

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

April 2020



Coronavirus: Grindleford Community Support Network

The epidemic has turned our lives in the shop upside down so I'm writing this article from the Grindleford Community Support Network, of which the shop is a part, along with the Parish Council and a large number of ex-

cellent volunteers. You will have had a call from your street warden, who is there to help you with whatever you need, now if you are in a vulnerable group or self-isolating, or a health worker, and in the future if you are

OK now but fall into one of those groups later. Or indeed just anyway, they are your neighbour and will help you if they can.

Just to recap, there are three services on offer in the village:

Over the phone shopping at the Community Shop delivered free to your home: ring one of the two numbers given below with your order and we will take payment over the phone. Here is the current stocklist:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xMvLQjSnC0Y0dLF3Vnxx79Fgwidggi10/view?usp=sharing>

We can get fruit and veg, milk and eggs daily. Try us if there is something specific you need and we will see if we can get it although it might take a while.

Shop order phones: **07395 986072 or 07392 033731**

Card payments: 01433 631611

Prescription collection service from local surgeries: for most surgeries this is happening automatically for those over 70 and in vulnerable groups. A volunteer will arrive at your door with your prescription. The volunteer corps have also kindly agreed to collect other prescriptions, please ring one of these two numbers for more information:

07592 033726 or 07592 033739

A friendly phone call from a Grindleford neighbour: As this lockdown goes on some people might feel they would very much like a chat, and we have a pool of volunteers, all Grindleford residents, who will ring up for a natter, to check how you are, or just generally drive the isolation blues away. (I can feel a song coming on. 'I got them isolation blues, nobody knows, I got them isolation blues....' 12 bar for our times. Elvis where are you when we need you? Maybe he's still alive and living in Grindleford. Check your sheds and garages.)

The response to our call for volunteers has been spectacular, I mean, awesome. The sense of folk wanting to look after each other has never been more apparent. We are all very lucky to live in the Peak District and in Grindleford. If you would like to join the volunteers, please get the WhatsApp group link off someone you know, or contact Sarah on sar.bat2@gmail.com. I am also taking orders for the shop/Parish Council newsletter, which needs a new name.... competition time.... Let me have your email and I will put you on the circulation list.

Finally Matt has put a page on the village website containing coronavirus news: <http://www.grindleford.com/coronavirus-community-page/>. Interesting snippets from the Derbyshire Alerts, for example, what the Police Commissioner says, articles on mental health and domestic abuse more nationally. The very

useful Grindleford Village Facebook page also continues to be a source of helpful information, free things and good cheer. Also, the village is now represented on the new neighbourhood social media platform Nextdoor.

Finally finally, one of the trickiest bits of this current situation is making sure everyone gets the right information when they need it. The street wardens are doing a wonderful job so everybody in the village should know about what's available, and there is a 70% click rate on the newsletter with 250 subscribers (about a quarter of the village). Website hits have also gone up by 70%. But what else would you like to see? Why not let us know what would work for you. Paper's out for now as it is a little boat sailing virus into your home, but thoughts on improvements to electronic messages would be very welcome.



Please also take a few moments to read the article further on in this mag from Bob Wilson, Chair of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has joined forces with the Community Support Network and is providing funding for some of the network's initiatives. This includes petrol expenses for the volunteers. They are sharing information with other parish councils in the valley and one outcome of that is a list of local shops who will deliver. This list can be found in the Parish Council article. Discussions are underway about what else the Parish Council can usefully do to support the relief effort and is asking for ideas and suggestions.

That's all for now. It would be nice to think that that the July edition of this magazine will be back to paper as the current crunch will be past us. Who knows—we hope so. We also hope that you are all taking care of yourselves and each other out there. Chin up, keeping on keeping on calmly, (in the next edition of the News I will try to see how more metaphors I can mix and go for the record!)

Sarah Battarbee



The
Grindleford
Community Shop

Grindleford Gallop



Another successful Gallop was held this year with over 500 walkers and runners participating and raising funds for our village primary school PTA. For those who haven't heard of the Gallop the event is a popular 21 mile fell walk/run loop passing through Eyam, Great Longstone, and Chatsworth with the final leg along Baslow, Curbar and Froggatt Edges. Every year a competition is held at the school to design a logo for the event T-shirts and this year was won by Eva Campbell in year 6.

Unlike most years the weather was the least of the organisational challenges and instead we had to think about enhanced hygiene measures. Hand washing was encouraged, food was served outside the Pavilion instead of inside and jelly babies were handed out with serving tongs! For many entrants this turned out to be their last race or event for the foreseeable future and we had lots of positive feedback afterwards including:

“Just a quick note to say thanks for another absolutely awesome gallop. So well organised and swift response to changes imposed due to the current situation. All the volunteers and marshals were super friendly as always. THANKS SO MUCH.”



“Brilliant. Simply brilliant. I've never contacted a race organiser post race but feel compelled to write and congratulate you on running a first class event. I've run a fair few XC events/OCRs in the past and both my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed not only the route, but also the support from the

volunteers and organisation. I can imagine the prep (and emerging virus complications!) took time and energy but from my view it was thoroughly worth it. I hope to return again and again (and we live in South Buckinghamshire!).”

