

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

April 2019



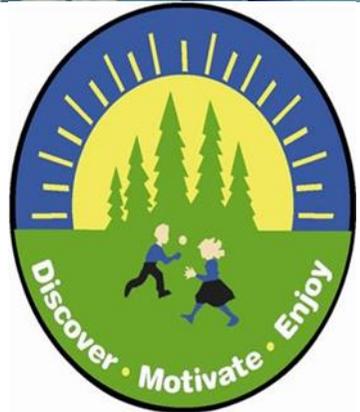
Sporting Success!

We recently took a team of very determined climbers to the Greater Sheffield Primary School Bouldering Championship Final at the Mini-Works – and what a morning it turned out to be!

We were expecting a similar set-up to the qualifying session, but saw straight

away that there was a

completely different set of challenges. There were five other schools climbing at the same time, so it was a charged atmosphere too. However, each team member did their best,





pushing their minds and bodies to their limits with the constant aim of reaching that next hold.

The 'doughnut' looked the hardest to me, but the children loved that one. The viewing parents and I were so pleased and proud when the results were read out. In the individuals' rankings we had a 2nd and a 1st!

In the biggie – the overall team winners – Grindleford took home the title!!!!!!!!!!

HUGE congratulations for effort, determination and teamwork to each and every one of our pupils who competed. The gold medals were well-earned (*and incredibly awesome!*)

Richard Petts
Teacher

Skating Gold!

Grindleford Primary School pupil Lucy Illingworth scooped a gold medal and a stunning team trophy at the inaugural Steel City Trophy held in Sheffield in March.

The two-day international event saw synchronised ice skating teams from all over the UK and Europe competing in the first-ever synchronised skating competition to be held at Ice Sheffield.

Lucy, aged 10, is the team captain of





Novus, the youngest of four synchronised skating teams based at Ice Sheffield.

“It was an amazing atmosphere at our home rink and we were determined to do well for all the people who had come to support us,” said a delighted Lucy. “Once we’d finished our skate we heard our scores and knew we were in first place but we had to watch two more teams compete before we knew that we’d definitely won

gold!”

The event was the final one in a busy season for Lucy’s team, which included competitions in London, Cardiff, Scotland and Nottingham. Skating since she was 7, Lucy competes nationally both as a solo skater and also as part of the synchronised team.

Hot on the heels of team success in Sheffield, Lucy got her skates on and headed to London at the beginning of April to compete in an international competition where she was thrilled to get a personal best score for her solo performance and another gold medal for first place!

Lucy is now concentrating on perfecting the more challenging jumps and spins in her solo programme for upcoming competitions, alongside training with the rest of her team to develop a fresh routine for the start of the new synchronised season in autumn.

“There’s no rest over summer as there are lots of solo competitions taking place” said Lucy. “I’m usually at the rink five times a week, sometimes twice a day, but it’s always great to land a new jump or spin and last summer it was so hot outside it was actually a relief to be at the ice rink!”

So fingers crossed for some more medals for Lucy and for another lovely summer too!

Leonie Boulton
Headteacher



The Grindleford Community Shop

Hot news! Well, slightly warmer news! Spring is here and so the shop will once again be open until **6pm** in the evenings, and **4pm** on Sundays.

There is going to be a great need for cake as the weather warms up, so we'd be very grateful for any cake contributions!

By the time the next Grindleford News comes out we will have passed our 5th birthday. All rather pleased to be honest that we have managed to get this far. To celebrate we are going to have a party for all our volunteers and shareholders.

Our party will be on: 7 June at the Pavilion

We will be serving lasagne and garlic bread from 6.30 to 8pm, although you can stay as long as you want afterwards for a natter. If you want a tippie please bring your own wine/beer.

A kind shareholder is making a great big birthday cake for us. You can have a bit, if you can wrestle it from us.

The party is open to all volunteers and shareholders, and tickets, which are free, will be available in the shop.

These are for catering purposes only. If

you would like to become a shareholder, then the necessary forms and a way to take £10 off you will also be available at the shop.

We will be saying a big thank to both our volunteers and shareholders for supporting us way back when. Without your cash, moral and actual support, your time and your enthusiasm we couldn't have got as far as opening our doors, let alone planning a 5th birthday party.

Exciting!!!

The other key thing which is starting to edge its way into our field of vision is the Grindleford Goat. This year it will be on 14 September, a Saturday. Previous Goat volunteers – stand ready.

Potential new volunteers – the Goat is a major fundraiser for the shop, and we are always living in hope that some new folk will come and join us to marshal, bake, man stations, register, set the route... and so on... and so on.

Once again we'll be joined by pre-school who run the infamous Sir William Hill Climb, and there will be some other good fun events too – Trackstars and a gravel ride to name two.

This year will be our 7th Goat, believe

it or not. (We're pretty slick now.)
Come down and witness this poetry in motion for yourselves, or get on the website and your bike and give it a go. Why not! Well I can think of lots of reasons why not, but there are lots of you mad enthusiasts out there who think it's fun, and we salute you.

Finally, Easter. We will, as usual, be closed on GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY. These are important days in the church calendar

and we want to respect them. Open again on Easter Monday for business.

That's all for now folks. Please come along to our party, now we are five (didn't someone write a book about that..?). We are not five every day and it would be fun to celebrate it with you.

See you on the 7th June, if not before!!!

Sarah Battarbee

Campaigners Celebrate End of Quarry Lorry Threat to Grindleford

Local campaigners, including the national park society Friends of the Peak District, are celebrating as quarry owners, Stancliffe Stone, withdrew a planning application to increase heavy lorries through the village of Grindleford.

This marks the end of a long campaign against Stancliffe illegally intensifying their processing operations at a linked set of locations including Stanton Moor, Rowsley and Stoke Hall at Grindleford.

“We’re really pleased that, working with Grindleford residents, we’ve been able to send a strong message to Stancliffe that their plans were unacceptable because of significant impacts on road safety and the local community” said Andy Tickle, head of campaigns at Friends of the Peak District.

The quarry still has permission to extract high quality gritstone for important local and regional building projects but the new plans would have turned the quarry into a regional processing centre, causing much more heavy lorry traffic. “We are supportive of local quarries and the jobs they provide when there is an established need for the stone” added Andy “but Stancliffe’s plans were a step too far for a sensitive location in the National Park”.

