

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

January 2020



## Under Water

Several items in this issue discuss the severe flooding back in November. Those who saw it first hand will know that the brave efforts of a heroic band of villagers, moving sandbags and helping flooded residents, was crucial in mitigating the impact.

Could you join them? There is a Grindleford Emergency WhatsApp thread with over 100 village members. If you'd like to join (which does in-

volve signing up to WhatsApp) please contact Matt Heason on 07966529219. The idea is that the thread will lie dormant and not be a place for general chat or comments, but be there in case there is a genuine emergency as we experienced during the floods. (Note that by joining up, your mobile number will be visible to others on the thread, but they will only see your name if you are already in their contacts list.)

# Is Your Home Energy Efficient?

Was it built that way or  
have you improved it?

**Hope Valley Climate Action** would like to know.



It is a real challenge to upgrade a traditional stone building up to modern standards of energy efficiency. HOPE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION would like to bring together local people to share their experience of what works well, what is less effective, what are the highs and lows of adapting your home for the zero carbon future, and how much it all costs or saves. A personal recommendation or warning is worth a thousand Google searches and this is why we want to collect and share the experience of local people.



This is the start of the collection phase. So if you have any experience that you are willing to share, please contact us. We are particularly interested to hear about how you used internal or external insulation, solar panels, air or ground source heat pumps (especially if you have measured their performance). Did you install active ventilation or a heat recovery unit and were there any damp issues. If you kept records of energy use before and after upgrading you home this data is like gold dust. If you are planning a major upgrade but have not yet started then this is a great time to make contact with us so we can follow and learn from your journey.

Our aim is that over this winter we will collate the information that you volunteer. Our first step will be to write some general advice for upgrading a typical Hope Valley home. But we think our most effective output will be a list of people who volunteer to discuss with neighbours, at any reasonable hour, their personal experience of topics such as heat pumps, HRUs or insulating plaster. By next summer we hope to be able to publish this list of local eco-enthusiasts and also, for those who would like to show off their work, organise an open homes day. For a good example of a successful project of this type in Cambridge see <http://openecohomes.org/>.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Steve Snow (email: [stephen.snow.edale@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.snow.edale@gmail.com) Tel : 01433 670023).

# Bamford ECO Day

28th March 2020

**Eco Fair 10am – 4pm**

Fairtrade tea & coffee  
 Children's events  
 How to compost  
 Tree planting  
 Rewilding  
 Hathersage Swift project  
 Gardening swap stall  
 Zero waste shops  
 Eyam Repair Cafe  
 Energy efficiency  
 Electric cars and bikes  
 Talks and information

**Film 7.30pm**

Bamford Village Institute  
 Entry FREE



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# Without Hot Air

Taking action on  
climate change in  
Grindleford



## *How I Had Myself a Veggie Little Christmas and a Haricot New Year*

I thought as the new year arrives that I might indulge myself with some ramblings. There are many people better placed and better qualified than me to do so, but perhaps I'm just a bit more willing to go on and on. Why use three words when 300 will do, that's my NYR, I'm sure everyone will be delighted about that.

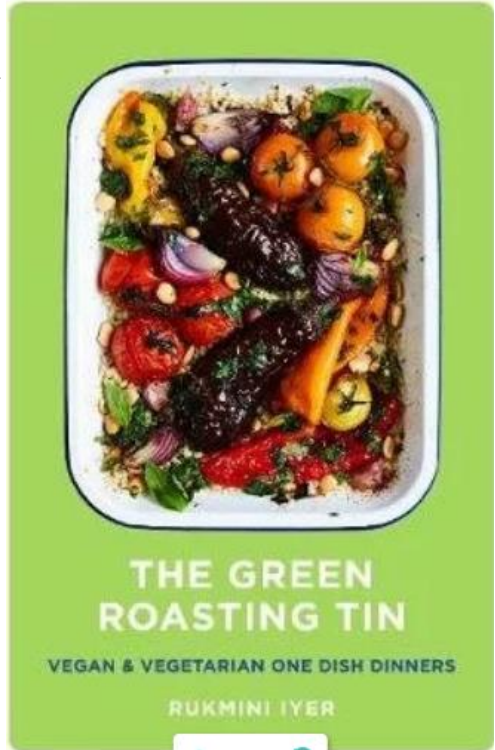
First, my veggie\* Christmas. With a son who is vegan and a daughter who is vegetarian, we ate a lot of plants over the holiday. It has been eye-opener, eating with them. Thinking back to my own childhood, the generation above me would often have eaten meat every single day, apart from some days when it would have been sausages, or chicken which is as near to being vegetarian as dammit, or ham egg and chips which doesn't have any meat in it at all. Oh, and some soups, my dad loved asparagus soup, as long as it had a chicken stock cube in it somewhere. And cauliflower cheese, as long as it had bacon on the top. As I write all that, that's quite a lot of different sorts of legs isn't it, for one's hard working digestive tract to get through...

We've been limiting ourselves to high welfare meat for quite a while, but after recently reading the Friends of the Earth guidelines for a climate aware life, which suggested 'less meat and better'—isn't that succinct?—and the new WHO diet which suggests meat as a marvellous treat once a month, I have had a bit of a rethink. What my children have inadvertently shown me is that nobody needs to decide one day never to eat meat again. I have been known to scoff at people who have said they are 'mostly vegan'. You're either vegan or you ain't, aren't you? But that's nonsense, I now think. Less meat and better—we are so fortunate to have some wonderful butchers on our doorsteps (almost literally, in Grindleford) whose quality and welfare standards are really high. A world where

we eat good meat sometimes, rather than poor quality, cruel meat all the time, sounds like a good one, and now I see even Asda has a plant based range, so it's hugely easier than ever it was before to have some meat-off nights.