“Thanks for another Lovely Gallop, and for being brave enough to go ahead in the current climate. Beautifully organised, with chirpy marshals and wonderful ladies staffing the soup kitchen at the end. Enjoyed by all the Belper Harriers.”

“Thanks for organising a great race this year, your catering is superb, the best cake selection of any race!”

There was an exciting finish in the men’s race with only 8 seconds between first and second place with Sage Pearce-Higgins winning in a time of 2h28m29s. The women’s course record was broken by Caroline Brock in an impressive 2h47m16s.



This event only happens because of all the parents, carers, teachers, friends and kids of the school who volunteer for roles from tray baking (over 1500 pieces of cake are needed!) to marshalling the course so a big thank you to everyone involved. A special mention for Mrs Boulton and her fantastic catering crew who did a sterling job with pre-race food shopping and in the kitchen on the day.

Many thanks to Grindleford residents for allowing us to park the participants on your roads and for coming out to support.

Thanks also to Ed and Ayshea Richardson for their support whilst handing over the event organisation baton and wingman Vicky Amos (volunteer co-ordinator).

And a final shout out to the Gallop sponsors:



Anna and Ed Allaway
Gallop event organisers



Good News!

In these difficult times, we have just received some refreshingly good news. **The National Lottery Community Fund** have agreed to fund a new project: Securing Dry Accommodation for Indoor Activities and Maximising Inclusivity for those Activities.

Within this project we will be undertaking the following work:

- Full re-roofing the Pavilion Building (not the new extension), including replacing: roof tiles, under-felt, the woodwork at the eaves and gutters / downpipes.
- Completely rebuilding the 2 sets of front steps to a much gentler gradient compliant with current standards for access and in a way that the steps don't become loose. The associated handrails will also be replaced.
- Installing a hearing loop in the main meeting room.

This is a significant grant that will enable us to complete all of this work, although we do need to provide a degree of match funding.

This new project will address some of the urgent issues facing the pavilion building.

Pavilion & Coronavirus

Most user groups have paused their meetings, the Community shop will using some facilities but otherwise there is little ongoing use during this Coronavirus crisis. We have therefore reduced heating temperatures in order to limit our expenses for the time being.

Flood Recovery

Unfortunately the excess on our insurance policy and specific exclusions mean



Fixing the Roof



Sorting the Steps



Easier to Hear

that we have to pay for all of the flood repair and recovery costs ourselves. Some of the flattened fencing has already been replaced. Other sections will have to wait until funds are available.

Pavilion External Works

We continue to make steady progress to complete the Pavilion extension project. A new curved handrail has been installed along the curved approach path.

The Platform Lift has been ordered and will be ready for delivery soon.



Some adjustments of the enclosure to accept the lift have been ongoing already.

Funding Situation

It is really good news that we have the National Lottery grant to address the roof and other issues. We do have to provide the match funding though. That together with outlay for flood damage and the lack of user group activity mean that Playing Field funds are rather thin for the foreseeable future.

If you would like to help to provide some of that match funding, 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.

Grindleford 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. The start of the year is a good time to join as it is the beginning of the prize draw cycle.

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)**

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Horticultural Society

Sadly our March and April talks were cancelled due to the threat of spread of the coronavirus. The members' outing to the Burdall's garden has also been put on hold. As I write Wimbledon has been cancelled too, so at the moment we can make no firm plans with regards to the show which is scheduled for 22nd August. The Show Committee will make a final decision at the end of May, this being the time when we start to incur significant costs.

Now, more than ever, gardening is good for us: a report published by [The King's Fund](#) (2017) recognised that there were a variety of health benefits from gardening, including reducing depression, loneliness, anxiety and stress. Working on your garden is an excellent way to get all-round exercise for improving strength, endurance and flexibility, and can reduce the risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, falls, obesity and other medical conditions.

Spending time in the garden—or any green space—can have a marked effect on mental health and wellbeing—reducing stress and anxiety, alleviating depression and even calming symptoms such as agitation. Gardening can lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol. It gives us a sense of satisfaction and empowerment when achieving goals, improving self-esteem and confidence. Exposure to Vitamin D benefits your bones and immune system. Gardening burns off the calories too, with hard landscaping using up to 600 kcals an hour, whilst mowing the lawn and weeding typically burn about 300kcal per hour. Plus there's the satisfaction of eating your produce and having flowers to cheer us.

So this spring enjoy your garden or allotment more than ever; you've probably got more time on your hands than before and you're ready for a challenge. Attempt something different. Could Grindleford children try growing a really tall sunflower or plant their own potato in a bucket?

Enjoy your gardening and relish the beauty of springtime.

Kay Allinson

Grindleford

Conservation

Last year, Grindleford dog walkers and rambblers might have spotted a number of interesting additions to the fields between the river and the church (does everyone call this the ‘sheep field’, or is this just me?), from bee hives to owl boxes.

