically by the experience.

Not recognising the risk of thinking 'I'm in a rush', or simply being ignorant of our responsibility as a road user, is not an excuse for being careless with the lives of others.

I don't want to wear a camera every time I go out, or follow up those that clearly aren't up to date on Rule 163. I want us all to do our best.

Perhaps a more powerful way to land my point is to ask us all to consider how we would like others to treat not just ourselves, but as importantly, those that we love and hold dear. If you are not motivated by this perspective, then how about considering how the community would regard someone who through their recklessness, carelessness or warped prioritisation caused injury, disability or, worst case scenario, death to another.

Please, please read the Highway Code, be informed and stay safe, and always be prepared on narrow, bendy roads to find, just round the next bend, a bike or horse in front of you and a car coming towards you on the opposite side.

Alice Lampard

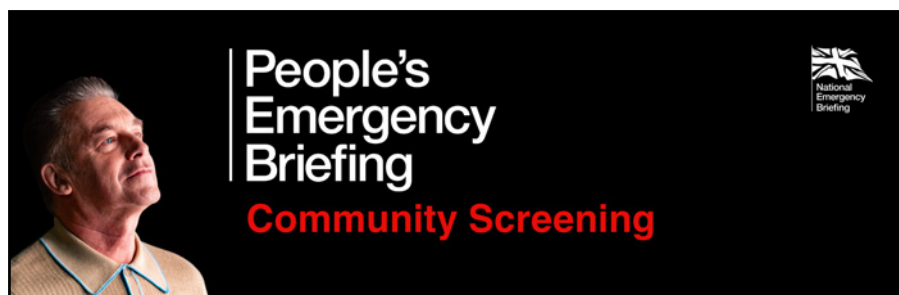


On 2nd September, Janice Mather from Tansley gave a talk on British Sign Language, which dates back to the silent religious orders. Sign Language was banned in 1880 in favour of lip reading, but in 2003 it was officially recognised. Jane Austin wrote to her sisters, mentioning the use of sign language.



Sign language uses hand shapes, upper body movements and facial expressions. It can vary from county to county, let alone country to country, and in America, they sign with one hand only. At the end of the talk, we had a bit of fun and learnt *Old Macdonald had a Farm* and the alphabet.

Our October meeting is our Birthday Party, on Wednesday 7th October, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Mystery Parcel will be provided by Elizabeth Prince.
Zoe McGregor



The People's Emergency Briefing

Saturday 21 November 2026
2.30 – 5pm

Great Longstone Village Hall

Ten leading UK climate and nature scientists briefed politicians and business leaders at Westminster last November on what the crisis means for our health, food, security and economy – and what can be done about it. This 50-minute film brings that briefing to life, with reactions from the public and familiar faces including Jennifer Saunders and Deborah Meaden.

Followed by a community discussion about what this means for Great Longstone and how we can support each other.

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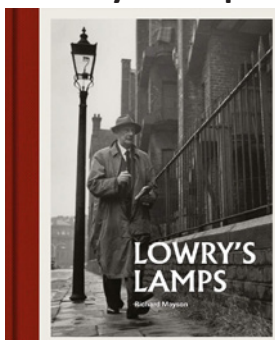
Margaritas at Midnight

We know everyone thinks Thornbridge Hall is haunted. Well, on Saturday 24th October, it definitely will be! Everyone's invited to Thornbridge Hall's very first House Party – Midnight Margaritas, featuring a live DJ, with a welcome drink, spooky food and snacks, and a midnight margarita, served by our resident witches, Emma Harrison, Sue Wright, and Sam Hellings.

This event is strictly 18+, and IDs will be checked upon arrival. **Molly Pick**



Lowry's Lamps



Join us on Wednesday 7th October in Ashford Church at 7pm for an evening with local author Richard Mayson to enjoy a presentation on the life and works of LS Lowry. Tickets are £10, available through the Thornhill House website thornhillhouse.org.uk.

The evening also presents an opportunity to hear more about the future for Thornhill House in Great Longstone, as they plan to relocate to The Grange in the near future. All proceeds from the event will go to the Thornhill House project.

Sarah Winkworth-Smith



Little Longstone Parish Notes

These have been extracted from the official minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 26th August in Little Longstone Chapel.

Attendance

On electoral roll: Mr J Cotterill (Chair), Mrs A Whittlestone, Mr C Broomhead, Mrs C Cotterill, Mrs E Lee, Mr and Mrs K Adamson, Mr A Edwards, Mr G Brooke, Mrs A Plowright and Mrs S Stokes (Clerk). Others: 1 attendee plus Mr S Headington (Deputy Clerk). Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S O Rielly, Mr M Taylor, Ms J Elliot, Ms K Askew, Mr S Robertson, Mrs J Gledhill, Mrs R Edwards, Ms G Blair, Mrs J Blair, Mr J Stokes and District Cllr Froggatt.

Minutes of 15th July

Two members had emailed that a short discussion on mediation had not been included. The minutes were amended as follows: 'During the briefing regarding the threat of legal action, the question of mediation was raised and discussed. It was agreed (on merit) that this was not possible at this time due to the fact that the letter threatening legal action did not allow any scope for mediation. However, the meeting agreed that if an appropriate opportunity were to arise for mediation, that it would willingly take part in the process'.

Public Participation

A member thanked the Officers for all the work on the structures to put LLPM on a firm footing. The Deputy Chair explained why there so many new and updated policies. The external auditor, who covers 60% of English parishes, had reported that LLPM was one of only 2 Parish Meetings with an income or expenditure of over £25,000 during the past year. Most are very small – the budgets of others in our area range from £0 to under £1,000, so their lack of governance documents is not an issue, while LLPM's spending is more than many smaller Parish Councils, requiring an appropriate operating framework, which is provided by the six documents reviewed at this meeting, plus the 3 approved in July.

Confidential Matters

It was agreed that the public be excluded from discussion of the Ice Cream Van trading licence item because of the confidential nature of the business.

Policies Approved

The following were approved: **Code**

of Conduct for those participating in or carrying out duties on behalf of LLPM. **Risk Management Policy and Risk Register** establishes how LLPM identifies, assesses, manages and regularly reviews the principal risks to its activities, finances and governance. **Privacy Policy** (update of 2018 version) details personal information held by LLPM, why it uses it, how it is protected and the rights of individuals. **Data Protection Policy** sets out LLPM's internal arrangements for managing personal information and complying with data protection law. **Record Retentions Policy** (update of 2018 version) sets out how LLPM records are retained, reviewed, securely destroyed or selected for permanent preservation. **Freedom of Information Publication Scheme** sets out the information LLPM routinely makes available and how it can be accessed.

Local Government Act Application

It was agreed to apply to DDDC for an Order under section 109 of LGA 1972, with allowance for minor or consequential amendments that do not alter the application's substance, to confer the following functions on LLPM: powers of regulation, management and making byelaws applicable to any recreation ground, village green, open space or public walk under the control of LLPM; subsidiary powers: power to do anything reasonably incidental to any of LLPM's functions; power to appoint officers and staff; acquisition of land by agreement for the benefit, improvement or development of the parish area; provision of parish and community buildings; power to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised, subject to the statutory per-electoral limit; acceptance of gifts of property; insurance of voluntary assistants; power to provide information about local government functions; power to encourage visitors and provide or improve facilities of the parish area; power to provide entertainment and facilities for entertainment and dancing, and to support the development and practice of the arts, whether inside or outside the parish area; power to prosecute or defend legal proceedings where expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of inhabitants of the parish; power to provide recreational facilities and to contribute to the expenses of another body providing such facilities,

whether within or outside the parish boundary; power to make grants towards qualifying community bus services and bus services for elderly or disabled persons; power to maintain public footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways; power to plant trees, lay out grass verges and maintain them; power to contribute to traffic calming schemes; Parish Council functions relating to notification of planning applications and alterations to applications affecting the parish; power to provide and maintain public seats and shelters in or on land abutting roads within the parish; power to acquire, care for, manage and maintain open spaces; provision and maintenance of parking places; power to provide or contribute to the costs of crime prevention measures.