Well that was a bit more proselytising than I meant it to be. \* we didn't have plants for Christmas dinner, we had goose. It was wonderful. It came from the farm up near the Norfolk Arms at Ringinglow. On Boxing Day we had more goose. Then it was plants from there on in, including a feast cooked by Kit from his new book Santa gave him, *Mod Veggie*. This requires liquidisers and things though, so my favourite cookbook now is *The Green Roasting Tin*. 15 minutes from chopping board to tin, and another 15 to plate, piece of cake, so to speak, looks great and like you know what you are doing. I will bring a copy down to the shop and leave it there for you to peruse.

Meanwhile I'm off to enjoy my #mostlyveganuary



### *Why Climate Action Enthusiasm Appears to be Good For You*

Well, gentle readers, I have lost 15lbs. (It was 17lbs but then Christmas happened see above.) The trick seems to be 1) be hungry sometimes. I think that is my chimp brain telling me to eat before whatever I was going to eat eats me. In the days when food was scarce, an alarm system telling you you were heading for empty was really important. I resent this. I want an alarm bell telling me when I'm eating chocolate. 2) live up Sir William Hill and attempt to get up it on an e-bike. This provides your recommended 15 minutes of pure exhaustion in one go on a daily basis. 80 pedals from the start of the steep bit to my house. It could be worse.... 3) I must drink less. I think this is particularly harsh, but the 2lbs over Christmas has to be something to do with the case of port which came into the house but doesn't appear to be going out, at least not the same way. ☹️

### *What Happened Next*

So what did happen next? The main climate change project which has grown wings and taken off is tree planting. If anyone wants to join this group, tell Sarah and she will put you on the email list. News about where, when and how should be appearing quite shortly, the plan is to plant one tree for every resident (that's 960 trees) over the next 5 – 10 years. Thanks to all those people who have been really enthusiastic about providing land, labour and expertise. As a reward you get to use the word 'sequestration' with a straight face.

Things are very much also afoot, pun not intended, with transport and cycle tracks; wildlifing gardens; working with the school; and second hand clothes and books. The wonderful four-weekly zero waste refill pop up at the shop is now in its second year! And there is lots more besides. All of this is taking place under the umbrella of the Hope Valley Climate Action group, and if you want to join that, talk to Sarah again and she will put you onto the right people.

*Sarah Battarbee*

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# *Grindleford*

# Horticultural Society

Well it's a new year; at last year's show we appealed for new committee members, needed if there was going to be another. Our appeal has been successful and GHS has a number of new committee members, so the annual Horticultural show will be taking place next year. So best get thinking about your entries and, yes, all those willing helpers who turn out to set it up and take it down, we will be needing you again. It is going to be our 70th show, so let's all make it a good one!

## *Things to Do in January*

Use a hoe to get rid of any unwanted seedlings popping up, maybe spread some well rotted manure. Time to give the wisteria its winter prune. Now's the time to sow sweet peas, ready for the summer (some varieties might need soaking, or

possibly a need to 'chit' the seed). In the vegetable patch time to start your early seed potatoes or maybe force your rhubarb. Weather too bad, there is always the seed catalogues to consider.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 21st January 2020, 7.30 pm at the Bishop Pavilion

The talk is being given by Penny & Tim Reynolds on a recent trip to Cornwall and the Scilly Islands.

Title: 'Three Gardens, Two Cameras, one season'

18th February 2020

We have a talk on 'Water Gardens and Water features'; our speaker is Jeff Bates.

Jeff was a full time horticultural lecturer for over 20 years; he is now a self-employed horticulturist, garden designer and lecturer.

17th March 2020

The key to growing fruit up here can be elusive, so we have invited Clifford Cain of Fruitscape to talk to us about:

'Fruit Growing in the North of England'

21st April 2020

We all have lots of moss in our gardens, but some of it can be very useful.

Thema Griffiths of the National Trust is giving us a talk on the benefits of sphagnum moss.

'Sphagnum: A Harvest of Healing'

# *Grindleford* Primary School



Happy New Year! The autumn term seemed to fly by and I can't believe that we are already in January. We had so much going on in the last few weeks of 2019 and it was lovely to see how much support there was for our school in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you for buying our pupil designed Christmas cards. They sold like hot cakes so we definitely

need to increase the order again for this year! We also had an amazing number of retailer donations made through the Easyfundraising website resulting in over £1100 being donated to our school to date. Thank you for going through the Easyfundraising website before making your online purchases this Christmas, it may look like just a small percentage donation from the retailer but as you can see, over time it all adds up to quite a significant sum!

We are so lucky to have such a beautiful church in our village and I always think it looks particularly stunning at Christmas. We held our Christmas Carol service on the last day of term and there wasn't a spare seat to be had! It's always a lovely



event and a great way to finish the term. This year was no exception and it was made even more special by the array of musical talent that delighted the congregation with their renditions. If you joined us that afternoon then I'm sure you will agree that it really was a privilege to





be able to be part of this service. Thank you to St Helen's for accommodating us once again.

Our nativity was as wonderful as ever and it was lovely to have the Pre School join us to watch the performance. I've included a few photos that capture some of the magic.

We'll be busy over the next couple of months gearing up for the extremely popular Grindleyford Gallop in March when up to 600 runners / walkers will descend on the pavilion. Thank you in advance for putting up with the disruption on the day. The Gallop is our biggest fundraiser and still provides a vital contribution to school funds.

