

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

January 2017



Pavilion Update:

## Funding Success

In the last Grindleford News we explained how we had a pledge from The Garfield Weston Foundation to provide us £10,000 in funding on the condition that we raise £10,000 from our local appeal and local funders.

The good news is that we have now passed the £10,000 threshold for local match funding and have submitted the evidence of this to the Garfield Wes-

ton Foundation in order to secure their funds. A big, big thank you to all of those of you who have helped reach this threshold.

We are now reasonably close to our revised target of £250,000 for the Phase 1 stage of our project. Once planning permission is granted then we are able to make further grant applications.

### *Progress on the Scheme*

Our revised plans for the phase 1 development include the following:

- Youth Club room
- Storage rooms
- Accessible toilet facilities
- New entrance & lobby
- Outside access WC

We have received Pre-Planning advice from one of the Peak Park planners. The feedback on our preliminary plans was very positive and we have since been finalising our planning application. The drawings for the application are nearly complete. We have recently been working on a flood risk assessment, which is required for the application and the submission will be made shortly.

### *Phase 2*

We are still planning for a phase 2 development for the existing Pavilion building. Items we hope to address in this second phase are:

- Building fabric repairs
- Toilet and washroom refurbishment
- Kitchen enhancements and possible extension
- Window and door refurbishment / replacement

### *Help us Achieve Funding for our Development*

If you wish to help towards this development, these are several ways to donate:

- You can fill in a form which accompanied a past Grindleford News, include a cheque and return to the address shown
- You can also download a copy of the form from the website [grindleford.com](http://grindleford.com) and follow the instructions
- If you wish you can talk to any one of the Grindleford Playing Fields Committee, including John Morton, Tony Duncan, Steve Benn, Phil Haywood, Lionel Stout, Steven Blowen, Anton Cannell, Frank Galbraith, Larry Harfoot, David Haywood, Matt Heason, Neil Ireson, Tim Reynolds & Liz Tiplady.

Note any donations you make will be held in a separate reserve account and only used for this Pavilion development.

*Tim Reynolds*

# Friends of Grindleford Station?

Could you be interested in being part of a 'Friends of Grindleford Station' group? Such a group could work towards specific improvements and identify the measures that would encourage more people to use the line. The Hope Valley Railway Users Group campaigns for an hourly stopping service along our line. Check their website: [hopevalleyrailway.org.uk](http://hopevalleyrailway.org.uk).

Travelling round the country by train, it is evident which stations benefit from a bit of extra care: starting a Friends group could help make Grindleford seem a more alluring destination as well as giving regular train users a bit of cheer. I'm sure there would be interest in a leaflet of local walks from the station; we could explore improving the appearance of the station area with bulbs, fruit, veg, herbs growing in tubs. Some stations have space for a book swop scheme. What ideas do you have? Maybe a local group or family could sponsor a flower tub? Have you noticed the art work that has been put up by High Peak Community Arts Project Earth programme? Maybe we should have an Information board



detailing local attractions and facilities, hotels, the community shop and taxis? There are, of course, limits of what can be done at railway stations as safety has to be paramount and these are set by the Train Operating Companies and Network Rail.

I wondered if we could kick start ideas for a group by meeting at the station on Saturday March 4th at 10.30am. If it's wet we can

share ideas over a brew at the station café. If you can't make this but would like to pass on your ideas my email is [kay.allinson1@btinternet.com](mailto:kay.allinson1@btinternet.com).

*Kay Allinson*

# *Grindleford*

# Horticultural Society

Happy gardening in 2017! May your seeds germinate, cuttings flourish and let's hope the weather is kind at all the crucial times!

The RHS's top tips for January include:

- Recycle your Christmas tree
- Get your greenhouse ready for spring
- Dig vacant plots
- Prune apple and pear trees
- Start forcing rhubarb

- Keep putting out water and food for birds

Check out our monthly programme for 2017. All talks are held at 7:30pm at the Bishop Pavilion.

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*January 17th*

Spring in Southern Africa (see photo!), by local resident Tim Reynolds.

*February 21st*

Fairtrade Tea with James Pogson, the grandson of the founder of Northern





Tea Merchants on Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield. The company produces over a million tea bags a year and over 200 tons of coffee.

*March 21st*

Medieval and Tudor garden styles by Maureen Taylor. Maureen is the Heritage Consultant/Manager at Dronfield Barn Project.

*April 25th*

National Garden Scheme (NGS) Gardens in Derbyshire by Irene Dugan. Irene is the county organiser and will share her favourite gardens to visit locally. Typically domestic gardens open for a few days a year for a small donation. These donations have led nationally to £2.7 million being raised for a range of charities such as Macmillan and hospice care. A perfect way to spend a day as there are always delicious refreshments as well as stunning planting to admire.