Clerk's Report

Bunting went through to Great Longstone, a great display, thanks to Turners and their team. DDDC have replaced the bin nearest the ice cream van with a big belly bin with 9x capacity of the other bins. LLPM asked DDDC to repaint Monsal Head yellow road markings as cars parked outside the car park were causing issues, especially on a Bank Holiday. The Clerk had written to Fredericks about their wrappers; they replied that they are used to stop transmission of viruses and were invaluable during Covid. They also asked for 'stop litter' signage on the car park, and have had confrontations with bikers not moving from the hatched area. The Clerk has contacted DDDC over the 'no parking' signage they are due to put on, and PCSO Boswell over the ASB of the bikers. The PCSO also asked if there are other parking or ASB issues, inside or outside the car park. The Clerk asked the PCSO to keep an eye out for cars parking in front of residents' driveways in village, especially on a Bank Holiday.

Monsal Head Open Space

The County of Derby (LLPM) Order 1922 conferred powers of regulation and maintenance of the Monsal Head Open Space on LLPM under s.8(1)(d) of the 1894 Local Government Act. The Little Longstone (Monsal Head Open Space) Byelaws were updated in 1997 and confirmed by the Home Office with effect from 21 January 1999, giving the Parish Meeting powers to manage trading and parking within this area.

Car park lease

Before approving the new lease to DDDC, the key points of a complaint

received by DDDC about the new lease were reviewed: *Ownership and Planning Permission: this was a change of ownership and use that needed planning permission.* LLPM retains ownership – this is a lease not a sale. The area has been used for parking vehicles for over 100 years and in its current layout for 30 years. There is no change of use, so no new planning permission is required. *Inadequate Notification: this should have been posted at Monsal Head rather than just in the Matlock Mercury, as this was not a local newspaper.* The advertising was managed by DDDC on behalf of LLPM and it is LLPM's understanding that the correct legal process was followed. *Best Consideration Rule: as DDDC pays a peppercorn rent, LLPM was not obtaining 'best value' for the site.* Best consideration is not just measured by the amount of rent paid. LLPM believes that the other services provided by DDDC, including the management and ongoing maintenance of the parking and seating area, represent good value for the parish. *Historical Context and Query on Car Park Usage: the 'Open Space' had not been gifted for use as a car park and that there is no justification for its use in this way, considering the nearby street parking and the large parking lot.* Research has shown LLPM has actively managed the Monsal Head Open Space, for the benefit of visitors to the area, for over 100 years. A poll of residents in 1995 determined whether or not parking should be allowed to continue, and was approved by 57 to 9 votes. Over 11,000 visitors paid to use the short-stay car park in the year to 31st March, and it is believed many more will have stopped for just a short period of time. Neither Castlegate Road or the lane into the Dale are suitable for parking, so the only road available is the one into the village. There are already significant ongoing issues with parking in this area, which are likely to be further exacerbated if the short-stay car park were closed. Thus the closure of the short-stay car park would be detrimental both to visitors and the majority of local residents, and further disadvantage those requiring accessible parking. After considering the above objections, the new lease was approved, and the Clerk will duly notify DDDC.

Ice Cream Van electrical point

The power take-off works are due in October. This is not an electric vehicle charging point; it is just for powering

the refrigeration equipment for the van/trailer so that they do not have to use a petrol or diesel motor for this task.

Pinfold

An application to the Land Registry had been proposed, for Adverse Possession of the Pinfold, to be registered in the name The Parish Trustees for Little Longstone, based on 40 years of documented management of the site. The Deputy Clerk had subsequently discovered that the Little Longstone Tithe Award of 24th December 1846 listed the owner of the Pinfold as the Surveyor of Highways, one of the Little Longstone township officers. They would have held the property title for the community in much the same way as Parish Trustees do today. This new information appears to show that the parish already holds the title to the Pinfold, which would mean a more straightforward application to the Land Registry than a claim for adverse possession. An amended proposal was then approved, that the Pinfold working group should continue with the historical research and, when appropriate, proceed with registering it in the name of the Parish Trustees, with a maximum budget of £400, without referral to LLPM.

Seasonal Items

The following items were approved: ordering of Christmas Trees to a maximum of £400; ordering a Wreath, at no more than £25, from Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day; arrangements for the resupply of grit and emergency snow ploughing/gritting (Clerk to request price for this).

Parish Meeting Administration

- Update on threatened legal case against the Parish Meeting, Clerk and Trustees. A letter had been received on 29th June, threatening legal proceedings if not actioned within 14 days. The claimant was notified within that period that LLPM would appoint a solicitor to handle the claim. Expenditure was approved at the 15th July meeting, and Lovedays duly appointed. They sent a letter on 12th August, which included these points: any further communication to be addressed to the Parish Trustees of Little Longstone and sent to Lovedays, not the Parish Meeting or Clerk; referring to 'The Practice Direction – Pre-action Conduct and Protocols and steps before issuing claims to court', in their opinion, the claim letter did not comply with protocols and the

claimants are asked to provide more details to substantiate their claims; in the interim, we identify that your two heads of claim are disputed and you will be put to strict proof of the same. LLPM insurers have recently confirmed that the policy, which is designed specifically for Parish Councils and Parish Meetings, does not include cover for contract disputes. A short discussion about potential costs took place.

- Summary of FOI requests and responses. An enquiry from a Chelmorton resident was received on 3rd June about the ice cream van concession management and how decisions are made in relationship to environmental, financial and community considerations. There was a request for a significant number of documents relating to the enquiry. This was dealt with under the FOI 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and all the recorded information held was supplied, as reported in the 15th July meeting. A second request letter from this person was received on the afternoon of this meeting of 15th July, containing 17 questions, 4 of which were requests for documents (so FOI and EIR applied). As none of those documents requested were held by LLPM, there was nothing to disclose. The other questions were not requests for recorded information, so were not within the scope of FOI or EIR, so the Clerk replied accordingly. A third communication from the same person suggested a lack of honesty and transparency on the part of LLPM, and they intended pursuing the matter via the media and public opinion. The Chelmorton resident's request letter of 15th July was read out, and the requests and questions discussed in detail. It was decided that LLPM should send a letter, reiterating its preference for an electric hook-up point and that they have been actively pursuing this with DDDC for years, as noted in numerous minutes. The work is now booked in. Another letter had been received from someone else, also not a local resident, in which they referred to a transcript of the minutes of the May meeting in UTE and their concern that the meeting might not make the use of the new electrical hook-up a requirement for future users of the Ice Cream Van parking space. The Clerk is to reply, explaining that no decision had been made in May, but as we now have a date from DDDC for

the installation of the new equipment, its use would now be a requirement of the licence.

- 2026-27 Audit. It was agreed to engage the DALC Internal Audit Service for this.

- Clerk Recruitment. As Mrs S Stokes will be stepping down, it was agreed to ask GLPC to provide the clerking services of Mr S Headington, under a section 101 agreement. S Headington plans to recruit a Deputy to share the workload, and to build in succession planning.

- Postal Address. It was agreed to use Great Longstone Village Hall as the postal address for LLPM correspondence, which will save changing this official address every time there is a change of clerk. Currently, the home address of the Clerk is used. This mail box will be shared with Great Longstone Parish Council, LASRA and the Village Hall Charity.

- Website. It was agreed to create a website for LLPM, at an initial cost of £200+VAT, and then £300+VAT per year, from Parish Online.

- Finance Software. It was agreed to purchase a licence for Scribe, a specialist finance system for local authorities, at a set-up cost of £199+VAT and ongoing costs of £25+VAT a month.

- Training. The Deputy Chair is to be booked onto the next DALC Chair's training course at a cost of £55.

Financial matters

Bank balances as at 31st July were RBS Current a/c £1,000, Reserve a/c £7,211, Skipton Building Society Community Saver a/c £26,312, Mansfield Building Society 180-day notice a/c £92,708 – total £127,232. It was agreed to transfer £15,000 from the Skipton Building Society account to the RBS Reserve account. Three payments from Fredericks of £3,750 each have been received, for the Monsal Head Licence Fee, for the period Jan-Sep. £576 in interest has been earned on the Skipton Building Society account. Payments made: Flower Festival - A Plowright £30, K Furness £28, M Lester £47, A Bennett £48, Well Dressing - S O'Reilly £56, Lovedays Legal Fees £1,000, Bunting installation and removal £420, Chapel Room Hire £80, Sarah Stokes: Salary 20th April-24th July 251hrs £4,241, Expenses £406 (printing £65, postage £19, printer ink £157, ICO Registration £52, storage boxes £22, stationery £88).

