

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

July 2013



A very full newsletter this time, with lots of interesting, thought provoking and entertaining articles.

On the shop front, the committee have been very busy, having held a successful Auction of Promises and there is another planned fund raising event coming up supported by the Grindleford Goats on **Saturday 14th September**. It's time to get your bikes out, if you haven't already, and practice pedalling up those hills! The croquet idea sounds delightful too, but I just can't get those flamingo and hedgehog images from Alice in Wonderland out of my head! Most excitingly there is progress on the Vestry front and even a possibility of having a pop-up shop which may happen as early as September.

At the moment there is no leisure provision

for the youngsters in the village. The committee of the Grindleford Youth Club have been working desperately hard to get something up and running again. Do support them by going to the Open Night on **Friday 12th July at 7pm.**

Worrying news about our bees which again are not doing well this year. Apparently bees pollinate up to a third of the food we eat so it is vitally important that we protect them and promote their survival. Keep your eyes open for swarms and give the team a call if you do spot one.

It's great to hear about all the activities planned by our Rangers at Longshaw and even better that you don't have to be less than 11¾ to take advantage of them!

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GRINDLEFORD Community Shop

It's been a while since the Members' meeting in the Sir William but we have not been idle and there has been quite a bit of progress. Here's an update:

The Faculty

This is a document which we are working on with the Church so that we can make the necessary changes to the vestry before we open. Faculties are required for churches across the country wherever a change is needed to the fabric of the building and is particularly important in older churches, (the instance of enthusiasts painting over 14th century friezes with pink Dulux is often quoted). But it's also important so that the character of the church can be preserved. We are immensely grateful to Peter Tregenza and others, who are being extremely supportive whilst also advising us about which elements of our scheme might cause undue delay.

We now have an agreed interior layout and if anyone wants to see the wonderful scale model of 'Shop in a Box' please just ask Sarah (who didn't do it. Nicky did it. It is a thing of wonder. It's just in Sarah's garage).

With Peter's help (actually, to be a bit more accurate, Peter, with us stooging around saying 'oh! That's a good idea!') we hope to be able to submit the Faculty to the Diocese for their July meeting. There is also work to do on the plans for the outside, which is proceeding well thanks to Cate and Anton, two perfect people for the job (thank goodness they said yes).

We'll keep you posted as we go along.

Volunteering

We've started to think about how we can get all of our volunteers involved, so that we are ready for when we open. The volunteers are VITAL and we cannot have a shop without you! So a really, really big thank you to those who have registered an interest. You will be hearing from us soon with some proposals about how it might all work. We have a volunteering expert in our midst – I will check out whether she minds us putting her name up in lights for the next newsletter – but she has done some fabulous work getting us on the right track and pointing out all the things we need to think about.

There will be all sorts of jobs which will need doing, not just serving behind the till but maintenance, the paperwork (rates, insurance etc), sign swappers, health and safety, stock, and lots more. So get ready First Grindleford Light Volunteers! We will need you very soon!

When will the shop open?

This is the \$64,000 question! And is dependent on how we get along with the Faculty and the Diocese. We are working as fast as we can to open as soon as we can, fingers crossed that all goes well. Watch this space.

Pop-up Shop

We plan to run some pop-up shops in the church grounds in conjunction with the Church, from the start of September if we possibly can. We hope to be selling local produce, Jamie's pies and sausages (mmmmmmmmmm) as well as, with a bit of luck, Irene's lovely bread, plus some of the basic basics. We won't be popping up every day, maybe start with Saturdays and see how we go. Please look out avidly for further notices.

Fundraising

Saturday 29th June saw the splendid **Auction of Promises** at the Sir William. Thanks to all those who participated – the Promises were awesome and the bidding was huge fun. There were some great bargains as well as some deliciously reckless bidding and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thank you to Becky and Diane primus inter pares for making it happen and to Sue, Phil and Mike for revealing hidden auctioneering talents - next stop Sotheby's.

Astonishingly over £5000 was raised from 110 lots. All the proceeds will go towards fitting out the shop once the Faculty is agreed. That gives us a wonderful bump start towards raising the money we need.

Grindleford Goats: A further fundraising event will take place on 14 September as part of the Peak District Cycling Festival. It will be a sportif event, with rides of 17 km, 51 km and 108km. We will need volunteers to marshall and help in many other ways. We hope this will become an annual event to complement the Gallop in March, making good use of the lovely countryside in which we live. Contact Alan Fairbrother on 630160 to volunteer.

We're also thinking of running a **croquet club**, proceeds from the modest subscription to the village shop. Bakewell has a croquet club, why shouldn't we! If you are interested please ring Sarah B or Mike Willis for more info.

The club will be very informal and lessons (from teachers at least two pages further ahead in the How To Play Croquet For Beginners Manual) will be given by Mike and Sarah, who will disagree about the rules. Croqueting your opponent means whacking the ball they were about to win with as far into the undergrowth as you can get it. Sort of like golf, with your rival taking your shot. Genteel mayhem. Very satisfying. Then they get to do it back to you. (Mind the river!! You could brain some ducks...)

What else is new?