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Everyone's heard of the Chelsea Flower Show and there is a new venue added to the RHS 'portfolio'. It's our 'own' Chatsworth House and it's on from 7 – 11 June. The overarching theme is 'Design Revolutionaries' and this will celebrate not only the creative genius of gardeners and garden designers from the past, especially Joseph Paxton who was once the estate's gardener, but also the talent, ideas and conceptual thinking of today's generation of designers. "Our aim is to create a new show that champions the horticultural innovation of today and the future, and encourages exhibitors to be progressive and think outside the box"—Nick Mattingley, RHS Shows Director.

By the time you're reading this the snowdrops will be appearing and people interested in their gardens and the outdoors will have lots to look forward to, so happy gardening!

*Kay Allinson*



# The Grindleford Community Shop

## *Edging Gingerly into 2017*

I think we can safely say that we have enjoyed 2016 in the shop. The enterprise is feeling as if it is on a much sounder footing and we have been able to settle back a bit and enjoy the new friendships we have made, and the varied and interesting (this is an understatement) visitors who call by for a cuppa and leave us with our horizons much broadened. We've become a recognised place for posters, have put a few people in touch with a few people, and we hope generally hepped up village life a little. We've had a huge amount of fun serving the pre-school children, who never fail to make us smile, and we have at present four Duke of Edinburgh volunteers from the village and near environs which feels like a great thing for a community shop to do and which has given us some nice returns.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Winter Fair. These events take a fair old bit of setting up, and one or two of our number worked a heroic twelve hour day to make it happen, but when so many of you come along and join in it makes it all worthwhile. We have some more events up our sleeves for the first half of this year, so watch

out for notices. No spoilers but one of them might involve bubbles. And bunting too probably. I mean why stop now.

With the help of a local genius we are getting sassy with our marketing these days so here is a promotional campaign. Now that the festivities are over and some of us at least are back at the coal face, our thoughts are surely turning to slap-up weekend breakfasts. We've got bacon and ham, tomatoes and mushrooms, eggs, fresh croissants and pastries; a wide variety of fresh loaves and cakes, Cafeology coffee and more tea than you can shake a stick at, if you happen to have a stick. All without crossing the village borders. Prices are competitive, the staff are gorgeous and the sun is almost certainly going to be shining (as to this last, you don't have to tell the truth about the weather in promotional campaigns, right?)

As we are getting to grips with a new calendar year, this might be a good moment to push out our usual ad for more volunteers—the ones we have are diamonds in a velvet setting but we could do with a few more, especially to tide us over holidays. You don't need to sign up for a regular slot, or for a full three hours, we'll take what you

have to offer. It's a lot of fun and we are quite getting to like each other. And you get to come to the legendary volunteer parties!

We always like to say thank you to the Church in these quarterly bulletins because they are always very nice to us and we're grateful. And a big, big thank you as ever to you, dear Grindleford,

for continuing to support us as we edge out into 2017 with smiles on our faces, 3 shillings and fourpence in the bank, five years' planning permission to continue in our current premises (yes!!) and a window full of bananas. Feels like a good position to be in!

*Sarah and Andrew*

## *Grindleford*

# Bee Keepers

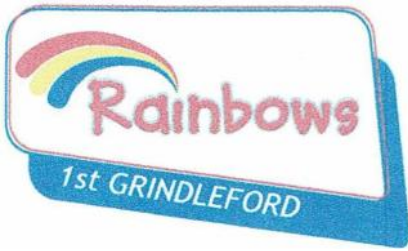
There's not much to see for bees at this time of year as they are mostly staying in their hives where they maintain a constant 30°C by clustering together and vibrating their muscles. On the occasional mild day outside, about 9 or 10°C in a sunny spot, they may emerge for a brief 'cleansing' flight. However, mild days have their drawbacks too as it encourages the bees to move around within the hive and eat the stores they have been saving for winter.

So the main job for the bee keeper is to make sure they have enough food to last until spring. The problem is that opening the hive will let the cold air in and could damage the bees, so the first job is to 'heft' the hive to guess how much stores they have left. If the bee keeper thinks the hive is too light he will place some fondant (bee food) inside the top of the hive as quickly as possible. In a check on 10 hives in the first week of January, 6 were felt to need fondant. Why are some hives lighter than others in very similar locations? I haven't a clue—so they all need to be checked.

Winter is also the time when there will be few, if any, brood being raised and only adult bees occupy the hive. This is a good time to treat the varroa mite as they are living on the adult bees and can be killed with vapour released from oxalic acid when heated in an electric spoon attached to a car battery. The trouble with this job is it means standing for 15 minutes at every hive in the middle of winter waiting for the process to take effect. Long Johns are the order of the day as well as the usual bee suit.

So now we can look forward to spring and the early flowers like snowdrops and crocus to give the bees a little forage until the trees come into flower. The first proper inspections will take place in late March or early April depending on the weather. Only then will we know how successfully the bees have overwintered.