Julie Gough
Friends of the Peak District

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Pavilion Development

Getting Closer

We awarded a contract for the completion of the Pavilion Extension project to Blackthorne. They have progressed the work steadily this year.

Internally the extension is plastered and decorated and most doors are fitted. The second fix electrics are ongoing and the plumbing work is just about to start.



At the moment you will see most activity externally as the drainage is finalised and construction of retaining walls and paths is undertaken.

Easter

We hope to take advantage of the Easter holidays when the Pavilion is lightly occupied to fit the door between the existing building and the new extension. We also hope to undertake plumbing work and, if all goes well, switch to a new boiler for the whole building. (The existing boiler is 35 years old.)

Any Plants?

Shortly we expect to be landscaping around the new extension. We want to re-establish the garden in a similar way to the garden we had before the builders moved in. We did try to save some of the plants we had before by using a holding bed at the top of the site. Some of the plants have survived but the very dry summer proved fatal to a number of the plants, so we will need more.

If you have any suitable plants / shrubs which could be used for the new planting then let us know.

Further Grant Funding Received

We are very grateful for the following contributions to our fundraising efforts:

We have released funds to allow us to install the external platform lift so that the extension project can be completed in total. That in turn allowed us to draw a pledged grant of £3000 from the Foyle Foundation towards the lift cost.

We have received a grant of £1000 from the Derbyshire Dales Local Projects Fund which allows us to address the issue of the existing main electrical distribution board - this failed a recent inspection and became an urgent item for us to address.

Still Seeking Funding for Roof

We hope now to concentrate our further fundraising efforts on the existing Pavilion Building with the first priority of replacing the roof on the existing building.



We are grateful to Peter Ragdale and friends who provided the catering at the recent Woodland Day at Longshaw. They raised £400 towards our re-roof fund.

We are also grateful to the Carnival committee who have donated £500 towards our re-roof fund.

We are also currently seeking some funding from the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund towards the re-roof.

You Can Still Help

If you would like to help with our fundraising, particularly with the replacement of the roof, go to the grindleford.com website, Bishop Pavilion and Playing Fields page, Pavilion Development > Appeal where you can follow the guidance to donate to our funds. Alternatively talk to a member of the playing fields management committee. We are very thankful for those of you who have already helped with donations. Funds we raise from our community in this way certainly help with grant applications to external funders.

200 Club

Another good way of supporting the ongoing running of the Pavilion and Playing fields is to join the 200 club - see details below. You can download a 200 club form from grindleford.com/bishop-pavilion-playing-fields.

Tim Reynolds

Join Grindleford 200 club

- Monthly draw
- Prizes ranging from £10 to annual £200
- Half monies collected returned as prizes
- Proceeds support running of playing field facilities
- Annual subscription £12,
- to join contact John Morton (01433631245)



Support Your Village Shop – 5 years old in June

Apart from the usual household goods we stock a selection of cheeses and pâtés and have daily deliveries of bread, fruit and vegetables.

Some of our local goodies are:

Artisan bread, pastries & cake
 Pies, pasties, sausage rolls, ham, bacon
 Milk, free-range eggs, yogurt
 Jam, marmalade, chutney
 Honey from local hives
 Ice Cream

Summer Opening Mon-Sat 9am – 6pm Sundays 12 – 4pm

An excellent way of getting to know people in the village is by becoming a shop volunteer.

If you would like to help, even if it is just a few hours on an occasional basis, contact Sarah or Andrew at:

info@grindlefordshop.co.uk

or phone us on: **01433 631611**

Check out our website at **www.grindlefordshop.co.uk**

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Horticultural Society

Grindleford Horticultural Society Summer Program

Meetings take place at Bishop Pavilion, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Membership £4.00 per person per annum, individual talks £2.00.

Visits: Non members welcome to join us, if places are available.

grindlefordhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com

Tuesday 16th April 2019

Wildlife Gardening

Julia Gow of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Learn how you can help.

Saturday 1st June 2019 10.30am

Dronfield Barn

£3 per person, meet in Pavilion Car Park at 09.45am

The visit includes tea and biscuits on arrival and a presentation on the development of the site since 2015, followed by a tour of the gardens. This will include the small heritage garden, where planting reflects periods in the barn's history, the wildflower area, the horseshoe garden and the veteran trees. There is a cafe for refreshments afterwards.



Tuesday 9th July 2019, 7pm

Carr Head Vineyard, Hathersage

£7.50 to include canapés and wine tasting

Meet in Pavilion Car Park at 18.15, leave at 18.30.

Visit Carr Head Vineyard with Michael and Mary Bailey.

Just five years old, this local vineyard produces about 600 bottles a year. So not a mass market product. 4 varieties of grape are grown.

Saturday 17th August

Grindleford Horticultural Show

Opened by Judy Burdall. Get growing, sewing and experimenting in the kitchen in readiness! We always need additional help preparing for the show. Please get in touch if you can help.

Potato in a Bucket

This class will be open to all age groups at the show in August but it's time to think about it now. The idea is to collect a seed potato, plant it in a bucket, and grow it until the show at home. On show day bring your bucket along and during the afternoon we turn out each bucket and weigh the crop. The winner is whoever manages the heaviest crop. You take your potatoes home to enjoy too.

Collect a seed potato and a sheet of instructions from Penny Reynolds before the end of April: 1 St Helens Croft, Grindleford (01433 630023).

A Plea from a Member

There are a number woodlands surrounding Grindleford with the woodland floor covered in English bluebells. However, they are at risk of hybridising with Spanish bluebells. To stop this happening we need to remove Spanish and hybrid bluebells before the flowers develop.

[Learn how to identify native bluebells from the Woodland Trust.](#)



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Conservation Project

Since early summer last year, many people in the village have been wondering what is happening to the fields by the river, either side of the bridge. They were put up for auction by Fisher German in July.

The latest news is that the 26 acres to the west of the river (with the black barn) have been sold, and are now being grazed. A sale has been “agreed” for the 110 acres on the other side, but not yet completed. This is why we have not seen any sheep there for almost 12 months! Rumour has it that the prospective purchaser was unaware that so many well-used public footpaths crossed the land. It is in the northern corner of this land, towards Hathersage, that EE obtained planning permission for a new mobile phone mast.

The exciting bit is that the Tropical Butterfly House have bought the 27 acres to the south of the bridge. No, we aren’t getting butterflies, lemurs or meerkats but the Charity are dedicating the land purely to the conservation of natural species.



