

THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

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BISHOP PAVILION & BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

Playing Field Funding

We suspect that there are many people in the village that think the Playing Fields and Bishop Pavilion receive ongoing funding from the Council as a service for paying their rates. This is absolutely not the case. The Playing Fields and facilities are held in trust for the village, but has to raise its own funds for the running of all of its facilities and raise further funds for major redevelopment or refurbishment projects.

Much of our income arises from the rents user groups pay for using the facilities. This does not cover all of the costs and the balance has to be made up by extra fundraising activities. As you can imagine income from user groups has been greatly reduced during the Covid restrictions. Once nearer normal activities resume it is important that you support and use the Pavilion and Playing Field facilities. If you don't there will be insufficient income and the facilities won't survive.

We have heard criticism that the funds which were spent on the Youth Club Extension project should have been spent on a range of other potential projects. The fact is that the majority of the funds raised were from the sale of the old Youth Club building and that money had to be spent specifically on a building project to expand the Pavilion to accommodate



By the way, did anyone notice the flowers?

Youth Club activities. Additional money was raised to ensure the facilities were completed in a way which made those facilities beneficial to a wider range of user groups, as well as completing the overall project satisfactorily. We are convinced we have delivered this successfully.

The National Lottery Project was launched because the replacement of the original roof was becoming extremely urgent. The major elements for this project are now largely complete.

It is important that we maintain focus on a few key projects in order to get them done successfully before tackling further items on our wish list - even though there are many of those.

If you would like to contribute funding, go to the grindleford.com website, Bishop Pavilion and Playing Fields page, where you can follow the guidance to donate to our funds. Alternatively talk to a member of the playing fields management committee.

Next Project - Play Area

The children's play area has developed a number of defects, some minor some major, making it necessary to close the area off until those defects are corrected and pass inspection for safe use - and to satisfy our insurers. Remedial work is underway and the inspection is due in September. The rocking horse is a bigger challenge so will remain out of operation for a while longer.



We have insurance money from the demise of the old rocking Elephant and are in a position to place the order to install instead a brand new 'Gravity Bowl'. A survey amongst young users favoured this type of equipment. However the installation will now be delayed until the Village is consulted as below.

Much of the play equipment is now quite old and the whole play area would benefit from a more far reaching development. These has been wider discussion on the village Facebook page about this topic and the nucleus of a group who would seek to take this forward is taking shape. Bev Shephard has volunteered to coordinate this group. Their first challenge of course is to raise further funding to progress this as a project. Please give them your support.

We have many future potential projects in our sights beyond the play area. Hopefully the next one is the MUGA!



National Lottery Project

We have made excellent progress on the project funded by **The National Lottery Community Fund: Securing Dry**

Accommodation for Indoor Activities and Maximising Inclusivity for those Activities.

The re-roofing has been undertaken, the Hearing Loop is installed and the Pavilion front steps have been re-built to a much gentler gradient, just awaiting handrails to complete.



Platform Lift Operational

The external Platform lift has been commissioned and is operational. The completion of this work makes the Pavilion Fully Accessible.



Facilities Use During Coronavirus

Pre-school are using the Pavilion and a number of Cricket matches have taken place.

In the next phase, once Government guidelines allow, we plan to encourage use by a larger number of user groups. This brings several new challenges and the following summarises some of the extra measures which will need to be followed:

For the Pavilion:

- Regular hand washing / use of hand sanitiser
- Extra cleaning of surfaces, touch points and any used crockery / utensils / equipment by each user group
- Each group to assess how they can fulfil social distancing guidelines

For the users of Playground Equipment, when open, there will be an onus to clean / sanitise and maintain social distancing. Parents will need to care for and supervise children accordingly.

We all need to learn to live with the consequences of this virus. In turn this means extra effort by us all to allow nearer normal life to go on.

In all cases anybody experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should stay away and isolate at home.

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.

A number of existing members of the 200 Club have traditionally paid their subscription by cash. This is being phased out and to date a number of such members have transferred to Standing Order payments. If you are a cash payer and have not transferred to standing order please contact Joy Benn for the bank details required to set up an SO. If you are unable to do this online then a mandate form can be supplied to be completed and sent to your bank. Contact Joy Benn (01433630221).