*Alan Fairbrother 630160*



1st Grindleford Rainbows  
Bishop Pavilion  
Bridge Fields  
Grindleford

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grindleford Rainbows

We are looking for girls between the ages of 5 and 7 to join a fun, friendly, exciting unit, with opportunities to earn badges and start on their guiding journey.

We meet on a Monday between 4:45 and 6:15pm, at the Bishop Pavilion in Grindleford. We plan outings and other activities which all adhere to the guiding rules and teachings. The new term will start on the 9th January.

The cost for each term will cost £15, with new starters at £25 which includes all they need to start Rainbows.

If also yourself or know anyone how would like to help on a more permanent basics please let me know, any help is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions please email or phone us at [trish-rainbows@gmail.com](mailto:trish-rainbows@gmail.com) 01433639330 or 07999318928.

Many thanks,

Trish Barker unit leader





# Readycall

Many of us approach the end of one year and the beginning of a new one thinking about what we can do differently. Here's a great opportunity to make some changes, meet some new people and most importantly have a huge positive impact within your community.

Readycall Macmillan is a local charity offering a befriending service throughout the Derbyshire Dales. We support people age 60 and over who are isolated, vulnerable or lonely, people living with disabilities and health issues including cancer and those who care for them.

Befriending can take many forms, from popping in for a cuppa, to going out with someone, maybe shopping or going to a cafe. We also offer more practical befriending support on occasions—dog walking, curtain hanging, etc. In turn, Volunteers receive out of pocket expenses, free training sessions and continuous support for you in your role.

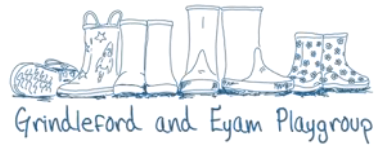
A new user who has recently started seeing a volunteer commented, “I was so impressed and grateful. I make sure I tell everyone about how good the service is. I even photocopied the leaflet to give to the vicar and Mother’s Union.”

We ask our befriending volunteers to commit to offering an hour or two, either weekly or fortnightly. We also offer ad hoc driving opportunities to suit your availability providing lifts to people for cancer related medical appointments.



What better time to make a change than 2017? If you feel this is something you would be interested, or that we might be able to help you, please do get in touch. We'll tell you all about the service and take it from there. Call us on 01629 693693 or email [sam@vcspd.org](mailto:sam@vcspd.org).

*Sam Tock*



The autumn term is always a special time at playgroup – we welcome new families, observe the changes in our beautiful surroundings and celebrate the festive season.



We had wonderful time at the Transition Hope Valley Apple Day, held for the first time at the Quaker Community gardens—a beautiful spot above Bamford where we created this fantastic bunting.



We would like to thank Amy and family for organising the fantastic Christmas Fair held at the Sir William Hotel. There were some great shopping opportunities and over £200 was raised for the playgroup. A new game was inspired by the raffle.



Our magical advent spiral is a special moment of peace in the busy build up to Christmas. This year's event was organised by our new supervisors Sophie and Pauline, pictured here.



The woodland nativity is a wonderful way to end the term. Staff, children and their families come together to celebrate the Christmas story round the camp fire. Our thanks to the lovely Mother Christmas who visited each day and presented small gifts to the children. Thanks also to Andy and Annette for their musical accompaniment.

# St Helen's Church

## *News*

Traditional events featured in the later quarter of 2016. At the Grindleford school, the Playgroup and Sunday service festivals there were good donations of tinned food, packages and toiletries as well as the gifts of garden produce which marked the reality of our local harvest season. These goods were duly collected by the High Peak food bank. It would be good to think that this kind of collection could be continued, as it seems the need for food banks may well go on for some time.

In November a short Remembrance Service was held in church with a continuation as an act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Members of the former British Legion were involved in the service and at the memorial where wreath laying, involving children, and the sound of the Last Post and Reveille played by a bugler, added to the dignity of the occasion. Following the ceremony the Sir William Hotel kindly provided warm refreshment. The collection at the Remembrance Service amounting to £150 was sent to the British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Festive Christmastide services really commenced with the Carol Service which again involved readers who represented organisations from within the village. The singing included pieces arranged by Peter Tregenza and sung by the Grindleford Singers. School and Playgroup had their own events in church. The Christingle Service taken by Revd. Jude Davis on Christmas Eve was well attended with seventy christingles distributed to the children and parents. The collection of £342.30 from this service is usually given to the Childrens Society who this year asked for donations for Refugee Children. On Christmas Day morning the 9.30am service led by Revd. Graham Pigott had a goodly number of visitors to the village among the congregation.

Starting in January and continuing for perhaps twenty weeks, Hathersage Church will be unavailable for Sunday services. This is because of major work, involving heating and flooring. Friends from Hathersage will therefore be visiting St. Helen's and Bamford church a little more than usual.