They have already erected 49 bird boxes, including two specially for barn owls. And we should soon also be seeing tawny owls, little owls, kestrels, tree creepers, sparrows, nuthatches, pied wagtails and tits. The area that has been ploughed is to establish a corn-field of annual wild flowers for ground nesting birds such as plovers. And the rare Brook Lamprey has been discovered in the stream. The repairs to the bridge over the stream, and to the footpaths are also part of the TBH’s nature conservation plan for the land. Helen Earnshaw, their Conservation Officer, is in charge of the project, and is planning to hold some public events later in the year. In the meantime, the link to their website is <https://www.butterflyhouse.co.uk/wildlife-conservation.php>

Peter O’Brien
Parish Councillor

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DEPART Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Buxton Market Place
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THANK YOU!

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising and helped us raise nearly £800 to date. That's an amazing achievement!

Easyfundraising really is the simplest way to raise money for Grindleford Primary School and it doesn't cost you a penny.

Shop online with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Grindleford Primary School **at no additional cost to you.**

Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, John Lewis, Sainsburys and many more. So, if you're thinking of booking a holiday, hiring a car, buying some summer clothes, garden furniture or just about anything really, then have a look to see if the retailer you've chosen is one which supports easyfundraising and gives us a donation simply for you placing an order with them.

If you haven't done so already please register to support us at;

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordprimaryschool

Thank you!

Grindleford Primary School PTA



Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup
Welcoming all Children from 2yrs

PARTY IN THE PAVILION

Saturday
18th May

3.30pm onwards

Bishop Pavilion, Grindleford

BBQ WITH VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

EYAM BREWERY BAR

OMEGA JAZZ BAND

Tickets: £5 per family in advance
(£8 on the day)

www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk

Old Clothes Needed



ARE YOU PLANNING A CLOTHING SORT OUT READY FOR SUMMER?

GREAT! YOU CAN HELP US!

Save the date! We are pleased to announce that we have organised another clothing & shoe collection with Bag2School on Thursday 23rd May to raise much-needed funds for our school. The previous collection raised £128.00 an amazing amount of money for the school.

You can get involved in our Bag2School collection by sorting through your cupboards and wardrobes and donating unwanted clothing such as adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please see the list below or refer to www.bag2school.com for full details).

We've got lots of collection bags here at school and also a supply in the community shop too, so please call in and pick some up when you're passing. Alternatively you can use any other bag to donate your items, it doesn't have to be the Bag2School bag.

Please don't forget to ask your friends, relatives and work colleagues to have a sort out too as the more bags we get the more funds we raise.

Bag2School will be collecting from Grindleford Primary School at 9.00am on the morning of Thursday 23rd May so please drop off your bags at the school office during school hours anytime before this date. We have got some storage space so you can call in with your bag(s) whenever you're ready.

We are hoping to have a really good collection and would like to thank you in advance for participating in this fundraising opportunity. We will let you know how much money we raise for the school in the next edition of the *Grindleford*

Nems.

You can donate:

Good quality items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Please don't donate any of the following items as they won't be accepted by Bag2School: duvets and blankets / pillows and cushions / carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) / soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing / school uniforms with and without logo / corporate clothing and work wear / textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

THANK YOU!

Leonie Boulton
Headteacher

Singers Wanted!

Is there anyone in the village who enjoys singing? If so, Grindleford Singers would love you to come and join them. We are an informal singing group who meet on a Sunday at the Sir William at 4:30-6:00pm. We sing a range of music. No previous group singing experience/music knowledge necessary, just a love of singing. Open to all including children from Y6+.

For more information please contact Michelle - michellekz@talktalk.net - or just come along to a session and join in.

Derbyshire Dales

District Council

The Derbyshire Dales District stretches from Hathersage and Eyam (including Grindelford) in the north to Doveridge, south of Ashbourne. We're a rural area incorporating the four market towns of Bakewell, Matlock, Wirksworth and Ashbourne. The ward of Hathersage and Eyam has two District Councillors to represent it.

The District Council takes 12% of your Council Tax with the remainder going to Derbyshire County Council, the Police, Fire Brigade, Adult Social Care and the Parish Council.

Below are examples of the responsibilities undertaken by the District Council.

DDDC is responsible for Waste and Recycling. For encouraging Economic Development and Environmental Health Services. Also for Licensing, Electoral Services and collecting all Council Tax.

There are DDDC Car parks where the revenue contributes enormously to the funds of the District Council.

DDDC organises the markets in the towns and owns the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, although it is leased out. Similarly the four Leisure Centres are owned by the Council but are run by a not-for-profit company.

Further, the District Council is involved with Community Safety, Benefits, Homelessness and Housing Advice.

If you're not sure, there's good guidance on the web site:
www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk .

Councillor Jean Monks

Avon.

Hi,

I have recently taken over the Grindleford round.

So, if you would like an Avon book please give me a call.

You can either have a book delivered to you or you can order through my online store at www.avon.uk.com/store/patriciasshop with free delivery.

I can also send you an electronic book over WhatsApp.

My details are-

Fanfrog07@gmail.com

01433 639330 07999318928



Hope Valley

U3A

No longer working full-time? Want to meet new friends? Try new activities? Explore old interests?

All are welcome to come along to our open meetings to listen to a guest speaker, share a cup of tea with friends, and find out about the U3A (University of the Third Age) and the different interest groups.

Richard Eastwood: The Buildings of the Hope Valley

Tuesday 16 April 2 pm Loxley Hall Hope

David Bell: Eyam & The Plague Doctor

Thursday 23 May 2 pm Memorial Hall Hathersage

The Open Meeting will be followed by the AGM.

Social Event and BBQ

Tuesday 18 June 1 pm Hope Sports Club

To find out more, contact Hope Valley U3A by emailing

chair.hvu3a@gmail.com or visit our website at www.u3asites.org.uk/hope-valley

Hathersage

Painters

The Hathersage Painters are holding an exhibition at the Methodist Church Hall, Hathersage on Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Monday 27th May, 10am – 5pm.

Entrance free. Disabled access.

Audrey Hague

Bilberries and Bumblebees

National Trust ecologist Chris Wood and his colleagues are getting used to weird weather. Veteran rangers said the 2018 Peak District moors were drier than they'd ever seen.

“It’s been building up for such a long time, but we now really are starting to see the impact of climate change on our doorstep,” said Chris.