You may be interested to know that documents for the renewed planning permission for Country Choice are once again on the Peak Park Planning website www.pam.peakdistrict.gov.uk/05130429. The proposals are still for a takeaway on the Main Road. If you want to comment you have until 19 July. Please visit the website and follow the steps.

Aneka's challenge (for younger readers, Aneka used to spend a lot of time leaping out of helicopters and running away from the camera looking over her shoulder and talking breathlessly into her mike. We oldies are all very fond of her in a British sort of way).

There is going to be a lot of work to do to get the shop fitting out and ready and we would be really very grateful for any offers of practical help. Fit-A-Shelf-Along-a-Steve is going to be pretty vital as we are planning to put up quite a lot of

them! End to end they would probably start in Derbyshire and end up in Yorkshire if you were going that way. If anyone can offer free electrics or plumbing that would be marvellous too. Thank you. We don't have vast amounts of money so all help no matter how small will be gratefully welcomed.

Details of what, and when, to follow.

What's next?

We'll put out another newsletter once we have agreed the Faculty with the Diocese, and the project becomes hands-on!

We may have to go through an additional hoop of planning permission but we hope a) not to and b) that if we do it won't hold us up too much.

Best wishes to all our shop enthusiasts and supporters - The Committee

Grindleford Youth Club

After many years of successful operation due to the efforts of a good number of parents the Youth Club has reluctantly had to close the doors last December as a result of dwindling numbers. However we still have a our own building that we can use as we please, (with its own unique mural decoration), and there is a determination by the trustees to get the club up and running again for the benefit of all youngsters in Grindleford and surrounding area and this time we should have some backing from the County Council. At the moment the youngsters aged 11 to 18 have no leisure facilities so this time to start again.

It is quite likely that quite a few people in the village are unaware of the building and its whereabouts, so it would seem to be a good idea to describe its situation. It is in fact just up Sir William Road opposite the pub of that name and next door to the former Methodist chapel, the property with the blue door. In fact well over 100 years ago it was a chapel and when that closed it was passed over to a Trust to use for the benefit of the community and the present trustees wish to ensure that it is still used in that way. Initially it became reading Rooms for the benefit of the 'working class'. These facilities were very popular at that time and they can be seen in many villages in the North of England. We know that the premises have been used as a youth club since about 1967 and it seems a pity that at present there is no organisation catering solely for this age group.

As a start, in the hope of getting things moving again there will be an open night, a **Party Night, on Friday 12th July, 7.00pm in the Youth Club building.**

Youth Club activities are aimed at young people between 11 and 18 but on the Open Night parents are welcome also. We look forward to seeing you all there (a) to enjoy yourselves and (b) to tell us what sort of Youth Club you would like and what sort of activities would go down well.

For further information telephone : Steve Slingsby 01433 631610



St Helen's Church, Grindleford

Services on Sundays follow a monthly pattern as far as possible, with a 9.30am service except when we have visitors from Hathersage and Bamford or we are scheduled to visit them for a Benefice Service at 10.00am. This is usually when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. There seems to be several "Benefice" services coming round because there are Patronal Festivals in all three churches.

Another fairly regular event is a visit from a Methodist minister, such as the Revd. Richard Towle from Hathersage.

Our Harvest service is on **Sunday 17th October** at 11am followed by a lunch in the Bishop Pavilion. We are expecting the Revd. Paul Bettison for the Remembrance Service in November.

The exhibition about activities in Grindleford held in April attracted many organisations to present details of their purposes and nature. These were supported by material and representatives in many cases, ranging from Edale Mountain

Rescue to the Bridge Club. The event was superbly organised by Lionel Stout and Peter Tregenza who also arranged the display. It was well attended and much appreciated by exhibitors and visitors.

A 'tea party' in St. Helen's Church was arranged for residents and friends of Mount Pleasant Court. Subsequently a follow up 'tea party' was requested. It is intended to continue with these and the next one is to be on the afternoon of **Wednesday 17th July.**

St. Helen's has recently had several visits from the Grindleford Community Shop committee to make plans for temporary use of the vestry. Papers, seeking permission to have a change of use allowed, are prepared for submission to the church authorities. This process is known as 'seeking a faculty' and is the normal course of events whenever any significant change to the nature of the church building or fabric is sought.

Peter Hutchinson

Sospirante

*Stepping back into the past on
a warm summer's evening*

Anyone who was at St Anne's Church on 22 June was very fortunate indeed, because we were treated to a wonderful evening of music to a packed venue at the hands of Sospirante, who played pieces for us from the baroque period on copies of original instruments.

Lara James, who some of you may know from school music lessons, was mesmerising on violin, Katherine May once again entranced us with her harpsichord and this year they were joined by Tom Collingwood on cello. It was a stunning combination. We heard music from Corelli, Bach and Handel amongst others, and the standard would have bowled over Wigmore Hall let alone one of our local churches ten minutes down the road in Baslow.

Lara's violin has no chin rest and the strings are made of sheep intestines. Katherine's harpsichord is absolutely beautiful and it's worth going just to see it. Tom's cello has no spike and again has strings made from period materials. These minor differences, however, yield a very large difference in sound, which is much more mellow and sweet. I got the impression that tuning was a bigger challenge than for modern instruments as the gut strings soak up moisture from the atmosphere but every note was perfect on the night and the overall effect was truly magical.