*Peter Hutchinson*

On behalf of the Churchwarden

## *Grindleford*

# Readers

### Grindleford Bookworms

Our October choice was *Elizabeth Is Missing* by Emma Healey. Perhaps this should only be read by those whose mental capacity has not suffered at all from the ravages of time, since following the pursuit of Elizabeth can be a worrying experience. Nevertheless, the book gave us plenty to talk about.

Richard Benson's *The Valley* gave us a hundred years in the life of one family not so far away from home, and also a bird's eye view of the changing times. A family tree would have helped us to follow the tale without having to keep flipping back the pages to keep abreast of all that was going on.

The applause we offered to Flaubert's *Madam Bovary* might be offered perhaps to the translator as it certainly is a beautifully written book. There were times however when we found Madam Bovary herself a little tiresome.

### Grindleford Book Group Too

*Beloved* by Tony Harrison is not a book for the faint hearted; it is an exploration of slavery from the inside and an exposure of the unfair and even wicked exploitation of other people's lives. That such evils still exist in many parts of the world is very sad and must surely, in time, be remedied.

*H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald is a celebratory book, for it was written to honour the close relationship the author had enjoyed with her father. It brings vividly to life the solace Helen gained by her vividly explored closeness to a hawk.

Quite different from anything we have read before was *Chop Chop* by Simon Rowe. We find ourselves behind the scenes of a fast food outlet. The chef is a bully. The customers demanding in sometimes horrifying ways and the whole atmosphere fraught with tension. This is a 'warts and all' book which might offend some but does give a view of the life of workers who are always working to a very tight schedule.

Our book groups are thriving and we look forward to a lunch together at the end of January

*Kay Beeston*

## *Grindleford*

# WI

The last months of 2016 saw us having ‘home spun’ activities. After our very brief AGM in November which saw the committee and officers re-elected *en bloc* we indulged in two meetings devoted to supper and games. These are always enjoyed as there are opportunities for chat and socialising not always available when we have an outside speaker. Such were our last meetings of the year. In December after supper we played familiar board games which brought us a lot of laughter and in the end prizes for everyone!

We look forward to a full year in 2017. In May we have another AGM as it has been decided that in future AGMs will take place in tandem with the annual Resolutions meeting so that there is an ‘extra’ opportunity to have an outside speaker.

We start 2017 with ‘Folding Tea Bags’. Watch this space!

*Kay Beeston*

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### *Grindleford Singers*

The Singers are reconvening on Sunday 15 January at 4.30 pm. We are small group of enthusiasts who like singing together. Some of us are proper singers and some of us are raw recruits, and we have a lot of fun. If you would like to join us, text 07753 134633 for more details. Everyone is welcome.

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## Grindleford

# Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a national organisation concerned to see that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live. There is cooperation with the police and the Police and Crime Commissioners and other security and safety agencies at national, regional and local levels. Here is news of some projects and issues which may well have significance for the place where we live.

In December the Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner put out an online survey asking for views on “issues such as safety in the area where you live”. This is with the intention of improving the policing and victims’ service offered

to people in Derbyshire and better informing people about the services available. There are twelve sections seeking opinions, such as ‘How safe do you feel walking alone in your local area during the day?’ and others to do with the sample of the people who respond to the survey, such as, ‘What is your age group?’ If you wish to record your view this survey can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioner’s website: [www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk).

Police and Crime Commissioner, Hardy Dhindsa, also in December told us that the Derbyshire police force has agreed to put in place a dedicated Rural Crime Unit, to be launched in the Spring. Farmers had told him of the serious effects of high value crime and how devastating it can be to their businesses. The duties of the unit will aim to improve crime prevention and security, targeting thefts from rural areas of plant and farm machinery, fuel, scrap metal and vehicles, and theft of livestock. Officers will also focus on a wide range of offences like rural arson, fly tipping and off-roading, and the additional issues associated with environmental and heritage crimes.

Locally PCSO Anthony Boswell from the Hathersage Safer Neighbourhood Team, with a concern to extend safety and security within the community, has been to some local primary schools as part of their road safety topics.

At a personal level and at a commercial level too criminal activity continues to defraud businesses and individuals, in the main by ‘Phishing’, contact by email, text message scam ‘Smishing’, and over the phone ‘Vishing’. Letters have also been faked. Last year a replica template from Lloyds included their logo, address and signature from a customer service representative. Financial Fraud Action [www.financialfraudaction.org.uk](http://www.financialfraudaction.org.uk), as part of a national campaign, urges shoppers to ‘Take Five’ before they click when buying online. Criminals use scam emails, or fake ads on social media or internet searches, which promise large discounts on desirable goods to trick people into visiting fake sites and entering their credit card details. Financial Fraud Action points out that banks and other financial service providers work hard to protect their customers, and individuals need to act to protect themselves. Their main advice seems to be don’t assume an email, phone call or text is authentic. Stay in control. Trust your instincts—if an offer appears too good to believe then there is usually a catch. Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. More advice and detail can be found on [takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk).