Grindleford Climate Action pricked its ears up at the thought of more bats, birds and maybe even water voles in the heart

of the village, so we got in touch with The Butterfly House to find out more. Here’s what Helen Earnshaw, their Conservation Officer, had to say.



Q: Lots of people were intrigued when the Tropical Butterfly House signs went up in the sheep field in the village. What motivated the owner to purchase the land?

A: The Tropical Butterfly House is a family run business; we have celebrated our 25th anniversary this year. The reason the centre opened was due to a passion for wildlife, and the hope of spreading this passion onto visitors. Years before the centre opened there was a ‘nature trail’ with ponds, wildflowers and bird boxes to help British flora and fauna. We still have this nature trail at the centre, where you may be able to find Great Crested Newts, Tawny Owl chicks, and even a breeding ball of Grass Snakes like we did this spring! Our enthusiasm for conservation grew into acquiring a small field near the centre to help native butterfly species, then a larger plot of land in Nottinghamshire, and lastly our largest plot of land here in Grindleford. They are all very different in habitat type and management styles, but all have the same purpose: to conserve British wildlife.

Q: It’s good to see a zoo thinking of British wildlife conservation. What have you done so far to help local species flourish?

A: Yes I think it’s very easy to assume that zoos only care about overseas conservation for the exotic animals that they hold in their collection, and years ago this may have been the case, but now zoos all over the country are doing more for British wildlife. At the Tropical Butterfly House we have one of the largest populations of Tree Sparrow in the UK. As well as having over 200 bird boxes, newt

ponds and wildflower patches all over the centre itself, we also own three plots of land for the conservation of British species, as I mentioned before. One of which we have owned for nearly 9 years now and it has transformed from a grass dominant grazed field to a wildflower meadow with over 70 different species flourishing every year, including 3 orchid species. We have seen a huge improvement in the abundance of butterfly species on this field due to the wildflowers. This year, during weekly 30-minute-long surveys, I counted nearly 1200 individuals covering 19 different species just on 3 acres of land. This gives me high hopes for the land at Grindleford, as it is a much bigger plot. At Grindleford so far, we have found over 60 Great Tit and Blue Tit chicks in our new boxes, as well as a pair of Tawny Owl chicks. The success rate to be that high in the first year is quite rare considering what short space of time the boxes were up before the lodgers moved in. We cannot wait to see what other species we find next year!

Q: You have recently improved the banks along the stream - so what's next? What plans do you have for the future?

A: We would like to manage the stream to make it suitable for water voles, as we have seen signs of feeding stations along the waterways therefore, we believe they are in the vicinity! This may be more of a work in progress over a few years than an instant fix, as water voles are notoriously picky animals. We would also like to create natural ponds in the parts of the land that aren't disturbed by humans, either dragonfly ponds or newt ponds (as they predate each other, so we will let nature decide). A personal project of mine will hopefully be creating a butterfly transect line for weekly surveys. This will be a long-term project so that we can see any changes in abundance over the years. We have many more ideas for the future, but we mainly want to let the land be as natural as possible, with just a little guidance from us to help it along. Due to us owning and knowing the land for such a short time, the best thing we can do currently is to watch how the seasons effect the land, and act accordingly.

Q: What can local residents do to help the Butterfly House look after the wildlife in the fields?

A: When I was at the Grindleford Climate Change event in September I was so



pleased with the amount of locals who offered their time to help our conservation efforts. As I've mentioned we are planning to start completing annual butterfly surveys on the field, hopefully starting April 2020, and if anyone would like to be trained up on this and partake in weekly surveys then I will hold sessions next year to teach the methodology. How residents have already helped is by emailing or calling us when there is an issue with the land, for instance when a herd of cattle magically appeared! We come to check the land every week, but if any issues arise that need urgent attention please do contact us. Another very simple way of helping us conserve wildlife in Grindleford, is by visiting us at the Tropical Butterfly House, as a percentage of the admission price helps fund conservation materials such as bird boxes and wildflower seeds.

In 2019, Grindleford Climate Action launched with an evening of talks and action planning attended by more than 100 people from the village. Since then,



the group has launched an active tree planting project, held a clothes swap evening and supported the village shop's Zero Waste Pop-up Shop. There's also work afoot with the school and on wildlife gardening. To find out more contact Nina Blackwood at agedbee@yahoo.com or Sarah Batterbee at sar.bat2@gmail.com. Grindleford Climate Action is part of Hope Valley Climate Action - you can find out more and sign up to their newsletter at hvca.uk.

Jane Campbell

Grindleford

Allotments

O, Wind,
If winter comes, can spring be far behind?
P.B.Shelley

Although the allotments were flooded in November, it was a lot easier for them to recover than for the homes of some of our neighbours, so our AGM, which was held in January, gave us the chance to look back on our achievement in keeping out the deer in 2019, leading to allotments that were more productive than in the previous year. Everyone agreed the fencing had been a great success.



Unfortunately, the poor summer and wet autumn meant our grape harvest was not as good as in 2018 but, nevertheless, our 'winemaker' did manage to get a few bottles to each of the vineyard shareholders.