He noted the blaze on Marsden Moor during this year’s hottest February on record, and warned that despite the wet start to March, after last summer’s heat-wave there’s still a big risk of moorland heather fires.

“We all need to take note of fire risk signs and be responsible, by not starting fires on the moors, and not bringing disposable barbecues anywhere near moor-



Bilberry bumblebee on bilberry flowers.

land. We need to give nature a chance.”

Why not volunteer to go out and help the moorland wildlife too, he added.

“I spend my life out here walking, running and climbing,” said Vince Clubb. “And the reason you do that is because the landscape is stunning, so we’re here because we want to keep it that way.”

Volunteers like Vince and family have been planting 1000 bilberry plugs on Sheffield’s Hathersage Moor, near Burbage, in an experiment by the Eastern Moors Partnership and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust to see how the increasingly rare bilberry bumblebee can be encouraged by careful bilberry reintroductions on moors recovering from heavy grazing in the past.

Last year’s weather did the bilberry bumblebee “very few favours,” said Rhodri Green from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The freezing ‘Beast from the East’ anticyclone early in the year meant there were few bilberry flowers on local moors in March and early April, when the waking bees needed them.



Eastern Moors Partnership bilberry planting on Hathersage Moor: Louise Baddeley demonstrating how to plant the bilberry plugs

“The bilberry bumblebee is a real treasure of the Peak District, but if there are no flowers, there’s no food for it,” said Sally Cuckney from the Trust’s Pollinating the Peak project.

After once being common across the highlands of northern Britain, the Peak District is now one of the bilberry bumblebee’s last remaining strongholds. But conservationists worry that warming weather will reduce numbers even further, as the species prefers colder climates.

The project on Hathersage Moor (supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund) will see trained volunteers monitoring bumblebees over the next ten years - local people



Eastern Moors Partnership bilberry planting on Hathersage Moor: Rhodri Green showing a chart of bumblebee species to volunteers Nikhil and Priya Trelokie and Stephen Brooks

can help on regular ‘Bee Walks’ this year to identify and count bumblebees across the Peak District.

Warden Louise Baddeley (from the Eastern Moors partnership of the RSPB and the National Trust) was leading the planting this March.

“Like a lot of

people, I used to collect bilberries for crumbles, pies and jam - my mum always took us straight out when the schools broke up for summer,” she said.

Louise explained how changing weather patterns will affect ‘synchronicity’ between different species - for example, lack of flowers at certain times may lead to fewer caterpillars which in turn will impact on bird species.

“Everyone has to play their part,” she said. “We’re all in this together.”

The health of the local moors affects flood risk and water quality, as well as CO2 emissions, said Chris Wood.

“Water companies, the National Park Authority and many other partners are all trying to protect the moors and build resilience to the effects of climate change,” he said. “We’re entering uncertain times and don’t know what the future will bring. But it will effect everybody.”

More information:

<https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org>

<https://www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk>

David Bocking
for the NT

Exploring Longshaw

We're busy un-bunging nest boxes for pied flycatchers, stock-proofing the boundaries for the return of sheep and cattle, and communicating with visitors about the importance of keeping dogs on leads as sheep and ground nesting birds are back around. There's been a sighting of a water vole on Longshaw's pond, as well as ring ouzels at Carl Wark. Spring is fully sprung!

Spring Chicks Easter holiday trail – until April 28th

...with eggs, rabbits and lambs to count, and helping us to remind people about keeping livestock and wildlife safe. The trail is £2 and starts at the welcome building from 9.30am to 3.30pm, with a gift for nature to take home.

Weekly drop-in guided walks

Explore Longshaw with our volunteer walk leaders, every Wednesday and Sunday. Meet outside from the café, start at 11am, return by 1.30pm. Everyone welcome!

A potted history of Longshaw – Sat 11 May, 2 – 4pm

Talk with Longshaw Historian, Thelma Griffiths. Learn about the history of





Longshaw from Ducal Estate to People's Estate. £5 including light refreshments. Book online: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw

Wildflower Wander – Sun 16 June – 10am – 12 noon

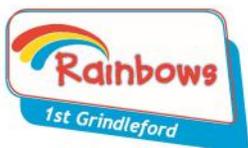
Wander through the hay-meadows with ranger Mark Bull, and learn to identify some of Longshaw's special wild flowers. Book online: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw

Our office and sub-station move is underway, which will also create level access into the kitchen garden, and is paving the way for the new café developments, for which we have been granted planning permission. Please bear with us throughout these changes!

If you would like to volunteer we are looking for people to help out with our visitor experience, especially on weekends and during school holidays. Please email jenny.gerrans@nationaltrust.org.uk if you are interested.

We are raising money for our Peak District Appeal and Dennis Belbin, café manager, is running the Brighton Marathon on 14 April! If you'd like to donate here's the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dennis-belbin>. At Longshaw the tree nursery is coming on nicely, thanks to donations to the Peak District Appeal and our pond restoration work will be completed this autumn, thanks to last year's raffle funds.

Jenny Gerrans
Visitor Experience Officer



1st Grindleford Rainbows
Grindleford Primary School
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1st Grindleford Rainbows are looking for girls between the ages of 5-7 to join an enjoyable and vibrant unit.

We meet at Grindleford Primary School on Mondays between 5.00- 6.30pm.

The subs are £30 a term but £35 for the first term when they join.

We earn badges through doing crafts, games and learning about exciting things as well as have lots of fun!

We aim to also take part in activities away from the school as well as at our local guiding centres.

If interested, please contact Chloe Fogg- Unit Leader

Grindlefordrainbows1@gmail.com

07951091076/ 01433639250

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Leader Chloe Fogg





New Grindleford Youth Club.

Are looking for young people (year 6 and above) to join the youth club on Wednesday nights in school term between 7pm till 8:30 pm.

It costs £1 for entrance money and there is a tuck shop as well, where snacks and drinks are sold.

Activities are varied and are chosen by the youth of the club and there are also activities organised away from the Pavilion termly.

Any questions please email or phone

Many thanks Ian Barker: - Youth club chair.

Youthclubgrindleford@gmail.com 01433 639330

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Readers

Grindleford Bookworms

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. The Bookworms followed in the footsteps of Book Group Too in reading the story of Eleanor, a young woman living a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same lunch, and at the weekend buys two bottles of vodka to drink alone. A chance encounter and a little kindness transform her life. A lovely, amusing and touching tale, which deserves its million copies sold and Costa Book Award winner status.