A number of people now support the school via regular donations. An increasing number of schools have set this up on a more formal basis and it's something we will be looking into in more detail this year. In the meantime we do have the facility to accept regular donations so if you'd like to have a chat about this then please do get in touch. We're also planning a summer auction this year, as the one we held back in 2017 was such a fun event. Watch this space for more news!

Wishing you a very happy and healthy 2020.

*Leonie Boulton*  
Headteacher



# The Grindleford Community Shop

We had a lovely time in the shop this Christmas with lots and lots of you coming in to pick up bread orders and so forth, and wish us festive cheer. Thanks to Steve Slingsby who did the lion's share of both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, sporting a very fine star spangled santa hat the while.

Before the Christmas season, of course, Grindleford was badly affected by the floods and the shop has been approached by the Parish Council to see whether or not we could join forces with their new initiative to offer support in coordinating help efforts in the event of future floods. We've been happy to agree to that and will include major newflashes relevant to the whole village as part of the shop newsletter. If anyone who is not currently subscribing but would like to, please get in touch with Sarah or Andrew in the shop or email [in-fo@grindleshop.co.uk](mailto:info@grindleshop.co.uk). If you would like to buy a share for ten pounds and by doing so also go on our shareholders newsletter, then we'd be very happy indeed to sell you one. They are available in the shop or at the AGM on 14 January, in the Pavilion.

The second half of 2019 has been a bit

challenging with all the weather, but we are still enjoying ourselves and doing a nice trade to visitors and residents alike. The new zero waste refill pop up has proved extremely popular, it takes place every fourth Saturday (with the next one on 1 February). Thanks very much to Deborah and Paul for starting and running it. There are lots of different eco cleaning materials for sale, and also pastas, pulses, dried fruit and nuts, and other little bits and bobs depending on the season and what was happened across. We really like this initiative because it's been set up with, rather than by, the shop, and makes us feel like a proper community centre with a great initiative using us as a venue and network. Hurray! Lots more of these please, if anyone has any ideas.

Take a quick look at the article in this magazine about the shop AGM—there will be some important business to discuss with shareholders.

Perhaps not quite too late to wish you all a prosperous 2020. Thanks for all your support last year. Keep on shopping!

*Grindleford Shop Committee*

# **Grindleford Community Shop Shareholders AGM**

**at the Pavilion on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm**

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Join us for mulled wine and nibbles before the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a shareholder do come along to the AGM – you won't be eligible to vote but you are welcome to stay.

Our chairman is stepping down after 4 years in the post and we are looking for somebody to take her place. We will take nominations from the floor but if you are interested in the post please contact June before the meeting - **email: [june@hillsett.co.uk](mailto:june@hillsett.co.uk)**

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome Address by the Chairman – June
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of December 2018 AGM
4. Election of Officers & Committee Members
  - Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurers
  - Committee Members
5. Presentation of Financial Statement - Michael & Carolyn
6. Shop Managers Report – Sarah & Andrew
7. Presentation of proposed shop extension – Sarah & Alan

## **Open Forum**

**Please tell us what you think about the shop & how we can improve your shopping experience & our service to the community.**

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## **Flooding**

Priority was rightly to help people who's homes were at risk. Thanks also to the people who in addition helped to move equipment up away from the flood at the Pavilion and Playing Field.

In the Pavilion the undercroft flooded. Fortunately the storerooms in the new extension were available to take equipment and were pressed into service. We took the right decision in moving the boiler up to the new extension at the time of the development work as the old boiler room was also affected by the flooding this time.

The Tractor shed was flooded, as was the Cricket shed; this was lifted from its



position by the floodwater but saved from being completely swept away by the heavy roller. The full length of the river bank fences were also damaged by the flood, and wall copings were displaced.

### **Pavilion External Works**

The tractor ramp at the new front to the Pavilion has now been relaid and together with new approach lights makes the external works largely complete. It is now possible to reverse a vehicle up the slope and unload with virtually level access to the new front entrance of the Pavilion.



### **Pavilion Facilities**

The additional new facilities are basically in operation now. Polling for the General Election used the new room, so most of you will have had a chance to check out the rooms.

### **Opportunities for Extra Activity**

We still have available slots for some additional activities to take place at the Pavilion. If you have ideas for new activities or want to form a new user group then contact a member of the Playing Fields committee. To help establish



new activities, we are offering the first 3 meetings free use of one room for a new user group, when booking to at least 6 sessions.

## Still Fundraising

### *Existing Building Roof*

We are still pursuing a grant application from the National Lottery Community Fund towards the re-roof. We continue to receive donations towards this fund for which we are grateful.



### *Replacement Furniture*

We have had a very generous donation to wards furniture for the new extension for which we are very thankful. We plan to make this the first of a complete replacement of the Pavilion furniture and will seek funding to facilitate the remainder.

### *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](http://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 pleased to report that we have had several such donations already, funds we raise from our community in this way certainly help with grant applications to external funders.

## Start the New Year Well—

### Join the 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](http://grindleford.com/bishop-pavilion-playing-fields). The start of the year is a good time to join as it is the beginning of the prize draw cycle.

*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 Joy Benn (01433630221)**

# Peter's Page

## *News from the District Council*

The Council has recently renewed its contract for **household refuse collection**. The main difference is that from April 2021, residents who want their big green garden bins emptied will have to pay a £50 annual fee. For the first year, an early bird fee of £35 will be available if you pay before January 2021. If you don't want to have your green bin emptied, or don't have one, you won't pay anything. Myself and my colleagues were concerned about the likelihood that fly tipping will increase as a result of the charge (and that we pay enough Council Tax anyway), but it was voted through. The Council will be providing more information later this year.