For those of you who weren't at St Anne's Church on 22nd, there will be another performance around the Midsummer next year. With such beautiful music inside, such beautiful church grounds and evening sunshine outside, and a glass of wine in the interval, it's an event definitely not to be missed.

Sarah and Andy Battarbee

Parish Council Notes

Village Green

The restoration work at the War Memorial delayed from last year is due to begin in July and should be completed by the end of August.

Asset of Community Value

The Parish Council's bid to have the former Country Choice premises listed as an asset of Community Value has been turned down by Derbyshire Dales District Council. The reason for this is that the property has not been used as a village shop for two years and this is not recent enough under the requirements set out in the Community Right to Bid.

Bus service 214

TM Travel is to withdraw the service to/from Sheffield and Matlock via Grindleford from the 21st July. TM Travel has stated that, "Ultimately the service cuts are down to economics and that it is no longer viable to run two routes into the peak district as we do at present. There is no extra Public Money available and we have worked closely with the Derbyshire County Council to minimise the inconvenience for as many people as possible."

Grindleford Branch Surgery

The Council have been in touch with Eyam Surgery to express concerns about the possible closure of their Branch Surgeries, including Grindleford. Dr Goodwin has stated that there are currently no plans to close any of the branch surgeries, to all of which they remain fully committed. However, there are proposals to change the funding of patients for all GP's across the country from next year and these may have an impact on the provision of rural services.

The Parish Council meets every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Bishop Pavilion. Residents wishing to raise any matters are given the opportunity to speak at the start of the meeting. Anyone wishing to do so should please contact either the Chairman, John Morton on 01433 631245 or the Clerk, Alan Jacques 01433 631586 prior to the meeting.

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It's Grindleford's 63rd Annual Show on Saturday 17 August and we'd love a bumper crop of entries this year!

The pale green schedules should have been delivered to your door, (spare entry forms at The Derwent Gallery), and hopefully you are eyeing up your vegetables and flowers wondering if you could be the winner of the prestigious Reynolds Trophy or The Grindleford Gardener's Tray!

Well, we don't all aim for such glory but we need lots of entries in order for there to be a show, so get feeding the runner beans and tomatoes and coax the sweet peas up the trellis and hope the sun shines and burst them into life! How's the potato in a bucket coming along, what is the secret of a winning crop?

But we're not just about fruit and veg. There's floral art including themes of 'Red Hot summer', 'Elegant Simplicity'



and 'The Midas Touch', art and craft for knitting/embroidery/painting/drawing or other handmade items, photography of local interest or flowers/foilage. We generally have a good range of entries in the domestic produce section. We've a class for a Celebration cake for those wanting to try their hand at artistry plus the usual yummy cakes, scones, etc. (Vegetable cake anyone?)

Let's get the wine judge tipsy on plenty of homemade wine or fruit liqueur.

The greatest pride is definitely seen in the children's section! It's not just for 'children' but for under 16's, so all those talented young people don't hide your talent! There's painting, modelling, a photograph of 'My Best Friend', flower arrangements, baking, vegetables. There are trophies in the Children's section - could you be the winner?

River Wolton, Grindleford resident and recent Derbyshire Poet Laureate has agreed to judge the Grindleford School poetry/writing competition on the theme of 'Time Machine'. This theme is also open to budding science fiction writers aged 12-16, whilst for adult writers Matt Black, the current Derbyshire Poet Laureate has set the challenge of 'Thirteen'.

Our Bric a Brac stall is always popular and gets some unusual eye catching goods for sale. We need donations, so if you are about to clear some space, items can be brought on the morning of the show or left in

Grindelford Horticultural Society

advance with Sue Green at Five Oaks or with Mary Morton at the Old Post Office.

Get your entries in before 9.45, cross your fingers for a prize, and enjoy the lovely afternoon, surely one of the best days out in the North of England?

Note: Grindelford Horticultural Society has put on some wonderful evenings in recent months including a guided walk round Longshaw, where we learnt more

about the Flora and Fauna, and a tour of some of the village gardens on 1st July. Our autumn programme looks good: on 17th September we're having a talk on Seabirds and seascapes and Coastal Paths, whilst in October the speaker's theme is Switzerland. If you've been hesitating to join just come along to these events at the Bishop Pavilion @ 7.30p.m, or chat to any of the stewards and helpers on show day!

Kay Allinson

The Show is a not-to-be missed highlight in the village calendar. It usually rains but somehow never dampens the spirit of the event. See you there!

Grindelford WI

Our speaker for April was unfortunately unable to be with us but his place was most ably taken by our resident needlewoman par excellence, Mrs Ann Watts. Ann shared with us the secrets of box-making and showed us examples of her exquisite work. Her boxes are indeed works of art, all shapes and sizes, and beautifully covered with a selection of fabrics. We had a truly enjoyable evening and each of us went home clutching a small box of our own manufacture- not quite on a par with our instructor's work!

May is always "Resolutions evening" and this we share with our neighbouring WI Curbar, Calver and Froggatt. This year's Resolution, to be presented at the WI AGM, urged us as members of the WI to

choose to support our local village and town shopping areas. When put to the vote there was a majority in favour and our votes will be taken to the AGM. We also had to vote to accept changes in the WI Constitution and this was also carried.

