

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

October 2015



## Tour de Grindleford

This is the third year the village has run the Grindleford Goat cycle sportive to raise money for the village shop. This year was a bit different though. With the Tour Of Britain cycle race passing through the village on the Friday prior to the date of the ride it was an opportunity too good to pass up, so the village upped the ante to organise a competitive hill climb up the Sir William

Hill, alongside a cycle fair and a music night in the pub. And what a success it all was! There could be no mistaking the fact that something big was about to happen in the village. Cars were fliered, lap posts were placarded, bunting was strung up, and a bike painted yellow appeared.

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The morning of the 11th dawned sunny and warm, main road was quickly cleared of cars, and a large crowd gathered by the bridge to welcome the peloton as it buzzed through. Needing some more manpower than the usual crew of Goat Herders (volunteers who manage the Saturday usually events) the school PTA stepped up and helped with the afternoon and evening activities, raising money for the Solar School project which has seen solar panels installed on the roof of the school over the summer, but which still needs to raise a significant sum of money to pay for them. As school finished for the week the kids emptied out of the playground and were able to go straight into the bike fair next door in the pub car park. There was free bike maintenance, a host of cycle attire and retro bikes on display / sale, a pair of very popular roller bikes (thanks JE James) for kids to race each other on, live music and a cracking BBQ.



As the evening moved on the hill climb race organisers were staggered by the number of entries for the gruelling test—1.1 miles up the hill from the pub to the Roman Road. In all there were over 80 riders, with a very respectable turnout from the village (fastest local woman was Ayshea Furlong with Helen Barnett and Jane Crowson just behind, whilst Dave Miller took the fastest local men's time; full results are on the website).

The atmosphere couldn't have been better as riders returned down the hill with their medals and cake to join the festivities at the pub which surely hasn't been that busy in many a year. All in all around £750 was raised towards the solar panels, including a whopping £100 donation from Hassop Cycles. Thanks to everybody who helped out and supported. It's surely an event that will be back in the future, as feedback from some of the professional hill climbers who turned up was very positive, and it worked really well as a village social.

If you were out on the Friday night

and wondered why some people didn't stick around until the bitter end it's because there was more to do! Registration for the Grindleford Goat sportive started at 8am and rain was forecast. Having had a stunning evening for the hill climb, and two years of glorious weather for the sportive the weather gods finally turned on us as the 400 riders who turned up to ride

ours is run by volunteers and not commercially. That said, it did raise a little over £9,000 for the shop which will once again help it through the darker months ahead. And that impressive total wasn't just down to the riders—exhibitors also contributed with donations, including a generous £80 from Pizzasmiths.



on the Saturday were given a good old British drenching on the start line. Despite the fact that the rain persisted for most of the morning rider arrived back once again in the sun and with the usual smiles on their faces. The general feedback at the feedstations en route was that we look after the riders better than any other sportive. That's some feedback given the popularity of these events, and is testament to the fact that

If you'd like to get involved next year you'd be very welcome. It's a rewarding event in many ways. Just get in touch with Alan Fairbrother on 630160.

*Matt Heason*

Find more Goat pics here: <https://www.facebook.com/grindlefordgoat>

# *Grindleford* Horticultural Society



Our show in August had bumper entries of flowers and veg, which made it very hard for the judges to choose the winners! Special congratulations to Chris West who won the Royal Bank-sian medal and Natalie Tilson for the diploma for Excellence in Horticulture . Flynn Codd and Maya Seligman won cups in the Children's Section.

The marquee looked just beautiful, so thanks to all who entered and to everyone who helped in any way.

There are just too many people to thank by name: so, obviously, many thanks to new and experienced judges, sponsors, (of prizes and the raffle), everyone on the committee and associated long term helpers of good will and stamina, everyone who baked and helped Penny and Emily with the refreshments and to the stall holders. Thanks to attendants who were charming and eager to help. It's a big job pulling off a successful show and all the 'behind the scenes' helpers (like



Bob Wilson) are greatly appreciated. We gratefully accept any help in the setting up or dismantling of the show!

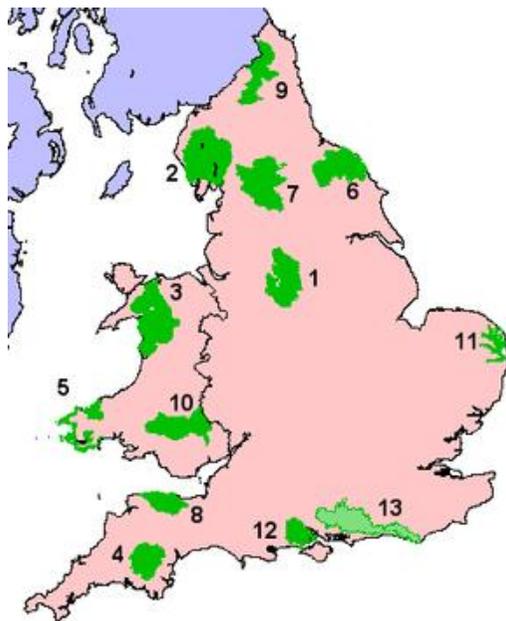
We are always open to ideas and if you would like to suggest ideas for future show days please get in touch with a committee member or join us at our November AGM.