Many older people are lonely and trusting. This makes it easier for fraudsters who are adept in the art of persuasion.

Please contribute to the security and well-being of the local community. Check on older neighbours or relatives, especially those living alone or who have long-term illnesses, to make sure they are safe, warm and well, secure and informed.

*Peter Hutchinson*

# Eyam Surgery

Church Street, Eyam, Hope Valley S32 5QH  
 Telephone: 01433 630836 Fax: 01433 631832

Consultation times updated 6th October 2016  
 Eyam Surgery is open from 8.00am until 6.30pm

*If you need an emergency appointment please inform the receptionist*

Monday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.00pm until 5.30pm 5.50pm until 7.10pm	<b>Dr Evans</b> <b>Dr Evans</b> <b>Dr Goodwin</b>
Tuesday	9.00am until 11.20am 9.40am until 12.00pm 12.10pm until 5.30pm 3.00pm until 5.30pm	<b>Dr Evans</b> <b>Dr Pelc</b> Physiotherapist <b>Dr Evans</b>
Wednesday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.30pm until 6.00pm	<b>Dr Checkland</b> <b>Dr Checkland</b>
Thursday	8.30am until 11.00am 9.00am until 11.00am 9.30am until 12.30pm  9.00am until 12.20pm 2.00pm until 5.00pm  1.00pm until 6.00pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b> <b>Dr Pelc</b> Citizens Advice Bureau (Alternate weeks) Midwife (Alternate weeks) Wellbeing Worker (Except 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs in the month) Counsellor
Friday	8.30am until 10.30am 9.00am until 11.30am 9.20am until 13.00pm 3.00pm until 17.30pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b> <b>Dr Pelc</b> Podiatrist <b>Dr Pelc</b>

**Practice Nurse, HCA, Telephone call and Triage appointments are available every day.**

**Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport operates on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week, 11.30am – 12.30pm. Please ring Reception to make an appointment for the Mini-Bus clinic.**

## Grindleford Patients

Monday	12.00pm until 13.00pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b>
Mini bus collection from home to be brought to Eyam Surgery and then back home.		
Thursday	12.00pm until 13.00pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b>
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# Medication Information

**Eyam Surgery is open for medication collection between 8.00am and 6.30pm every day.**

Dispensary is open from 8.30am until 6.30pm.

*Remember, reception can be extremely busy in the mornings therefore you may have to wait.*

**Bradwell Surgery is open for medication collection:**

**Mondays 9.00am – 12.00pm**

**Tuesdays 8.30am-11.30am**

**Wednesdays 8.30am – 12.00pm**

**Thursdays 9am – 12.00pm & 2.30pm - 6.30pm**

**Fridays 9.00am – 12.00pm & 4.30pm - 5.00pm**

## Grindleford

**Medication can be collected from The Sir William Hotel, Grindleford: 12.00pm -12.30pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.**

If you require medication urgently when we are closed please take your prescription to the nearest pharmacist (a list of late/weekend opening pharmacists are detailed in the local paper). If you have no prescription, then call 111 for their advice or present yourself to the nearest A&E department.

For repeat prescriptions please ring 01433 631628 any day (Monday to Friday) between 10.00am and 12.00pm or 2.00pm and 4.00pm and fax your request to 01433 631832. You can also email us on [prescriptions.eyamsurgery@nhs.net](mailto:prescriptions.eyamsurgery@nhs.net); drop the white slip in the post to us at the above address or bring it along to any of the surgeries. There is also a link on our website ([www.eyamsurgery.co.uk](http://www.eyamsurgery.co.uk)) to the prescription e-mail account.

*We require a full 48 hours to process all prescription requests. Any orders placed after 4pm will not be ready for 48 hours from the following day. This includes e-mail requests.*

**We now have the facility for patients to directly order their repeat medication and make appointments online with “Patient Access”. Please bring photo ID to reception and we’ll issue you with password and instructions.**

**Flu vaccination available by**



**tions now appointment.**

# Park Rangers Convene in the Peak

Countryside rangers from Australia, Germany and around the UK met at the 50th anniversary conference of the Countryside Management Association in Castleton recently to address a decline in wildlife around the world.



Frank Grütz at his reserve in Saarland, Germany.

“Here in the Peak District I’ve learned that the meaning of nature protection should be in the service of the people,” said Frank Grütz, European representative of the International Rangers Federation. “I think the key is for people to become sensitive again to the nature around them and think: ‘If I do something for nature protection, I do it for my health, for my wellbeing. I’m not separate, I’m part of the whole thing.’”

The role of rangers has changed since the Peak District employed a single ‘warden’ after becoming the UK’s first national park in 1951, said National Trust ranger Chris Lockyer. “There are now eight rangers in the

High Peak alone, enabling us to engage and educate people more about what the Peak District provides and the challenges it faces.”