Elmet by Fiona Mosley. Daniel and Cathy live in a house built by their Daddy with his bare hands. A family is living on the edge of society in the woods. Foraging for food on land that should be theirs but isn't. The arrival of Mr Price the landowner and confrontation with the outside world results in catastrophic violence, which will change their simple life forever. A dark gothic tale of a family's precarious existence on the fringes of society.

The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock by Imogen Hermes Gowar. London, 1785. Mr Hancock, a merchant, is disturbed late at night by a visitor. It is the captain of one of his ships with great news. He has sold Mr Hancock's ship and bought a dead mermaid with most of the money. Will he recover his money by putting the mermaid on show or not? Meanwhile Angelica Neal, a beautiful courtesan, is trying to avoid the clutches of her ex-pimp Bet Chappell and start a new life. Mr Hancock and Angelica's paths will cross and change both their lives, with the help of a mermaid or two. A very readable story reminiscent of some of Dickens' stories, full of larger than life characters.

Book Group Too

Books should be thought provoking and the selection we have read so far in 2019 has certainly merited that accolade, but in very different ways. We began with a best-selling, pacey author, Dan Brown and his latest work *Origins*. Often criticised for his lengthy paragraphs and far-fetched plots, this novel did not disappoint but did prove to be an engrossing page turner. Once again we followed Professor Robert Langdon as he trailed through the fascinating art and architecture of the Guggenheim and the Sagrada Familia in search of clues to solve this convoluted mystery. We wrestled with the major questions in science

and religion and interacted with artificial intelligence as we pieced together the intriguing plot. Enjoyable and certainly OTT!

Back down to earth in February, the focus of our meeting was the delightful collection of prose and poetry *A Sense of Place*. Trevor, who has contributed to the collection and is a member of our group, shed light on the creative process and the stimuli behind many of the pieces. We enjoyed some beautiful, personal and amusing writing that was inspired by our valley.

Three Things About Elsie, by Joanna Cannon, was set in a care home. We groaned! Not more gloom in these Brexit days! However, this was not a dreary book at all but a very well crafted, amusing and thought provoking mystery, well worth reading! There are lots of clever clues woven through the story, including the front cover, leading to a poignant yet uplifting resolution.

Days Without End by Sebastian Barry features Thomas McNulty, who crossed the Atlantic from the famine and hardship of Sligo to build a new life in the ravages of a war-torn nation. The story deals with the ‘rupture and remaking’ of people and of a country. There are many journeys, many encounters and many questions of identity in this fluid novel. The writing is often breathtaking and the challenges visceral. A demanding read and definitely thought provoking.

Steve and Clare

A Creative Experience

In January Book Group Too held an interesting and unique meeting: discussing a book written by another village Group.

The book was an anthology entitled *A Sense of Place*, chosen by the Grindleford Writers’ Group because they find that much of their writing is concerned with places, not least those within the beautiful rural area in which they live. As well as submitting both poetry and prose for the anthology, members were invited to reflect on their experiences of being members of the Group.

The Writing Group members are drawn from various parts of the Hope Valley. Interestingly, and we feel very helpfully, our creative writing experiences are extremely varied: from those who have some academic qualification in this field to those who have never attended any related course; from some who have written novels to those who are very much ‘first timers’.

Above all, we try to be supportive of one another in our writing. Our usual practice is for members to circulate their pieces prior to meetings and for these to be discussed by the whole group in an atmosphere of ‘critical friendship’.

Writing the anthology was a very creative experience for the Group. We hope

that other Group publications will follow.

The Book Group members said how much they had enjoyed reading both the poetry and prose included in the book, not least about the parts of the Hope Valley which they knew and loved.

Both Groups provide very creative experiences for their members. Arguably, creativity is one of the most of the most enjoyable dimensions of life?

You are very welcome to join one or both of the groups!

Trevor Higginbottom

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A Walking for Health programme in partnership with North East Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales District Councils and Eastern Moors Partnership. A new regular programme of short walks on the Eastern Moors.

First Thursday of every month from March to November, meeting at 10am for a 10.30am start

The Walk Moor programme is open to anyone who would like to explore new areas on the moors, get more exercise and meet new people including volunteers who know the Eastern and Burbage Moors well.

All walks are between 2.5 and 3.5 miles long and aim to take around 90 minutes, and will be led by a qualified Walking for Health walks leader. To join the group, all you need to do is turn up on the day. If this is your first time joining a Walking for Health group, please arrive in time to complete a registration form before we set off. See website for further information: www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk/plan-your-visit/walk-moor/

Thursday 2nd May

Walk down Bar Brook to visit the stone circle and return via Little Barbrook. 2.8 miles. Park at Barbrook Cottage (free). Meet from 10.00 to start walking at 10.30.

Thursday 6th June

Walk along Burbage Rocks, returning up the Burbage Valley. 2.5 miles. There will be an alternative route down the Burbage Valley and back for anyone not wishing to follow the rocky path along the Edge. 3.5 miles. Park in the Upper Burbage Bridge Car Park (free). Meet from 10.00 to start walking at 10.30.

Thursday 4th July

Walk through the woodland on the edge of Ramsley Moor. 2.7 miles. Park in the Car Park at Shillito Wood (free). Meet from 10.00 to start walking at 10.30.

Grindleford

Gaiters

Magical Walks

Our walk leaders normally reconnoitre their chosen routes so that they are familiar with the conditions. Sometimes though it is rewarding to be a bit flexible. Recently we met up in the mist outside the church for a riverside walk. One of our members had driven over Fox House from Sheffield and reported clear conditions on the tops above the mist. We changed our route accordingly and enjoyed a magical day of walking on the edge of the mist in Longshaw and the upper Burbage valley.



Longshaw

Green Signs

We often come across the Green direction signs which are located throughout

the Peak District. There are two in Grindleford. Some of these signs are very old and the organisation which puts up these signs and maintains them Peak & Northern Footpaths Society is celebrating 125 years this year.



Green sign near Stoke Ford

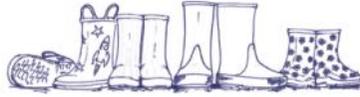
If you want to join the Gaiters and hopefully experience a magical walk as well as appreciating the green signs; we walk every other Thursday, generally meeting outside St Helen's church at 9:30am. Most walks are typically about 5 miles; so you will need to be fit enough to walk this distance over Peak District terrain, such as moorland and rocky paths. You should also be suitably equipped and bring a hot drink or water. At the end of our walks we enjoy a good lunch at a local hostelry.