This year we have decided to take a different approach to jobs on the allotments by asking all members to sign up to a



working party. The projects include: making the old bee enclosure a more attractive area containing flowers; improving the pond area; establishing a wild flower area in the orchard where we have had to remove those trees damaged by deer and removing the large compost bins in order to encourage members to compost on their own allotments.

On the allotments we have seen what can be achieved by working together and we can now see that spirit in the village as we work together to help each other during the COVID-19 crisis.

Colleen Gray



Thank You So Much!

Whilst this term came to a rather abrupt end we had lots of activities taking place in the weeks beforehand and I'd like to thank everyone for supporting these events and especially for their help and support in the most recent weeks and days.

Clothing Collection

Our clothing and shoe collection with Bag2School last month was a good fundraiser for us. Thank you for supporting us. We received a large number of donations and we raised over £100. We're planning to do another collection in

autumn. I'm aware that many of you may be taking the opportunity to have a clear out at the moment so please store any items you no longer want and we'll be happy to take them here at school as soon as we reopen. We can take the usual items including paired shoes, clean clothes, curtains etc. We can store them safely here and then have a bumper collection in the run up to Christmas!

Easyfundraising

If you've had to resort to online shopping in order to get your essentials then please don't forget that one of the easiest ways to help the school without it costing you a penny is by using easyfundraising. So far we've raised over £1100!

You can shop 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.

Please register to support us at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grindlefordprimaryschool



Leonie Boulton
Headteacher

One man went to mow, went to mow a...

Meadow

I've been working with the church to try and bring their wildflower meadow back into its full glory through positive management. I've also been trying to do the same with my back lawn. Actually, I don't think my lawn had any glory full or otherwise; but you get the picture. It's not too difficult either for you to do the same but first you do need to identify an area of grass that you don't mind wilding.

Management is simple; just don't mow it! If your lawn has previously be highly managed with weed killer, fertilised and cut to within an inch of its life the results of not mowing will take longer than if it looked like mine did a couple of years ago. Lots of so-called 'weeds' including dandelions and a general air of unkemptness. Is that a word? If so it describes my garden. It's great for wildlife though. The first spring and summer of not mowing brought an amazing number of insects to the 'lawn' especially butterflies. Last summer wasn't so good

but still very worthwhile and so much better than the previous version of the lawn which in truth was just some grasses liberally interspersed by dandelions and cut short. And green. Now it was alive with colour, vibrant colour other than just green, and sound. We



shouldn't forget sound when talking about wildlife and I don't mean that of your lawn mower!

My lawn is now full of interest. A profusion of wildflowers, insects and colour. I hope this photograph gives you a flavour of what can be achieved. Go on give it a go. Let me know the results and if you want further advice or help with identifying what grows in your lawn please get in touch.

This is all very well but the title of this piece is 'One man went to mow' and I really wanted to talk about meadows. Meadows, or meadow and all its variations, is one of the most common names of places, fields, habitats and people in the English language. Not just the English language either. A number of very well-known cities around the world take their name from former meadowlands. The word meadow means 'to mow' and mowing a meadow, usually for hay, was a key activity in the farming year.

I am though writing this during the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus outbreak and so I'll leave my article on the name Meadow for when we have come through it all and need more inspiration. Some good has to come out of this period and maybe, just maybe, we'll realise how valuable biophilia is to the human spirit. Now biophilia is a word. Look it up!

It also gives me more time for meadow research but you may want to think about all the plant names, local place names and peoples names that involve such as Meadow and Hay in any combination and derivation.

In the meantime some recommended reading would be *Wilding* by Isabella Tree, and while I don't agree with all George Monbiot has to say [his TED talk](#) on rewilding is worth listening to.

Andrew Battye

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Readers

Grindleford Book Group Too and Bookworms

For some fifteen years, Grindleford Bookworms and Book Group Too, have spent a couple of hours every month enjoying a glass of wine, excellent company and vigorous debate and discussion centred round our current 'good read' and all in the comfort of Kay Beeston's home. Kay instigated the book groups, responding to popular demand from the village; she loved books and greatly enjoyed sharing her enthusiasm for and knowledge of a wide range of literature with her friends. We will greatly miss her incisive criticism and engaging anecdotes but both groups will carry on her legacy of sharing a good book in good company.

The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel

The author has acquired a field and his environmentally friendly methods to till the land see the return of flora and fauna much marginalised by modern farming. A fascinating insight into what modern agriculture has lost, accompanied by many references to old customs and attitudes. With some lovely writing and evocative musings, we felt this was a book to dip into rather than read at one sitting.

I Am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes

Initially we were put off this political novel, the opening is very gruesome! However, it is a really terrific read, with several plot lines intertwined, including a plot to commit a crime against humanity, all holding our interest over 900 pages. The pilgrim, capable of loyalty and cross-cultural empathy is pitted against the Saracen, a credible adversary, a jihadist doctor, radicalised by watching the beheading of his father. The Saracen carries out his plot with ruthless and terrifying brilliance. The pilgrim is in a race against time. A mesmeric novel, intelligent, engrossing and at times controversial. Highly recommended for a lock-down!