There is still some funding available for **community projects or initiatives**, with grants between £100 and around £500. If your organisation is interested or would like more information, please get in touch as soon as possible.

I have continued to work to bring more **affordable housing** to our villages—particularly housing which young families can afford to buy. We have identified some sites in Hathersage, and there is a Housing Needs Survey being carried out soon in Eyam. If anyone knows of any possible sites for 2 or 3 well-designed cottages in or near the village, please let me know in confidence.

Hulleys of Baslow recently withdrew their **bus service** from Buxton to Chesterfield via Eyam and Calver (the 66). However I managed to work with them and the County Council to provide a substitute service. This involves our 275 service to Bakewell now running via Baslow (instead of Hassop), where you can change (the connections are guaranteed) onto the X70 service direct to Chesterfield. There are 3 return services a day—but the Friday-only 276 has been withdrawn. However please note that the times of the 275 have changed slightly (in both directions)—I have put the new times in the Mount Pleasant bus shelters until the County Council get round to updating the timetables.



Several **satellite herds of deer** have been causing havoc in various parts of the village through the Autumn and into the Winter. This problem is getting so serious that I want to see if by collaboration with the National Park and National Trust etc, we can find a lasting and effective, but humane solution.

Later this year I plan to organise a meeting with the anglers and other interested parties, to see if we can find a way that the **river can enjoyed more easily and safely by the community**. This follows conversations with a number of people, and the “No canoes, swimming etc” notices which appeared some time ago. If you are interested, it would be helpful if you could let me know.

Thanks to my colleagues on the Council, DDDC has declared a **Climate Emergency**. This involves a commitment to make all its activities carbon-neutral by 2030 at the latest. I was chosen to represent my Party on a small working group of Councillors set up to make this happen. More news on this soon I hope. I am also seeing if I can persuade the Council to eliminate, or at least reduce, its use of weed-killers which contain glyphosate, which is a chemical which you may know that the World Health Organisation has said is “probably carcinogenic to humans”.

A Happy, and Peaceful New Year to everyone, and thank you for your support since last May.

**Councillor Peter O'Brien**

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### *Welcome Back Maynard Arms!*

It is such good news to hear that the Maynard will be re-opening under new management after closing on 28th November 2019. Over the years it has been such an important focal point for so many village activities and it now looks to continue to be so.

The original licence for the Maynard Arms was held at Nether Padley Farm from 1857 by farmer John Crossland, and then by 1898 it was provisionally transferred to George Harston, presumably with a view to the opening of the new hotel then being built. A full licence was granted to Helen Elliott in April 1901 and that licence continued right up to this year.

The hotel has its name from the Maynard family, whose ancestry goes back to the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. Although it is unproven if any of the family actually lived in Grindleford, they were Lords of the Manor of Padley and one of the high ranking families in Derbyshire. Second Lieutenant John Wilmot Maynard is listed on the War Memorial, killed in action in April 1915, but his family lived at Hilton, south Derbyshire.

Like most of the village, the hotel grew with the coming of the Midland Railway, although from the records of the five licensees between 1901 and 1928, three of whom only stayed briefly, it could not have been very successful due to the privations of the Great War.

Then, in 1928 the Maynard began what was probably its' Golden Period when Arthur Henry Mayger and his wife took over. They ran the hotel for over 32 years until their retirement in 1960, when a local newspaper reported that;

“During that time all activity in the village has been fully assisted by them and the hotel ballroom has taken the place of a village hall for many large functions. Its grounds have housed outside events.”

The village activities held at the Maynard included the Annual Carnival, Children's Parties, Garden Parties, Dinner Dances, Whist Drives and many fund raising dances for clubs and societies. It really was the hub of the community.



Building work at The Maynard

The Maynard also became famous during this time for hosting many international touring cricket teams who played matches at Bramall Lane in Sheffield and Queen's Park at Chesterfield. These included the 1938 Australians under Don Bradman and the 1950's West Indians with Ramadan and Valentine.

Since the 1960's a succession of licensees under different ownerships continued to provide excellent hospitality to both visitors and villagers. Many famous celebrities have stayed there, including Dame Shirley Bassey and Sir Paul McCartney – but not at the same time! For the locals it was always the go-to place for special occasions and hosted hundreds of celebrations for families and friends over several generations.

More recent years continued to see the Maynard regularly host more local events including Jubilee Celebrations, Annual Dinners, Shows by the Grindleford Players, Charity fund raisers and craft fairs. The hotel has a special place in my family history, as my mother worked there for many years; I had a part-time job whilst at school, as later on did my son and when my dad ran the village shop the Maynard was an important customer.

Now that the future for the Maynard Arms looks secure, we can look forward to many more happy times there. Welcome back, The Maynard!

*Alan Jacques*

## *Grindleford*

# Readers

### *Grindleford Bookworms*

*The Boy with the Topknot* by Sathnam Sanghera. A memoir of love, secrets and lies in Wolverhampton. Written by the journalist Sanghera it paints a very interesting and illuminating picture of the lives of a Punjabi Sikh family living in Wolverhampton. The clash of Eastern and Western cultures, the difficulty of not being able to read, write or understand the English language. Being reliant on your children to translate any communication with officials. Sanghera takes us on a voyage of discovery, including a very amusing visit to the Wolverhampton Tourist Office. On a more serious note he also deals with schizophrenia in his family and the blindly optimistic mindset of prearranged marriages to complete strangers. His dry, self-critical sense of humour and his relationship with his mother makes for an unusual and sometimes frustrating read.