The business being concluded we were treated to a talk by Pat Girling a Bakewell chocolatier who offered tastings of her chocolate and showed us her splendidly crafted chocolate figures. Our hosts then served us with a delicious and very substantial supper.

We ate again at our June meeting when we enjoyed a visit to High Trees garden centre in Darley Dale where after a good "window shop" we were served an excellent lunch.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Readers

Grindleford Bookworms

Chris Cleave's *The Other Hand*, a book which featured a chance meeting on a Nigerian beach was our choice for April's discussion. Andrew and Sarah's marriage had hit an all-time low and the holiday was designed to put things on a better footing. That meeting with "Little Bee" and a subsequent one at their suburban home in England leads to mystery, intrigue and suicide. Not a book for the faint hearted.

Faced with two massive tomes for May and June we decided that we would spread these over three months and so our mid-May meeting was devoted to Vikram Seth's epic novel set in India in the early 1950's *A Suitable Boy*. The story revolves around the search for a suitable match for a daughter. It concerns four families and Seth introduces us to the problems of the time, religion, politics, business, education and commerce all of which the family members have to confront. It is a very time-consuming read but well worth the effort.

Ulysses awaits us!

Grindleford Book Group Too

The "errors and omissions" in the March edition of my report were entirely mine and not the editor's. My apologies.

We read Ann Dillard's book *The Maytrees* in April. The Maytrees are a married couple Toby and Lou overwhelmingly in love, a love which sends them to live in some isolation in a shack in the sand dunes. Their idyllic marriage is shattered when Toby bows out of the relationship and finds pastures new. The story develops!

Blue Horse Dreaming by Melanie Wallace took us to another time and another environment. It is a vividly descriptive account of the effect of isolation and depression on a community cut off for months from much needed supplies. The garrison at a frontier fort face near starvation and degradation as their officer loses the will to fulfill his responsibilities. Add to this the fear of an attack from "savages" and the return of a hostage whose years in captivity have left her alienated to "civilization", and you have a very readable story.

And then to Dickens and one of his best known novels. The first and the final sentences of *A Tale of Two Cities* are among the most frequently quoted scraps of literature. Sandwiched between them Dickens offers us a story exposing what might have been the best and the worst of times during the French Revolution. He tells his tale with characteristic descriptive fluency and holds his readers' attention to the bitter end.

Kay Beeston

Grindleford Bee Keepers



Many bee colonies continue to struggle this year. Colonies which by now should be teeming with bees are barely marking time as older bees move through their natural summer six week life-cycle.

Grindleford is not alone in this plight. There is a general theory that the queens heading many hives this year were not adequately mated due to the past two poor summers.

Bee breeders throughout the country are also reporting difficulties through the delay of hatching and successfully mating new queens so replacements for our failing queens may come much later in the season. This may have a knock on effect on colonies becoming strong enough to survive the coming winter. The plus factor is that swarms seem to be late this year so don't hesitate to ring if you see an accessible one even as the summer progresses as these could be used to strengthen our colonies.

Our one surviving colony at the allotments looks very weak from the amount of activity outside the hive but only our next inspection will reveal the awful truth.

I'm sure this situation is only temporary and a prolonged, warm, fine spell will develop things nicely but optimism is not in plentiful supply - just like the honey yields!! If you would like to help honey bees one of the simplest ways is to avoid using pesticides and weed killers. If you must use them please try to do it in the evening or early morning whilst the bees are not about.

Alan Fairbrother

Thanks Alan, it certainly makes gloomy reading and a dwindling bee population is very worrying considering how important they are for pollinating our crops. It is good to know that there is something we can do as individuals which may give our bees a better chance of survival.

Here are the numbers you can contact again should you see a swarm:

Martin Dalley01433 639543
Phil Edge01433 630453
Penny Ives01433 631843
Kim Schofield01433 639067
Sarah Battarbee01433 630674
Douglas Ross07875 333040
Alan Fairbrother01433 630160

Grindleford Goats



You may have seen folk out and about with a new Grindleford Goats logo on clothes in the village (there were some samples on display at the Living In Grindleford event recently). It's basically a loosely affiliated group that anybody can join (no club structure, joining fees or meetings), of people in the village who like running, biking, climbing, and generally being active. There's a Facebook Group where we post details of planned activities, which members can opt in to (much preferable to opting out of round-robin emails). Just search for Grindleford Goats on Facebook (you'll need a FB account) and request membership. Whatever you post within the group will only be visible by members of the group. If you fancy any clothing with the Goats logo then drop matt an email at matt@heason.net. Hoodies are £24 (adult) and £16 (kids), Running Vests are £16, and T-shirts range from £8 (kids technical / adults basic) to £14 (adult technical).

Hedgehogs Revisited

Our Spiky & Fast Disappearing Friends

Some of you may recall I found a wheezing, very poorly hedgehog at the bottom of Sir William Hill a few years ago, and launched a Mothers-Against-Slug-Pellets mini campaign in honour of these proud little animals with the mad hair-cuts. I have a particular fondness for them because my mum used to feed a baby one and once it had had its tea it used to go to sleep with its face in the saucer. What's not to love...