The Librarian by Sally Vickers

The narrative of this quaint novel vividly recreates the 1950s; it overflows with childhood memories, from Spangles to infant polio, and the reader (of a certain age) is delightfully transported to an almost forgotten time. It is a gentle story of

the relationships and experiences of a young librarian in a small, rural village. Her love of books is to have a formative influence on the lives of several of the local children. An engaging escape to a time gone by and a reminder of the power of well told stories to fire the imagination and ambition. Enjoyable!

I am, I am, I am by Maggie O'Farrell

This book is a memoir of the author's close encounters with death. To be precise, seventeen brushes with the grim reaper. Each chapter in the book covers a 'close death experience', so it could be read as seventeen short stories about the same person. It is very readable and a clever idea for a book, but at the same time very forgettable. Maggie O'Farrell would appear to have had a very adventurous life and is lucky to have survived to the ripe old age of 45. Some of her experiences are life threatening but others are debatable. This book is her first non-fiction novel after writing seven fiction stories. Part of me wondered how much of this book was nearly fiction.

An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of the American dream. He is a young executive, and she an artist on the brink of an exciting career. Until one day they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. The story is told from the view point of the three main characters, Roy, Celestial and Andre, Celestial's childhood friend and convenient shoulder to lean on. The book keeps you on tenterhooks, as to how the love triangle will end. Very readable and well received by the group, not surprising as it won the Women's Prize for Fiction, 2019.

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Another American story but very different to our last book. This is set in the progressive suburb of Shaker Heights, where everything is meticulously planned, from the colour of the houses to the length of the grass. A perfect place for perfect people, a middle class utopian world with the Richardson family at its heart. Into this world comes an enigmatic artist, Mia Warren, and her teenage daughter Pearl. The contrast in lifestyles is soon very apparent and very alluring for members of the Richardson family. A book that makes you think about how we live our lives and the choices we make. Somewhere down the road someone is going to get burnt. An easy read that keeps you wondering how the story will end and generally enjoyed by the Bookworms.

Clare and Steve

Grindleford

Gaiters

Walking Pause

When the Gaiters was newly formed, I believe it was not possible to walk for 3 months because the countryside was closed due to Foot & Mouth disease in cattle.

Our most recent walk was on March 12th, when we enjoyed a fine, clear but rather cold day of walking above Little Hucklow and Bradwell.

That may well be the last walk for months now due to the Coronavirus restrictions and social distancing. This stoppage could extend beyond that of the

Foot & Mouth 3 months.

We had been counting down to our 500th walk; that milestone we should have achieved during summer 2020, but the milestone will sadly now be



delayed.

Try to keep walking as much as you can within the guidelines—at a safe distance from others

Tim Reynolds 630023

Pop-up Refills

In October 2019 Paul and I approached Sarah in the community shop to see if we could set up a refill station in the shop to reduce the amount of plastic waste in Grindleford. Because the shop is so small we compromised and the ‘pop-up’ shop began. For those who have not been we have a stock of eco-leaf cleaning and washing liquids, dried foods such as pasta, rice, muesli, nuts, oats etc. We

also have solid shampoo and conditioner bars, and a few other exciting things! All of the products are sold by weight/volume at cost plus a small amount to cover extra costs, for example digital scales, jugs, funnels etc. Because of the changes to the shop due to Covid 19 the pop-up is postponed but will be back. Look out for posters in the village or ask in the shop for the next pop-up date.

Thankyou to all of the people who have supported us so far, we hope that it has been a valuable addition to the brilliant service already offered by the community shop and volunteers.

Deborah Wright and Paul Thorpe

Green Hearts for Grindleford



Since 2015 The Climate Coalition has been running its ‘show the love’ campaign during February to co-incide with Valentine’s day. Supported by at least 130 organisations, such as The RSPB and WWF, it is an opportunity to celebrate all that we love which could be lost due to climate change.

The campaign encourages participants to wear green hearts, to make pledges to care for greenspaces, and to decorate spaces we love with green heart displays. In Grindleford this year we had some beautiful natural displays at the station, thankyou to Liz for those. The church had a ‘tree’ decorated with green hearts in



time for the family service in February. Grindleford Pre-School and Rainbows also got involved as did the Community Shop which was tastefully decorated.

Let’s look forward to 2021 and put ‘show the love’ on our calendar so that Grindleford can be festooned with green hearts.

Deborah Wright

Great Eggspectations!



A major highlight of this term, and something I always look forward to, is the Easter Egg competition at school. In previous years our pupils have had some eggstraordinary ideas and have never failed to come up with eggsciting themes! We've had all sorts of egg-stremely innovative entries, from 'Eggstraterrestrial' to 'EggsFactor'! It's always great fun for us to see all the magnificent entries displayed together on the last day of term.

Whilst we'll miss admiring them in person this year we're still inviting online entries from all our pupils and I'd like to extend this invitation to not only our pupils but to all members of the village. I know we have some very creative individuals in Grindleford and I think it would be a great opportunity to see egg-samples of your creative handiwork!