*Melmoth* by Sarah Perry. A very atmospheric novel set in Prague. Melmoth is a female Grim Reaper spectre that appears to the main character Helen Franklin after she starts to read the manuscript given to her by a friend. The manuscript is a study of the historical sightings of Melmoth over the centuries. Full of spooky happenings and jackdaws on roof tops. If you have visited Prague and like scary stories you will like this book, or possibly not.

*Winter* by Ali Smith. The opening page lists all the things that are dead—it should have included the standard storyline plot. This is a book about bleak winters of discontent paying a humorous nod to Dickens and Shakespeare. Yet very up to date covering issues such as Brexit, global warming, refugees, Greenham common and a small child lost in a frozen ice kingdom, to name a few. Arthur (Art) is taking his pretend girlfriend Charlotte (Lux) to spend Christmas with his mother Sophie, in her 15-bedroom house in Cornwall. Along with Arthur's aunt Iris, a wild child of the sixties. The story flashes back and forth between winters past and present, slowly revealing the main characters, their history and 'relationship' with each other. A thought provoking and stimulating read full of hidden depth, to be read slowly next to a warm fire in midwinter.

### *Book Group Too*

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. This novel features three narrators. Two are black

housekeepers, Aibileen and Minnie, who work for white families in 1960s Jackson, Mississippi; the third is Skeeter, a young white woman who wants to be a writer. Skeeter persuades the maids to talk to her about what it is like to work for a white family, a brave thing to do at a time when speaking out could put you in serious danger. These accounts develop into a story that is touching, humorous and, at times, shocking. Stockton has written an engrossing novel with well drawn characters who give us much to think about.

*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. This book also gave us lots to talk about! The story is set during the Second World War and explores the reactions of two sisters to the issues and upheaval they must confront. The war context was well described, the themes of love and family were intriguing and the conflicting pressures on women interesting. We had lots to say about Hannah's style and in places some details simply did not make sense! However, we did feel it was a book worth reading.

*Melmoth* by Sarah Perry. Having enjoyed Perry's first novel *The Essex Serpent*, we were looking forward to this book. It is an intense story, the central character being Helen Franklin, a translator in Prague. She hears of the myth of Melmoth, a dishevelled woman who wanders the earth bearing witness to humanity's violence and cruelty, and her curiosity is fired. Our opinions, however, were divided! Some enthused about the virtues of a splendid novel while others felt it was too dreary and convoluted!

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## Grindleford Primary School

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## *Grindleford*

# Gaiters

### *Rain Stopped Walk*

The Gaiters generally walk every Thursday, year round and dress for the weather. There is some sense of proportion though and on the morning of the rains which led to the flood it was decided the conditions were too bad and the walk was abandoned.

### *Morning Break with Onlookers*

On a more recent walk the morning coffee break at Wellington Monument was shared with a group of young beasts at close quarters.



If you want to join the Gaiters and enjoy the varied walking; 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*

(P.S. Steve, who left a message whilst we were away on holiday, could you get in contact again? We don't have a number to get back to you.)

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# Walk Moor



In partnership with North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales District Council, we invite you to join us for the Walk Moor programme on the Eastern Moors.

You're welcome to come along whether you're interested in exploring new areas on the moors, getting more exercise or meeting new people. Your walk will be led by an experienced leader and you'll also meet other people who volunteer on the Eastern Moors.

All walks are 2.5 to 3.5 miles long and should take around 90 minutes. At the end of each walk you'll have the opportunity to go somewhere for refreshments so bring some money and a change of shoes.

### **Thursday 5 March**

Meeting at Woodcroft car park, Longshaw Estate at 10am for a 10.30am start

A walk on the Longshaw Estate, owned by the National Trust.

Length: 2.5 miles

Parking: Woodcroft Car Park at Longshaw (£3.50 for 4 hours. Free to National Trust members so bring your membership card).

### **The weather on the moors is changable so it's good to go prepared:**

- Wear a waterproof jacket and warm layers. Long trousers are recommended to protect your legs from brambles and ticks.
- Waterproof shoes with ankle support and good grip, such as hiking boots, are necessary to protect you on uneven ground.
- Wear a hat and gloves in spring and autumn, and a sunhat and suncream in summer.
- Carry some water and a snack.
- If you have walking poles, bring them with you.

Dogs are welcome but please keep them on a lead of less than 2m at all times.

Walk Moor is on the 1st Thursday of the month March to October inclusive.

For further information see:

[www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk/plan-your-visit/whats-on/walk-moor\\_9/](http://www.visit-eastern-moors.org.uk/plan-your-visit/whats-on/walk-moor_9/)



# Grindleford Author's New Novel

## An Air That Kills:

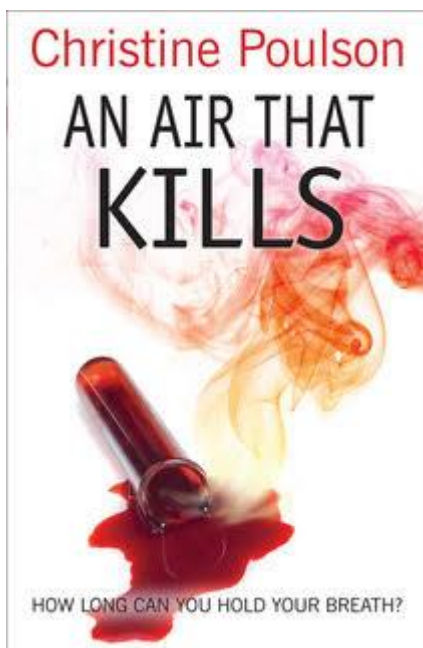
*The atmosphere in the lab is toxic.*

It is only a matter of time before there is a flu pandemic with the potential to kill billions. Or so wealthy entrepreneur Lyle Lynstrum believes. That is why he is funding research into transgenics – the mechanism by which viruses can jump the species barrier – at a high security lab on a tidal island off the North Devon coast.