The rise in badger numbers has done nothing for the hedgie population, as they turn them over and eat the soft undersides without asking the hedgehogs' permission.

I have now also discovered that the 'organic' slug pellets I have been using are not labelled 'organic' any more. They look exactly the same but now they say 'advanced'. In desperation I bought some stuff manufactured by Grazer, called 'Slugs and Snails – live and let grow' with a picture of a hedgehog and a thrush on it. Apparently it works by making the leaves of plants unpleasant to slugs and snails, so instead of poisoning them it just puts them off. It also promotes growth, and continues to work after it has rained. You just spray it on both sides of the leaves every few days or so.

SO FAR it has worked really well and I haven't found any slimy exploded slug innards anywhere, which is a boon. Calver cross-roads garden centre sell it if you are looking for some locally.

Sarah Battarbee

Longshaw Rangers

We're involved in lots of work at the moment, lots of fencing and dry stone walling as well as helping to make Longshaw even better for little visitors with Play Longshaw! (our Boggart themed natural play trail). We've also been helping Grindleford School to find an area of woods to set up their own Forest School site, so watch this space. If you are under the age of 11¾, and would like some ideas for fun things to do outdoors then log on to the National Trust's 50 Things website www.50things.org.uk - Sarah (our Visitor Experience Intern) has designed us a new geocaching trail at Longshaw so come along and try it and tick Geocaching off your 50 Things list! (You don't even have to be under 11¾ to do it - shhh!).

Wildlife is in abundance now after a very tough winter. Our rangers have been part of a bigger team helping to survey deer and woodcock as well as wildflowers. Sam is back surveying the northern hairy wood ants and carrying out his research into how they live and how their nests interact, he's been trying different ways to track the ants including painting them and tagging them with electronic chips. There have been a lot of red deer sightings on Longshaw – they seem to be getting more and more bold, and were seen hanging around Boggart Rise the other day! There are lots of swallow chicks in nests around Longshaw Lodge, and the cuckoo has come back, but we can't decide whether

the most exciting wildlife sighting this year is that of the Golden Oriole or the ferret we caught at Burbage Brook after it was terrorising visitors! Our rangers, Chris and Mark, took the poor thing to Winnats Head farm where it has put on lots of weight and is earning its keep!

We're also getting ready for some bigger woodland work to start happening at Longshaw this Autumn, where quite a bit of plantation woodland on the estate will be felled, especially some of the Scots Pine trees that were originally part of the Sheffield Plantation. It means widening the path for the removal of the timber, so there will be a few changes in the landscape and it might look a bit messy for a while (we'll be reducing disruption & damage as much as possible). If you want to find out more about the woodland work coming up at Longshaw please email chris.millner@nationaltrust.org.uk.

We now have a team of volunteers helping to welcome people to Longshaw and make sure they can find their way around. We would love to grow this team, so you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Rachel.Mora-Bannon@nationaltrust.org.uk or call Rachel on 01433 631757.

Also, Longshaw has its own facebook page where people can keep up with our Rangers' work, important messages and also some of our events information – just search and “like” Longshaw National Trust.

What's On at L

Guided Longshaw Walks

Every Wednesday & Sunday at 11am.

Join our volunteer walk leaders for a free 2- 2.5 hour guided walk exploring Longshaw. **FREE!**

Little Imps Picnic

Moorland Discovery Centre, Longshaw

Thu 18 Jul and 29 Aug, 10.30am-2pm

Fun for under-5s. Play sensory games and join in summertime craft activities. Bring a picnic. **£3 B**

Hide and Seek - spot the Boggarts!

All summer long

Come Boggart spotting at Longshaw! - follow the natural Play trail and look out for Boggarts hiding along the way! The Play Longshaw! Boggart trail is available from the Longshaw Visitor Centre every day during opening times, for just **50p**

Kitchen Garden Open Day

Longshaw Kitchen Garden

Thu 25 Jul & Sun 1 Sept, 2pm-5pm

Discover Longshaw's kitchen garden and take part in some fun, hands-on growing and craft activities. Activities **£2**

Life in Ancient Seas

Moorland Discovery Centre, Longshaw.

Tues 30 Jul, 11-1pm & 2-4pm booking not needed.

Discover the origins of the White Peak and the Dark. Make rock pools and coral models, investigate the local millstone grit, hear stories of these ancient rocks and find out about their more recent uses... Sedimentary my dear!

'50 Things' Thursdays - Down by the Pond

Longshaw Pond

Thu 1 Aug & Thu 15 Aug, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Pond dipping and bug hunting. Bring a net if you have one. **£2**

Longshaw Anty Antics!

Longshaw Estate

Sun 1 Aug & Sun 1 September (weather permitting), 11am-3pm

Come and help with some scientific research into the Northern Hairy Wood Ants at Longshaw. Track the painted ants, look closely at ants using microscopes, drink some honeydew and make ant crafts. Follow the signs from the Visitor Centre. **FREE!**

B Booking is essential

Longshaw...



