

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

July 2020



NEW ROOF!



We were very fortunate to be granted funding from **The National Lottery Community Fund**, just before the lockdown, to fund our new project: Securing Dry Accommodation for Indoor Activities and Maximising Inclusivity for those Activities.

We also lucky to have the first element of the work - re-roofing - to be undertaken during the early part of the lockdown. As a result the Pavilion building now has a new roof. This roof matches that on the new extension so the building is both watertight and also looks more integrated externally.



Hearing Loop

A second part of this project has also just been installed - a hearing loop in the main meeting room. This will make it easier for those hard of hearing to hear proceeding in that meeting room - providing they turn their hearing aids to the right setting.



That completes the work in this project which potentially interrupts activities inside the pavilion. This will make it easier to operate - when we get back to normal use.

Front Steps

The third part, the complete rebuilding of the 2 sets of front steps, will hopefully be undertaken during July and August. These steps will be re-built to a much gentler gradient, compliant with current standards for access. The associated handrails will also be replaced.

Platform Lift

There is one outstanding item from the extension project, that is the Platform Lift. This has now been manufactured and ready to be installed. We have re-surfacing work at ground level to undertake, then the lift will be installed.

Pavilion Main Room

Having added a bright new extension to the Pavilion Building, we are now trying to refresh the decor in the original main meeting room. We are in the course of repainting walls. We would also like to have new curtains:

Is there anybody locally who would be willing to sew new curtains if GPFA obtains the materials?

Looking Forward to Completion

Once all of these projects are finally complete our Pavilion will have full accessibility and will have good dry accommodation for our activities.

When that has happened, and we are free of the constraints of this Covid crisis, we will be having an opening party to celebrate our re-vamped facilities.

Children's Play Area

The children's play area has been closed throughout the Covid epidemic. We have been taking the opportunity to address some issues on the equipment. This includes the following: The bridge on the climbing frame has been repaired. 2 new swing seats are being fitted, We are looking to improve the ground area at the base of the swings.

Use of the Facilities during Coronavirus

We expect the facilities to start being used again soon in a limited way.

The only group which can return to use under current guidance (at the time of writing) are Pre-school and they will start to use the facilities from the end of June till the end of term.

There is the possibility of some organised sport being played over the summer.

Use by other groups in the Pavilion still has to wait for guidance to change. Once new guidance is known, we will have to assess it and carefully consider how the facilities can be used by successively different groups.

Funding Situation

It was 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. GPFA income from user groups is virtually zero during the Covid crisis. We had a generous donation from the outgoing Carnival committee which has helped.

Throughout our developments we have made good progress due in no small measure to your generous donations. 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.

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This has been an unusual quarter for the Parish Council. Some major changes to the way we work had to be made very quickly to respond to lockdown. Our meetings have been held on Zoom and are likely to continue to be for some time. Each month the Zoom invite is posted in the Parish noticeboard and if anyone is interested in attending, please let the clerk know and she can email the link. Creative systems for check signing and minutes approval have been devised in short order and in general Council business has been able to continue as usual.

New legislation made it impossible to have a Parish Meeting this year. The Council was given a choice of holding its Annual Meeting virtually, or not to hold one at all, with officer posts carrying on until this time next year. The decision was made not to hold the AGM, especially as all officers were only fairly recently voted in. There is an option to hold an AGM in the intervening period which will be kept under review. Notices were posted in the Parish noticeboard on the changes.

Many of you have been part of the village support network which emerged in response to the lockdown, and there are over 80 volunteers on the network WhatsApp group; the Council would like to thank everyone who has been involved. It has voted funds to underpin the network, for example for the purchase of dedicated mobile phones. There is a hope that some of the functions which have been put in place could be encouraged to continue once restrictions are lifted and the Council will be discussing how they can be involved.

There has been a great deal of comment about the number of visitors coming to the Peak District while other facilities have been closed, and the ensuing litter, parking and lack of social distancing which has had a knock-on effect to residents. It has not been an easy task for the District and County Councils to balance their response with safety for their staff. The Parish Council have been keeping abreast of publicity campaigns to behave responsibly, and the opening of carparks, public toilets and recycling centres. There is information on the DDDC website about all these things. In particular, if you are thinking

of visiting the recycling centre at Darley Dale do check the website first, as of the time of writing your registration plate will determine which day you can go.

The police have been active in ticketing poor parking, particularly up at Padley Gorge. The Council has already spoken to the Police Commissioner about speeding through the village and its approaches, and when restrictions ease, plans to implement village speed checks will be reactivated. Councillors know that this is an area of some concern to residents.

It seems like a long time ago, in the light of all that has happened, but the Council was also involved in discussions about the alleviation of flooding and will return to that once it is possible to do so. Meanwhile arrangements have been made to repair the damage done to Jubilee Gardens. A new company has been found to take over from Nick Bater, who looked after the gardens for a number of years, and our thanks to him.

The flooding at the bottom of Mount Pleasant has been notified to the Council.

Grindleford Council has joined a new, currently virtual, Derbyshire-wide environmental group comprising parishes from all over the country, and had representation at its first meeting on 23 June. Regular updates of interest will appear in this column. The group is likely to be focusing on green energy plans, supported in part by the Green Energy Bill which was recently passed for second reading in Parliament.

There has been virtually no movement with regard to planning applications since lockdown and in any event the Peak Park have had to change the way they operate, so pre-planning has temporarily been suspended and planning applications are taking longer to approve.

Grindleford Parish Council, which funds the Grindleford News, welcomes the new editors Diane and Colleen. Many thanks to Tim Shephard for his stewardship for the last six years.

As ever, if you would like to raise an issue with the Council, please contact the clerk Sarah Battarbee at grindleparish@gmail.com.



The Grindleford Community Shop

Now We Are Six – we had our sixth birthday last month. It rather passed by without mention, what with there being bigger fish to fry at the moment, but actually it's quite a milestone. Initially we thought that we would be rather pleased if we managed to stay open for six months. Then we thought it would be good if we could last for the duration of our first business plan. And now we have done that twice over and we are still going strong.

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The Shop is Open!

Wearing another hat, I was charged with thanking the inestimable Tim Shephard for his years of service lashed to the Grindleford News wheel, and in the process of doing that I found this article from the July 2014 edition.

Remember that day? Mary Peace stood on a box and made a little speech, and Tony Kaunhoven, at that time our Area Dean, opened it for us on behalf of the

church. We had music and loads of people turned up and it was a lovely day. And clearly we had a couple of visitors from outer space because you can see their spaceship just there by the tree.

We've had a lot of fun in the intervening years, but most of all we are so glad that the village came together to open the shop, because if it hadn't it wouldn't have been there when it was most needed – this year. Nobody could have foreseen Covid-19, but because we had a shop up and running it was able to provide a nucleus for the support network which sprang up to provide help for those who needed it. I've no doubt that when this crisis is over or at least at bay, much will be written about how everyone came good when it mattered. I am already reviewing the list of names in my head including the eighty-odd people who put their hand up to volunteer. But for now, while we are still in the middle of it, the shop and the volunteers continue to provide assistance where it is needed, with the support of the Parish Council.

Who knows what the future will bring, but I hope very much that the shop will be there to play its part.