A suspiciously rapid turnover of staff has him worried. He sends in scientist Katie Flanagan as an undercover lab technician. Something is clearly very wrong, but before Katie can get to the bottom of what is going on, a colleague is struck down by a mysterious illness.

Has the safety of the facility been compromised, allowing a deadly virus to escape? Katie begins to suspect that the scientists are as deadly as the diseases – and that her cover has been blown.

Then the island is cut off by high seas and a terrifying game of cat-and-mouse begins...



# Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Preparing your child for a life of learning



[www.GrindlefordAndEyamPlaygroup.org.uk](http://www.GrindlefordAndEyamPlaygroup.org.uk)



Hello and Happy New Year!

We have lots to share with you as 2019 draws to a close and we look forward to 2020. This term we have been super busy at the allotment. Working as a team we built this fantastic scarecrow, we hope he looks after our bulbs and plants over the Winter. The children have also enjoyed feeding the birds.



We have been successful in a couple of grant applications this term.

Active Derbyshire donated £239.94 to purchase a new physical activity kit. We are looking forward to seeing the children play with this on the patio.

We also received £126.00 from the Derbyshire Dales Local project fund. This money was used to purchase new gardening tools, watering cans, buckets and bug viewers for the allotment. These wonderful new resources have been put to good use already, planting our bulbs ready for the spring!

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our local councillors.



Our recent curry and quiz night fundraiser was a HUGE success. Along with a well supported raffle we raised over £950 for playgroup!

In celebration of St. Andrew's day our teams completed a picture quiz naming famous Andrews, before battling through over 70 questions and riddles set by Eyam's famous quiz master, Geoff.

At the half-time interval the teams enjoyed a delicious home-made curry prepared by Pop. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event. Watch out for news of our next event coming soon...

December brought flooding. Our hearts go out to everyone who was affected and we wish them a speedy resolution to their situation. We would like to thank everyone who helped on the night, it was wonderful to see members of the community pull together to rescue all of the playgroup equipment along with that of youth club, cricket and football.



The term ended with families joining us in the forest for our woodland nativities. The children loved singing carols, toasting marshmallows and acting out the story of the first Christmas.

The weather was typically British but a lovely time was had none-the-less.



Finally, Christmas may be over but it's never too late to purchase a gift for yourself.

The GEP Cookbook is still available for just £5!

It contains all of our favourite recipes from our Monday morning baking sessions.

Who can resist hedgehog bread rolls or reindeer gingerbread?

Please email [gepsupervisor@hotmail.com](mailto:gepsupervisor@hotmail.com) or ring 07842095402 to order one.

# Eyam Surgery

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

Consultation times updated 31st October 2019  
 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	<b>Dr Evans</b> <b>Dr Goodwin</b>
Tuesday	9.00am until 11.20am 12.10pm until 5.30pm 3.00pm until 5.30pm	<b>Dr Evans</b> Physiotherapist <b>Dr Evans</b>
Wednesday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.30pm until 6.00pm 8.30am until 11.00am	<b>Dr Checkland</b> <b>Dr Checkland</b> <b>Dr Pinninty</b>
Thursday	8.30am until 11.00am 9.30am until 12.30pm  9.00am until 12.20pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b> Citizens Advice Bureau (Alternate weeks) Midwife (Alternate weeks)
Friday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.00pm until 5.30pm 1.00pm until 6.00pm	<b>Dr Pinninty</b> <b>Dr Pinninty</b> Counsellor

**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	<b>Dr Goodwin</b>
	Mini bus collection from home to be brought to Eyam Surgery and then back home.	
Thursday	12.00pm until 1.00pm	<b>Dr Goodwin</b>
	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**

**Grindleford**

**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](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.**





We finished a busy year celebrating the 125th anniversary of passenger services in the Hope Valley with our grand Christmas lights switch on. Not quite Regent Street but we hope that they, and the decorations, helped cheer passengers during the dark days of December. We are grateful to Mrs Bacon and her Forest School students for making rustic decorations of Santa faces on slices of wood and edible treats for the birds. The birds around the station certainly didn't go short of a Christmas dinner this year!

We spent the autumn planting hundreds of bulbs including, for the first time, tulips so passengers should have the treat of a successional display from late winter until May. We also gratefully accepted an offer of some well-rotted leaf mould from St Helen's churchyard and have used that to mulch the flower bed on Platform 1. In addition, we hope passengers have noticed the herb bed and bug house behind Platform 2.

Where the platform is to be extended on the Sheffield bound side there is a large overgrown area which Network Rail have said they will clear for us. Our plan for 2020 is to plant it with some colourful and sweet-smelling shrubs. We are currently planning a grant application for funds to buy the plants.

It's always nice to know that our work at the station is appreciated. We often get compliments when we are gardening, and one train guard said he thought our station was the best on the line, so it was very pleasing to be shortlisted in the 'It's Your Station' category at the ACORP ( a community rail organisation) awards. Two of our members, Liz and John Bailey attended the awards evening in Telford – sadly, a place not easily reached by rail- and came back with our Certificate of Excellence which is displayed at the station. Liz and John were also responsible for the Remembrance Day display at the station.