So our gardens are closing the year in a blaze of autumn glory! The Acers, conkers, and roses are glorious and fruit trees and hedges are hopefully brimming with bounty. Don't forget to plant or replant any spring bulbs and protect any tender plants from the ravages of winter weather before it's too late. Have you lifted the potatoes? It's time to prune climbing roses, cut back perennials, dividing any that have got too big. You can make leaf mould from all the fallen leaves and divide rhubarb crowns.

We have a good programme planned for the winter months. We started early with a talk by Peter Ward on National Parks of England and Wales. We learned that each Authority has two 'statutory purposes':

1. to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area; and
2. to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the parks' special qualities by the public

Can you put a name to the numbers on



the map? How many have you visited? Did you know that our own Peak District National Park is **the second most visited national park in the world?** Only Mont Fuji has more annual visitors!

Journalist and former president of the CNP was declared the parks were 'Not ours, but ours to look after': this seems a good sentiment, given the threats and opportunities that National Parks can face.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> our speaker Jennie Street will show us the art of 'Composting and Rhubarb Farms'. Our AGM is on 17<sup>th</sup> November and it is followed by a social evening. All events are at 7.30 pm at the Bishop Pavilion. It would be lovely to see you there!

*Kay Allinson*



# The Grindleford Community Shop

## *AGM*

It's soon going to be that time of year again. We need 10% of the membership to be quorate, i.e. 35 of you, so please come along and join us. As last year there will be some accounts, some highlights from the last year, some food and some of that Grindleford thing we do. Date and venue tbc but it will be towards the latter half of November.

## *Volunteers session*

At that event we will also run a pre-session for volunteers, to give you extra special thanks and to run through the hotspots of the health and safety legislation. To make it more interesting Andrew is going to set those to rhyme, over 240 stanzas. All joking aside, though, part of the course insists that we trickle down the information to others. More on this in the next volunteers' newsletter.

## *The internet connection*

You will have noticed glacial but relentless progress. After we dug the trench (what a fine effort that was) BT finally turned up to dig the line across the road. Then there was a short pause before a junction box appeared and the spool of cable disappeared. And then notification that they will be flicking

the switch on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. When it actually happens we will let you know our plans for card payments, cashback and so forth.

## *Garden party*

Flushed with success from the trench digging day, we are once again flinging ourselves on your mercy and your spades with a view to having a churchyard tidy-up. There will be big, heavy, manly type things to do, and some daintier activities like leafblowing and replanting the boxes. So if you possibly can, come and spare us an hour to help us get shipshape for the winter. It makes a big difference to our visitors, on whom we rely financially, if the front is looking smart and welcoming.

All this will be happening **9.30-12 on 17 October** and once we are done and dug, there will be tea/coffee and lashings of cake to reward you all.

## *Sunday superstars*

Last Sunday a group of no less than 30 walkers arrived at 3.30 pm. Unruffled, the fabulous Sunday combo of Di and June dished out drinks and cakes and emerged with our reputations enhanced and our till more heavily laden. Well done you two. 30!

## *Autumn...*

We've had some glorious late summer days but there is definitely a chill in the air now. This seems like an appropriate time to mention our cake bakers, whose duties will lessen soon enough as the walkers stop coming in such numbers. Thank you, the whole enterprise hangs on your efforts as this is where we make quite a bit of our profits.

*Next push to base camp 2*

We are going to have a proper push soon to recruit some more volunteers. We seem to have settled on a fairly fixed pool of excellent people—profound thanks to you all. These good folk tell us they enjoy themselves and they do appear to do so! Without volunteers we are, plain and simple, sunk and we are currently missing five of our stalwarts as they are on extended holidays. It's getting a bit tight for those who remain within these shores.

It seems that there are five sorts of people who aren't currently volunteering:

The ones who have no interest in the shop and no desire to be involved; nor do they use the shop for anything, preferring to drive elsewhere.

The ones who would like to volunteer but are daunted by the prospect of 'getting it wrong' or looking a bit daft because the till looks complicated. To those we say—please come down one day, maybe after the shop has shut, and spend half an hour with one of us. It's all really quite easy and it doesn't matter if it goes wrong!