We are continuing to implement our safety measures for shoppers and volunteers and will let you know if there is any change to the current arrangements. We are more interested in keeping everyone well than in shifting a profit so we might be a bit slower than other outfits in relaxing the rules. Thanks to everyone for being patient. Our Friday tea loaf project has proved quite successful, so if you want a tea loaf made by a local baker at the weekend ring the shop

orderline and reserve one – or just call in. Different cakes arrive each week and the shop newsletter tells you what they are. If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter, which also keeps you abreast of things happening more generally in the village, please do get in touch.

This might be the right moment to mention Build Back Better – let's not 'go back to normal'. Some amazing things have emerged from this crisis, for all the fact that it has been a dreadful time. It would be great to keep the good bits! There will be more on what that means in practice as things start to develop. In particular we are keen to keep the prescription run to the surgeries going rather than revert to everyone going one at a time to collect in their own cars.

Don't forget that the scrubs makers are now mask makers and they are for sale in the shop (the masks not the makers although make us a reasonable offer.....) Proceeds to Matlock foodbank. They have raised hundreds of pounds already and the masks are truly funky. Andy tried his out on a trip to the tip and I am sure he was easily the most stylish rubbish recycler there.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is an update on the Grindleford Goat, our

major fundraiser for the shop. You will be relieved to know that we will not be inviting 400 strangers to congregate at the Pavilion on a Saturday in September. We don't want to lose the slot though, so to keep the ride in the collective mind we have come up with some other ideas. But mostly we have been inventing terrible puns. The Tethered Goat. The Escape Goat. The Go-to Goat. As a homage to the very many beards which have appeared during lockdown, the Goatee.

Finally, it looks as if, due to some local generosity, we will be able to reactivate our plans to extend the shop a little bit. This is very exciting as it means that we should be able to do a number of things that the lack of indoor space currently prevents. There's a way to go yet, so nothing is certain, and In order to attract the necessary Diocesan funding, we will need to carry out a community audit. That means you! We'll be writing out to some of you asking for your opinion on how the extension, and our plans for how we might use it, will improve our capacity as a community hub. We'd be really grateful if you had the time to give us your views.



**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)**

St Helen's Church

News

Church re-opening plans

The church remains closed for acts of public worship, but we submitted a proposal to open the building for a few hours each week for private prayer and this has been approved by the Archdeacon. So, from Sunday 5th July the church will be open between 2 - 4pm on Sundays for private prayer in the Lady Chapel only. Please keep your eyes on our noticeboard, on the church doorway, the Grindleford website, and www.achurchnearyou.com, for further updates. Members of the congregation of St Helen's will continue to pray individually at home for our village and community, and for the wider world.

New vicar

Another piece of good news is three candidates have been shortlisted for interview to be the new vicar for our Benefice. The interviews will be held in late June on Zoom. If somebody is appointed, we could expect the new vicar to be in post by the publication of the next Grindleford News (GN) in October.

Church services online

The worldwide church has adapted surprisingly quickly to providing online services and there are a huge range of them being offered on Sundays and throughout the week. Since the last GN two new options have been added to the list. Some St Helen's members are joining in the live online Zoom service at 10.30am on Sunday mornings that is run by our Benefice colleagues in Hathersage. If you would like to join this please email

hathersageparishchurch@gmail.com. The service is usually recorded and you can watch it afterwards on the St Michael and All Angels Hathersage Facebook page. Other members are watching the live Sunday service from Eyam Parish Church, which starts at 11am on its Facebook page and is also available to view afterwards.

Easter Cross and Easter lilies

We had to do things differently for Easter this year because the church was closed. There was no solemn Good Friday reflection service and no joyous Easter Day holy communion, so John and Kate Gaunt erected a large wooden cross on the large lawn opposite the front of the church so that we could make a visible and public memorial of the Easter festival, taking us out of the



building and into the community. It was a moving symbol to see from the road during the lockdown

Instead of the glorious sight and smells of the Easter lilies inside the church, we simply posted a list of names for whom we would have bought a memorial lily and posted it on the glass panels either side of the main church door. This meant that people were still remembered and could be prayed for and thought about by those passing by.

Remembering John Brunskill

John Brunskill, who was a Reader (lay minister) in our Benefice, died peacefully in late March. He gave many years of dedicated service to our church and will be remembered for his straightforward services, dry sense of humour, and wry smile. His funeral was held during lockdown and people stood on the streets of Hathersage as the cortege went past on his last journey from his home. A thanksgiving service will be held when church lockdown measures have been lifted.

The church wildflower meadow

The wildflower meadow in the part of the churchyard that's near the path to Haywood has really come in to its own this year. This project has been a particular passion of Peter Tregenza's and over the last six years or so he's collaborated with several people in the village to nurture and maintain it. I've probably noticed it more this year because I've been outside the church and not inside and it's a lovely, calming sight: there are daubs of deep buttery yellows, starbursts of deep pink, silvery-blue fingers wafting on grassy stalks, and floating white daisy heads, all against a sea of green. Do go and savour it while it lasts.

The church with a chimney

Being unable to go inside the church has led to me spending a little more time appreciating the outside of the building and its grounds during my lockdown strolls. I wrote about the Consecration Cross on the back of the church in the last GN, and this time I thought I would draw attention to the prominent chimney. I'd never noticed it before but it sticks out from the roof when you look at the main building from the shop side. I think it's particularly noticeable because we don't have a church spire that would have eclipsed it or distracted from it. It would have carried smoke out from the fireplace still in the vestry, where the vicar puts on robes for services. I think it gives our church a charming domestic

feel and sense of modesty, which we hope is reflected in our worship. I've now started noticing chimneys on other churches: St Michael and All Angels in Hathersage has a tall one on its North wall but it's eclipsed by the architecturally interesting bell tower; St John's in

Bamford has one similarly placed to ours on its North side but the tall slim spire distracts from it. Let me know if you see some interesting ones.

James Allen



Woodland

I am a stranger here, this is not my place.
 Just a passing ghost, soon gone.
 My thoughts and deeds mean nothing,
 they are the dust upon a shelf,
 a rainbow fading into blue.
 This is your world, I trespass your space.
 But you welcome me like a lost friend,
 showing me the wonders of here.
 Every tree is different, every branch unique.

Steve Slingsby

Grindleford Virtual Running Club

Grindleford Primary school has a running club that was set up by the teachers with Matt Heason and Ed Richardson in 2017. The club would meet up once a week and run in the amazing surroundings of Grindleford. Sadly, when lockdown happened and school was closed, running club had to stop.

During, the pandemic Matt and Ed decided that it would be a really good idea to continue the club on a virtual basis. A weekly running challenge was set via a group WhatsApp for all the Grindleford runners. Examples of these challenges were to run the Duck Loop which is a 2 km loop in Haywood, running the junior fell race, running the equivalent ascent of a Munro (which consisted of running up to White Edge and back 4 times) and the biggest challenge yet was to run the distance of Land's End to John O'Groats, collectively – this is a massive 1,407km. The Grindleford Virtual Running Club also decided to make this last event a fund raiser and raised money for 2 local charities; The Jigsaw Matlock Food Bank and the Eyam Pump Track. The charity target was to raise £1,407 between the two charities. What was raised was an incredible £3,127 in total. There were 32 brilliant children from Grindleford Village and school aged 4-18, with an average age of 10. Some of the children had never really run before, so they started at 1km and built up to run a strong 5km. It encouraged all the children to get out, in all weather and run. Bryn and Dylan Heason and Maddy Richardson managed to build up enough stamina to run a marathon in one day which followed the Grindleford Gallop route, with a bit added on to make the marathon length.



The record to run Land's End to John O'Groats is 9 days and 2 hours (by one person), so we decided to complete it within this timeframe and smashed it with 36 hours to go.