Cycle to the Cinema

**Moorland Discovery Centre, Longshaw
Tues 6 Aug, 8-10pm**

A new venture in partnership with Heason Events; Cycle to the Cinema www.facebook.com/CycletotheCinema is a rolling programme of films. Film TBC.

B Tickets: £6 or £8 with coffee & cake

'50 Things' Thursday:

From Rushes to Rafts

**Longshaw: meeting at the Moorland
Discovery Centre at 1.30pm**

**Thu 8 Aug & Thu 22 Aug,
1.30pm-3.30pm**

Turn rushes into rafts and sail them down the babbling stream. Starting at the Moorland Discovery Centre. **£3 B**

Potter into the Past

Longshaw, near Hathersage

Thu 8 Aug, 10am-11.30am

A leisurely stroll to discover the history behind the beautiful landscape. **£3 B**

Cycle to the Cinema:

A Sunday in Hell

**Moorland Discovery Centre, Longshaw
Wed 28 Aug, 8pm-10pm**

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B Tickets: £6 or £8 with coffee & cake
www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/6816637747

Cycle to the Cinema:

Best of ShAFF Shorts

**Moorland Discovery Centre, Longshaw
Thu 12 Sept, 8pm-10pm**

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B Tickets: £6 or £8 with coffee & cake
www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/6824599561

B Booking is essential

*Jenny, and the
NT Longshaw Team*

**Call 0844 249 1895 to book events (unless shown otherwise)
or call 01433 670368 for information**

Visit our website to book & for information:
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw/things-to-see-and-do/events/

Goodbye Grindleford

It's occurred to me that this will be the last edition of the News before our family leaves Grindleford Primary for good after ten and a half years, as Julia sets off to Lady Manners in September.

Other families, the Garlands and Willisies for example, put in even more spectacular stints – the Garlands a continuous nineteen years, I think! But we can remember back to January 2003 so I thought I might write down a few of the highlights.

As soon as we arrived in Grindleford, Rod Baraona decided that one school storey was not enough and mustered the parents to get together one weekend morning and knock the ceiling down. There was plaster dust everywhere and a great gaping hole up to the rafters. Oo-er, we thought but in no time Rod had galvanised the local authority, staff, government, parents and some builders and class 3 plus the computer room emerged from the rubble. It's hard to remember now that 13 years ago they weren't there and everyone crammed into Class 2, the dining room and the terrapin.

Also before Kit started at school I applied for the job of clerk to the governors, thinking that it would be a good way to get to know people in the village we had just moved into. Poppy was only a puppy then and just before I was due to turn up for my interview slot, she vanished up the hill into the rain and dark up Sir William Hill. Being a Londoner I did neither hills nor dark and 45 minutes later I turned up at school having found the pesky animal,

scratched, muddy and cross. To my complete astonishment they offered me the job! There was a great line up - I can remember Howard Griffith, Kay Beeston, Julie Ashmore, David Marjoram and Chrissie Poulson, I wonder if they can remember who else was there?

After much failed haranguing the Peak Park dealt the final blow to the terrapin by refusing to extend their permission for it to stay and off it went. During the demolition it turned out it was actually two terrapins, one half was 30 years old and the other 45. So the temporary building of no more than 15 years duration had actually been there for half a lifetime and more. I fear that nobody missed it.

The highlight of the years has been the plays and nativities. Julia was second angel in her first year and dealt in a thespian manner with her tinsel halo which was under the influence of gravity. Kit then went on to be third soldier in the Wizard of Oz in a preposterous cardboard hat and the witch was a pair of stripey tights under the props.

Then Mr Petts arrived and things started to hot up with Buggy Malone. Many still here will remember that epic night in the sub-basement of the Methodist church over the way, and the custard pie mayhem at the end will never be forgotten. Of this are the best childhood memories made! Subsequent products got better and better – 'Take him into Custardy!' said Freya's Robin Hood of the villain a year or so later, whilst holding the hand the fair Maid 'Harry McMullan' Marion. Do you

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remember Phoebe and Grace singing into hairbrush mikes in wimples?

That was good...

My person favourite was of course Mary Poppins where Kit donned a huge suit jacket and 'bowler' hat (charity shop wedding special with the flowers stripped off and painted with black spray paint, in case you are still wondering....) That was fun. We all sang along and could probably be heard in Calver. Julia then returned as Fourth Fairy in a later production of Cinderella Rockerfella, with Phoebe and Charlie McM – the McMullans are Grindleford's answer to the Redgraves – in the starring roles. And last year of course Eleanor was wonderful in Pirates of the Curry Bean, the effects of which we are still feeling.

I remember Kit coming home with stars in his eyes when Mr Petts bought some programmable robots and they spent the afternoon crawling round on the floor making these things move around. He was also pretty keen on the lesson on circulation when they turned the tables over and a few on one table were the lungs, others the heart etc, with much hurtling from one to the other. (There is more than one way to transport a clot). Much of Julia's similarly wonderful experiences are now on the Class 3 blog, and it is great to have a record, otherwise all these genius ideas just disappear, apart from in the memories of the children of course.

There were some smashing trips too – the air raid shelters, the doomed attempts to

have Fun At the Seaside Because of the British Weather, and many, many more, all of which were enjoyed very much by both our kids.