Ice cream van trading licence

Whilst most of the tender documents for the 2027/29 licence period were much the same as for 2024/26, the following items were agreed: Selection

criteria – agreed this will be 'best price'; Environmental considerations – use of auxiliary engines to be banned – all auxiliary equipment must use the new electrical hook-up point, subject to completion of the work; Sale of drinks – non-alcoholic drinks may be sold in addition to ice creams and lollies (6 in favour, 3 against); Minimum price – £16,000 per year (subject to legal advice); Early termination period – changed from 28 days to 3 months; Advertising – following the recent closure of Peak Advertiser, the tender opportunity to be advertised in *Derbyshire Times*, *Matlock Mercury* and *Under the Edge* (the Clerk to check costs); The tender documents are to make clear either a van or trailer can be used, subject to usual conditions. Two members raised concerns that adding the sale of drinks to the licence may increase litter. The advert is to go to publisher in September, with deadline for bids mid-November, and review of tenders at the November meeting.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 25th November at 7pm.

Contact Details: Sarah Stokes, Clerk to Little Longstone Parish Meeting, Longstone Byre, Little Longstone, Bakewell DE45 1NN. Tel: **01629 640851**. Email: **clerk@littlelongstoneparishmeeting.gov.uk**

End of an Era

This summer, the Parish Council reluctantly ended a banking relationship that stretched back 131 years.

At the first meeting of Great Longstone Parish Council, on 2nd January 1895, it was reported that 'An offer having been made by Mr AJ Adams, the Manager of Crompton and Evans Union Bank at Bakewell, to act as Treasurer to the Council, it was resolved that Mr Sam Johnson ascertain from Mr Adams on what terms he is prepared to act.'

Two weeks later, on 17th January, the minutes record 'Mr Samuel Johnson having reported (in accordance with minute 5 of last meeting) that Mr Adams would be willing, if appointed Treasurer, to furnish the required Guarantee without expense to the Parish, moved 'That Mr AJ Adams be appointed Treasurer.' The motion was seconded by Mr Charles Johnson.

Mr Orr moved an amendment 'That Mr Charles A Glossop, Manager of the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, Bakewell, be appointed Treasurer.' This was seconded by Mr Buzzard and supported by Mr Bates. Mr Stanton did not vote. The amendment was therefore carried by 3 votes to 2.

The Crompton and Evans Union Bank, including its Bakewell branch, was acquired by Parr's Bank in 1914. Four years later, Parr's merged with the London County and Westminster Bank, eventually becoming Westminster Bank. In 1970, Westminster Bank merged with the National Provincial Bank to form NatWest.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council's new bank, the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, was acquired by Williams Deacon's

Bank in 1907. In 1930, in the middle of the Great Depression, Williams Deacon's was quietly purchased by the Royal Bank of Scotland, although it continued to trade under its existing name before becoming Williams & Glyn's in 1970. It was finally rebranded as the Royal Bank of Scotland in 1985.

In 2000, the Royal Bank of Scotland acquired NatWest, bringing together, more than a century later, the successors of the two Bakewell banks that had competed for the Parish Council's business in 1895.

When the RBS branch in Bakewell closed in 2018, the Parish Council's account was moved to the NatWest branch. Although the name over the door had changed, the Council therefore remained with the same banking group. NatWest itself closed its Bakewell branch in 2024.

With no bank branches left in Bakewell, the Parish Council has now closed its old account, and in future will use the specialist provider Unity Trust Bank. This brings to an end an unbroken banking relationship stretching back 131 years, from the Sheffield and Rotherham Bank through its various successors to today's NatWest Group. For 129 of those years, the Council had also been able to bank in Bakewell itself.

So, if you find yourself having a drink at The Charleston in Bakewell, give a thought to Mr Glossop, manager of the bank in 1895, and to the successive generations of clerks and councillors who will have visited the building over the years on Parish Council business.

Simon Headington, GLPC Clerk

Parish Council Notes

These have been extracted from the official minutes of the GL Parish Council meeting on 8th July, published on the Parish Council noticeboard outside Longstone School as well as online at greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk.

Attendance

Cllrs J Rigby (Chair after Public Comments), A Douglass, S Hornsey, P Barrett, S Headington (Clerk), District Cllr H Froggatt. Apologies for absence received from Cllr J Cox.

Acting Chair

In Cllr Rigby's temporary absence, it was agreed that Cllr Barrett chair the meeting.

Public Comment

Cllr Froggatt reported no updates on reorganisation of local authorities into a single tier. Her discretionary grant fund was higher this year and she was happy to consider any requests from Great Longstone. She stated that she was very happy to be contacted about anything impacting the parish that comes under DDDC.

Clerk's Report

Monitored planning applications, including the refusal of the Longstone Hall applications and submission of the Wager Flat Restoration Scheme. Submitted GLPC's comments to PDNPA on the change of use application for the Old Infant School building. No red-rated issues in RoSPA Play Equipment inspection report, which highlighted ongoing deterioration of wooden equipment. Followed up playground equipment issues, including the bird's nest swing and a loose plank on the tower. A request for a memorial bench on the Recreation Ground has been put on the agenda. One quote received for re-staining and repainting external woodwork on the Village Hall, further quotes sought via *Under the Edge*. Cyclist accident on Moor Road (23rd May) reported to DCC Highways; works order issued but road sweep not confirmed as completed. OpenReach pole to be relocated to the verge near the bus shelter. Full fibre broadband infrastructure being installed through Great Longstone to Monsal Head, with completion required by 31st March 2027. Liaising with PDNPA for work on overgrown footpaths in The Willows. Completed pension auto-enrolment submission and AGAR returns following the May meeting. English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act default position on publishing councillors'

home addresses, effective 29th June, is now that home addresses must not be published unless a member specifically requests otherwise. Members are asked to check their GLPC website entry and notify the Monitoring Officer at DDDC if they wish their address to be published. Data Protection registration fee £47 paid (with direct debit discount). Vacated allotment plot offered to first person on waiting list; new tenancy agreements to be issued to all holders.

Review of Policies

The following policies were approved: Complaints Procedure (noting it covers complaints about Councillors); Co-opted Councillors Policy; Data Protection Policy; Dignity at Work (previously bullying and harassment); Employee Privacy Notice; Equality Policy; Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures; Health and Safety Policy; IT and Use of Social Media Policy; Privacy Policy; Records Retention Policy; Reserves Policy; Risk Management Policy and Risk Register; Sickness Absence Policy; Training and Development Policy; Website Accessibility Statement. A New Staffing Policy for Staff Expenses was reviewed and approved.

Neighbourhood Plan

Steering committee meeting on Monday 6th had gone very well. The group was joined by a PDNP Planning Officer who is being moved to a new role that will include supporting the development of Neighbourhood Plans. Draft policies are now being prepared and the next stage will be to check these against the latest version of the PDNP Local plan, which is being published later this month.

Recreation Ground

Playground Inspection Report: Since the report, the council has been made aware of concerns about the amount of lateral movement in the birds' nest swing frame. Cllr Douglass believes some additional bracing might be needed and will investigate. The Clerk will investigate options for replacing the frame. The Clerk has found 3 potential apps for playground weekly inspections, though only PlaySafe responded with a price. The Clerk will check the number of user accounts that can be created, and if satisfactory, purchase at an annual cost of £110+VAT.

Football Goal Mouths: The goal mouth area will be reseeded or returfed by the LASRA Grounds team, probably in the early Autumn, materials being paid for

by the Parish Council.

Request for a bench: GLPC to defer on this request to LASRA.

Annual Review Meeting with LASRA: It was agreed that this would be beneficial for both GLPC and LASRA. LASRA Trustees to be invited to a joint meeting on 23rd July.

Village Hall

The Chair and Secretary of the Village Hall have been contacted about a review meeting. Their Chair is away in September, so the Village Hall Committee will be invited to a joint meeting on a Wednesday in October. GLPC will investigate commissioning a survey on the building structure beforehand, to ascertain the state of the roof and to find out if the internal wall dividing the main area from the snooker room is structural. There has been no response to an invite in *Under the Edge* to tender for decoration of the windows. The Clerk has obtained separately one price and is waiting on a second quote.

No updates from DCC on the flooding on Church Lane. County Cllr Sutton is to be asked to intervene.

Allotments and West Green

Currently, plot 8 is vacant and has been offered to the next person on the waiting list, who will decide on their return from holiday. An allotment tenant reported having problems using the pump. Cllr Barrett has found the leather washer needed replacement at a cost of £42+VAT. The Clerk will order these and Cllr Barrett will instal them. Cox Pest Control will look into getting rid of the moles on West Green as soon as they have the time.