In celebration we all met up at the allotments (respecting social distancing, of course) where Sarah Dadswell had baked the biggest and the most tastiest Victoria sponge cake – with real strawberries and real cream (Orla Hilton had also made a delicious chocolate cake) for all runners and parents, and a few dogs managed to scavage a bit here and there.



Massive achievements from all runners. In particular, Isabelle Newton, who was inspired by Alfie Campbell, to run in lockdown. Before lockdown Issy didn't consider herself a runner but she saw how Alfie was able to run the height of a Munro in one day and she thought she could do it too, and did! A couple of words from Issy 'running makes me feel excited, although I have to concentrate so I don't fall over'.

The largest contribution to the numbers came from recent arrival to the village, Jack, who ran a whooping 150km during the period! Welcome Jack and your family, looks like you came just in time!

Thanks to all the runners and all the parents for their support and encouragement, and the donations to the charities.

Tashi Miller & Maddy Richardson



THE (TETHERED) GRINDLEFORD GOAT 2020

We've come to the realisation that the usual event isn't going to happen this year. It's a shame, but 400 odd visitors close together at the Pavilion plus their cars and families all over the village doesn't feel like a good idea even in September. However Goats are hardy creatures and used to adverse conditions, so we herders are still running a Covid-19 version of the rides.

Riders will be invited to take a tour round the routes any time during the month of September. There won't be any organised food or support, nor will the routes be marked, but we are inviting riders to visit the community shop, or at least the front door part of it, as they pass through the village. They can stop for a takeaway cup of our famous Cafeology coffee and pick up a unique Grindleford Goat goody 'musette' while they are there as a memento of this year's ride. We hope that will introduce them to the shop for other rides in future times when they are in the area.

We're not charging, it's all free, as a thank you to participants for supporting us in years past. We hope they will enjoy a ride round our lovely bit of the Peak District. There will be updated information about the routes and some photos on our Facebook page.

Riders can do any of the routes or all three if they fancy a challenge! Anyone interested should register free on RiderHQ and they'll get a 'waypointed map' and a downloadable GPX file of their choice of ride. Check out our Facebook event page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2529108214041564/>

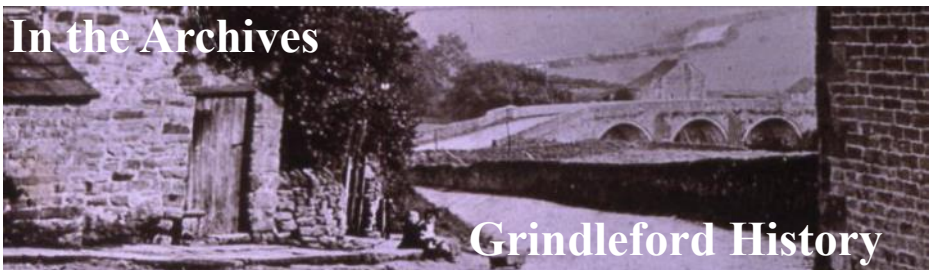
If anyone you know wants something to train for, the 108 km Billy is one of the best and toughest loops to attempt, taking in the Dark and White Peak. The 56 km Nanny is shorter but steeper in places and a tough but stunning ride.

After last year's oversubscribed success, a completely new Gruff gravel route will be posted to registered riders. Our Dave is plotting the route and GPX again, because he's good at that, and riders will get all the additional information they need to get round. We'll have folk on the end of phones to talk riders on all the routes round if they get lost. The Goat team are inviting participants to post their time on the Strava Club page so that they can do a fly-by on Strava at the end of the month. Riders can start anywhere on the route, but to give it that strong Goat flavour, we hope they will call in at the shop on their way round for their free coffee and goody 'musette' bag. This will have the shop logo on it to remind them of us next year! Also in the bag we will be including a food goody, a flat-pack water bottle which we can fill, a limited edition Grindleford shop fridge magnet and a coffee loyalty card.

We've taken lots of lockdown photos of residents during the outbreak and we are also planning a montage of participants taking selfies outside the shop to add to the archive. We'll collate them all together and put them on a poster later in the year.

There will also be the option to make a donation to the Community Shop, we're setting up a Just Giving page, but there will be no obligation – if ever there was a year to cheer everybody up it's now so we hope folk will come and enjoy a great day in the Peak, Grindleford Goat style.

Dave and Sarah



Australian Cricket Team at The Maynard 1938 by Alan Jacques.

The wonderful gift of the autographs of the Australian Cricket Team who stayed at The Maynard from 28th June to 7th July 1938 is an incredibly kind act by the donor, one which will lighten many hearts during “these troubled times.” That they have been returned to their rightful place among the other valuable collection of cricket memorabilia at the hotel will be a big attraction to locals, cricket fans and historians from all over the world.

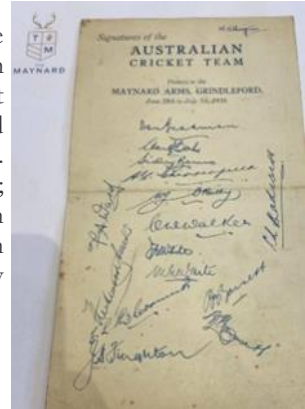
The team played two games while staying; one against Derbyshire at Queens Park in Chesterfield, where they won by an innings and 234 runs, Bradman didn't play, but WA Brown scored 265 runs and F Ward took 10 wickets for 64 runs in the match. Against Yorkshire at Bramall Lane, Sheffield the tourists were saved from defeat by the rain, the match being abandoned with Yorkshire requiring 67 runs, with 7 wickets standing to win. Bradman scored 59 and 42 runs, way below his career average!

The Test Series with England was drawn 2-2, with England recording a massive victory in the 5th Test at the Oval, which they won by an innings and 579 runs, their first innings 903 for 7 declared still being the highest Test innings with Len Hutton scoring 364 runs. The two old enemies would not play each other again in a Test until after WW2.

The tour also had moments of off-field controversy, most notably the players requests to the Australian Board of Control for their wives to be allowed to join them before the end of the tour. Don Bradman had made a specific request that his wife be allowed to join him and it is possible that he threatened to leave before the end of the tour if his request was not agreed. Were telegrams sent from and to Grindleford Post Office between the Tour Manager Bill Jeans and the Aussie Board?

The team consisted of the following sixteen players:

D. G. Bradman (South Australia) (captain); S. J. McCabe (New South Wales) (vice-captain); C. L. Badcock (South Australia); S. Barnes (New South Wales); B. A. Barnett (Victoria); W. A. Brown (Queensland); A. G. Chipperfield (New South Wales); J. H. Fingleton (New South Wales); L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith (Victoria); A. L. Hassett (Victoria); E. L. McCormick (Victoria); W. J. O'Reilly (New South Wales); M. G. Waite (South Australia); C. W. Walker (South Australia); F. Ward (South Australia) and E. S. White (New South Wales). Manager: Mr. W. H. Jeanes.



Reporting on the tour, Wisden commented, “To those whose duties brought them into close touch with Bradman and his colleagues, the happy spirit pervading the team was very evident. Wherever they went, they made many friends. The courtesy in a very important respect to the pleasant relations existing among the players and between them and the host of well-wishers with whom they came into contact.”

The Licensee in charge at the Maynard in 1938 was Arthur Henry Mayerger.

Grindleford Parish Boundary Walk by Alan Jacques.