I'm sure others with older or younger children will have similar memories of special happy days. And there are lots of questions which are getting lost in the mists – for example, when was the pond built, and by whom? Jolly well done anyway it's really good! And when did the bell disappear and does anyone know where it went?

Thank you to Rosie, Jack, Danny and Emily, Kit's classmates, along with Eliie Wilson and Angus; and Benny, Oscar, Jago, Carlos, Wiliam, Devon and Archie who have seen it through to the end with Julia. Her year lost Edward, Faythe, Radhana, Jasmine and Amelia along the way. As the years go by our current present at Grindleford School will become the treasured memories of the past. Thank you so much to all of you there for making it such fun for our kids and for us too! And very best luck in the future for the children who are there now and those still to come.

Sarah and Andy Battarbee

Thanks for this Sarah and Andy. As Jago is a Grindleford school leaver this year too it is lovely to share memories. It is a terrific place and we are extremely lucky to have such a good school with such great children in our village.

Recycle your children's outdoor gear and support your local pre-school



Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

**Have your children grown out of their outdoor clothing?
Are you looking for a good home for their reusable,
much-loved outdoor gear?**

If so, please donate them to Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup for our autumn fundraising sale. With our Forest School, allotment and regular trim-trailing, we know how useful good outdoor gear can be.

We are collecting outdoor clothing for children aged 0–12 years old (especially waterproofs for any season, puddlesuits, ski wear, fleeces, warm babygrows, trousers, thick socks, hats and gloves), shoes, sandals and boots (walking, wellies, and snow), rucksacks and baby carriers.

All clothes and equipment will be on sale at bargain prices in the autumn. Any excess items will go to **Grindleford's Community Shop**, where the 'recycle, reuse' children's outdoor gear initiative will continue.

If you are having a summer clear-out, you can **drop gear off at the Pavillion any morning except Thursdays until 23rd July** - or look out for posters around the village advertising drop-off points over the summer.

Any questions phone Sarah Dadswell on 01433 630533.

Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Playgroup continues to go from strength to strength, meeting three mornings and one full day a week at the Pavilion. The name change of recent times is to reflect the unhurried, child centred approach to learning we now foster. The structured routine consists of child led play, snack and circle time, adult led craft, stories and outside involvement. On Mondays activities such as riding bikes and baking takes place, Tuesdays we visit our allotment and the wildlife pond, woodland Wednesday which encompasses Forest School and the trim trail at Grindleford School on a Friday. A full week! These experiences afford the children opportunity to explore and develop at their own pace, lovingly supported by a very able staff team.

During the summer holidays we are able to offer a Forest School holiday club open to all children aged 3-5 years. The dates for this are Wednesday July 24th up to and including August 14th. It will be run by myself and qualified Forest School leaders used by us on a weekly basis. If you are interested in your child attending either playgroup or the forest school holiday club, please contact either myself (molemeech@btinternet.com) or Liz Tiplady (liz.tiplady@info). Closing date for the holiday club is Friday 12th July.

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Apology

In the last edition of the Grindleford News there was an article about The Gallop. Mention of one of our main sponsors was omitted. May we rectify this here and say a huge thank you to Outside for their support of the event. They provide the cash awards to our winners and their ongoing support is greatly valued by all of us.

Have you seen any good films lately?

Riz Ahmed is the London born actor of Pakistani heritage and was awarded the Shooting Stars Acting Award for up and coming actors in 2012. FOUR LIONS (2010) and THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST (2012), his most recent film, showcases this talented young actor in lead performances.

Directed by Mira Nair, *THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST* is based on a novel of the same name by Pakistani author Mohsin Hamid. The book was shortlisted for the 2007 Booker Prize. Riz Ahmed plays the divided hero Changez, who has achieved the American dream as a young Pakistani Wall Street business analyst in the aftermath of the World Trade Centre disaster. The story depicts the hostility towards him as a Muslim and Changez finds himself increasingly ill at ease and disenchanted as he experiences the impact of the disaster and its psychological and political damage. Changez begins to question his identity and the clash of cultural and spiritual commitment to his homeland.

Nair's film integrates the beautiful sounds of Pakistani music and verse. Legendary rock star Perter Gabriel joined Pakistani

singer Alif Aslan to compose and sing verse by Urdu poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz. Overall, beautiful cinematography and music, and a highly engaging film.

Before his dramatic role in *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*, Riz Ahmed skilfully plays an incompetent terrorist in the black comedy *FOUR LIONS*, in which he plays a Bradford born Muslim and a would be suicide bomber. Omar (Ahmed), a devoted Muslim, leads a cell of home grown Jihadi bombers who are more of a threat to themselves than they are to others in this amusing film from writer/director Chris Morris.

Morris's satirical approach concentrates on character. Instead of them being revolutionaries to be hated or feared, the young men are depicted as clueless, misguided bunglers. We are drawn into their world and we see it from their point of view as we witness the four clumsily devise a terrorist plot to take to the streets of London. This film, shot locally in Meersbrook and Attercliffe, is emotionally engaging and we empathise with the characters despite their deplorable intentions.