The new Sheffield-Manchester timetable is now available and we have heard the good news that the BRAND NEW class 125 trains will run on the line from May. Not before time many will say!

FoGS is a small, friendly group which welcomes new members. You can find



out more about us at <https://www.facebook.com/Fogs.website> or join us at our next meeting on Saturday 29th February, 9.40 at Grindleford Station Café.

*Colleen Gray*

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## *Grindleford*

# Neighbourhood Watch

Our last proposed meeting on the 7th of November was abandoned because of the flooding. The water was about knee deep at the car park gate.

PCSO Anthony Boswell, our constant police contact, later reported that there had been no recorded crimes since our last meeting on the in April. He also noted that officers had continued to police the parking issue up near Longshaw

and that tickets had been issued which had been documented via press releases on Social media and Derbyshire Alert. There had also been an intention to consider the issue of traffic congestion at the T junction below the school where the B6001 joins the B6521. Usually our business at meetings is informed by the PCSO and our next meetings are at 7 45 pm on Thursdays 9th April and 29th October 2020 in the Bishop Pavilion.

Neighbourhood Watch is a nationwide organisation focused on being neighbourly and reducing crime. When communities are active and connected they are safer and stronger so NW tries to provide information and advice on reducing crime and being neighbourly. NW has a much greater presence in urban areas than in rural areas, though contact with the local police is seen across the country, typically nowadays through email to individuals and on social media.

Derbyshire Alert is simply the name of the Derbyshire system operated here, but the system is used by most police constabularies. This is now a two-way messaging system which can be used by local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs—our local team of officers are based at Hathersage or Bakewell) and the centralised force Media Team to make contact with the public via email or text message. The messages are sent to specific targeted areas where a crime has been committed or where specific local material is relevant. This can be directly from a local officer at the scene. The system is also be extensively used for information appeals of less urgency, for crime prevention advice and the advertisement of public engagement events involving sectors of the police. Please, if you use the internet and do not already use it, have a look at

<https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk> and consider registering to use the facility.

Recently Derbyshire police have started surveying systematically the views of the people on what it is like to live in a particular community, in order to understand local issues and opinions. This project is called “Derbyshire Talking”, but similar surveys are being made in other parts of the country to enable the police to assess better the way they operate and approach policing. Neighbourhood Watch members have been asked to fill in this survey but it would help if others contributed opinions too. Please take this simple short survey by visiting <http://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/derbyshiretalking>, and ask a friend to contribute too.

By helping the police to help us, Grindleford should continue to be sustained as a low crime rate area with little police presence but adequate connectedness.

*Peter Hutchinson*



# Tilly's Foodie Blog

*January 2020* - a new year and lots of resolutions made, which we know won't last past 31<sup>st</sup> January. This year though, I have made just one which I am determined to keep, and that is to eat less meat. I have already been experimenting with alternatives and was surprised and delighted to find that Quorn frozen mince is absolutely brilliant. I admit I was very sceptical that it would be a good meat substitute but how wrong I was.



It's so easy to use; just make your favourite *Bolognese Sauce* and when it's bubbling nicely just add the Quorn and cook for a further 10 minutes – delicious!

I have also made a tasty *Cottage Pie*; just substitute the minced meat for Quorn.

I have taken Jamie Oliver's advice to use whole tinned tomatoes when making Italian sauces instead of ready chopped ones – just squidge them with your fingers before adding them to your sauce. According to Jamie, only the best quality tomatoes are tinned whole.

## Volunteers

Many thanks to those of you who responded to our plea for more Sunday volunteers. If we haven't contacted you yet don't worry, we will get in touch very soon.

Some of you have been trained and are already helping us out on Sundays so well done you!

A great BIG Thank You to Tim for making an excellent job of editing the Grindleford News for several years. Well done Tim!



## Shop Local & Support Your Village Shop

# St Helen's Church

## *News*

### *New Lay Minister*

Mr Tony Hill is the latest addition to our ministry team. He was licensed as a Reader (a lay minister) by the Bishop of Derby on 6th October at Derby Cathedral. He is a member of our Hathersage congregation and works as a cabinet maker and French polisher in Sheffield. You would have seen Tony if you went to the Remembrance Day Service this year, when he joined the Bishop of Derby in leading the worship. It was quite nerve-racking for him as it was his first service in Grindleford and he was standing up there with his boss, Bishop Libby, who was taking her first service here too! Tony came back to lead our worship in mid-December and he will be back again on 12 January to lead Morning Worship.



### *The Dedication Cross*

If you look to your right after entering the first lot of doors to the church, you will see a chipped old wooden cross seemingly suspended in mid-air on the right-hand-side window, between the noticeboard and the small kitchen. This is St Helen's Church's Dedication Cross. It is over 100 years old and until recently it was lying outside the church in the ground at the back of the shop. It has been rescued from there and cunningly suspended by "invisible" wires by congregation member and ex-organist Peter Tregenza. It is not part of the True Cross that St Helen herself is alleged to have found about 1700 years ago, but it is significant. Before the church was built it would have been fixed into the ground at



the place where the altar was to be located. It is different from a Consecration Cross, which is a cross on the interior walls or exterior architecture of a Christian church or cathedral showing where the bishop has anointed the church with chrism or holy water in order to consecrate it. As far as we know, we don't have one of those, but we do have this little piece of history that's now better looked after.