The ones who don't want to use the till

but would be happy making tea or washing up sometimes – to those we say, we can certainly work round that and, especially at weekends, you would be SO invaluable. It can be really hard work trying to serve and wash up and make tea all at once. Please please do come and help you would be very much appreciated.

Finally, the ones who work and/or have young kids and don't have enough time. To those we say—could we have you for an hour at a time, on a short time contract so you aren't locked into it? Maybe two one hour sessions over a six month period, then finish? Alternatively maybe you could go on our short-notice call list. If all you lovely people gave us two hours over six months, then we would have an additional 60 hours or so of help which would really make a difference. And we do appreciate all the stuff you do like turning up to one-offs, and baking, and so on and so on.

We would be grateful for ANY additional help right now. It will ease off as we go into November/December but right now we are buckling a bit under the strain!

*Pharmaceuticals vs Academicals*

Advance warning that there will be a football tournament at Christmas – Grindleford health care experts vs Grindleford educationalists, and Youth Club vs School. The winners of each leg will play each other. Mixed teams, 7 a side, min three ladies. Blame Ian Barker it's his fault.

*Andrew and Sarah*



## **SUNDAY LUNCH TO COMMEMORATE THE 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

The Parish Council are holding a special Commemoration Sunday Lunch at the Sir William Hotel on Remembrance Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> November, following the morning services at the Church and War Memorial.

Morning Coffee will be served at the Sir William following the War Memorial Service and then there will be a period to remember the servicemen from the village who gave their lives and to reflect on how the community was affected by the conflict. If anyone has any memorabilia from the period that they would like to bring to show or talk about, please contact Alan Jacques, see contact details below.

Lunch will be served in the Dining Room at approx. 12.30. The meal will be hand carved Roast Beef with all the trimmings, followed by sweet of the day. The cost will be £12 per head, cash payments only please and any profit will be put towards the upkeep of the War Memorial.

**Numbers are limited, so pre-booking is essential, please see contacts below.**

Grateful thanks to Terry & Helen at the Sir William for their generosity in hosting this event.

To book, please contact:

Alan Jacques 01433 631586

Ray Whiteley 01433 631139

John Morton 01433 631245

# Pavilion Extension Update

The Playing Field Association's pavilion extension steering group would like to thank everyone who took part in their opinion survey this summer. Thanks go especially to Grindleford Community Shop and the Sir William pub for kindly hosting collection points. The responses are now being carefully considered by the steering group and an update will be available soon.

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## *Grindleford*

### WI

The Devonshire Group of WIs to which we belong organised a trip on July 3rd to the National Arboretum. Grindleford was well represented and we thoroughly enjoyed this leafy National Memorial. The Arboretum covers an enormous area and we were glad to be able to make use of the little train which took us on a tour of the site. There was an excellently descriptive commentary which pointed out each of the memorial sites as we passed them. The Arboretum is, as yet, in its infancy but will become a magnificent forest with a splendid variety of trees in years to come.

Liz Goddard was our speaker in July and her subject was 'Mercy Ships'. We are so very privileged in this country that our NHS provides such a wonderful service but there are many other areas of the world where there are little or no medical facilities. 'Mercy Ships' carry voluntary workers in many branches of the medical profession to offer treatment to those in need as the ships cruise from port to port. We felt great admiration for those who give so freely of their expertise to aid the unfortunate.

Our speaker in September was not able to come so Ann Watts, our craft specialist took us over once again and we were given free access to her collection of card making materials. We each emerged triumphant with a brand new self-crafted greetings card.

Most people will be aware that this year we in the WI celebrate our Centenary. Not so many will know that we in Grindleford have our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. We will be going out to enjoy a birthday lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

*Kay Beeston*

# *Grindleford*

# Readers

## Grindleford Bookworms

*North and South* by Elizabeth Gaskell is set in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and illustrates in fiction the differences at that time, between the industrial north and the more generally agricultural south of England. For example workers in the north of the country expected to be listened to by their employers, and if not heard were prepared to take action, probably through their unions, while in the south they never even asked but endured their lack of rights. Between the two chief characters there is a chasm but differences of opinion do not have to last.

*The Narrow Road to the Deep North*, Richard Flannagan's narrative of life in a Japanese POW camp where the POWs were expected to labour on the construction of the Burma railway is based on his father's experiences. Deep differences between the Japanese and Australian cultures were very apparent. To the Japanese it was unthinkable that a defeated soldier would surrender to the enemy and thus those whom they had captured were treated with barbarity and disdain. Dorrigo Evans who is a doctor and also the senior officer in the camp is given responsibility to select men from amongst those starving and sick prisoners to go each day to work. There are lighter passages in the book revealing pre and post war phases of Evans's life. The book was a worthy winner of the Booker prize in 2014.