Highways and Footpaths

GLPC will be taking part in DCC's Minor Maintenance Scheme in 2026/27.

The Willows

A PDNPA warden has visited and done some part clearance work. The Warden is keen to look at expanding use of the area and it is felt the most effective way of doing this would be to improve access, ideally with a discretionary footpath providing a link to existing rights-of-way that did not involve walking on the road.

Village Week 2026

There were very positive comments about the bunting, which was being put up as the meeting started. For the first time, the Little Longstone and Great Longstone bunting had been linked, and it would run all the way from the Little Longstone Chapel to the Mires. LASRA Trustee and artist Richard

Whittlestone had kindly offered to judge the Scarecrow competition. The winners will be announced at the LASRA Sports Day on 18th July.

Planning Applications

Longstone Hall NP/DDD/0725/0657 & NP/DDD/0725/0658 – multiple changes. **Withdrawn**

Old Infant School Building NP/DDD/0526/0510 – change of use from F1 to E6. **No decision yet**

Wagers Flat NP/DDD/0626/0626 – amend restoration scheme. **No comments**

Supporting LL Parish Meeting

The Clerk has been working closely with the Little Longstone Clerk, who is planning to retire in the coming months. Various options were under review, including a request for S101 support from GLPC. GLPC is happy to look at proposals but no commitments can be made without further details.

Finance

Bank balances on 30th June £47,577.27, checked by Cllr Hornsey. Blackrock are close to agreeing to move charity dividend payments from the RBS to the Unity accounts. Once confirmed, the Clerk will close the RBS accounts.

Dates of next meetings

Wednesdays 9th September, 11th November, 13th January 2027, 10th March, 12th May. Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2027.

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Longstone Local History Group



For the group's third and final outing of 2026, fifteen of us visited the National Trust's Quarry Bank Mill and its surroundings at Styal in Cheshire. The mill itself dates from 1784 and, being built adjacent to the River Bollin, was originally water-powered, but employed steam engines from 1810 to supplement power at times of low river flow. From the beginning, it processed raw cotton into cotton thread, and later added weaving into its operations.

Nowadays, demonstrations are given of the weaving process, and visitors are able to experience the deafening noise made by the machinery. Clearly, working conditions must have been very difficult, but the mill's founder, Samuel Greg, was a pragmatic and paternalistic owner, who appreciated the benefits of a fit and healthy workforce, a large proportion of whom were women and children.

The latter were known as 'apprentices', and it was a guided tour of their accommodation, the Apprentice House, that we found to be probably the most interesting aspect of our day. Here, we were shown the living conditions of some 30 boys and 60 girls (some as young as eight) who were employed in the mill. To our eyes, their living conditions appeared harsh but, in fact, they were considerably better than those endured in the workhouses from which many of these children came. In the Apprentice House, the children received regular and nutritious (if unvarying) meals. There was also – most unusual for the time – a resident doctor to care for any sick or injured child. All this attention to the welfare of the children had an ulterior motive – a healthy, well-fed child would be more productive at work and, hence, increase the mill owner's profits. No visit to Quarry Bank would be complete without taking the tour of the Apprentice House. It carries an additional charge but one that is well worth the small cost.

Now into the autumn season, the Longstone Local History Group's next meeting in the Village Hall will be our AGM, on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Allan Hackett, whose talk 'From Rations to Ready Meals' will discuss the changes in our food since the Second World War. **Peter Donaldson**

What on Earth?



This strange object was found next to Tom's Wood, off Chertpit Lane.

Jane Stirland was able to identify it: *This is a Vaisala Radiosonde RS41 meteorological weather probe, a small plastic box filled with electronic sensors. Weather stations attach it to a large gas balloon to carry it high into the atmosphere, measuring temperature, humidity, and air pressure as it rises, and radioing this data back to ground stations to help forecast the weather. The balloon expands and bursts high up in the sky, and the box floats safely back down to earth on a small parachute. Hobbyists often track the radio signals to find and collect these fallen devices.*

It's still there on the stone wall by the western gate if anyone wants it!

Licencing Act 2003

Notice of Application for a New Premises Licence/ Club Premises Certificate

Notice is hereby given that Bakewell Mannerians Rugby Union Football Club has applied to the licencing authority of Derbyshire Dales District Council for a Club Premises Certificate to permit:

- The sale of alcohol to adult members on rugby match days (usually Saturday for the senior teams and Sundays for the Mini/Junior section) between 12 noon and 11pm, for consumption on the premises and in the social space immediately in front of the building.
- Also on any weekday evening when the club is in use, between 7 and 11pm.
- At The Bakewell Mannerians Rugby Ground, Shutts Lane, Bakewell, DE45 1JA.

The licencing register is kept by Derbyshire Dales District Council. Representations regarding this application must be made in writing to DDDC, Licencing Authority, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3NN by 18/10/2026 (28 days after application).

Help Protect the Green Spaces in our Villages

Have your say by nominating your own Green Spaces! As part of our Neighbourhood Plan, we have the chance to give some of our most-loved local spaces lasting protection and we need you to tell us where these spaces are. Local Green Spaces are green areas that hold special value to our local community. A space might be important because of its:

- Beauty or tranquillity – A peaceful spot to sit, enjoy nature, or view the landscape.
- Recreational value – A field or park used for sports, walking, or playing.
- Historic significance – A space connected to the heritage of our village.
- Wildlife richness – A sanctuary for local plants, birds, and animals.

Once designated in the Neighbourhood Plan, these spaces receive protection similar to Green Belt land, so that the places we care about can stay as they are for future generations.

There are guidelines on what spaces are eligible – they should be reasonably close to the community they serve, and genuinely special and used by local people, rather than a large, general tract of countryside. If there's a spot you walk the dog, watch the sunset, let the kids play, or simply couldn't imagine losing to development, this is your chance to put it forward. Examples may include:

- Cherpit Lane verges – lovely views and wildlife
- Recreation Ground – community use and play area
- Tailings Lagoons – reedbeds and birdlife

How to nominate your spaces:

A flyer is included in this edition of UTE, with maps of Great and Little Longstone and a space for notes. Please mark your nominations on the map and/or just describe it in the notes or on a separate sheet. Include why it is important to you and return the flyer to the Village Hall letterbox or the Village Shop.

Every nomination will be considered as we shape the final Neighbourhood Plan. We cannot guarantee that all areas will be eligible but we will do our utmost to include as many as possible. This is a genuinely community-led process — the spaces that get protected will be the ones you tell us about, so please don't assume someone else has already flagged your favourite spot.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Jonathan Knight

Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan – Meeting For Local Businesses

This is an invitation to anyone who owns or runs a business, or provides a service in the villages of Little Longstone and Great Longstone.

The Business & Tourist group are hosting a meeting in The Crispin at 7pm on 22nd October to hear your views on planning issues that affect your business. We want to know the things that you think might help your business now and

in the future.

The meeting is open to all businesses, whether providing local services, catering for the needs of visitors, or both.

It would be great if you can let us know if you are planning to come by emailing business@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk, but do feel free to just turn up on the night.

Jeremy Cotterill

A Swift Update



Two of this year's chicks snuggling up in their Swift Box

2026 has been a great year for swifts in our villages, with up to 20 birds being seen and heard in screaming parties at any one time. This is a significant increase on 2025.

We have four Swift Boxes on our house on Furnall Avenue, and for the first time, we had two breeding pairs. Between them, they successfully raised five chicks. Another Swift Box on a neighbouring house also hosted a breeding pair

for the first time, and they had two chicks. With a further three known natural nest sites in Great Longstone that were used this year by breeding pairs, the village is likely to have enabled up to 13 swift chicks to fledge. This is a huge contribution towards supporting and conserving an endangered species.

It has also been very exciting to see and hear that some residents who put up boxes earlier this year have also had swifts showing an interest in, or going in and out of, their Swift Boxes, which bodes extremely well for 2027.

Derbyshire Swift Conservation also supported the national voluntary scheme known as *Swift SOS*, which helps people who find grounded swifts. I am delighted to report that a number of adult and juvenile swifts in the county have been rescued, thanks to the incredible dedication of a team of volunteer co-ordinators, drivers and specialist rehabilitators in Cheshire, Nottingham and Sheffield.

Although the skies have now fallen silent, the future is very bright. Thank you everyone! **Nicky Loveday**

WhatsApp Group

Scan this QR code on a phone or tablet to join the Longstone Community WhatsApp group (see UTE June 2026)



Small Ads

Following the sad recent demise of the *Peak Advertiser*, UTE is happy to publish small ads (such as the one below) for free. This may have to be reviewed if we get overwhelmed!