“Beating”, or “Perambulating the Bounds” is a centuries-old tradition, to remind everyone of boundaries that were important to their community. During Rogationtide, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day, parishioners, with the rector and other local dignitaries, would walk the parish bounds. Walkers carried willow wands to beat the boundary markers with, and sometimes had their heads bumped on boundary stones to imprint them firmly in the memory! Only a few boundary stones can still be seen around our Parish, the best examples are off Sir William Hill Road in the field on the right before the rough road. They form a strange enclave onto Eyam Moor and the Parish of Eyam, just why is a mystery, but it could possibly have been to gain access to the moor for farming or shooting purposes. You can see the stones by looking through the field gate or peering over the wall, as there is

no public access to them.

Another prominent boundary stone can be found on White Edge Moor, up above the Grouse Inn. This is an earth-bound boulder called the Hurkling Stone and marks the boundaries of counties, constituencies and parishes. It has several indistinct letters and dates carved into it. Some are the initials of “Freeholders” who held rights for pasture on the moor, others signify the Parishes of Baslow, Holmesfield and T for Totley. Hurkling comes from an old English dialect word for crouching.

Today, with Commoners rights abolished, the parish boundaries are not so important, and modern maps show them clearly enough, but this does not mean that we should ignore the tradition or significance of walking the boundaries of our home Parish.

I have devised a walk using rights of way and permissive footpaths that follows as closely as possible the boundary of Grindleford Parish. It is 13.23 miles long and has an ascent of 2024feet and can be done in one day or split into two sections of 7 miles each. It is a route full of interest with many stunning views.

The route starts and finishes from St Helen’s Church and is roughly as follows; Froggatt Wood - Froggatt Bridge - Eyam New Road - Riley Graves - Eyam - Hollowbrook - Mompesson’s Well - Sir William Hill - Eyam Moor -Leam - Hogg Hall - Leadmill - Harper Lees - Coppice Wood# - Rough Wood - Surprise - Burbage Brook - Longshaw Lodge - Wooden Pole - White Edge Moor/Hurkling Stone - Grouse Inn - Haywood.

#The shorter routes end and re-start at Coppice Wood, which means walking to and from there along the riverside from the Church.



*Parish Boundary Stone on Sir William Hill
– E is for Eyam.*

The Hurkling Stone



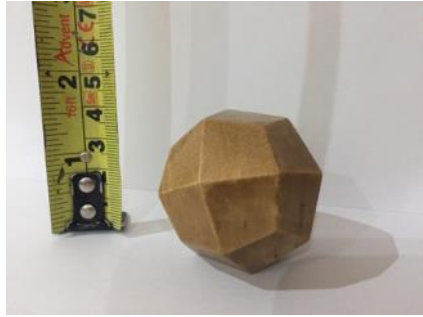
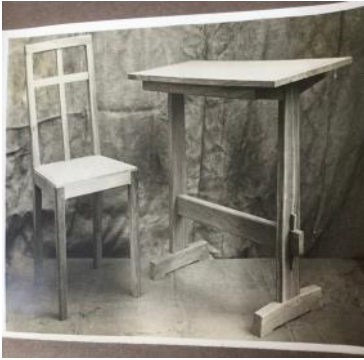
BEN COOPLAND, MASTER CABINET MAKER. C.1890 – 1965

Not so long ago, it seems, I opened my furniture making workshop except that it was in 1980, forty years ago! I had in fact taken over the premises three years earlier whilst still a student, but am sure that few people living in Grindleford today will know that the history of furniture design and making in the workshop goes back much further than that.

The workshop was built by a City & Guilds cabinetmaking Gold Medallist named Ben Coopland, in the mid nineteen twenties as far as is known. Originally from Manchester, he was by all accounts something of an enigma, living at number 4 Goatscliffe Cottages [the old laundry cottages], a man of strongly socialist principles who nevertheless saw no problem in playing the stock market, by which he did very well, yet living a simple, almost Spartan life. No one could have guessed that in reality he was very well off. One indulgence though was his regular holidays with his wife Bella to the Isle of Man to watch the TT races.

A newspaper cutting from 1955 states that he had been using the workshop 'for more than thirty years' to make 'furniture and portable woodwork'. The Rural Industries Bureau and the Derbyshire Rural Community said his is 'a model workshop'. Although he worked in a small village, his reputation for fine craftsmanship evidently spread far beyond rural Derbyshire, as the same article goes on: 'Mr Coopland is one of Derbyshire's pioneer craftsmen. He is known all over England for his skill and workmanship'. Samples of Ben's work were on view at the Royal Show when it was held in Derby one year, 'where he met, and showed it to King George V.' This was Ben's second regal encounter, as the article mentions that 'the Duke of Windsor, when Prince of Wales, inspected the workshop on a royal tour of Derbyshire. And he had good things to say about it'.

Ben's furniture was very much in the Arts and Crafts tradition which emerged in the early part of the last century largely as a reaction to the shoddy and vulgar mass produced Victorian furniture and other household items. Typical Arts & crafts furniture is characterised by practical, simple designs, and the honest use of good materials, often with the joints themselves forming a decorative element of the work.



Another string to Ben's bow was the making, from single blocks of solid wood, of polyhedra, or multi-faceted geometric objects. These were commissioned by universities to demonstrate crystalline and solid geometric structures. Just look at the photograph shown here of a trapezoidal icositerhedron [twentyfour irregular rectangles] in my possession and note how small it is. Geometrically flawless, all done by hand – there was no CAD back then – simply astonishing precision!

So how do I come to be here? Quite by chance in the mid fifties, my late father, also a woodworker, got to know Ben when he noticed a lovely piece of furniture in the workshop window during a walk in the Peak District. After Ben died in 1965 [Bella predeceased him] his nephew, who until then didn't even know he had an uncle Ben, offered the workshop to Dad at a bargain price. It was too good a chance to miss, even though he had no use for it as he was a full time teacher and didn't live nearby, so he let it out to a local man and for a long time it was used for the repair and garaging of cars. The buildings became vacant while I was training as a furniture maker and I made the decision to take over the workshop and try and bring it back to life. Setting up on my own at such a young age was a bit of a leap in the dark - people referred to me as 'that lad' – but I had nothing to lose. The premises, which then consisted of three separate structures, were in poor condition, and eventually I decided to apply for planning consent to rebuild them, which the authorities were happy to agree to since it would improve the look of that end of Grindleford. Rebuilding took place in two stages ten years apart as funds allowed: the late George Maltby of Stoney Middleton did the first phase and the second was by David Sampson, with roofing by Paul Morris. Apart from the Edward Barnsley Workshop in Hampshire and 'Mouseman' Thompson's, I think it is fair to say there are not many craft furniture workshops in England with such a long, interesting and fortuitous history.

Andrew Lawton

Grindleford Horticultural Society

Hopefully your gardens are looking good at this time of the year and the vegetables are growing nicely and not all coming at once! We haven't the excuse this year of not having enough time! Weeds promptly removed, slugs deterred. Though there were challenges such as three nights of late frost in May, drought through April and May and as I write heavy thundery downpours. Hopefully what has survived is lifting your spirits.

So the news is that **There will be NO show this year**

We asked members if there was appetite for a virtual show or a scaled down event but there was little interest, so the committee has decided that next year we shall have a most splendid 70th show. Many people will have perfected their baking, photography and crafting skills this year and we can look forward to seeing even better entries next August. Sadly Frogatt show has also been cancelled. We're so sorry that so many of the wonderful summer events that make living in Derbyshire Dales so rich and enjoyable have been postponed. But we hope that you've all kept well and will continue to do so: keeping safe is vital.