Andrew Miller's *Pure* is another rather 'grizzly' tale. Jean Baptiste Barette is a young engineer, a bridge designer and builder in fact, who is summoned to take on the task of clearing the cemetery of les Innocents whose contents have been causing at worst outbreaks of the plague and at least an unbearable smell. His efforts at this formidable task are chronicled in the book, the digging up and removal of the remains of corpses from many, many years of burials and the plight of the chapel, its priest and its organist are somewhat lightened by a touching love story.

## Grindleford Book Group Too

*As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*. The 19 year old Laurie did exactly that. He packed his bag picked up his violin and "walked out". It was to be some time

before he walked back again. His curiosity led him first to London—that was a mere 100 miles walk and when he had explored the capital enough he ventured forth to France and then to Spain which he reached just as the Civil War was about to begin. His book is a truly delightful account of his journey, of the places he visited and of the people he met and of how his violin playing just about paid for his bed and board although his bedroom was often a woodland and his ceiling the sky. Do read it.

Quite a different experience and a new way for us to approach literature, in August we read aloud Alan Bennett's *The History Boys*—warts and all! This was a very jolly evening and we are considering looking for other plays to read in the future.

Jane Austen remarked of Emma that she was a character who nobody would like except the author herself. There was much discussion on the subject. Was Emma a feisty young woman to be admired for her spirited attempts to influence the lives of others or was she an over self-confident little madam? Jane Austen's *Emma* gives an interesting insight into village characters of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. We have the strata of society, there are the impoverished but genteel, the real gentry, the farmer not good enough for Harriet the vicar who sees himself as much too good for Harriet and poor Miss Taylor whose very happy marriage caused such distress to Emma's father. Jane Austen's work is perhaps diminished by film and TV representations as only the story is told and she is much more than just a story-teller.

*Kay Beeston*

## *Grindleford*

# Bee Keepers

There has been a very disappointing honey harvest this year.

I think the summer weather was reasonable for producing flowers and the bees did well on pollen collection for their brood. Unfortunately, after a good spring the warmth in the summer temperatures was disappointing and nectar production by the plants was poor. As a result, whilst there was sufficient honey stored by the bees to see them through the winter there was little surplus for us to take off.

Sorry folks, no more honey available this year!

I'm off to Spain to sulk in the sun.

*Alan Fairbrother*

# The Bishop's Best Project Award



On Sunday 27 September seven of us (Peter T, Lynne, Adrienne, Carolyn, Andy B, Sarah and Jude) were lucky enough to go down to Derby cathedral to collect our Best Project Award from the Bishop of Derby. The awards are made for contributions to the parish, community and Diocese and we were very grateful to Jude for putting us forward.

We were mighty chuffed to be one of three winners of this lovely award, which takes the shape of a vase. It was a glorious day and we arrived at the cathedral amongst great pomp and circumstance, everyone in best frocks and the bells ringing. After a proper procession and a short sung Evensong – two choirs! - the Dean intoned ‘and as is tradition we will give out the best project awards first’ and we looked at the list and we were the first of the three. So eek eek eek we were first up. There were the choirs ranged in front, the Bishop and a number of senior clergy all in their formal dress standing waiting; the ceilings soared, and there were about 1500 people packed in like sardines behind. It was quite a moment. The Bishop smiled his friendly smile and offered us the advice ‘don’t drop it’. Then it lay on the pew seat while there was some standing up and sitting down, and all those around were eyeing it as if it were a grenade. But in the event it got home safely and is on view in the church.

The Bishop has promised to come and visit us and we are ever so grateful for his support.

*Sarah Battarbee and Peter Tregenza*



## *Grindleford*

# Carnival

Sadly, during Grindleford Carnival 2015, Steven and Maria Blowen made the announcement to withdraw their involvement in the organisation of the carnival week. They have been involved in the summer celebration for the past 4 years, during which time we have seen some lively displays and danced the evenings away to a variety of music. We would like to thank them for their time and commitments and wish them all the best for the future.

With this announcement, a general meeting was held to find out whether there would be any interest in the village to continue this festivity. 22 people were present at the meeting which demonstrated a positive outcome. A temporary committee was elected to get the ball rolling and begin to make some basic decisions on what needed to be done for next year. It was agreed that a village survey and a school visit was to be carried out to determine what the village wanted the carnival to look like.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> a second general meeting was held to elect the new committee and discuss the outcome of village surveys. Matilda Cooper, Kate Codd and Jez Platts were elected to stand as the committee for the next three years. The outcomes from the village surveys proved that there is indeed still a place for our village Carnival, and a great many suggestions and ideas were sparked. One of the biggest changes to take place will be the date for the carnival week, this is due to the Eroica festival, in Bakewell, which has clashed for the past two years, drawing the locals away from our event. It has therefore been decided that for 2016 it will be the second week in June instead of the third. Next year that will make Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June the opening day and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> the carnival day itself.