Bear in mind that you are likely to get a much quicker response by using the Buy, Sell, Giveaway or Swap group on the Longstone Community WhatsApp (to join, scan the QR code above on your phone), or online sites such as Facebook Marketplace.

Garden Shredder for Sale

Little used Bosch AXT 2200 Garden Shredder including collection bag. Powerful motor for shrubs, branches, and other garden debris. Reversible steel blade can cut branches up to 30 mm thick. Supplied with prodder to help garden debris be safely pushed through fast-feed hopper. Lightweight design, so easy to transport.

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Years in the Making



The original workshop

Time certainly flies – at least that’s how the last 19 years seem to have gone. In that time, since the start of my journey into woodworking, it has taken me to some quite amazing places and shaped every aspect of the company I now run, alongside my business partner Karl and workshop support Wils (chief coffee maker!).

Between the three of us, we have 85 years’ combined experience in all aspects of bespoke joinery work. Each of us has been employed in various sectors of the industry across the country earlier in our respective careers. This means we can offer a side of joinery work that is unfortunately a dying art.

Our real passion lies in preserving the values of traditional joinery, even when modern criteria dictate the use of materials that didn’t exist when the buildings were first erected. In the case of windows, for example, and double glazing, we have spent many years refining profiles and carefully choosing the products we use, to ensure the aesthetic of the building isn’t altered by installing replacements.

Modified timber, such as Accoya, also means much less maintenance is required and the life span of the product is enhanced dramatically. We use Accoya, which is essentially a modified pine, in many external applications such as doors, windows, and gates, as the brand offers up to a 50-year guarantee from any rot or movement.



The new 3,500 square-foot home of Peak Edge Design

Unfortunately, there are not many companies left who offer proper traditional and heritage joinery products, or who fully understand and appreciate the processes required to emulate what needs to be remade. This is vital when it comes to helping preserve the rich culture and history of some of the properties, not only in Derbyshire but further afield.

That is where we fit in, as even from the early days of my self-employment, many in Great Longstone and the surrounding area have trusted me to provide a reliable and quality service. Having grown up in the village, I think back fondly to those such as Bob Melling and Heather Reeves, amongst many others, who allowed me all those years ago to gain vital experience by giving me the chance to work for them.

This in turn has enabled the business to go from strength to strength, from the early days as **W Southern Joinery**, renting a small space in a workshop that used to be a pig shed, to the well-established business we run now, **Peak Edge Design Ltd**, occupying a 3,500 square-foot unit, utilising modern equipment whilst retaining that traditional quality of work.

Our customer base now covers a broad range of domestic and commercial work, from regular work on the Chatsworth estate (both at the house and on the properties in the local area), to restoration work for larger contractors working on listed buildings.



Art Deco-inspired door and frame



Sash window with heritage double glazing



Accoya door set and panelling



Sliding sash window replacements

We really do get to work on some fantastic projects. One notable one from the past few years involved fabricating and fitting the interiors on a rake of British Pullman carriages for a private train project, which included replicating a large quantity of Lutyens panelling made from solid European oak. Another one involved replication and replacement of the front door set on a Victorian property built for the mayor of Sheffield in 1867. We renovated the internal shutters around the door set as well, which had ¼" thick steel plates sandwiched between each panel – he must have had something worth stealing in the house for certain!

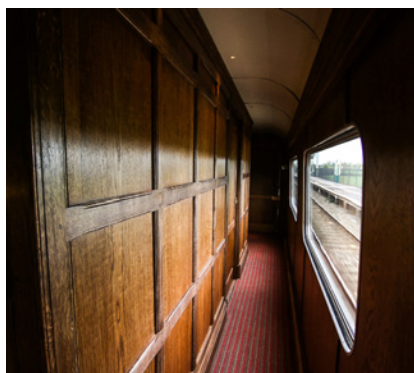
However, whether it's working on luxury trains or



Accoya gate set at Eyam Hall

making a single window for a domestic customer, our ethos remains unchanged – quality over quantity. In a nutshell, if you require a joinery company that can offer quality work, experience and trustworthiness, then we would be happy to assist. We specialise in the manufacture and restoration of sliding sash windows, casement windows and doors, gates, cabinetry, and bespoke mouldings, where we can replicate profiles from original skirting boards and wall panelling.

You can see more examples of our work on our website peakedgedesign.co.uk and our Facebook and Instagram pages. Email us at info@peakedgedesign.co.uk for more information or free advice. **Will Southern and Karl Plant**



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Service of Light for All Souls' Day 4pm on 1st November in St. Giles

A Service of Light is an element within the broader observance of All Souls' Day, a Christian commemoration of the departed held in 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, which you can find in Church.

Frank Hammond, Church Warden

Keep Pavements Clear

Please check the outside perimeters of your gardens to ensure your hedges, trees and other plants, such as ivy, are not obstructing pavements, footpaths or roads. **Simon Headington, Clerk GLPC**

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Longstone Ladies Go Bowling



On Thursday 20th August, fourteen ladies did not let the dreadful weather forecast put them off enjoying an afternoon of crown green bowling. Graham and Judy Rudd, members of Baslow Bowling Club, were there to greet us. Graham, our tutor for the afternoon, began by giving us tips on how to bowl, stand and deliver, and explained how the bias on the bowls influenced the desired shot by bowling either 'finger' or 'thumb'. We were then let loose on the bowling green to try out various activities involving coloured cones and yellow gates, each bowling with one bowl only to try and gauge line, length and speed of shot to go round and through the various obstacles. This was great fun and caused much hilarity!

After a break for refreshments, Graham had organised a simple knockout competition, which culminated in two players bowling to the 'jack'. A very close finish, which required 'tapes' to measure who had won.

We then bowled individually towards a bottle of Prosecco in the middle of the green. The winner was a left-hander who had never bowled before!

Our thanks to Baslow Bowling Club and Graham and Judy for their help in making it a very enjoyable and fun afternoon. Hopefully, there will be some new faces appearing at the club next season.

Pauline Harrison



Cheerio Cherry Tree!

On Monday 10th August, the Village School said goodbye to the cherry tree that has been standing in the corner of the school grounds for many years.

It is always sad to see the end of a full-grown tree, although the actual process of cutting it down provided four hours of entertainment that morning.

The tree has been home to many birds, has flourished with beautiful white blossom every May, and provided an abundance of cherries, which fed more birds than people. However, its roots were causing some structural damage to the walls and the decision was made to take it down.

The logs will be used in the school's woodland area, no doubt providing the start of a new ecosystem for insects and other wildlife.

Janet Byrne



All in a Pickle



The Second Longstone Annual Pickleball Competition took place on Sunday 6th September, and was once again a great success, with 16 players of all ages and abilities taking part. This year's format introduced a fun twist – pairs played to 20 points before swapping partners and opponents. The winners were those who accumulated the most individual points across all matches. Congratulations to Mark Taylor, our overall champion, with Rosie Barrett close behind in second place. Everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Since the new courts were resurfaced and marked out, LASRA trustees have been delighted to see so many people from Longstone and the surrounding areas making good use of them. A quick reminder – we play every Thursday at 5pm and Sunday at 4pm, weather and numbers permitting. All are welcome! To stay up to date, join the Longstone WhatsApp community and our Pickleball group, which now boasts 48 members and counting.

Roger Topham

A positively Medieval Weekend at Thornbridge Estate!



Visitors stepped back in time at Thornbridge Estate over the weekend of the 15th-16th August, as local medieval re-enactment group *The Swords of Mercia* brought history to life with a weekend of family-friendly activities, demonstrations and battles. Over the weekend, children become knights in training at the popular Kids Knight School, learning the basics of swordsmanship using a foam sword, before putting their new skills to the test. Crowds gathered on the Wedding Lawns to watch impressive combat demonstrations and listen to engaging talks about medieval warfare, traditions and daily life in the Middle Ages.

The event was enjoyed by families from across the area, offering visitors a chance to get up and close with history in a fun and engaging way. 'It's been a great event, and we'd love to do more like this,' said Sam Conneely, a long-time member of the Thornbridge team. 'It's been wonderful to see kids and adults engage with history in such a fun and interactive way, and we always love to see families come together to enjoy the Estate.'