If you have a trophy from 2019 please hold onto it until next summer, or return it to Penny Reynolds at 1 St. Helen's Croft.

Late August we will review whether conditions have improved enough to hold our 20th October talk at the Bishop Pavilion when Dr Deborah Dawson is scheduled to talk about The Return of Otters to the Peak District.

The committee are looking at ways to commemorate the contribution made by the Late Kay and Derek Beeston to the society and to our village.

Enjoy your gardens, houseplants and our lovely outdoors.



Kay Allinson

Grindleford Neighbourhood Watch

A big thank you is warranted now to local volunteers. Street wardens and organisers, community shop staff and litter pickers recently have been involved looking after our community and protecting the more vulnerable from distress and worry. This surely also promotes connectedness, kindness and friendship. Neighbourhood Watch is concerned similarly with hopes that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable and isolated.

There are now three levels of activity to be seen within Neighbourhood Watch. The County and Borough association is at national level (www.ourwatch.org.uk.) Among the Local District associations, Derbyshire has its own website, derbyshireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk, starting up later this year. The large National Association reports and promotes many welfare and social issues, projects and a variety of initiatives. Loneliness and Domestic Abuse have been recent topics. Derbyshire Association highlights local concerns, reporting on police initiatives and events, giving “awareness” notices, often about new problems, scams and scares, for example from organisations such as, Citizens Advice and similar organisations.

At an even more local level Derbyshire Constabulary interacts with the public through alert@neighbourhoodwatch, and derbyshirealert.co.uk often asking for help from witnesses or information about missing persons. Anyone may contact Derbyshire constabulary website or use the social media channels.

To privately contact the police ring 101.

Remember 999 calls are for extreme emergencies.

Please stay alert.

P Hutchinson

GRINDLEFORD ALLOTMENTS

Keeping allotments open during the COVID-19 lockdown has been a lifeline, helping many people maintain mental and physical wellbeing.

As many many public spaces were closed after the lockdown announcement on 23rd March, there was a fear that allotments would follow suit. However, the National Allotment Society was in discussion with the Government stressing the need to keep plots open for the good of the nation's health, supply of fresh food and exercise. The campaign was a success and allotments stayed open with NAS guidelines on safe working and social distancing.

Because of social distancing, we have been unable to undertake all our usual maintenance tasks or put in motion our new projects. The exception being of turning the area under the fruit trees into a wildflower meadow but as this consists of not mowing the area until September, it was not too difficult to undertake!

With most people gaining some extra time to look after their plot, and the glorious spring weather, the allotments are looking very tidy indeed!

Here are some comments about what having an allotment has meant to some of our members during Lockdown.

One of the great things about having an allotment is the sense of purpose it offers as the lockdown weeks roll by. Given the very hot spring weather all the plants need frequent watering and you can be sure to meet other allotment holders at a safe distance whilst doing this. Because we don't allow hose pipes it has to be done with watering cans giving plenty of time for a chat as you go along as well as all the exercise you could need!

"When Linda & I retired in Spring 2016 we thought we'd put more time in to get the allotment tidier and more productive then grandchild minding responsibilities kicked in! In lockdown we've actually felt retired and have enjoyed putting time in to sowing and planting in the gorgeous weather."

I enjoy the conversations that we have from safe distances on the allotment, sharing surplus plants, and seeing the whole allotment looking so well cared for and managed.

We are so fortunate that from the beginning of the lock-down, we have been able to go to the allotments for exercise, when many people are shut in flats and houses with little or no gardening space, for this I am very thankful. I know that many people in the village enjoy walking around the perimeter fence and seeing the growth of all the plants.

I am so very thankful that we were allowed to still work our allotments when Lock-down was announced. It felt like such a positive activity to be trying to grow your own veg, at a time when basic food supplies seemed so uncertain.

It has been a lovely way to keep in touch with friends and villagers (from a safe distance!) A smile and a wave can make such difference.

"My allotment has helped to keep me sane during the lock-down. Being able to do something positive and worthwhile and at the same time have contact with others under the guidelines for social distancing has been a real boost to moral.

How very fortunate we are!"

My third and last child will likely be leaving home in September. With the lockdown causing A levels to be cancelled my son has had a great deal of unexpected free time in glorious weather. He has helped construct some sturdy and impressive raised beds. More than that he has given me some very precious time and in quiet moments, when I am finding my empty nest hard to bear, when I return to my allotment I know I will feel solace and comfort from these memories.

Colleen Gray



E-Bike Event, Tuesday July 7th between 4pm and 8pm

The climate crisis is the most pressing environmental challenge of our time. A rapid reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is required, and this provides us with the opportunity to improve different aspects of our lives.

There are just too many cars on the roads in the Hope Valley at present. People need to be able to travel around, visitors are welcome, but not every journey needs to be in a car. Less cars would mean that our villages were quieter, less polluted, safer. We only have to think back a couple of months to see what that could be like.

E-bikes are one way to address the need to reduce car use, whilst still getting around. Advances in battery technology and design mean that they are highly practical as an alternative to shorter car journeys. They flatten our many hills, meaning you maintain a better pace, which is safer in traffic. Sign up to a green electricity tariff and your journeys are producing no CO2.

Commuting by e-bike is a great way to save money on travel and parking. You can arrive less sweaty than on a conventional bike too. Once you get used to it, it can help you unwind from the stresses of the day. Your mental health is helped by the sense of achievement this can bring.

Is riding an e-bike cheating? Will it stop me getting the fitness benefits of a conventional bike? Evidence shows that most conventional bikes spend most of their time in a shed or garage, whereas e-bike owners ride their bikes more often and for longer overall. In addition, e-bike riders are more likely to stay within the aerobic, fat-burning zone and continue riding regularly. Hard core mountain bikers love the ability to get back up the hill quickly to allow more time hurtling down again.

Have you been put off joining family and friends on bike rides? E-bikes allow riders of different speeds and fitness levels to ride together. It is inclusive! Whatever your situation, e-bikes might be the answer. We hope this helps you think about it.

Read on for e-bike stories from local people:

It was an email circulated at work that made me consider an e-bike commute. Cycleboost in Sheffield offer a loan scheme with some accessories plus initial confidence training. If you are an employee or live in Sheffield, you are eligible for the Cycleboost scheme. It was more the embarrassment of being seen by my fellow club cyclists, who I ride with on and off-road, that had probably delayed my foray into electric assist. My cycle commute, since moving from Sheffield 4 years ago, had grown from consistent, whatever the traffic, 9 minutes each way to 40 there and 45 back.

What's more it now involved a full lycra commitment with the change of clothes and hygiene regime that that entails! A school is not a place to arrive late, dripping wet, wearing cycle shorts in a staff briefing. I had vowed to complete one commute a week on moving to the village and found myself putting off the occasional wet winter week, leaving some returning in the dark, in fear for my life as the quarry wagons bore down on me from behind. Purely by accident, the month I chose to test the ebike concept was November. Instantly my commute was transformed, now completed wearing mostly work clothes and carefully selected waterproof outer garments. Small worries were eased such as lighting (no more forgetting to charge the batteries at night), decent panniers with a rack and solid construction of a heavier bike meant for upright and easy ebike position. But more importantly, the climb out of the village to Fox House became a nature watch and after a long day on my feet at work the return leg, as long as I got away before dark, became a delight. After a month I had to give my loan bike back. I wouldn't buy the same bike; it was ugly, heavy, in short a little lacking in the urbane style to which I aspire. And I haven't bought a new one since due to the cost. But I absolutely will be converting my existing commuter and I am a complete e-bike convert. What's more I proudly boast the same to my cycling club mates and it's surprising how many of them are secret e-bike fanciers.