Our pupils usually come up with something designed around eggs and often involving a cardboard box! I've included a few photos of some entries we've already received for this year and also some from previous years. However, let's not be too strict this year. If it's got an Easter theme and it's your own handiwork then please



send us a photo! I can't wait to see what wonderful entries you come up with.

We'll try to include all entries in our school blog,





on the village Facebook page and in the next edition of the Grindleford News.

Please email photos of your creations to: info@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Thank you and I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Leonie Boulton
Headteacher

Hour

I only saw one message about Earth Hour on WhatsApp. I guess everyone was too concerned with human fears and dread, to spread the word.

Anyway, we turned out the lights and saw the new moon and Venus so crazy bright, we just stood there gawping on the step gulping cold night air. Then after fumbling with a torch, we found an old candle at last, and sat for the rest of that hour in its quieting light, listening to Marie Boine sing a Sami lullaby. I thought of friends, of circles lit by tea lights, how as children we read with candles by our bed.

And how the soft power of this one soothing hour is still ours to choose for life, before we say Goodnight.

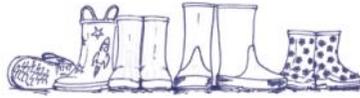
March 28th, 2020
Cora Greenhill

My poetry collections *The Point of Waking* (Oversteps Books) and *Far from Kind* (Pindrop Press), and my newest book *Artemis, The People's Priestess* (Three Drops Press), are available from me and online.

<http://coragreenhillpoems.blogspot.com>

Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

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Hello everyone,

We write to you as the world is living through an exceptionally strange time. We hope you're staying safe inside and looking after yourself. Playgroup has unfortunately had to close its doors for the near future, we are missing the children but appreciate it must be done for the wellbeing of everyone.

Away from the drama and uncertainty, we've had a busy start to the year and have lots to update you on.



We were honoured to be asked to contribute to Grindleford's 'Show the Love' initiative.

The children worked really hard to sew their individual green hearts to display in the Church, showing our support for the Climate Change Action.



As a group this term we have celebrated Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and World Book Day with activities and fun pictured below.



Another day we truly enjoyed celebrating this term was Pancake Day! Always a winner at playgroup. In the woods the children used their foraging skills to hunt for the ingredients before watching them cook on the fire, while Monday's group had a chance to bake and flip their own!



The children planted sunflower seeds to take home and nurture over the coming months. We decorated our plant pots with ribbon and colours before planting a couple of seeds inside. Hopefully the weather is kind during playgroup's closure and they grow well, we look forward to seeing the progress when we return.



We'd like to say a huge thank you to Eyam Book Barn and Mark Hadfield Joinery for our amazing new 'Busy Board'. The children absolutely love it! It provides them with opportunity to problem solve and improve their fine motor skills whilst safely exploring everyday objects and having fun!



We look forward to having new adventures and making new memories once everything has calmed down and playgroup is able to reopen.

We have lots of plans in place for upcoming fundraisers including an Afternoon Tea and our annual Party at the Pavilion, so keep your eyes peeled for details on those.

We are still collecting empty crisp packets to recycle and exchange for money for playgroup so if you are partial to a bag of crisps please save the packet for us!

Collections can be dropped into the pavilion once we're open again.

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	Dr Evans Dr Goodwin
Tuesday	9.00am until 11.20am 12.10pm until 5.30pm 3.00pm until 5.30pm	Dr Evans Physiotherapist Dr Evans
Wednesday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.30pm until 6.00pm 8.30am until 11.00am	Dr Checkland Dr Checkland Dr Pinninty
Thursday	8.30am until 11.00am 9.30am until 12.30pm 9.00am until 12.20pm	Dr Goodwin Citizens Advice Bureau (Alternate weeks) Midwife (Alternate weeks)
Friday	9.00am until 11.30am 3.00pm until 5.30pm 1.00pm until 6.00pm	Dr Pinninty Dr Pinninty 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	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.





It may only be the beginning of the year but quite a lot has gone on at the station.



Network Rail are continuing to work on the platform extension (as I write) in readiness for longer trains and should be finished by the end of March. They have been clearing the area behind the extension to Platform 2 by removing brambles and putting down a weed suppressing membrane

which will give us a lovely blank canvas to plant up, using the grant we have just received from the National Garden Scheme.

In February, one of our members, Liz Bailey, decorated the station with green hearts as part of the 'showthelove' campaign which promotes conversation about climate change.

Our bulbs, too, have made a cheery appearance.



Further additions to the station are Station name totems in the original Midland Railway red and a banner as part of the PeakDistrictProud campaign—a reworking of the old Countryside Code—to reinforce good behaviours around the Peak District.

We hope to put up more posters,



made in collaboration with the National Trust, to promote the area around the station.

You may be aware that Northern Rail lost its franchise on the 1st March with its services transferring to Northern Trains, a newly formed subsidiary of the Department of Transport's OLR, a public company, staffed by experienced train managers, which reports directly to the government. It's too early to say if there have been great improvements in reliability and punctuality!