Molly Pick

Musical Landscapes

The four members of the Wensley Ensemble, Gill Bithel (piano), Lucy Wright (violin), Neil Clarke (viola) and Deborah Findley (cello), are delighted to be returning to Bakewell Parish Church on Saturday 24th October, for another coffee concert.

The programme, entitled *Musical Landscapes*, has been inspired by the different musical worlds created by three composers with distinctive musical voices – Joseph Suk, Friedrich Gernsheim and Frank Bridge. These composers are less well known than some of those in previous concerts, but the players feel strongly that they should be heard more, and they hope that they can convince you too!

All three composers have fascinating musical connections. Gernsheim was a good friend of Brahms and conducted the premiere of his German Requiem; Suk studied under Dvorak and wrote the Piano Quartet the group are playing whilst he was still with him; and Frank Bridge went on to teach Benjamin Britten. All three were influenced by Brahms, but their music takes us on a fascinating journey through and beyond the Romantic tradition.

The concert starts at 11.15am and refreshments will be served beforehand. Come and enjoy a morning of beautiful and intriguing chamber music in the wonderful setting of All Saints Parish Church, Bakewell.

Dot Bushen

Open Day – Thornhill House at The Grange

As many of you will know, the much-loved Thornhill House in Great Longstone is planning a move to The Grange in 2028. As we get underway with the project, we are hosting a drop-in Open Day for the local community on Saturday 3rd October from 2-4pm.

This will be an opportunity to visit The Grange, Station Road, Great Longstone DE45 1TS and view the plans for Thornhill House at The Grange. You'll be able to ask questions about the move, hear about the impact on the local community and learn how to get involved. All are welcome. Parking is available though is limited, so please do share cars or arrive on foot as necessary.

For any queries, please contact Amy Stevens on fundraising@thornhillhouse.org.uk.

Lucy Wright

Butterfly Paradise

When we moved to Great Longstone last autumn, I remember being pleased that there was a buddleia bush in the corner of our new garden. But when summer arrived in all its glory, what a delight it was to see just how many butterflies visited us!

So, my first contribution to *Under the Edge* is a painting of all the species I saw this summer, to share in a little celebration of the intricate wonder of these amazing and threatened little creatures.

Buddleia, or Butterfly's Paradise as I've always known it, was an important part of my childhood, as my dad, Jeremy, was a butterfly man. He bred, gassed and pinned cases of beautiful breeds in the 1960s, and once received a letter simply addressed to The Butterfly Man, London. A testament to how few lepidopterists there were in the UK at the time!

By the time I and my two sisters arrived, he and my mum had moved to Cornwall, and he had changed with the times. He no longer bred butterflies to put them in frames, but instead bred them to care for them. He campaigned and protected important habitats to secure future populations of threatened species. After working as a postman for 25 years, he ultimately achieved his dream of opening his own butterfly farm, the Imago Butterfly Farm near Looe in Cornwall.

Sadly, my dad died over 15 years ago, and I miss him. I wish my children could have known him. But the wonder of butterflies will always be in our lives, along with memories of my own childhood – of being surrounded by delicate, dusty wings, of feeling awed and slightly terrified of massive caterpillars, and of laying still and silent in the grass to watch a butterfly lay her eggs.



My butterfly painting is a bit last season, I know. So, perhaps it can be a reminder that there are plenty of pupae hidden all around us, metamorphosing through the cold months, awaiting the warmth of Spring to stretch out their wings for another beautiful year in Great Longstone.

Ellie Smale


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St Francis chose a prayerful life of simplicity and compassion, reverencing the interconnectedness of all creation. He was perhaps of his time and also ahead of his time, in leading a life that respected and valued all of the



Tractors at Hope Show – a celebration of farmers and farming

interdependence of life, especially living close to the land, offering shelter to those in need and caring for animals.

Please join us to give thanks for all who work to produce and share food, care for animals and conserve our fragile world today.

You will be warmly welcomed. The service will be followed by a shared lunch in the Village Hall.

Alison Waltho

Tread Softly – The Fairies are Watching You!

Walking to Little Longstone last week on our weekly Tread Softly amble, enjoying the beauty of the natural world around us, we discovered an almost complete fairy ring. We nicknamed the beautiful one growing out a cowpat 'Betty Blue' (right hand photo).

Most of the year, the threads or mycelium of these fairy ring fungi radiate outwards underground, but at the end of the year, their fruiting bodies, or mushrooms, pop up at the edge of the circle. Each year, the circle grows larger – in Belfort, France, one has grown to 600 meters in diameter and is 700 years old. The species *Marasmius Oreades* (or Edible Scotch Bonnet) is prized for its flavour and can be used in soups or stews. However, several toxic lookalikes also grow in rings, so don't ever risk eating them unless they have been positively identified by an expert.

Join our Tread Softly group any Wednesday, at 10am from St Giles' Lychgate, for a gentle stroll, coffee and chat. Food for the soul – everyone welcome!

Alison Waltho



Alas, Poor Tortoiseshells...

Ellie Smale's mum remarked on the absence of a tortoiseshell butterfly in her beautiful painting (*opposite page*). Ken Orpe, Derbyshire Butterfly Recorder, notes that their larval foodplant (nettles) has suffered in recent years in the droughts, due to sun and high temperatures. Once the chain is broken, with no caterpillars, or caterpillars dying on the foodplant, the number of butterflies inevitably drops the following year. Conversely, migrant butterflies from Southern Europe, such as the Painted Lady, Red Admiral and Clouded Yellow, have seen a large increase this year due to the heat and winds from the south. The photo is from September 2020, of another Longstone buddleia covered in these beauties.



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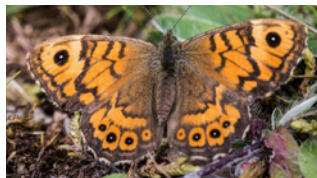
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Rowland Biodiversity Project



Rowland participates in a national Butterfly Monitoring Scheme, which began in 1976 and now collects data from over 3,000 sites. A small group of Rowland volunteers has now

participated in the transect recording scheme for over two years. Officially listed species of scientific interest found in the Parish include the Wall Brown (Red List, Endangered and Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework), and the Small Heath (Red List, Vulnerable), the smallest of the UK's brown butterflies.

The project's ambition is to provide flora that will support the growth of the existing butterfly population by providing additional flowers and grasses upon which the caterpillars, butterflies and other pollinators can feed. Planting includes flowers that are early and late flowering (scabious, for example) to prolong the season for feeding and breeding.

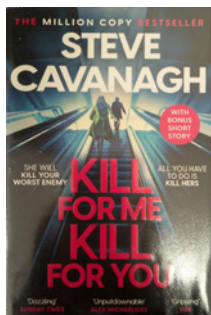
Enriching the natural habitat for the species of butterfly already evident in the Parish, and increasing the flora upon which the larvae feed, will improve the probability of them breeding successfully, thus adding to the butterfly population in the surrounding area. Being selective in the wild flower (perennials) and grass plugs that are planted, and protecting them, will support endangered species of butterfly, and encourage species that have not yet been observed to populate the area. The project will thus contribute to improving local nature and enhance biodiversity.

Vigilance Pays Off



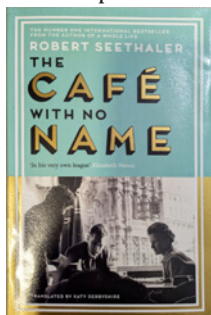
It pays to read the small print on those notices that get pinned to telegraph poles or gates. One observant resident saw one that gave notice of OpenReach's intention to put up a 10m high pole in the middle of the green by the Cross. This would have meant severely cutting back two mature trees, not to mention being an eyesore. The resident immediately informed Simon Headington, Clerk of GLPC, who took the matter in hand. It transpires that OpenReach can put up poles wherever they like on a highway without any permission needed. What they hadn't realised was the green was not part of the highway, but was owned by GLPC. Simon soon put them right, and the pole is now discreetly positioned just up from the bus shelter. Fibre broadband cables will be hung from it to connect to surrounding houses.

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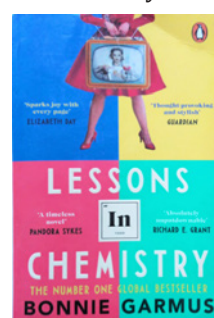
Kill for Me Kill for You by Steve Cavanagh. One dark evening in New York City, two strangers meet by chance. Over drinks, Amanda and Wendy realise they have so much in common. They both feel alone. They both drink alone, and they both desperately want revenge against the two men who destroyed their families. Together, they have the perfect plan. If you kill for me, I'll kill for you.