Dave Kirkup

We got e-bikes on retirement and it's the absolute joy of painless movement and sense of freedom that we love. Sometimes I feel as if I'm in my twenties again. But alas bikes from previous decades had just gathered rust and dust since moving to Grindleford in 2004. You've got to be a hard core athletic cyclist to manage our hills and I never was in that category.

It's wonderful for short journeys up to Longshaw, Eyam via New Road, Calver or Stoney. But there's joy in finding quiet back roads to go a bit further. Bakewell via Hassop, Castleton via Foolow and Windmill, Matlock from Rowsley, there's a good track. We even got as far as Derby via the Tissington trail, albeit charging the battery at the cafe in Tissington.

We've managed them on the train from Grindleford (don't get off on a station with a bridge between platforms, e.g.. Chinley or Hope). The northern trains are fine as bike areas are roomy outwith rush hours but express trains have much smaller spaces and the bikes are heavy and cumbersome to stow away. Their heaviness is a disadvantage should you run out of charge or have another problem en-route or if you unbalance or worst of all fall off. So be careful of your speed on steep hills.

But we love them. I upgraded mine recently and found James at Bamford Bike Garage most helpful, whilst Pauline had awful service from Evans

Kay and Pauline

Interested, but not sure?

On **Tuesday July 7th between 4pm and 8pm** there's to be a get together in the Pavilion; pizza, beer and the chance to meet some village ebikes. It's time to have a get together, Covid-style and what better excuse than to eat pizza and drink beer. Once you have eaten pizza and drunk beer, you'll be ready to come and meet some of the village ebikes. Mostly they are a bit shy and like to live in their own sheds and garages, but on the 7th they are putting on their party frocks and coming down to meet you. Their owners - well not really owners, more wranglers - will be there to talk to you about why they chose their e-bike, how much it cost, how much fun it has been, the best and worst things which have happened, and why they would never ever part with them.



An e-bike recently in use collecting rubbish from Padley Gorge

If you would like to have a go under controlled circumstances, you would be very welcome to do so, and we are just putting the finishing touches to making it possible for you to go out and up a hill Zoom! if you would like. We'll be there ready to clean each bike between rides and make sure we are up to Covid standards. It'll all be outside - **the Pavilion and the loos will definitely not be open at all, just to let you know** - so there will be plenty of space to keep socially apart.

Grindleford is working with Hayfield Sustainable Transport to put together a scheme to make buying and insuring an ebike and sharing it with friends a practical possibility. There is a basic website to support it: <https://www.shared-e-bikes.com>. If you are interested in hearing more, or if you already have an ebike and would be keen to be able to share it, we'd love to hear from you. Just email us at matt@heason.net



FULL MANY A FLOW’R IS BORN TO BLUSH UNSEEN
AND WASTE ITS SWEETNESS ON THE DESERT AIR.

Sadly, because of the lockdown rules concerning travel during March, April and May this was true of the many spring bulbs we had planted in the autumn. But we hope that they brightened the journey for the few passengers who may have passed through Grindleford Station.

Following lockdown all volunteer activity at stations was prohibited and so all our gardening efforts and other plans came to a FULL STOP.

Many thanks to the local residents who saved some plants from dying by giving them a good drink during the drought. We’re hopeful we may be allowed back soon and there’s a lot of work ahead. Any additional helpers would be most welcome. Get in touch via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Fogs.website/> or email kay.allinson1@btinternet.com

Monday 15th June saw retailing reopening and the mandatory wearing of face covers on public transport. Social distancing means trains have limited capacity. Passengers are being advised to allow extra time for journeys due to new queuing and one-way systems on stations.



Information about timetables and how to travel safely can be found on Northern Rail’s website: www.northernrailway.co.uk.

<https://communityrail.org.uk/coronavirus-guidance-2/>

UK Government <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



There's some delightful footage of wildlife enjoying the unusually quiet stations at Sheffield and York

Images courtesy of https://www.reddit.com/r/CasualUK/comments/g6vrpx/a_badger_outside_sheffield_train_station_nature/

And northern railway <https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Ds4kR9LXr8oM&data=02%7C01%7CRichard.Isaac%40northernrailway.co.uk%7C587f21fef4c74513d54f08d7ed3b7bfe%7C694828a9151a45e19a5fd75029018591%7C0%7C0%7C637238712050417880&data=5%2FK%2Bj2ck30PFjfMDGcrgwtBei0WTD4jWjO37Zn%2BZQzk%3D&reserved=0>

Colleen Gray

COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP COMPETITION

CREATE IT SHARE IT SAVES LIVES

A GOPRO HERO 8 BUNDLE UP FOR GRABS

In the first month of lockdown, trespassing on Britain's railways increased by 25%. With the prospect of a long summer ahead, that number has to be brought down.

This competition, open to all 11- 18 year olds across the UK has 6 categories, with entrants being asked to make a video, write a song/rap, produce a storyboard or write a script which shares the anti-trespassing message.

There are 2 key elements must remember - the video must be made from the young person's home or garden, and must not show any violence.

We want young people to show off their creativity to get the message across to their peers that being on the tracks is potentially deadly. And in order to spread the message to as many young people as possible, we are suggesting that young people (over 13 years old) share their video or song on social media and we have a category for the entry with the greatest social media impact! said Karen from Community Rail Lancashire, who Chairs the Education Network

The competition closes on 30th September 2020 and more information can be found on the competition website www.downtheline.org.uk/projects/backtrack

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.

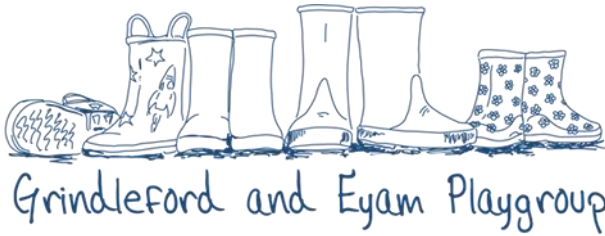
On retirement, Kay and Derek moved to their beloved Peak District and settled at Maynard Road, Grindleford. They threw themselves into village life as active members of the Horticultural Society, the Labour Party, walking groups, reading groups, St. Helen's, the WI, the Parish Council and the primary 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



Hello, we hope this finds you well.

It's been a crazy couple of months, although we have been blessed with some lovely weather which has helped make it slightly more bearable.

At the time of writing, playgroup remains closed as we do not feel it is safe to open just yet. Over the past ten weeks we have all been keeping in touch with each other through the power of technology. Parents have been sending us updates on what the children have been learning and enjoying from home and staff have been writing weekly blog posts to share their lockdown adventures with us. All of this is included in our entry for you to enjoy.



We've been keeping in touch with our families as much as we can, it's been such a long time and everyone has grown so much. Staff have shared activities and ideas with our families while parents and carers have been sending in pictures of their children to keep us up to date. We've seen them learn to ride bikes, bake for VE day, facetime their friends, enjoy local walks, hunt for minibeast and much more.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our first crowdfunding event. Faced with many of our usual fundraisers being cancelled because of the current lockdown we thought that this could help us recover some of those funds. We were a bit anxious that our target of £1,500 was too ambitious but the support has been fantastic, and we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of all of our supporters. If you would like to give, every penny will be gratefully received and go towards playgroup's future.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/support-grindleford-and-eyam-playgroup>

Our team have been busy during lockdown; reviewing planning, updating policies and preparing for our re-opening. A few also took the time to write about their time in lockdown and their experiences. It has been fantastic reading about their outdoor adventures. I was particularly interested to read about foraging and the delicious dandelion honey and home-made garlic bread.