If you would like to be involved with the carnival in any way whatsoever, please contact Matilda on 01433 639007. All help will be gratefully accepted! If you would like to be part of future discussions then the next meeting will be held in the middle of November. The date is still to be confirmed but will be advertised on the Grindleford website and on posters around the village.

*Matilda Cooper*



A series of free public speaker meetings with questions and discussion, on the theme of the environment, sustainability and climate change

First Monday of every month

7.45 pm, Loxley Hall, Hope

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| 5 October  | Dr Steve Rutherford<br><b>Phenology, biodiversity and the changing climate</b>          |
| 2 November | Laurie Michaelis<br><b>The Paris Climate Conference: what can we do?</b>                |
| 7 December | Bill McGuire (to be confirmed)  |
| 4 January  | Speaker to be confirmed   |
| 1 February | Huw Evans, Sheffield Organic Growers<br><b>Development of Sheffield Organic Growers</b> |
| 7 March    | John McGough, Hope Cement<br><b>Hope Construction Materials and sustainability</b>      |
| 4 April    | Robin de Carteret<br><b>'Systemic Thinking'</b>   |

ALL WELCOME

Free entry with collection for speakers' expenses

For more information see: <https://transhopevalley.wordpress.com/> or [www.facebook.com/pages/Transition-Hope-Valley/147982775274789](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Transition-Hope-Valley/147982775274789), or contact Jeremy Wight at [mandyjeremy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mandyjeremy@yahoo.co.uk) or (01433) 623011.

# Come and Sing!

On 20<sup>th</sup> December, the Sunday before Christmas, the traditional candlelit carol service of nine lessons and carols will be held at St Helens. The music will be led by a village choir.

If you enjoy singing, come and join us. Last year we formed a choir of more than twenty singers, and it was fun. All voices will be welcome. It does not matter if you don't read music or have not before been in a choir; and if you are an experienced singer your skill will be greatly valued. The music will include the familiar Christmas carols, some in new arrangements which set a challenge to singers. It is an adult choir – which means teenagers onwards. Young men and women will be very welcome. If a group of young children want to be involved we could form a children's choir which practices separately.

Taking part will mean coming together on four occasions: an introductory meeting, two main practices and a 'dress rehearsal' on the day of the Carol Service. Each will last an hour. Like last year, it is hoped that singers can come to every session.

To join in, just come to the introductory meeting. It will, though, be helpful if you indicate in advance that you plan to come. Do this either by adding your name to the list in the Community Shop or by a short email to [p.trogenza@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:p.trogenza@sheffield.ac.uk)

## *Timetable*

Sunday 22 November	4.00	Introductory meeting and sing-through.
Sunday 29 November	4.00	Main practice.
Sunday 6 December	4.00	Main practice.
Sunday 20 December	2.30	Rehearsal.
	6.30	Candle-lit carol service.

Maybe we could sing at other events. Maybe we could be the nucleus of a Grindleford Choir.

*Peter Trogenza*

# St Helen's Church

## News

### *Trees in the Churchyard*

There are thirty seven lime trees along the roadside wall and the drive, together with oak trees by the gates. On some trees, particularly lime, twiggy shoot growth appears around the base of the trees which may have to be removed to prevent obstruction. In our case at St Helen's we need to maintain a clear view of the Church for security and aesthetic reasons. Tree work will be done professionally in the churchyard on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### *Grindleford Community Shop*

The Bishop's Badge Award dates from 1927, when the Diocese of Derby was founded. In those days it was a medal but it is now a badge which recognises the contribution of lay people to the parish, local community and to the Diocese. In 2014 the bishop opened a new category: "Best New Project Award". This award is for projects which recognise the hard work of a collective.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September in Derby Cathedral, this award was presented by Bishop Alistair to a team representing 'shop in the church'. This elegant vase inscribed with the Bishop's Badge now stands in St Helen's Church.

### *Wednesday Afternoon Tea*

We continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held at 3.00pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. All welcome. Lifts can be arranged.

### *Looking forward....*

Remembrance Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am
Carol Service	20 <sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm
Christingle	24 <sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm

*Churchwarden*



## Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup are holding a special Christmas themed community forest school, and everyone is invited!

There will be different activities on offer throughout the morning, including a chance to try your hand at making clay fired decorations.

During the morning we will also be listening out for the sound of jingle bells in case a very special guest makes an appearance too!

To enjoy a morning of toasty marshmallows and tingly toes get in touch now.



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10-1pm

£5 per family group

Meet at the pavilion car park

Hot drinks provided – donations please

Bring your own lunch

Dress warmly!

To book your place email [liz@tiplady.info](mailto:liz@tiplady.info)  
or telephone Becca on 07984 791 861

Places are limited so don't delay!