This standalone novel from the author of the brilliant Eddie Flynn series is utterly addictive. The characters and plot hooked me from the start, and I simply couldn't put it down. Every time you think you've cracked it, the story twists again. As the ending approached, I worried there wouldn't be enough time to wrap things up, but it's paced perfectly right to the final chapter. Cavanagh proves once again what a skilled thriller writer he is. Pick up this book—you won't want to put it down **Rating 5/5**



The Café With No Name by Robert Seethaler. It is 1966, and Robert Simon has just fulfilled his dream by taking over a café on the corner of a bustling Vienna market. He recruits a barmaid, Mila, and soon the customers flock in. Factory workers, market traders, elderly ladies, a wrestler, a painter, an unemployed seamstress in search of a job, each bring their stories and their plans for the future. As Robert listens and Mila refills their glasses, romances bloom, friendships are made and fortunes change. And change is coming to the city around them, to the little café, and to Robert's dream.

I loved this book. It is beautifully and concisely written. I felt as if I was quietly observing the characters in this book, dipping in to their lives just enough to understand them but not too deeply. I enjoyed the descriptions of Vienna, the hustle and bustle of the market and the colourful people who worked there. Robert makes only a small number of friendships in his life, but through the café he touches the lives of many more. **Rating 4/5**



Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize-nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with – of all things – her mind. True chemistry results. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*.

Who knew cooking could open up an entirely new way of looking at the world? Our protagonist challenges the assumptions of her time with wit and determination; you can't help but root for her. The novel is funny and inspiring, whilst also managing to be genuinely important. It is unapologetically a feminist novel but with a lightness of touch. It tackles serious subjects without becoming bleak. Funny and touching, Elizabeth Zott is a true heroine of her time. I loved this book – if I could give it more than 5 stars, I would! **Rating 5/5**

What a Surprise!



Bell ringers are usually the first in church before a wedding, give or take the odd verger or flower arranger, so imagine their surprise on 5th September, when they came in to find all the guests already sitting down, being treated to an energetic performance by the Cressbrook Brass Band – not something you normally find in the choirstalls!

When it comes to a musical version of *Rock, Paper, Scissors*, *Oompah-Oompah* trumps *Ding-Dong* every time. Although the bells would be heard loud and clear outside, the ringers do need to hear them inside the church, so they can strike their bells accurately. Fortunately, Great Longstone's tower captain, Ian Sterritt, had been prewarned and had arranged with the band leader that they would finish at 12.45pm, giving us 15 minutes uninterrupted ringing up to the entry of the bride. So, we settled down to enjoy the concert before doing our bit.

But no! We were just about to start ringing, when Rev Carl Edwards jumped into the pulpit to exhort the guests to fill their lungs and not muffle their voices in the two familiar, jolly hymns, *Lord of the Dance* and *One More Step along the World We Go*.

Finally, we were allowed the last word, greeting the bride to rousing courses of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Sadly, the band was not up to ringing an appropriate, but more complicated, Surprise Minor!

Tetanus Boosters – When do You Need One?



It used to be considered standard NHS practice that you should have a routine tetanus booster vaccine every 10 years after the initial childhood immunisation schedule. This has now changed, and boosters are only given in cases of deep, dirty or puncture wounds (ones that may be contaminated with soil, manure or other substances that might contain tetanus spores), when immunisation history is uncertain, or when travelling to places where the risk is higher. Most minor cuts or grazes are low risk and heal within a few days, but if you're concerned, you should get the wound checked out.

Posties reckon that it's not a case of if, but when they will be bitten by a dog. In the Bakewell Delivery and Sorting Office, a bad bite occurs on average every three months. Adam Edwards was bitten recently by a lurcher that rushed out and latched on to his hand with a tight grip. Troupers that he is, Adam carried on and finished his round before getting checked out at the Whitworth hospital in Darley Dale, where he was X-rayed and the five puncture wounds thoroughly cleaned, as they were concerned there might be tendon or ligament damage, or even broken bones, particularly near the one between his thumb and index finger. He was also given a tetanus booster, as it was 12 years since his last one,

and told not to go back to work for five days. As you can see from the before and after photos above, his hand is none the worse for wear apart from a little bump over the deepest wound. *'It's not the first time I've been bitten, and I don't expect it will be the last'*, he said stoically.

Tetanus, commonly known as lockjaw, is caused by a bacterium, *Clostridium tetani*, commonly found in soil and manure. The bacteria produce toxins that affect the nerves, leading to muscle stiffness and difficulty swallowing, painful spasms leading to arching of the back and rigidity in the legs, and potentially life-threatening complications. Symptoms typically occur 3 to 21 days after infection.



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Neighbourhood Plan or Village Plan? A Quick Guide

You may have heard we're working on plans for the Longstone area. These will fall into two separate implementation processes – a Neighbourhood Plan and a Village Plan. Understandably, there's been some confusion about why there are two plans and how they differ. Hopefully this will help to explain.

The Neighbourhood Plan – Land and Planning

The Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document. Once adopted (after independent examination and a village referendum), it becomes part of the official planning framework. This means planners and planning inspectors must take it into account when deciding applications. Because of this legal status, it can only deal with things planning law actually covers, namely where and how land is used and developed.

Examples of what belongs here:

- Designating a Local Green Space to protect it from development
- Setting the number and location of new homes
- Design guidance for how new buildings should look and fit in

The Village Plan – Everything else we care about

The Village Plan is not a legal planning document, so there is no examination or referendum, and it carries no formal weight with planning inspectors. Instead, it's a community action plan – a wish list and delivery plan for the things that make village life better, which we work on ourselves or lobby other bodies (Derbyshire County Council, bus companies, utility providers) to help with. For example, some of these actions could be implemented by the Parish Council and Parish Meeting, if there is clear support for them in the plan.

Examples of what belongs here:

- Campaigning for a better bus service
- Improving broadband coverage
- Supporting the village shop or pub
- Requesting speed bumps or a pedestrian crossing from the highways authority

Sometimes, one issue splits neatly across both plans:

Concern	Neighbourhood Plan	Village Plan
The Recreation Ground	Designate the field as a Local Green Space so it can't be built on	Raise funds for more sports facilities
Traffic through the Village	Require new development to include traffic-calming measures	Lobby the county council to reduce the speed limit on Main Street
Community asset	Allocate the site for community use in future development decisions	Organise volunteers and funding to renovate for community use

The ideas and views you have provided so far will be featured in one or both of these plans. **Jonathan Knight**

White Lion Closure



The White Lion is closing for a six-week refurbishment from last orders on 1st October. Stella Martin has done a sterling job as manager for the last five months, and is moving on to a permanent position at the Three Horseshoes Pub in Fairburn, east of Leeds.

Stella says, "No more moving about for me! It's been lovely meeting all the people I have met over the last few months. I've had a blast here, met friends for life, but I'll definitely be back in the future to visit this beautiful place I've called home since April."