### *Art Exhibition*

Rev. Graham Pigott, a retired vicar who lives in the village and is helping us out enormously while we are in vacancy, is curating an exhibition of paintings and sculpture in Whirlow Spirituality Centre, Sheffield, during Lent. The pieces have been made and collected by him and together will provide an opportunity to explore matters of Christian faith through art. Graham is a trained artist and an avid fan of the St Ives school of artists in particular, and he is much respected as a thinker and doer in matters of humanity, spirituality and faith, so this show should be tantalising and contemplative.

The exhibition, titled "Remembering Dying and Rising", opens on Thursday 27th February at 7pm and runs until Thursday 2nd April at the Centre,

Whirlow Grange Close, via Whirlow Grange Road and Drive, off Eccleshall Road, Sheffield, and using S11 9RX as the postcode on your satnav. He is offering a guided tour on Friday 20th March at 2.30pm. For more details go to [www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org](http://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org).

*Make a resolution to have some quiet time in church*

You'd be surprised how much the cool and quiet inside our village church can be just the thing you need when you want to have a few moments to yourself

during the day. In the Lady Chapel we have left some prayer materials which may help you focus and make the first steps in doing something powerful for your mind and body. The church is open the same daily hours as the shop for prayer and quiet contemplation.

If you're not sure how to pray yourself, then ask us to do it for you! We've been quite moved and humbled by the increasing amount of prayer requests we get in our prayer request book on the table inside the church: it's for you, so please use it.

### *New: Family Services*

We are excited to announce a new initiative seeking to build on the success of the Christingle service. We are developing an occasional series of Family Services. These will be in the form of Morning Worship, but more informal in nature, each with a distinct theme, which we hope will be relevant and helpful in daily life. We are seeking to engage in advance with the school and pre-school groups so that parents and children feel more involved with the content of the services and take an active part in them. We very much hope that you will join us for this new venture. The first such service will be at 9.30am on Sunday 16 February 2020, followed by a family service on 22 March for Mothering Sunday.

### *Forthcoming Services*

You can find details of our services on:

- the Church noticeboard next to the south-west gate
- the noticeboards inside the porch
- [www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com) and in its calendar of events
- [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) (which also has a calendar of services and times)
- and occasionally on the Grindleford Facebook page.

As the vicarage phone number is now no longer in use, enquiries about funerals, weddings, baptisms, and the use of the church in general, should be directed to Adrienne Kay (631582).

*James Allen*

# Grindleford Parish Council

Sarah Battarbee, Parish Clerk,  
 Overgrindle, Sir William Hill Road, Grindleford, Hope Valley,  
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The floods in November had a big impact on a large number of Grindleford residents. Several people worked tirelessly to get sandbags in place and provide assistance to those affected and many more came down to offer help; it was a pretty typical Grindleford response to very trying circumstances.

One of the issues which has come to light is the difficulty of coordinating help when the floods are actually happening. There isn't always a great deal of warning that the water is coming and some sort of central communication would target help where it is needed.

For anyone who is interested, Matt Heason has set up a WhatsApp group for use specifically in emergencies. Anyone who would like to be on that group should contact Matt matt@heason.net. Remember it's for emergencies only and not general traffic. There is also the Grindleford village Facebook page which, even for those who aren't keen on Facebook generally, is a really useful place to find out what's going on and provide any Grindleford-relevant information you may have.

Not everyone is on WhatsApp or Facebook, however, and so in the spirit of our community, the shop has kindly agreed to extend its email newsletter to cover village-wide issues of importance. The email titles will attempt to give you an alert if there is something in it you need to know. If you want to subscribe to the newsletter, please contact Sarah or Andrew at the shop and provide your email address.

The Parish Council will continue to provide sandbags and other equipment as needed for flood emergencies to the flood action group and flood wardens. In the event of a further flood please direct any requests through them. Of course everyone hopes it will be many years before we have to deal with another one, but in the meantime the Parish Council will be looking into other ways of providing a central point for coordinating response.

We are also **looking to find one more flood warden** to join John Baily who has admirably been volunteered. This is to take over from John Wood and Nick Bater who were both fantastic on the night of the November flood, and many

thanks to them. The job is mainly to keep an occasional ‘weather-eye’ on the river and banks, for trees likely to fall and block the bridges, and in the event of flood to get sandbags to houses which need it, alert residents and coordinate help with the support of the various initiatives above. If you would be interested please let the clerk know.

The Council has also been in touch with the Environment Agency with a view to getting a fuller picture from them about what happens when the water levels rise. The Agency is already planning to attend the next Flood Action Group and we are discussing the best way to combine the two. There will be feedback on that in a future newsletter.



Agendas for the Parish Council meeting are posted on the noticeboard by the Jubilee Gardens at least three days before the meetings, which are on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Bishop’s Pavilion. Planning applications which are to be considered are listed there and you can see the details on the Peak Park planning search <https://pam.peakdistrict.gov.uk/>. Minutes of Parish Council meetings can be found on the Grindleford website, or get in touch with the clerk. Anyone who would like to attend a Parish Council meeting is most welcome to do so; if you want to discuss something let the clerk know in time for it to be included on the

agenda.



We are also pleased to report that we have bought the village phone box of BT. We have had a couple of offers of help on making practical use of it, and would like to hear any thoughts you may have. The pictures show some of the ways in which other communities have repurposed their phone boxes.

*Sarah Battarbee*  
Parish Clerk

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## Useful Websites:

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 send an item to the editor, Tim Shephard, at [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com).

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