Owing to the COVID-19 outbreak we have had to postpone our AGM and a fundraising event but we hope to be able to re-schedule them later in the year.

Do check Grindleford departures at <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> as many train providers are running a reduced service due to the coronavirus. Please follow the latest advice from government and public health officials.

The government has advised people against non-essential travel. If your journey is essential and you need to go by train, please check before you set out.

Colleen Gray

Kay Beeston

1928-2020

Many villagers will have known Kay but may have been unable to go to her funeral so, with the permission of her family, June Walker and Sue Green, I have summarised the eulogy and other speeches made on that occasion.

Kay was born in Wallasey in 1928. She did well at Primary school and won a scholarship to High School. She continued into the Sixth Form where she studied science and maths. After the War she moved to London to study at White-lands Teacher Training College. She met her husband, Derek, in her second year and they were married the following year; honeymooning at the Marquis of Granby Hotel in Bamford.

Kay and Derek lived in various locations in the South and now had their two daughters, Judith and Catherine. They had the opportunity to go to Singapore for Derek's work and jumped at the chance. Whilst in the Far East they travelled extensively.

On retirement, Kay and Derek moved to their beloved Peak District and settled at Maynard Road, Grindleford. They threw themselves into village life as active members of the Horticultural Society, the Labour Party, walking groups, reading groups, St. Helen's, the WI, the Parish Council and the primary school. Kay served on the governing body of the school and visited regularly. She continued to be a volunteer helper with a Maths until a few days before she died.

She had a long association with the Horticultural Society; initially as a member but then as a committee member and later became the Chairperson. She was always there, helping to set up for the Show and stewarding the flower classes.

Derek died in 2003 but Kay didn't mope: she studied for an English degree and was one of the oldest graduates at her Open University graduation. However, although she had plenty to occupy her during the day, evenings were more of a problem especially during the winter months. Being an avid reader, and a member of book groups in Sheffield, she hit on the idea of forming a book group in Grindleford and so Grindleford Bookworms was created with a second group following later. Over the years the groups must have read around 300

books.

She loved living in Grindleford and didn't want to leave. She loved her home; she loved her book groups; she loved visiting the school and she loved spending time with friends and family. She did all these things until the day she died. She died suddenly in the garden she loved. It is exactly the end she would have wanted.

Colleen Gray



St Helen's Church

News

Coronavirus closure

All Church services are suspended and all churches are now closed following the instructions and advice from the Government and the Church of England. Please keep your eyes on our noticeboard, on the church doorway, and the Grindleford website, for news of when we will open again and resume services. The congregation of St Helen's will continue to pray for our village and community, and we will especially remember those who are planning weddings, baptisms and funerals.

More and more churches are live streaming services on Sundays and at other times during the current restrictions, and they can often be viewed anytime after the live stream too. Here are a selection for you to check out and from which you can get relevant details:

St John's Ranmoor, Sheffield www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk (Sunday Holy Communion at 10.30am live on Zoom conference call and thereafter on YouTube). This one is similar to what we would have at St Helen's and is done by a vicar with close family connections to Grindleford!

Derby Cathedral www.facebook.com/derbycathedral (Sunday Holy Communion at 10.45am).

Christ Church Fulwood www.fulwoodchurch.co.uk/sundayservice (an Evangelical service from 10am on Sundays).

The Well, Sheffield www.wellsheffield.com (a modern, youthful, worship service at 10am on Sundays).

St Matthew's, Carver Street, Sheffield www.facebook.com/carverstreet1855/ (a traditional Anglo-Catholic Mass, daily).

Easter lilies

Each Easter Day in St Helen's the church is usually 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. Well this year, the church is closed and will remain bare, but we would still like to continue our lily tradition in some way. So, we will compile a list of all those in whose memory lilies would have been bought (the list has been similar each year) and we will post it on the

glass panels either side of the main church door. If you are passing by, have a look at it and recall a treasured memory you may have of somebody on the list.

Thank you for your generosity

Since the last issue of GN we have received two letters of thanks: one from Centre Point, a charity for homeless young people, for the £315 we raised in the Christmas Carol Service; and one from the Royal British Legion for the £250 we collected in the Remembrance Day service.

The Consecration Cross

In the last edition of GN I wrote about the old Dedication Cross which is now hanging in a side window of the church. I mentioned how 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. I said that, as far as we knew, we didn't have one, but I was mistaken. As I strolled around the outside of the church one day, I saw that we do have one, and it is quite prominent! It is situated outside at the back of the church, below the big altar window (see photo). Furthermore, I looked around the inside and outside of the two other churches in our Benefice (St John's at Bamford, and St Michael and All Angels at Hathersage) and they don't seem to have them, although rebuilding work may be the reason for that. Our stone cross would have been anointed when St



Helen's was consecrated by the Bishop of Southwell on Thursday 21st September 1910 at 3pm...followed by tea in the school for sixpence!