A challenge for Frank Grütz is the arrival of wolves in his wildlife reserves in south Germany, following successful reintroductions elsewhere in the country.

“We don’t have to fear wolves, we just have to show respect and awareness of their special qualities,” he said. Frank tells families the facts about the animals, and how such top predators help restore a natural balance. “If you make a little more noise than usual, wolves hear you coming and get out of your way. Stray dogs are actually much more likely to injure you than a wolf.”

Wolves would not be a good idea in the Peak District, he said, due to the high levels of sheep farming and settlements. “But lynx would not be such a big problem in local forests if there are plenty of deer about.” There are no plans for wolves or lynx in this area, stressed Ted Talbot, National Trust Countryside Manager for the Peak District.

Although the roles of local rangers have expanded since the 1950s, Ted said: “It hasn’t changed that a ranger’s job is to enable the public to enjoy the National Park and care for this special landscape, whilst also working alongside farmers, local communities and businesses.”



Rangers and supporters from the Countryside Management Association walking on the Great Ridge near Castleton

Europe-wide issues for Ted, Frank and their fellow rangers as they walked along the Great Ridge above Castleton included sheep farming, paragliding licenses, flood management and soil erosion.

“I think we should ask what are the most valuable assets of our upland landscapes,” said Ted. “Is it farming and forestry or is it wildlife or recreation and all the benefits that brings for people’s health and wellbeing, or are these landscapes more valuable for storing water and carbon? I think the balance has shifted dramatically due to the impacts of climate change and loss of wild places. People often say that farmers are the custodians of the countryside, but I think all of us need to be countryside custodians now.”

Chris Lockyer gave an example: “If you’re connecting and educating people you’re reducing the need for enforcement used by ‘wardens’ in the past. For instance, we hope people will now be saying on a hot summers day: ‘I’m not going to have a barbecue where I could set fire to some moorland, I’m going to have it somewhere more responsible instead.’”

It’s a period of change for the British landscape, said Ted Talbot, with Brexit affecting farm subsidies, and financial cuts to services carried out in the past by public servants. “All of these things will impact on the green spaces residents and visitors to the Peak District know and love, so we’re saying if you use and value your countryside, why not learn about it and get involved? Please don’t just take it for granted.”

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw)

*David Bocking* for the NT

## *Grindleford*

# Gaiters



The Gaiters have done quite a few local walks around Grindleford recently especially as the days shortened. We have also had good walks around Dronfield, Shatton and Brough, as well as above the Millstone at Hathersage.

If you want to join us, the Gaiters walk every other Thursday, generally meeting at the Pavilion car park at 9:30am. Most walks are typically about 5 miles followed by a good lunch.

Keep walking!

*Tim Reynolds* 630023

Walking in Longshaw  
November 2016.

Grindleford Playing Fields Association

## Burns Night Celebration

**Saturday 4 February – 7.30pm – Bishop Pavilion**

Cast off the winter blues and have some fun by celebrating the birthday of Robert Burns and help the Playing Fields Fund along. Yes, once again we will be marking the occasion with a splendid meal (with a wee dram, of course) and lots of fun on the dance floor with a lively folk group known as The Real Deal.

It's a great village occasion—everyone is welcome!!

Tickets £19pp. Please book with:

Frank Galbraith 631367 or e-mail: [galbers@talktalk.net](mailto:galbers@talktalk.net)

## Support Dementia UK at the London Marathon

We are the two 'mature' runners you probably often see running around the village and beyond. Those who know us will be used to us having a challenge most years. This year we have both been fortunate to get a place in the London Marathon in April. The Marathon has special significance for us as we met 18 years ago on the train on our way to run in the event. Also Jeremy has just turned 70 so this will be his last time! We have chosen to raise money for Dementia UK and should you feel able we would be grateful for any donations to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JeremyandPat> or we can be found working in the community shop most Friday afternoons if you wish to sponsor us directly. Thank you in advance:)



*Jeremy Brayshaw*

## New Grindleford Youth Club—Can You Help?

We are looking for a new secretary for the youth club. Responsibilities include emailing parents, booking room, taking minutes at meetings (twice yearly), etc. You would not be required to attend youth club every week although help is needed at times. Please call Jackie on 01433 639147.

## 2016 Poppy Appeal

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the recent poppy appeal which raised £1150:30. Special thanks to those who volunteer for the house to house collections which equate to about half of the total collected with the balance coming from collection points around the village.

That being said, we are desperate for more collectors, especially for the top end of the village (from the church up to and including Tedgness), but also for Mount Pleasant. Even if you could just do a one or two roads, this would be fantastic and increase the total collected as we were not able to get to all of the houses in Grindleford this year due to a shortage of collectors.

Please call me on 01433 639147 if you are able to give any help to the appeal.