Keep walking!

Tim Reynolds 630023

Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

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www.GrindlefordAndEyamPlaygroup.org.uk



This term we have celebrated Chinese New Year. We practised our chopstick techniques, made Chinese lanterns and enjoyed learning about another culture.



In the last issue we mentioned the generous grant from the Eyam Book Barn which helped us purchase some new resources to support the children as they explored colours. These photos show the children enjoying some of these new items.

You can find out more about what we do by following us on Facebook.





The weather has kept us on our toes this term, we've had wind, rain, snow, beautiful sunshine and everything in between! Luckily, we're always ready for an adventure and have still been able to get out and about in the community to explore.



At the end of April we will be completing admissions for the academic year beginning September 2019, please contact us on gepsu-pervisor@hotmail.com if you wish to apply for a place.

If you would like to know more about the playgroup come along and visit one of our mud kitchen toddler groups, every Friday morning 10.00-11.30 at the pavilion. £2.50 per child, snack included.



Dates for your diary:

Easter holiday club 17th, 24th and 26th April
9.00-1.00pm £25 per session (£15 for siblings).
 Forest school fun for everyone.

Party in the Pavilion 18th May, 3.30pm onwards

Tickets £5 per family (£8 on the gate)
 A fun family event with music by Omega Jazz band. Food and drink will be available from Hoggarth's and the Eyam Brewery.

Keep checking our Facebook page for news of our **Summer holiday club**.



Eyam Surgery

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

Consultation times updated 23rd October 2018
 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 4.30pm until 7.00pm	Dr Evans Dr Goodwin
Tuesday	9.00am until 11.20am 9.40am until 11.50am 12.10pm until 5.30pm 3.00pm until 5.30pm	Dr Evans Dr Pelc Physiotherapist Dr Evans
Wednesday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.30pm until 6.00pm 5.10pm until 6.20pm	Dr Checkland Dr Checkland Dr Goodwin
Thursday	8.30am until 11.00am 9.30am until 12.30pm 9.00am until 12.20pm 1.00pm until 6.00pm	Dr Goodwin Citizens Advice Bureau (Alternate weeks) Midwife (Alternate weeks) Counsellor
Friday	8.30am until 10.30am 9.00am until 11.30am 9.20am until 1.00pm 3.00pm until 5.30pm	Dr Goodwin Dr Pelc Podiatrist Dr Pelc

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, Mondays and Thursdays 12.00 – 12.50pm. Please ring Reception to make an appointment for the Mini-Bus clinic.

Grindleford Patients

Monday	12.00pm until 1.00pm	Dr Goodwin
Mini bus collection from home to be brought to Eyam Surgery and then back home.		
Thursday	12.00pm until 1.00pm	Dr Goodwin
Mini bus collection from home to be brought to Eyam Surgery and then back home.		

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

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Medication can be collected from The Sir William Hotel, Grindleford:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 12.00pm -12.30pm

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 or fax your request to 01433 631832. You can also email us on 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) 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.

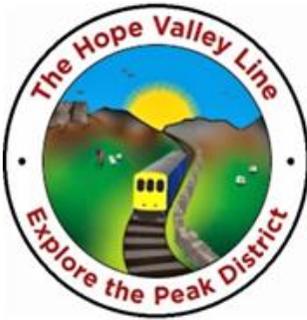
We now have the facility for patients to directly order their repeat medication and make appointments online with “Patient Access”. Please bring photo ID to reception and we’ll issue you with password and instructions.





FoGS

Friends of Grindleford Station



2019 is shaping up to be a busy year for stations along the Hope Valley as we all celebrate 125 years of the stopping train along the Hope Valley. We've proposed that Northern name a train Hope Valley 125 and it's looking promising!

We've collaborated with other groups for a series of walks, including **Sat 22nd June** TransPeak lead a walk from Grindleford, **Sat 29th June** Dore & Totley and Grindleford Station Friends and National Trust Longshaw lead a walk from Dore to Grindleford, **Wed 10th July** PNFS lead a 7 mile circular

walk from Grindleford, with further walk dates to be confirmed.

We're hoping to have history boards ready for these celebrations and a touring exhibition. We're hoping to have music events too. We have opportunities for Duke of Edinburgh students, school pupils and other interested groups to get involved so don't hesitate to step forward!

There's a steam train excursion on the line on 8th June, with an option for passengers to board at Hathersage. For details contact 01553 661500 <http://www.railwaytouring.net/uk-day-trips/the-scarborough-flyer-1>.

Note it's steam one-way only and on return passengers must change in Sheffield for Hope Valley stations.

The monthly Folk train to Edale is



Students urging us to take action on Climate Change use train to attend protest on 15th March.

great fun.

Northern has 25% off Cheap Day returns from Grindleford to Manchester from Sunday 24 March to Saturday 4 May (see separate promo).

Our platforms will be lengthened this year to accommodate longer trains which should bring a better service.

We've started on the 'garden' and continue to welcome plants and help to maintain the garden.

Friends of Grindleford Station AGM

30th May 7.30 pm Bishop Pavilion

Hear about what we've been doing and plans along the Hope Valley to celebrate 125 years of our local rail service. Hope to see you there!

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And what better time to go than right now with 25% off off-peak* train travel until 4 May.



The offer is valid from all stations between Grindleford and New Mills Central (both inclusive) to Manchester.

*Off-peak is after 9.00am weekdays and all day at the weekend and on Bank Holidays.

St Helen's Church

News

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

These took place on 26th March 2019. Lynne Hawksworth and James Allen stepped down as churchwardens after 10 and 4 years of service respectively. They were each presented with a pretty white flowering shrub by the Rector, Jude Davis. Nobody stepped forward to replace them, so we will be without churchwardens this year. The number on the church Electoral Roll (those who have chosen to be members of St Helen's church) has dropped to 20, as has the average number attending regular services, although the numbers attending special celebrations has gone up. The church finances are in good order and we are in credit. There are local and widespread concerns about the future of rural churches due to increasing clergy vacancies and reduced attendances and local meetings will be arranged to discuss these. St Helen's remains a welcoming church that is committed to looking at ways to stay viable and be part of the community.