[photo of consecration cross]

Family services

We had our first new style Family Service on Sunday 16th February on the theme of God and Trees: you may have noticed the striking, colourful tree symbol on the flyers that dropped through your doors and banner outside the church. Those who attended should by now be seeing the first signs of growth in the sunflower seed pots that were given out and will still be enjoying the sunlight streaming through the stained glass windows we made and took home. The Mothering Sunday service had to be cancelled because of Coronavirus but we will be developing more Family services once restrictions are lifted. We very much hope that you will join us for this new venture when it resumes.

A few thoughts and a prayer for these testing times

Rev. Graham Pigott, a retired priest who lives in our village and is helping us enormously as we wait for a new vicar, has written some helpful words in our Church newsletter, from which I have extracted the following with his blessing.

“Jesus’ counsel when anxious was to ‘Consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air.’ (Matthew 6:26-30). Enjoy Spring coming, the birds on the feeder and the beauty around you. Pick a few flowers and just enjoy looking at them, an easy way into meditation, relaxation and appreciation.

Count your blessings and all the good that is happening to help and protect us, and counter not just the virus, but also the human anxiety that is triggering greed and selfishness. Your prayer and meditation can help you in body, mind and spirit.

Gracious God,
 in whom we all live and move and have our being,
 help us to be patient, kind, and caring;
 appreciative for all that we have, and all that is done on our behalf.
 Give us grace to be attentive, as we are able,
 to care appropriately for others, especially those
 who are in greater need, risk, or distress,
 and on the ‘frontline’ of health and welfare services.
 May the outcome of this pandemic be greater
 community economy, economic justice, and surprising
 blessings for many years to come. Amen.”

James Allen

Grindleford Parish Council

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A message from Bob Wilson, chair of Grindleford Parish Council:

On behalf of all my fellow Councillors, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to Grindleford residents setting out what the Parish Council is doing to work with the Support Network, looking after those who are having to self-isolate.

First, I have been very impressed by the hard work volunteers are putting in to look after residents who are having to stay at home. We are reading in every magazine, newspaper, news article and announcement that staying at home and observing the rules of social distancing is the most important thing we can do to take the pressure off the NHS and save lives—perhaps the lives of people we have never met. I personally am not finding staying in all the time all that easy and I know for those of you with small children and caring responsibilities it must be even harder. And there is no end in sight just yet. Still, this village has made a fantastic response to the lockdown, taking it seriously, behaving responsibly and coming together to provide essential services for those who need it.

The Parish Council has set aside some funding to meet costs which have been incurred because of the outbreak. We have already paid for the four phones which are out in the community to take shopping orders and prescription requests, and we can pay mileage for any delivery volunteers who are out of pocket. We are part of a group of Parish Councils in Hope Valley who are pooling information, for example shops who can deliver, and how different villages have brought their community support and resource together.

The Parish Council will shortly be e-meeting to talk about what other support can be provided in the village, and we would welcome your thoughts and views. If anyone would like to join the village e-newsletter which can keep you informed more frequently than this quarterly news, please let the parish clerk know grindleparish@gmail.com.

In the meanwhile, stay in, stay safe and stay well.

Bob Wilson
Chair, Grindleford Parish Council

Local shops who will deliver:

Middletons (milk, eggs, etc) – 01433 651650.

Hathersage Bakery (bread and dried goods) – Monday – Saturday. Order by email: hathersagebakery@ymail.com (from Sunday) or call 07808154214

Chatsworth Estate Farm Shop. Offering a pre-order and collection service, plus a home delivery service, minimum spend £40. Call 01246 565411 ext. 5 between 9am – 5.30 pm Monday – Friday.

Peak Fruits, Hathersage. Limited capacity – taking orders on a Thursday for delivery on a Friday.

Sunshine Pizza. (Thursday, Friday & Saturday evening only.) Please order by text (07825 703063) as early as possible (preferably before 3.30pm). Include your order, full name, address, any necessary directions and preferred approximate time.

Maazi, Hathersage. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/maazihathersage/>. Menu on their website: <https://maazi.co.uk/locations/hathersage/>. Pay over phone with card 01433 650725. Will do pre-order and collection or home delivery.

Cafeology: Grindleford Shop Coffee Club. Follow the link for 10% off coffee orders and free carriage, for orders over £10. Deliveries are next day via DPD. The drivers can leave the package in a safe place, the customer simply needs to notify us where they would like the driver to leave it when placing the order online. On the Checkout page, there is a box for the customer to enter a CUSTOM DISCOUNT CODE. This code is GCSCC. <https://store.cafeology.com/>

Critchlows, 01629 812010, will deliver to us in Grindleford.

Holdsworths, Tideswell (collection only): <http://www.holdsworthfoods.co.uk/>. Selling a whole host of stuff, collection only though (the following day). Or you can visit the shop which is right next door. See the website for stock. We can probably do a joint order via the shop if that's helpful.

Hathersage Pharmacy. 01433 650325 for over the counter medications and appliances.

Agendas for the Parish Council meeting are posted on the noticeboard by the Jubilee Gardens. 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.

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Useful Websites:

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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 editors at grindlefordnews@gmail.com.

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