*Jackie Hainsworth*



### *Arise, Sir William Hill*

Arise, Sir William Hill, to a height of 1407 feet! The radio mast on top of Sir William Hill, at the metric height of 429m, is one of the Peak's most noticeable landmarks. Writing in 1881, Edward Bradbury called Sir William "one of the most stately and personal hills in the Peak".

Just who was Sir William and why was he so important to have this unique claim to fame? Not only is there a hill named after him, but there is also a road and a hotel. There is some controversy over just which Sir William the hill was named after, and there are several contenders. Well, here goes with a few possibilities!

M. J. B. Baddeley, in his 1899 guide to the Peak District, wrote that the hill might have been named after "Sir William Peveril, the natural son of William the Conqueror." Peveril was an important man, but was he ever knighted? As bailiff of the royal manors in north Derbyshire, the Royal Forest of the Peak was under his control, so such a powerful man could have left some lasting impression on the place-names of the area.

The influence of Chatsworth is felt in almost every aspect of Peak history, and any one of the four Sir William Cavendishes should be considered. The 1st Sir William Cavendish (1505-1557) was the husband of Bess of Hardwick, and was knighted by Henry VIII for his role in the dissolution of the monasteries. The 1st Earl of Devonshire (1552 –1625) was also a Sir William. The 2nd Earl (1590 –1628) was dubbed Sir William while in his late teens and became a close friend of the philosopher Thomas Hobbes. As a child, the 3rd Earl (1617 –1684) was made Knight of the Bath at the coronation of Charles I, to become the fourth Sir William Cavendish. But, with such a prestigious pedigree, would the naming of a hill in the wilds of north Derbyshire be worthy of note to the Cavendish family?

In 1616 Mary, Countess of Pembroke, gave the Parish of Eyam to her relatives, the Savilles of Beeley. Sir William Saville, the 2nd Marquis of Halifax, a grandson of the sixth Earl of Shrewsbury, became Lord of the Manor of Eyam. During the Civil War, Sir William Saville commanded Royalist forces, which occupied Leeds and Wakefield. After an attack on Bradford had been repulsed, the

Parliamentarians under Fairfax forced him back to Leeds. Sir William became Governor of Sheffield and was killed near York in 1644.

Sir William Bagshawe, 1771-1832, medic, country gentleman and patron of the arts, was a local knight of note who was also appointed High Sheriff for Derbyshire in 1805. He had estates at Oakes Park, now part of the City of Sheffield, Goosehill Hall at Castleton and Wormhill Hall near Tideswell. The hill is centrally placed between these properties and he would certainly have travelled over it, being the shortest route between Sheffield and Tideswell. However, the hill was known as Sir William at least as far back as 1692, when an entry in the Eyam Parish Registers records that Elizabeth Trout died on the 4th of February, “upon the moor near unto Sir William, coming from Tideswell market in the snow.” On this evidence we will have to discount Sir William Bagshawe, who was not born until 1771.

The road over Sir William is certainly an ancient one. It was formerly a pack-horse route, part of the complex system of saltways that crossed the Peak between Cheshire, South Yorkshire and the east coast. The narrow, paved footpath from the Grindleford Bridge leading up to Sir William is known as Scots Close, reputedly after one of the jaggars, a man in charge of a train of packhorses. This same path continues straight up the hill, away from the road, with sections of it known locally as Haslin Slack and Stoney Bank.

The route subsequently became part of the Sheffield to Buxton Turnpike of 1758. The steep climb of almost 1,000 feet in two miles from Grindleford Bridge to the summit must have been a severe challenge to early travellers. This resulted in the abandonment in 1795 of this very difficult, exposed road in favour of a lower route through Eyam and Foolow.

Sir William Hill is a fascinating place to walk over and several good footpaths cross it. There are excellent routes over Eyam Moor and Gotherage down to Stoke Ford in Bretton Clough, all of which reward the walker with wonderful



The old Turnpike Road, Sir William Hill.

panoramic views taking in Froggatt Edge, Burbage, Win Hill, Mam Tor, Kinder Scout and Bleaklow.

On the north-eastern flank of the hill is Wet Withins, a stone circle consisting of 12 standing stones within an earth bank about 10 feet (3m) across, believed to be from the Bronze Age. The moor also has two smaller circles that are much harder to find, many Bronze Age barrows and the remnants of ancient field systems.

The chimney of Ladywash Mine, where lead was mined and which was worked until quite recently for the extraction of fluorspar, marks the influence of modern man. Nearby was New Engine Mine, which had the deepest shaft of any lead mine in the Peak District at 1092 feet (333m). There was also a tall chimney here, formerly another notable landmark on Sir William Hill, until an unfortunate incident in the early 1970s, when an insensitive landowner demolished it.