Lent and time out

Lent started on 6th March on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Day, Sunday 21st April. For Christians it is a time of fasting, prayer, giving, and reflection. But, these are disciplines that many people turn to in various ways to improve their lives and get inner peace and calm. The church is open the same daily hours as the shop for prayer and quiet contemplation. You'd be surprised how much the cool and quiet inside can be just the thing you need when you want to have a few moments to yourself during the day.

Easter lilies

Each Easter Day in St Helen's the church is filled with lilies, each one dedicated to the memory of a loved one. The big, flared, open flowers and the spicy scent are a joyful and striking contrast to the bareness and solemnity of the preceding Holy Week. They almost trumpet in the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus and what it means for all of us, and at the same time allow us to remember those we have loved and lost but who remain with us in our hearts and minds

and deeds. If you would like to buy a lily in memory of somebody, then please contact Lynne Hawksworth (01433 631372). A list of those people in whose memory lilies have been bought will be posted just inside the church on Easter Day.

Careline

We have not had any response to our article asking for people to volunteer for or join us in discussing and setting up a telephone support line (Careline) for elderly and vulnerable people in Grindleford. However, we are not put off yet! From conversations we have had, people seem to want it, and villagers attending the exhibition about growing old in Grindleford a couple of years ago told us that there needs to be more support for older members of our community. We are going to rethink our strategy, but in the meantime please contact Rev Jude Davis (01433 208905).

Jude leaving

Our Rector, Rev Jude Davis, will be leaving us in early June to get married and move with her new husband to his new job. She will have been with us for five years. In addition to her solemn duties, she has done stints in the Grindleford Community Shop and the duck race stall at the carnival. Please wish her a bright future when you see her around the village. When she leaves there will then be six local rural churches without a vicar: Bradwell, Hope and Castleton have been without one for a couple of years, and then our Benefice of Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage. We aim to maintain our schedule of regular worship with outside help, but we may have to be more creative and enterprising. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see the church do or how it could include you more in its life, then please speak to any member of the congregation, or email me (drjcja@gmail.com).

Shop development

We are currently discussing ways of improving the shop. This came about because of the possibility of getting funding towards the costs of improving



church facilities. We have developed some preliminary ideas and are in the very early stages of assessing their feasibility. We will share these more widely if and when the project seems viable.

Pastoral support

The support and services of our church are available to all who live in our parish, whether you attend church or not. If you think that you or somebody you know might benefit from a phone call, visit or chat from our Vicar, or one of our congregation, then please phone Rev Jude Davis (208905) or email James Allen (drjca@gmail.com). We welcome any enquiries, so even if you are just curious about who we are and what we do, or have visitors who may want to join us on Sundays, then get in touch.

James Allen

Thankyou!
Thankyou!
Thankyou!



Thank you once again for your continued support for our school. I've previously mentioned the underfunding issues we face and sadly these challenges continue. However, as a result of the amazing commitment and support we receive from our parents and our village, together with some creative thinking and careful budgeting, we're still managing to balance the books and offer our pupils the very best start to school life.

A special thanks goes out to several local people who have made and continue to make personal contributions to the school. We are very gratefully for this and can't thank them enough!

The highly popular Grindleford Gallop took place in March and I recognise that this causes disruption around the village as 600 runners / walkers descend on the pavilion. I'd like to thank you for putting up with the disruption and for all the positive and constructive help we receive not only on the day but also in the run up to and after the actual event. The Gallop remains our biggest fundraiser and generates a contribution

of around £10000 per year. This is such a significant donation and one that we couldn't easily replicate – it would need an awful lot of cake sales!

A big thank you to Terry and Helen from The Sir William who once again were invaluable in their help in sourcing the ingredients and helping to prepare the gallons of soup for the runners.

We've booked a clothing collection for May so we'd really appreciate your contributions to make this a successful fundraiser. We're also planning to hold a summer auction (date to be confirmed) where we will have lots of amazing items and experiences up for grabs to the highest bidder. We held our first auction a couple of years ago now and we had a great evening, lots of fun, good company and raised a small fortune for the school! Look out for the posters and flyers around the village nearer the time and do come and join us for a guaranteed good night out. If you've got an item, experience or service you're willing to donate to our fundraising auction then please do get in touch with us.

Leonie Boulton
Headteacher

It's Good to Talk

Are you a builder, journalist, graphic designer, electrician or doctor? A scientist, dentist, copywriter, costume designer or engineer?

Do you work with animals or computers? Have you been on the stage?

It doesn't matter what you do, the school wants to hear from you!

Would you be interested in coming into school to talk to the children about your job, the company you work for, your hobbies and interests?

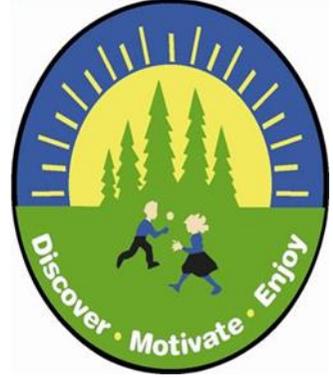
The school is looking for speakers who can inspire children and get them to think differently about the school work they are doing. What you might think is mundane could be a whole new experience for the children.

So please have a think about whether you, members of your family, friends, colleagues or members of your community could be a real inspiration to our children.

Please get in touch with Lizzy Latimer (lizzylatimer@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking part or want to discuss some ideas.



Our Best Bits



‘School days are best days of your life,’ is the well-known saying, so we asked our pupils what were the best bits about our school. We got some interesting replies!

‘I remember when Class 3 had a World War 2 day, it was so much fun!’

‘I loved the dormitories and abseiling at Whitehall.’

‘I love science because it’s so interesting.’

‘I really love doing Sports Day.’

‘Wheelie Wednesday is the best!’

‘I liked it when Class 2 went for a sleep over at a youth hostel.’

‘If it’s nice and sunny we get to eat lunch outside.’

‘I really like playing in the reception outside area.’

‘The climbing wall! I was so excited when we first got it.’

‘When we went to Castleton and got to hold swords.’

‘I really enjoy the last day of the year when we get to do what we want.’

‘I love how we learn loads at the same time as having so much fun.’

‘We were all so proud of raising so much money for Thomas Theyer.’

‘I loved the massive water fight we had in the summer.’

‘My favourite bit is having ice cream and popcorn Friday’s.’

‘School is just fun!’

‘When Class 1 did Victorian Day and we dressed up.’

‘I like how big the playground is.’