We will be holding further community forest school sessions in the Spring and Summer terms, email [liz@tiplady.info](mailto:liz@tiplady.info) if you would like to be contacted nearer the time.

# Exploring Longshaw

## *Sheffield Plantation Wood Pasture Restoration*

During September we've been busy altering the forestry plantations that have been planted at Longshaw over the last 50 years. Lots of Conifers have been removed, taking away straight planting lines and blurring the edges between



woodland and grassland. The aim is to create a more natural looking, Wood Pasture habitat. It was dramatic to watch as Johnathan in his Scorpion King, eight wheeled harvesting machine ate his way through the plantations. The picture shows his assistant Richard, moving timber out using

one of the smallest and lightest Forwarding machines there is available. Trees can be an emotive subject, as they seem to be there forever, but all the ones removed were planted by our predecessors to harvest and use, giving more space to the broadleaved trees in between. I can see the end result in my mind's eye but it will probably be my , and your great grandchildren who really get to appreciate it.

The timber is going out to the sawmill, and to be chipped for boards etc. It's not a commercial venture for us, we won't even break even on the cost of the access routes we had to upgrade to get the nearly 2000 tonnes of timber out. What we will have is a lovely large area of Wood pasture, full of nice old trees, wood ants, woodpeckers and fungi.

*Chris Millner*  
Longshaw Area Ranger



There was a Grit Day Out at Longshaw on Saturday 19 September. Climbers from all over the north came to the National Trust property to enjoy a day showcasing the history of the world famous gritstone crags that surround Longshaw. The Mountain Heritage Trust, an organisation

who documents the history of climbing, helped with the organisation of the day and provided photographs and historical facts that were produced as an exhibition showing how climbing has developed as a sport over the past 100 years.

The day offered a chance to attend masterclasses with James Machaffie and Andi Turner and a yoga session with Mina Leslie-Wujastyk, and culminated with celebrated gritstone climbers Johnny Dawes, Katie Whittaker, Ben Bransby and James Machaffie speaking to a keen audience at the Moorland Discovery Centre (the education centre at Longshaw). They provided thoroughly entertaining tales of how they overcame challenges and their proudest achievements throughout their climbing careers. Adam Long, the renowned local outdoor photographer, then chaired a question and answer session which ensured the audience had the opportunity to ask the experts their questions.

The National Trust at Longshaw is committed to providing opportunities for everyone to get active and enjoy the outdoors and now offer weekly running activities, a monthly 10k run and climbing activities during the school holidays.

Upcoming activities:

Trust10—October 11, November 8, December 20. Free 10k, start time 9am, registration from 8.15am.

Night Run—November 14, start time 5.30pm, 2.5k and 7.5k routes, prices vary but available at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/article-1355848050122/>.

For more information please contact Ruth Tweedie, Sports Development Officer on [ruth.tweedie@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ruth.tweedie@nationaltrust.org.uk).

## *Grindleford*

# Gaiters

Recently the Grindleford Gaiters have enjoyed a very varied programme of walks. Froggatt, Grindleford; Calver, Stoney Middleton, Combs Dale, Black Harry Gate, Deep Rake, Calver; Hartington, Beresford Dale, Biggin Dale, Reynards Lane, Hartington, Around the old Sheffield Deer Park, Robin Hood, Dobb Edge, Hunting Tower, Chatsworth Park, Robin Hood; Sydnop Hall, The Warren, Sydnop Stand, Sydnop Hall.



Grindleford Gaiters having a break at Sheffield Manor Top.

The walk around the old Sheffield Deer Park traced the boundaries of the park which had Sheffield Manor Lodge at its centre. Of course most of the area is now urbanised but the boundaries are still discernible. Mary Queen of Scots was held at Sheffield Castle and Manor Lodge for many years and the Sheffield Deer Park was one of the largest in the Country.



The next walk was a complete contrast in Chatsworth, but with the connection that Mary Queen of Scots was also held at times in Chatsworth.

Grindleford Gaiters walk every alternate Thursday year round, meeting initially at the Pavilion car park at 09.30.

Keep walking.

Hope Valley College presents

## *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

by William Shakespeare

After the sell-out success of *The Accrington Pals*, Peter Whelan's moving play about the first world war, last November, Hope Valley College students are gearing up for their next drama production. This year, director David Shimwell has chosen to challenge students with an extended run of Shakespeare's best loved comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In this modern telling of the story, (using Shakespeare's original text), we are setting the play in the *Atheneum Public School* where the Headmaster and his deputy (Theseus and Hippolyta) are about to marry; the Lovers Lysander, Hermia, Demetrius and Helena are the Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies; the Mechanicals are a group of tearaway Y11 students (who spend most of their time in detention!) and the fairies are... well... fairies.

Performances run from **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and start at **7.30pm**.