Just off the road that leads down to Eyam can be found Mompesson's Well, where supplies were left for the beleaguered residents of the plague village of Eyam in exchange for money that was placed in the water in an effort to decontaminate it. Visitors keep the tradition today, by throwing coins into the well for good luck.

The highest pub in Derbyshire can be found on Sir William Hill. At 1200 feet (365m), the Barrel Inn at Bretton has served thirsty travellers since 1637. It must have been a welcome sight for the carters and coachmen, now it is more easily accessible by car and has one of the finest views of any hostelry in the land.

A final theory on the naming issue is that it could have been named after a certain firm of turf accountants (William Hill)—but I wouldn't bet on it!

*Alan Jacques*

# Poetry Corner

## *Farewell Christmas*

The turkey carcass is bone dry,  
Gnawed clean at Stephen's feast.  
"Away in a manger" a ghostly echo  
In the deserted nave.

The recycling rattles with our  
Celebratory excesses,  
While the baubles and glitter  
Return to the dark.

A forgotten mince pie, slightly green  
With envy, putrefies in the pantry,  
As the shrivelled mistletoe kisses  
Another Christmas goodbye.

*Steve Slingsby*





A new business has hatched in the village delivering free-range eggs to Grindleford folk from Grindleford chickens.

We currently have around 60 hens happily scratching around at Magclough Farm up on Edge

Road, including White Stars, Cheshire Blues, Light Sussex and Warrens. They spend nearly all day outside on prime Derbyshire pasture and this really shows in the eggs, which have a rich yellow yolk and taste very fresh.

We are selling the full-sized eggs for £2 a box of six, delivered to your door, but some of the hens are still quite young and producing “pullet” eggs – that is small eggs (under 50g) - which we are selling for £1 a box.

We deliver on Thursday evenings at the moment but are very flexible. Just drop us an email on [eggs@peakpure.co.uk](mailto:eggs@peakpure.co.uk) to arrange an eggs-press delivery (sorry!) or ring us on the number below.

We have a box of eggs for sale on our wall at 10 Main Road every day. If they are not on the wall just knock.

**SPECIAL COMPETITION:** Win a year’s supply of Charli’s Chooks eggs!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at [www.peakpure.co.uk](http://www.peakpure.co.uk) and we’ll put you in our New Year draw to win 52 boxes of eggs. Please note we only deliver to within a five-mile radius of Main Road.

Visit our facebook page @charlischooksegs or give us—Charlotte and Tom Cooper—a call on 01433 639110.

## “WHEN MY TIME IS UP . . .”

Despite the taboo which may exist around death and dying, and our natural reluctance to talk about our own end, more and more people are realising that to face the issues in advance is a good idea, both for ourselves and for those nearest to us.

The Quaker Community in Bamford is offering an opportunity in February to do just that in a safe and supportive environment as part of its programme of retreats. Participants learn and share around questions like: “how do we want to be cared for when we are dying?” “do we have strong views about our funeral and what options are there?” “what will happen within our closest relationships?”

There will be time for private reflection, conversations, walks, and taking part in the worship of the community if you wish. We invite you to consider taking part in this retreat (February 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) either on a residential basis or on a sleep-out basis. Inquiries by email to [mail@quakercommunity.org.uk](mailto:mail@quakercommunity.org.uk) or by phone to (01433) 650085 and ask for Anne or Daniel.

# Parish Council Notes

**Planning Applications.** The Parish Council has been kept busy during 2016, dealing with 22 applications in consultation with the Peak District National Park Authority.

Notification has been received of an enforcement notice served by PDNPA for land at Stoke Hall Quarry in respect of a breach of planning control regarding two stone saws, concrete plinths, lighting columns & fencing which are to be permanently removed no later than 21 February 2017.

**Proposed Phone Mast.** The Council has lodged strong objections to proposals by PHA Communications to erect a phone mast on the roadside verge below Nether Padley Farm. Several residents have also sent letters of objection. Alternative proposals are still awaited from PHA Communications.

**Parking at Longshaw.** Members have held a site meeting with Derbyshire County Council Highways, the Police and the National Trust to discuss possible solutions to the problems caused by parked vehicles at the top of Padley Gorge. DCC are to look into providing new and improved signage and the Police will undertake regular patrols during busy periods.

**Phone Box.** BT have undertaken a public consultation to remove the box on Main Road. The Parish Council has stated that it does not object to the removal of the phone, as it was only used 7 times in a 12 month period, but has asked that the box should be retained if a suitable new use can be found for it.

**Website.** There is now a page on the [Grindleford.com](http://Grindleford.com) website where the public can freely access Parish Council documents, including minutes of meetings, agenda and financial information. This makes the Council compliant with current legislation.

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 [apjacques@sky.com](mailto:apjacques@sky.com) prior to the meeting.

*Alan Jacques*  
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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.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk) and  
[www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk)

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 (even better) [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com). You could either write an item yourself, or suggest someone else who might be able to write one.

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