If you enjoy the extract below visit our website www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk to read all of the team's blogs.

A Month of Sundays – Our experience of staying indoors

“What day is it mum?” A constant question in our house!! Felix thinks that every day feels like Sunday, and I suppose it does for my children. We are spending most of our day together, eating our meals together, spending quality time together and reflecting on our weeks.

As a family, we are recognizing that this time is a moment in history and something to remember and I want them to remember it for its positives and not the negatives. I want them to appreciate their health, their family, the sunshine and the small wins that can be achieved at home for free; enjoy this time and see it as a gift for our family to reconnect and understand each other a little better.

I think my lesson from this time is to try and really enjoy this break from the norm, take advantage of this quality time with my family and cherish every moment. And when things do become challenging and overwhelming; talk to my friends, my family and neighbours; and let a celebrity take the children for half an hour on YouTube whilst you have a cup of tea!!! – Karen Entwisle.

Finally, a reminder that we are taking part in both the Recycle4School and Terracycle initiatives which are helping the environment as well as raising vital funds for playgroup.

Recycle4Schools is an eco-friendly scheme which takes good quality unwanted items and delivers them across the world providing clothing for people who need it. If you've been inspired by the fine weather to Spring clean your cupboards then please bag up any unwanted clothes and shoes and save them for playgroup. If you would like more information about the scheme and the items they accept, visit their website <https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/>

Terracycle is a relatively new company that collects typically hard-to-recycle waste. We are collecting foil lined crisp packets, we take any brand, any flavour and any size packet.

Conan the Barbarian gets an e-bike

(with apologies to just about everybody)

The years had passed him by a bit and all that flowing hair
 And bear skin trews and leather straps had seen some wear and tear
 He had his trusty sword of course with which to go beserk
 And slay the foe and save the town but really - it was quite hard work.

The days of running effortlessly up mountains strewn with boulders
 Were past him now ere since the time he fell and hurt his shoulder.
 Yet – Conan slowing down a bit? The paper and a cuppa?
 The evening telly, washing up and baked beans for his supper?

Help was at hand. The world was his, to save with all his tricks
 With just one trip to Halfords, to buy a Raleigh Felix. *
 Once more could he get out the door and move at mighty speed
 To stop the fearsome villain and repel their evil deed

The massive hills no longer seemed a barrier too steep
 No longer did he pause halfway to gasp and puff and weep
 Zoom! Up he went and soon was at the top!
 Even on the fiercest rise he didn't have to stop!

He bought a little trailer, to carry up the weapons
 A saddlebag or two to get the shopping back from Morrisons**
 And he's still a mighty hero, with a little help to pedal,
 Still him but on a good day. Ebikes - have a medal.

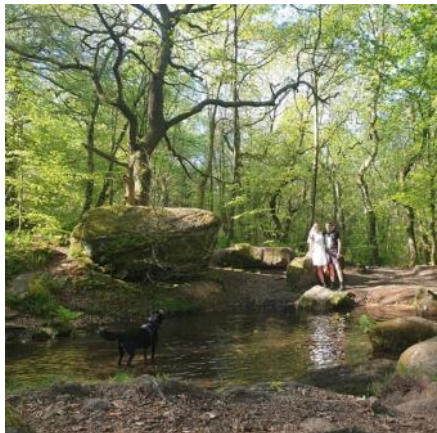
You're the future.

An anonymous ebike enthusiast

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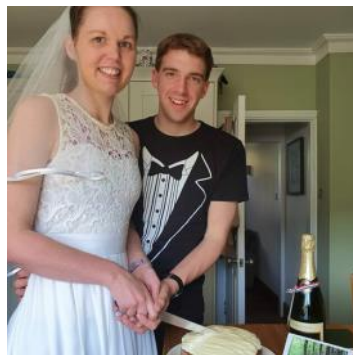
Lockdown (un) Wedding Day



Laura and Nathan, who have lived in the village since 2017, were due to get married on the 9th May but because of Coronavirus all wedding ceremonies had been cancelled. They didn't want the day to roll by without any acknowledgement so what to do? As runners, the answer was obvious: dress up in wedding fancy dress and go for a run!

There was a further surprise waiting as a friend had contacted the village shop and organised one of it's key bakers, Penny Reynolds, to bake a 'wedding cake'

The evening celebration food was pizza from The Sunshine Pizza Company followed by a disco supplied by DJ Matt Heason with Laura and Nathan's neighbours on Main Road joining in the celebration by throwing their moves in their gardens.



We wish Laura and Nathan every happiness when the real ceremony takes place later this year.



Colleen Gray

Book Group Too and Bookworms

As Bakewell Library is currently closed and our regular supply of books has ceased, Book Group Too has suspended meetings for the time being.

Bookworms, however, have managed to link up over email and have read the following:

Exposure - Helen Dunmore.

The story starts with Simon on a train heading home to East Knigge, a place he has never seen before to be reunited with his family.

The end of the book finishes with the same train journey and a moving ending with his wife. In-between we are treated to a marvellous piece of storytelling covering a few months in 1960. Love, spying and loyalty to an ex-lover go hand in hand to make this a good read. The characters and human observations were wonderfully portrayed. Dunmore was able to flick back in time to Germany and Lily's childhood and likewise Simons childhood at Stopstones, in the drop of a hat, nearly mid-sentence, which was a bit disconcerting, making you read slower and fully appreciate the poetic quality of her writing. This is not a spy thriller and our group were divided on the merits of the book.

The Truths and Triumphs of Grace Atherton - Anstey Harris

The main character Grace Atherton is a talented Cello player and instrument maker. She also runs her own shop in London. Life is great apart from her boyfriend and long time lover David who is married. The book gets off to a great start with Davids heroic rescue of a woman on the Paris Metro. This action is a catalyst for the meltdown of Graces life and eventual Triumphs. The book is full of larger than life characters and our group were divided on its merits. Upmarket Mills and Boone maybe a little harsh, having never read any M&B, but read it and see.

We are all looking forward to meeting again when conditions improve!

In the meantime, James Naughtie's Bookclub website has lots of ideas to occupy a sunny (or rainy!) afternoon.

Clare and Steve

Grindleford will have a Carnival again!

During lockdown community spirit in the village has been amazing. As a result it looks like the village once again has a committee to run an event in 2021. A handful of people have stepped up and offered to get things running again, but there is still scope for a few more so if you are keen to play a part then please contact Mattie Cooper, Kate Axelby, Jez Platts or Matt Heason.

Speaking of running, one of the mainstays of Carnival Week (the third week of June) is the Village Fell Race. Obviously it wasn't possible to run this this year during lockdown, but that didn't stop the organisers running it virtually. A total of 38 entrants took part, with 15 of them opting to run an equivalent course in their own neighbourhood. The rest, being from the village, ran the actual course over a period of a week to allow plenty of social distancing. Aysha Furlong and David Miller took the local trophies with some pretty quick times under non-race conditions - 41:14 for Aysha and 35:00 for Dave. With entrants asked for a donation as opposed to a fixed fee the race raised a respectable £171 for the Carnival funds. A full write up including the leaderboard will appear on the fell race website before long - <http://www.grindlefordfellrace.co.uk>

Matt Heason

How to report speeding through Grindleford

Many people have become fed up with the excess speeds through the local villages by motorists and motorcycles.