Tickets cost only **£5.50 each** and are available either online, from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (simply click on **Buy Tickets** and search for Hope Valley College), or by telephone from the college itself (please call 01433 620555 and ask for Jenny Doyle).

## May 7th

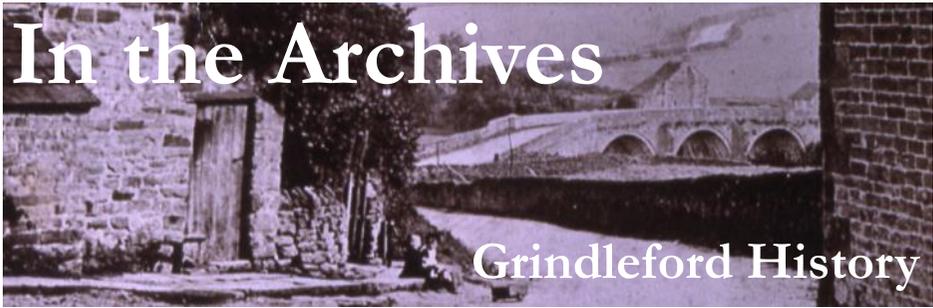
May 7th might be etched in the memories of most of the other candidates for the local elections, but not mine, for my family and I it was a whirlwind. The time from me being asked to stand and the election was six weeks, and I lost a couple of precious canvassing weeks through the obligatory illnesses that come with having a young child. We did manage to knock on some doors and have some wonderful conversations, whether positive or negative. My daughter thought this was wonderful, she loved meeting people and handing out leaflets, unfortunately due to the loss of time we didn't manage to knock on everyone's door, so if we didn't knock on yours we apologise.

**NB** the GN has no political affiliation and Vicky's article here balances up Peter's from the last issue. –Ed.

I might be new to politics, but I am learning fast and I hope to prove myself worthy of your votes.

*Councillor Vicky Massey*

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### *The Golden Age of Grindleford Cricket*

Grindleford is justifiably proud of its sporting facilities, especially those of the Cricket Club, who have inevitably had some ups and downs in recent years, but the club has enjoyed some good successes in local league and cup competitions. It is remarkable to know, thanks to the work of Brian Ward, ex. of this Parish, resident of Hathersage now, that Grindleford had a previous Golden Age of cricket over a century and a quarter ago!

Brian discovered an article published in the Derbyshire Times in 1930 titled 'Grindleford Cricket – Players & Achievements of Bygone Days'. It stated that some 50 years ago, i.e. in the 1880s, a prosperous club flourished. Cricket seemed to wane for some years but previous to the Boer War, perhaps the best club Grindleford fielded came into existence.

Not only did the village have a fine team, but it also had a selection of grounds on which to play. In the 1880s, the main pitch was known as 'The Meadow', belonging to Messrs. M & J Crossland, in which stood a mighty oak tree, 'Its branches shaded the spectators and batting sides and it still stands in its majesty. But long ago a big barrel of ale was rested at its foot and old cricketers quenched their thirsts under ideal conditions.' This must have been in the field over the bridge we now know as 'The Grinsey', the tree is indeed still there by the culvert over Haywood Brook.

Other grounds used for cricket were at Scots Close, behind Red Lion Row, where the houses below the Sir William Hotel are now; the lost Tanyard Lane Ground; Golday Ley Ground was in the field alongside the river below Stoke Farm; the Haywood Lane Ground; the top part of the Old Playing Field where we now hold the bonfire was also used and matches were also played at Stoke Hall in the early 1900s.

The club HQ was at the Old Red Lion, where the historic barrel of beer was kept, later on two gallon bottles of ale were taken to matches. It came as no

surprise to find that a number of the better players from neighbouring villages joined the Grindleford side!

Funds rarely troubled these early cricketers, as patrons included the Dukes of Devonshire and Rutland and Victor Cavendish MP, who each sent £1 per season.

Whist drives were held regularly, raising £20 and George Turner, an enthusiastic Club Captain for many years, was a good financial helper and gave a hat to the best batsman every year. Ezekiel Bowring won it and also a pair of boots in the same season!

More cricketing tales of yore will follow in future editions.

*Alan Jacques*



Grindleford C.C. circa 1890's taken at the Haywood Ground.

## Rubbish Heroes Required

The next planned Grindleford to Fox House roadside litter pick will take place on Nov 15th. Meet at 1.30pm at the Pavilion car park.



# Poetry Corner

When the guy from electricity came round to prune our birch away from the wires last year, he found it had some kind of rot inside.