Lesley Broadhurst

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch has a key objective; to help prevent crime by improving security, increasing vigilance and maintaining a caring community. The Grindleford Neighbourhood Watch Group has been most ably supported and sustained by John Bradley as secretary for many years. As he is now moving from the village, he has resigned this position and it seems appropriate that the service which John has given to this group and village should be noted.

Nowadays Police Community Support Officers spread information on home

security and alert the neighbourhood and police about suspicious and possibly criminal behaviours. However, the police cannot deal with all problems and issues arising from criminal and antisocial behaviour alone; they continue to need the help of the community. Information is disseminated over the internet by alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk which everyone can receive. Anyone can contact the PCSOs and Police of the Safer Neighbourhood Team by telephoning 101.

Peter Hutchinson

Do you walk by the River Derwent?

Are you interested in the river and its surrounding environment?

If so we would like to hear from you.

We are conducting research into what people value about the River Derwent and the surrounding environment, specifically as it flows through the Hope Valley. We are based at the University of Sheffield and will be sharing our findings with the Peak District National Park Authority and other agencies who manage the area, as we hope to use our findings to support river management practices. We would like to



interview you and go for a walk with you by the river. So whether you live in the area and regularly walk your dog by the river or you're a visitor to the Hope Valley and only walk here occasionally, we want to hear about your experiences and views. If you would like to take part or would simply like further information about the project, please get in touch with **Dr Rachel Dilley on 0114 222 6408 or email: r.e.dilley@sheffield.ac.uk**

Pedalling for Pennies; Mums Act for Autism

So we made it! All 238 miles of pedalling over three consecutive days. It was quite an experience. We were cycling with 27 others drawn from around the country, it's always gratifying to know that there are people out there who are as crazy as us! The first day was gruelling, I couldn't believe that the hills in Kent were so steep and I was obviously cruelly fooled by the term "undulating".

The second and third days were easy going though, the route through France and Belgium was uncommonly flat! Not to say there weren't still some challenges – Belgium cobbles and the general state of their roads being one and a very blustery wind blowing us about in all directions being another. The highlights for me, apart from actually getting through the days that is, were the beautiful buildings of Bruges and Brussels and the fine Belgium beer!

Our team of three raised £5500 for the National Autistic Society which was an amazing achievement. There are a great many people to thank for their donations and support including many from the village. So many kind, supportive words and lots of practical support too. Particular thanks must go to Jo Casson who was with us every step of the way from the moment we came up with the crazy idea, to waving us off at the station. In addition to many other gestures of support she held a very successful cake sale at her workplace, painstakingly making all the cakes herself and raising much needed funds for us.

Jo Burn also put her creative culinary skills at our service and made a fabulous selection of cupcakes to sell at Grindleford Primary, she could have made twice as many and they would have disappeared just as rapidly under the flurry of small, eager hands! She was to re-appear working her magic at Lynn Strafford's very successful clothes show a few weeks later at which Maria Blowen, another ambassador for us, did the raffle. The school council put their heads together and decided to organise a non-uniform day for us, whereby the children gave donations to wear clothes of their choice for the day. There are so many others I could mention who helped us individually and collectively achieve our goal. It makes me see anew what amazing folk live in this village (and around the edges!) and how willing people are to be supportive and give their time freely.

For me personally, the wonderful man in my life, Andy Burdett, deserves a huge amount of credit for his patience, for endlessly tinkering with my bike to transform it from a cheap and uncomfortable number into a mean machine, for forcing me to go up all those killer hills and for believing I could actually do it!

I can't see myself doing something like this again in a hurry. I need a good, long rest. Wait a minute... I appear to have put myself down for the Sportive on the 14th September. Now, how did that happen?

Thanks again to all of you!

Renuka

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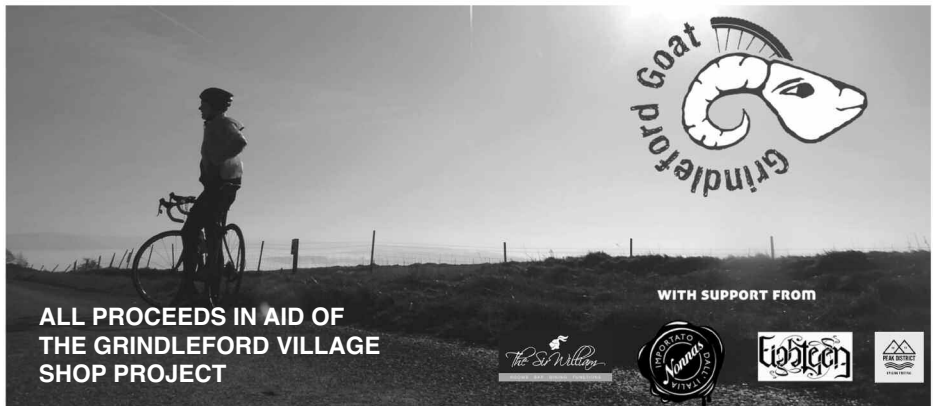
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Useful Websites:

Grindleford Community Shop: www.grindlefordshop.co.uk

Check out all the activities going on in our pre school and primary school:
www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk email: grindlefordpreschool@gmail.com

Finally, don't forget that the village has its own website where you can find out about what is going on locally and post details of your own events:
www.grindleford.com

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