The link below provides a route for reporting your concerns, the combined information helps the Police decide where to place their resources.

If they are not told, we cannot expect them to act.

<https://www.crestderbyshire.org/about-us/report-a-speeding-concern/>

Owning an Electric Car in Grindleford

Over the last 4 years I've had the pleasure of owning an electric car and using it around the village and further afield. I purchased it as I wanted to reduce my carbon footprint and they have the added benefit of being much quieter than other vehicles.

So what have I learnt over the 4 years, what are the upsides and challenges of owning an electric car in Grindleford and what are the major difference between the various types of electric vehicle

First of all, my car is what is known as a 'plug-in' hybrid. That means I have a charge station at my house where I can plug my car into the mains, about 2 hours charge time. My car can run as: Electric only, hybrid (mix of petrol and electric depending on acceleration and speed) and petrol only. Plug-in hybrids have a very limited range but I can happily go shopping, walking or rock climbing locally without using the petrol motor - I get between 20-27miles on a full charge. Examples of plug-in hybrids are: Skoda Superb, VW Golf, Mitsubishi Outlander

There are also hybrid cars which you can't plugin, these use their petrol motors to recharge the batteries. Personally I felt that these types of car weren't suitable for me. The Peak District is very hilly and we have a lot of national speed limit roads. This means that the petrol motor would be used a lot. The advantage with plug-in is that you can choose a green energy supplier for your electricity, this is a lot more cost effective and efficient than using a petrol motor to recharge a battery. Having said that, I still think a hybrid is better than a regular combustion engine. Examples of hybrid only cars are: Honda Prius

Finally there are the electric only vehicles. These vehicles can only run on electric, they don't have a combustion engine as backup. They are the greenest and quietest, they are also have zero rated road tax and congestion charges. I would have loved to have an electric only car but there are a couple of limitations; the maximum range is 200 miles (we climb in Scotland and Cornwall) and the charge can be quite long 3-8 hours. A lot of manufacturers have a 'fast' charge time - when I purchased my car, I found out that it wasn't possible to have a fast charger at my address as the local electric circuit can't supply the required voltage - therefore if you are considering an electric only car please talk to the charge point installers first to see if you can get a fast charger. Electric only cars with longer ranges tend to be slightly more expensive as well:

Porsche Taycan, Tesla Model 3 (has a 400 mile range version), Nissan Leaf (cheapest but the shortest range)

I would highly recommend looking at either an electric or plug-in hybrid for use locally, they are cheaper to run, 4-5p per mile for electric only vs 9-10p for a petrol car and they are very quiet, personally I would very much like to see motorbikes moved to electric only in the national parks

I'm happy for anyone who would like more information to contact me.

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Peter's Page

News from Derbyshire Dales District Council

The very first thing I want to say is a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers in the village, who have played such a magnificent part in supporting Grindleford through the Coronavirus crisis. These days it is so easy to turn to the Council, or the Government, and demand help; but here we have fantastic residents who didn't wait to be asked or start to complain, they just DID. Being 'vulnerable' myself, I was able to witness at first hand the generosity of spirit and practical assistance with shopping and prescriptions. And the photos and flyover, which brought a bit of fun and delight to otherwise difficult and frustrating times. I can honestly say I don't know what we would have done without you all.

A big thanks as well to our children, who have coped so well with the playground being out of bounds and being cooped up at home. Not a hint of trouble, and some inspiring pictures in the windows. And what a great idea by parents to use tents as temporary classrooms, so as many children as possible have been able to return safely to school.

You can imagine that life at the Council has been very different too. Staff, most of whom have been working from home, have prioritised support for local businesses, with over £30 million worth of emergency grants being handed out. We have also made sure that no-one has to sleep rough on the streets, which is a small scale but nevertheless serious issue in Matlock.

I'm sure everyone is aware of the issues that large numbers of visitors to Padley Gorge and Burbage have brought, and the same has been true in Hathersage. Interestingly Eyam has stayed more or less 'shut', and seems to have had far fewer problems. I have been trying to persuade the Council to make disposable BBQ's illegal to use in the open countryside, but it can be difficult to convince some of my colleagues of the problems they cause in the National Park.

Obviously people are wary of using public transport, but both Stagecoach and Hulley's have gone to great lengths to make sure their buses are safe. The 65 is now back to its normal timetable, but Hulley's 275 (to Bakewell and Hathersage) have an emergency one – details are on the Mount Pleasant bus shelters.

Away from Coronavirus, I formally asked the District Council to stop using glyphosate based chemicals in their weedkillers. The World Health Organisation has concluded that glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic", and it seems immoral to me to put our children's lives at risk when there are safer alternatives. Unfortunately, by one vote, the Council did not support me (I won't say which Party voted against!), though it has been referred to a Committee for further consideration so perhaps all is not lost.

It's been great to see local families, as well as visitors, enjoying the river during the good weather – in spite of the notices. And I haven't forgotten the deer problem, which seems to be getting worse each year. I plan to organise a meeting on this in the next month or so, when I can find the safest way to do this.

Finally, don't forget that we have a Local Projects Fund, which can give small grants to local community organisations, to help them with equipment or new initiatives. Either look on the DDDC website or contact me for details.

Continue to stay safe

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Editors update

Little did we think, when we volunteered to take on the editorship of that Grindleford News, that we would have to put together our first edition whilst socially distancing. We were certainly glad to find that we could produce a paper copy and relieved that Grindleford residents, of all ages, are very resourceful and have carried on a range of activities during the lockdown AND have been prepared to write about them.

About your new editors:

Colleen writes: My connection to the village started when I met my partner, Andy, who established his furniture making business here in 1980. With the support of our, then, District Councillor, Graham Massey, and the Parish Council, we got planning permission to build a house behind the workshop and have lived here since 1992. Having retired from teaching English at Highfields School, Matlock, I'm now enjoying having a (virtually) weed free allotment.



Diane writes: I am a lifelong resident and love living here and now more than ever really appreciate being in such a lovely village and the network of footpaths that can be easily accessed.

During the Lockdown we enjoyed seeing both the 'vintage' photos and the memories they provoked. We wondered whether we could get some of our longest residents to write pieces on the village and how it has changed over the course their time here.

Likewise, following the recent report on the death of Kay Beeston and this edition's reporting of Laura and Nathan's wedding, we thought a births, deaths and marriages section may be of interest to villagers even though it will always be slightly out of date.

SO... if you have any items for inclusion, thoughts about new ideas or changes, please email us or leave a message in the Shop. We are happy to write the articles from information supplied.

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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

If you are new to the village 'welcome' and we have a dedicated section with information: <http://www.grindleford.com/welcome-to-grindleford/>

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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Baslow and Eyam Prescription Collection Service

The volunteers who have collected prescriptions during lockdown are keen to keep a system going where we don't all get in our cars and drive a few miles to pick up individual collections. It will be so easy to slip back into our bad old ways, if you get regular or occasional prescriptions and would be prepared to work with them to reduce car emissions in this straightforward way it would be wonderful.

You are not committing to anything by joining the group but we would like to see what interest and scope there may be.

Please join the WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LBwj8nhpDyLAItUvu6NoUL>

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.

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