‘All the teachers are the best.’

‘Everything!’



The Lost Buildings of Grindleford

It's not often that a new building appears in Grindleford, thanks mainly to the strict planning regulations governing development in the Peak District National Park. Over the years, some new properties have appeared, but are they as good as some of the older ones that they replaced?

Several old, poor cottages were demolished during the 1920/30's, including three on the corner of Main Road and Bridge Lane (the Hathersage Road or School Hill) when the junction was improved to take the increase in traffic. At this time, part of the Old Bell Inn opposite, which had protruded further into the road, was also taken down. See the banner



Old cottages at Nether Padley

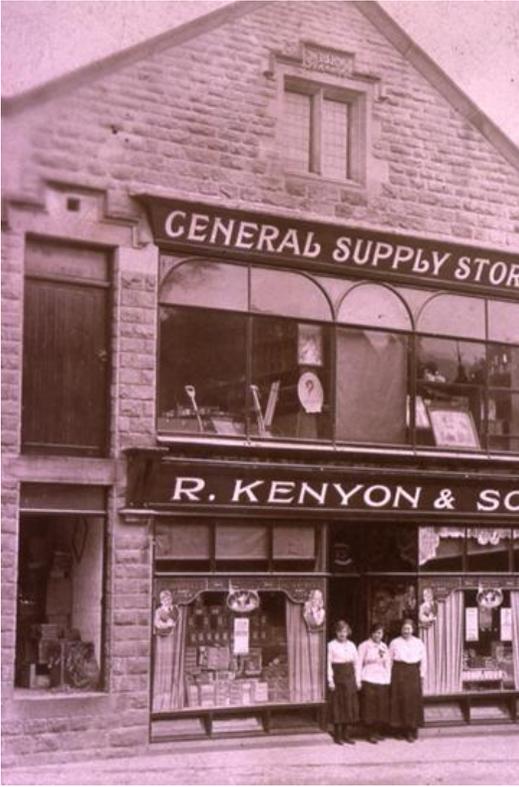
photo of this article, the wall on the far right being the part demolished.

The same fate was in store for a fine row of typical old Derbyshire Gritstone cottages on the corner of Main Road and Padley Road. At least these were replaced with a fine detached house, built by a local stonemason.



Swallownest Cottages

Perhaps the most controversial demolition, carried out in the late 1950's, was that of Swallownest Cottages on Hathersage Road. These might have had only basic



facilities and were of a rustic design, but they were a most attractive row of artisan dwellings that were removed to make way for the benefit of the motorists. Another cottage lost part of its original fabric here, when number 2, The Green on the opposite side of the road, was reduced in size.

Many small buildings housing local businesses have also disappeared, including Billy Moseley's Cordwainers Shop, which was a wooden construction on stilts in the garden of the Old Post Office; the Chapman family carpentry business buildings by the Old Smithy Dental Practice went quite recently & another old smithy that was in the field over the bridge opposite Toll Bar Cottage was condemned as unsafe. A fine old cruck barn, which was a sched-

uled listed building, just below the Maynard, was illegally demolished in the early 1960's.

One of the village's most prominent and well known buildings was sadly demolished in the early 1960's to make way for car parking and an access road. Built in 1906, this was R. Kenyon & Son, General Supply Stores on The Green, next door to the Sir William Hotel. In its day, this fine 3-storey emporium was the premier shop in Grindleford, until just after WW2, when it became the Sir William Café, offering "Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, Snacks & Pots of Tea. Open till dusk."

A less well known, but more mysterious building was condemned around the same time. This was a strange house on Adlington Lane called "The Tower" and was the last but one property on the lane. I remember delivering groceries there in the late 1950's and I was always scared by the gloomy, tall, brooding structure that would have made a good location for the Bates Motel in Psycho!

Alan Jacques



UNWEDDED BLISS . . .

HADIT on stage at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th April with J B Priestley's heartily entertaining northern comedy *When We Are Married*. Three solidly middle-class couples, married on the same day in 1883, have gathered to celebrate their silver anniversaries. A revelation by the new chapel organist, a "la-di-dah southerner", threatens to turn their prosperous and respectable lives upside down. The story is further enhanced by the possibility that some characters are quite pleased with the new situation and are not especially enthusiastic about rectifying it.

Tickets (£8.00) from Watson's Farm Shop. For phone bookings or further information, please contact Carolyn on 01433 620665.

Carolyn Garves

Grindleford Parish Council

Sarah Battarbee, Clerk to the Council,
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✉ grindleparish@gmail.com

New Clerk to Grindleford Parish Council

This is my last contribution to the GN as Clerk to Grindleford Parish Council as I retired from the post on 31st March after completing 44 years service.

I am very pleased to report that the Council has appointed Sarah Battarbee as the new Clerk and I am sure that she will do a good job for the village. After all,

she is already a very well-known and popular figure in our community – and Sarah is also much better qualified than me! Sarah is just the fourth Clerk since the Parish Council was founded in 1913; she is the first woman and follows on from James Outram, Tom Jacques & me.

I took over as Clerk from my father in March 1974 and in that time I have worked with almost 50 Councillors and 4 Chairmen and I'd like to thank them all for their help & for their unselfish, dedicated work on behalf of our community, for which they seldom get appreciated.

Elections. Parish & District Council elections are due to be held on May 2nd subject to the number of nominations made. Voting will take place in the Bishop Pavilion. To ensure that you are registered to vote, please contact Derbyshire Dales District Council 01629 761335.

Stoke Hall Quarry. Many residents are pleased to hear that Stancliffe Stone have withdrawn their controversial planning application to import & process stone at the Quarry. The Council will be keeping a close watch on any future developments at the site.

Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Bishop Pavilion. Residents of the Parish are welcome to attend to discuss any matters of relevance.

Website. There is a page on the 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, Robert Wilson on 01433 631517 or the Clerk, Sarah Battarbee 01433 630674 or email grindleparish@gmail.com prior to the meeting.

Alan Jacques
Former Clerk to the Council

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Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school: www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk and 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

Any News?

If there's anything you feel should be covered in the next issue, please send an item to the editor, Tim Shephard, at grindlefordnews@gmail.com.

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Help!

I've been running the GN for five years now and, with increasing work commitments, I could really do with handing it on to a new editor soon. If you think you might be interested, contact me for a no-commitments conversation (as they say) on 639449 or grindlefordnews@gmail.com.

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