## *Sentence*

on its silver-scaled skin  
 a stain from a leak  
 now that he's pointed it out  
 we can't not see  
 the tarry bleed  
 enlarging dark lesion.  
 We see him too,  
 putting his hand inside,  
 scooping out  
 black slime to show us  
 the rotting core  
 of our luminous, bud stuck  
 birch - our summers'

wavering shade  
 honeysuckle supporter  
 wild strawberry shelter  
 treecreepers' spiral ladder  
 brambling stop-over  
 blackbirds' amplifier  
 drum for a woodpecker  
 Autumn's coin scatterer  
 winter sky's filigree  
 pillar and tent  
 of our garden.  
 "Three years left, maybe,"  
 wiping his hand on wet grass.

*Cora Greenhill*

<http://coragreenhillpoems.blogspot.com/>

You can find Cora's book for sale in Grindleford Community Shop!

# Parish Council Notes

**Bus Shelter.** The southbound bus shelter at Mount Pleasant is subsiding and remedial work is to be carried out soon. In conjunction with the County Council, contractors will have to dismantle it and remove the shelter so that the foundations can be made firm & it will then be re-erected. This will mean that a temporary stop will be in use while the work is carried out; hopefully the work will be done within the next month before the onset of the Winter.

**Doctors Surgery Closure.** The Parish Council has continued to support Dr Goodwin and his team in finding alternative premises in the village. However,

making progress has been very difficult, following meetings, the NHS North Derbyshire CCG have been unable to provide the required funding for new premises.

**Litter Pickers.** A small group will soon be doing regular picks to try to keep the village free of litter and other unsightly things. The Parish Council has obtained insurance cover for volunteers and for the equipment required.

**World War II Commemoration.** The Parish Council are holding a special Commemoration Sunday Lunch at the Sir William Hotel on Remembrance Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> November, following the morning services at the Church and War Memorial.

Morning Coffee will be served at the Sir William following the War Memorial Service and then there will be a period to remember the servicemen from the village who gave their lives and to reflect on how the community was affected by the conflict. If anyone has any memorabilia from the period that they would like to bring to show or talk about, please contact Alan Jacques, see contact details below.

The meal will be hand carved Roast Beef with all the trimmings, followed by sweet of the day, served in the Dining Room. The cost will be £12 per head, cash payments only please and any profit will be put towards the upkeep of the War Memorial.

**Numbers are limited, so pre-booking is essential, please see contacts below.**

Grateful thanks to Terry & Helen at the Sir William for their generosity in hosting this event.

To book, please contact:

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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 [grindleparish@gmail.com](mailto:grindleparish@gmail.com) prior to the meeting.

*Alan Jacques* (Clerk to the Council)

# Ramblings of a Shop Volunteer

I've been working in the Grindleford Community Shop for a year now and am still enjoying every minute of it, especially chatting to the customers.

## *Currying Flavour*

'Where's this curry place then luv and how do I book a table', asked the elderly gentleman in the shop one day. 'Well', I explained, 'we sell curries to take home and heat up in a microwave but there isn't a restaurant in the village'. 'I just fancied a nice curry meal,' he muttered as he left the shop looking very disappointed.

## *Earls & Ladies*

One day a very smart lady came into the shop and asked if we had any Lady Grey tea bags. I replied that we only had Earl Grey and would they do. We then entered into a discussion about the differences between the two teas and our preferences, which led on to me mentioning my love of fresh mint tea. 'Oh', said the lady, 'that sounds nice but I don't have any mint in my garden'. As if on cue Penny dashed into the shop brandishing a mint plant from the plant table outside. The customer left looking very pleased with her purchase while Penny & I did high fives to celebrate a job well done.

## *Roll On*

Don't things always happen at just the wrong time? Well I must tell you about just such an incident the other Sunday. It was a glorious day; sun shining; slight breeze; just right for a walk. We were very busy in the shop; lots of orders for teas, coffees, cakes etc. and all was going like clockwork until an error message on the screen on the till stopped us in our tracks – literally. The crucial till roll had run out – those of you who work in the shop will know which roll I mean. It's the one where you can't even open the till drawer until you have correctly inserted a new roll. I have to say that at this point, with a shop full of hopeful customers and not a single person in sight who had ever changed this till roll, I very nearly lost my presence of mind and ran for the hills. But help was imminent in the shape of Gill and her husband. She burst into the shop & knew at once that all was not well – I explained the problem & she called for her techie husband – I almost expected a blue suit and a red cape. My co-worker & Gill's husband fathomed out the till problem while Gill & I tried to keep the customers happy. Phew a narrow escape!

Bye for now!

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Grindleford Community Shop: [www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk)

Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school: [www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk) email: [grindlefordpre-school@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordpre-school@gmail.com)

Finally, don't forget 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](http://www.grindleford.com)

## Any News?

If there's anything you feel should be covered in the next issue, please don't hesitate to contact the editor, Tim Shephard, on 639449 or [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com). You could either write an item yourself, or suggest someone else I could ask to write one.

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