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DATE	EVENT INFORMATION	Charge
Wed 14 th Oct 10am – 12pm	Men's Cooking Group We will be exploring the flavours of Thailand. All welcome, no experience is necessary.	Free Email to book.
Thurs. 22 nd Oct. 7 pm – 8pm	Art Talks with Richard Foulkes from Manchester Art Gallery Richard's first talk will be about Constable – details to follow.	£5 donation to MAG
Wed 28 th Oct 10am – 12 pm	Steph's Pottery Painting Workshop Something creative to do at half term. Contact Steph direct on 07876338902	Contact Steph
Sun 1 st Nov. 1 pm – 4 pm	Make an Embossed Pewter Candle Cuff We are delighted to welcome Caroline Buchwald back for another pre-Christmas pewter embossing afternoon. No experience necessary.	£10 Email or book online
Thurs. 12 th Nov. 7 pm – 8pm	Art Talks with Richard Foulkes from Manchester Art Gallery Details to follow...	£5 donation to MAG
Sat 14 th Nov. 12pm – 3 pm	Make a Wall Plaque Workshop Using an environmentally friendly concrete, Jane Littlefield will show you how to create a unique plaque. Bring along things to embellish it like old keys, jewellery and crockery!	£5 Email or book online
Wed 18 th Nov. 10am – 4pm	Sew an Advent Calendar with Marge The Tweed Queen Come along and sew an Advent Calendar that can be used again and again!	£10 Email or book online
Fri 20 th Nov. 7.30pm	Live and Local - Graffiti Classics - The Comedy String Quartet 16 strings, 8 dancing feet, 4 voices with one aim - to make classical music wickedly funny and exhilarating. A hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy cabaret show. "A simply wonderful show" The Times	£13.50 Email or book online
Wed 2 nd Dec 10am – 12pm	Men's Cooking Group A Christmas themed cooking morning.	Free Email to book.
Sun 13 th Dec 2pm – 4pm	Christmas Craft Afternoon Join us for another packed afternoon of crafting and creativity!	Free Email to book.
19 th Oct. 16 th Nov. 14 th Dec.	Monday Monthly Meditation Group Sophie Stephenson expertly and gently guides these monthly meditation sessions. New members are welcome. 6.45 p.m. arrival 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Free
28 th Oct, 25 th Nov, 16 th Dec	Book Swap Café - last Wednesday of every month 2 pm– 4 pm Bring a couple of books to swap and stay for a chat and enjoy a tea or coffee, and a slice of delicious homemade cake.	
Film Club Thu 29 th Oct. 7.30 p.m.	Rams starring Sam Neill who sadly died in July. Rams is a lovely, even-tempered drama about men and rural life, gentle but firm of spirit, with a down-to-earth pith and a way of entertainingly and unpretentiously exploring potentially difficult subjects.	£5 On the door
Film Club Thu 26 th Nov. 7.30 p.m.	The Sheep Detectives- the 'ovine' theme continues! Hugh Jackman is shepherd George dedicated to raising sheep for their wool, not their meat – which is not exactly the attitude of the local agribusiness types who have designs on his land. A feelgood crime caper.	£5 On the door
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October Farming Notes



With the pressure off after hay making in the summer, it was time to turn our attention to some projects to improve and maintain things around the farm. We always have a long list of jobs to tick off, particularly fencing as it's a never-ending task! We found that the dry, hot summer meant the cattle spent more time under trees and reaching over to get leaves and foliage. This exposed every weak point – wire and posts were snapped and then the lambs would escape.

Nick has been busy with the post knocker, putting in fence posts so we can create more areas with electric fence wire. The temporary electric fencing is okay, but the wire can come off the posts, and the moveable plastic posts snap easily too. For a long-term solution, it is better to have wooden posts with metal wire that can be made electric if needed. With the cattle, our concern is that excitable heifers can jump out and in with neighbouring cattle, which has been a problem in the past. Additionally, with us having bulls on the farm and other farms next door with their bulls too, it gives us greater confidence, and some peace of mind, that we can keep our bulls in where we want them to be. We have learned from our mistakes, and a few years ago when we hired a highland bull, he proved near impossible to keep in our field without the use of electric fences. The cattle respect the electric fence and they only need to touch it once to learn!

Nick has also been repairing a rotten gate post where the footpath crosses the field.

We also had some very enjoyable, but hot days moving and collecting unused walling stone around so that we can improve the stone walls, with the help of Andy and his fabulous walling. He is currently working along Chertpit Lane in the Dale field, where we have ripped out a really weak line of fence wire to be replaced with new posts and wire along its length.

Joanna Shimwell



Dear All,

The year has drifted gently into autumn and as LM Montgomery wrote in *Anne of Green Gables*, 'I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.' As the leaves on the trees turn from summery green to red, yellow and orange, autumn shows us that change can be beautiful and that every season of our lives is to be enjoyed.

Each of the seasons serves their purpose. Autumn is a time for endings and beginnings, for tidying up the garden and planting bulbs that will flower in the spring. It's the time for many trees to let go of their leaves because they are no longer needed, and is a good time for us to release the stresses, habits, or expectations that no longer serve us.

Autumn is mentioned only once in the Bible, in Jude 1:12, where false teachers are compared to 'autumn trees without fruit'. The implication is that autumn should be fruitful, an abundant season of the year. And the same can be true of our lives if we choose to notice and delight in the things that bless us.

The days are now becoming noticeably shorter, and with fewer hours of daylight, nature is slowing down, offering us a gentle reminder that we too need times of rest. In the Creation stories in Genesis, God takes a day of rest, and later, a day of rest on

the sabbath was written into Jewish law. The wisdom of having time to slow down and recharge ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually is supported by modern science too.

As I write, the news is dominated by fears about AI (artificial intelligence) spinning out of our control and the possibility of imminent human extinction. A few years ago, Stephen Hawking commented, 'The real risk with AI isn't malice, but competence. A superintelligent AI will be extremely good at accomplishing its goals, and, if those goals aren't aligned with ours, we're in trouble.' Faith leaders have echoed the warnings from the executives from Anthropic and other pioneers of AI technology, and have joined those asking for a meaningful pause or slowdown in its development. There is consensus that moral judgement, human control, and the common good must take precedence over technological speed. Youngsters are growing up in a very different world to the one many of us knew as children, and AI's many unknowns add to our feelings of insecurity. Every generation has had new challenges to face but has always found constancy and security in God's unfailing mercy and love.

Seasons come and seasons go, the beautiful autumnal colours surrounding us never last long. The prophet Isaiah wrote, 'The grass

withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever' and Jesus' promise is that he will be with us 'even unto the end of time' (Matthew 28:20). We don't know when that time will be and the Bible warns us against speculation. May we, like the trees, slow down and let go of the things that aren't needed. And as we delight in the richness, colour and blessings that October brings, may we give thanks for the beauty of creation, for the kindness of those around us, for all that brings us laughter and joy, and above all, for the hope we have through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Rev Brenda Jackson

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18th October – Trinity 20

10.30am Eucharist (St Giles)

6pm Benefice Evensong (Bakewell)

25th October – Trinity 21

10.30am Morning Worship (Rowsley) (+A)

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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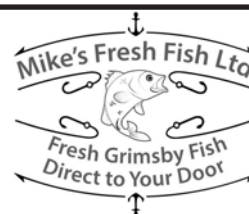
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Kao Niew Mamuang

Mango sticky rice is the most famous Thai dessert and dates back to the fourteenth century. If you've never peeled a mango (*mamuang*) before, I suggest you watch a YouTube video before trying to do so, or just buy ready diced mango pieces.

Sticky rice (*kao niew*) is often labelled as 'glutinous rice', and it's most important to wash it thoroughly in a bowl up to five times, stirring vigorously and pouring off the cloudy water, until mostly clear, before soaking the rice in cold water for at least four hours, and preferably overnight. To cook, put the soaked rice in a muslin cloth into a steamer that you have brought to the boil. Fold the edges of the cloth over the rice so that steam can come through the space around it. Cover and steam for 25 minutes over rapidly boiling water.

Serves 4

2 ripe mangoes

185g sticky rice

280ml coconut milk

100g sugar

¾ tsp salt

1 tsp rice flour

While the rice is cooking, pour 160ml coconut milk into a pan with the sugar and ½ tsp salt. Heat to dissolve the sugar and salt, and when it starts to bubble, turn off the heat and cover the pan. Reheat it a couple of minutes before the rice is done, then transfer the rice to a mixing bowl and pour the syrup over it. Stir to break up any lumps, and cover for 20 minutes. Then use a spatula to fold the bottom of the rice to the top and redistribute the syrup. Cover for another 20 minutes or until ready to serve.

Make a salted coconut sauce by stirring the rice flour in a small bowl with 1 tbsp water. Transfer this to a pan with the remaining 120ml coconut milk and ¼ tsp salt. Heat until boiling, stirring continuously, and then let cool. To serve, plate the sweet sticky rice and diced mango, and spoon the salted coconut sauce over the rice.



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Congratulations, Mr and Mrs Harris!



The sun shone on 5th September to celebrate the wedding of Rebecca Long (known as Bex) and James Harris. The Church bells rang and Cressbrook Band played beautiful music before and during the ceremony, conducted by Rev Carl Edwards. The happy couple held their reception at The Maynard, Grindleford, where everyone got to enjoy the outside gardens before the wedding breakfast, followed by a fantastic night of partying and dancing.

Bex was christened and confirmed, as well as being married, in St. Giles Church, which she also attended regularly through the local Mother and Toddler Group, Pre-School and Primary School. After growing up in the village, many locals may know Bex from The Crispin, where she worked aged 16 till 22. Bex met James, who was raised in Flagg, at Lady Manners School, Bakewell. They became a couple a few years after school and now reside in Hollow-O-The-Moor, Taddington.

They enjoyed their honeymoon in Croyde, Devon – a family favourite place. A big thank you to the Church and everyone involved for helping make the day so special.

Judith Long

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