**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

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Church services restarting

The church reopened for services on Sunday 27th September for a mid-afternoon service of Holy Communion. The next services are:

- Oct 4th 12 midday: Harvest Festival - an outdoor family service during which we will be collecting donations of food and toiletries for the High Peak Foodbank
- Oct 11th, 18th, 25th: Evening Prayer at 3pm
- Nov 1st: Holy Communion at 3pm
- Nov 8th: Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 10.45am (there will be no prior service at the church)

At the moment, people will need to book to go to the indoor services on 11th, 18th, 25th Oct, and 1st Nov by contacting Lynne Hawksworth on lm.hawksworth@btinternet.com, or 01433 631372. We will be following the latest Government and Church of England guidelines and face masks will need to be worn inside the church building.

Private prayer times changed

As church services will now be taking place at the time we had been open for private prayer, we have changed the time for private prayer to Wednesdays during shop opening hours. This will be unsupervised and it is important that people coming into the church adhere to government guidelines: sanitise your hands, wear a mask, and keep your distance from others. There will be notices clearly explaining what is required to keep this time and space safe for all.



New Vicar

The Venerable Dr Paul Moore, previously Archdeacon in the Winchester Diocese, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Hathersage with Bamford & Derwent and Grindleford, Diocese of Derby. He will be licensed online via Zoom on Mon 9th Nov, and his first services will take place on Sunday 15th Nov (details to follow).

Paul has a passion for mission and comes to us with a wealth of experience in developing and growing churches through reaching out to families, youth and older people. Together with his wife Lucy, who started the first Messy Church and now works full time as Team Leader of the international Messy Church movement, they have seen significant growth in the number of children and adults who were previously not connected with any church.

As the Archdeacon for Ministry Development in the Diocese of Winchester he had the considerable task of developing a Mission for the whole Diocese. This experience will enable him to translate and develop the mission of 'Growing in Faith' in the Hope Valley, while helping to bring greater relevance and connection between our churches and the communities in which we live. Through his experience of working in schools, Paul is fully aware of the demands and the challenge that our schools, the parents and the pupils face. On his visit to us he showed great enthusiasm about developing stronger links with our schools, their pupils and families.

Paul and Lucy have two grown-up children, and a small but feisty dog called Minnie.

The Nativity Window

The private prayer sessions on Sunday afternoons gave me a chance to contemplate and examine the stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel. The larger one is the Nativity window and I thought that I'd highlight it here as this is the last GN before the New Year, so I have to get my Christmas contribution in here.



The window was commissioned in memory of Colonel Robert Athorpe of Leam Hall and Grace Shuttleworth his eldest daughter, who died in 1912 and 1908, respectively. It was painted by Arthur Anselm Orr of Harrow on the Hill (denoted by the word *pinxit* underneath his name on a glass fragment at the bottom right). I was struck by several things when having the time to look properly at it in the cool silence of the Lady Chapel.

The angels above the Holy Family all have symbols of the Christian faith. From left to right they are: holding a bunch of lilies (a symbol of purity associated with the Virgin Mary), a crown (symbol of divine sovereignty), straight trumpets (blown to announce the Last Judgement and on the Day of Wrath), and the Star of Bethlehem whose radiant beam passes down through the lower parts of the window to the baby Jesus' head; praying; and holding the Cross of the Crucifixion. The angels all have red wings, and the ones with

heads only are Seraphim, the top class of angels who surround God in perpetual adoration in heaven. The others are lower orders of angels.

The man in the red cloak in the centre is Joseph who is holding a lamp, which may be a reference to Jesus being the Light of the World. In the background are two Middle Eastern cities, possibly Bethlehem on the left, and Jerusalem on the right with its large gate: this is probably the Jaffa Gate because of its prominent towers, although it was built in 1898 well after Jesus was born (Jesus would have used the Eastern, or Golden, Gate, which was blocked up when our stained glass window was painted). I was also amused to see pairs of feet at the top of each of the side panels, dangling from the angels in the windows above. Please go in, smile, and admire it.

James Allen

Arthur Shatwell 1932-2020

Arthur was born in Buxton. Leaving school at 14, he worked at ICI until he joined the army at the age of 18, stationed for 2 years in Hong Kong. On his return, he worked as a lorry driver for Ferodo, Beswicks Lime and finally as a weighbridge clerk for Tarmac at the Topley Pike Quarry. He worked there for 14 years, retiring on heath grounds after triple by-pass surgery.

Arthur married his wife Margaret in 1959 and they spent 61 years together until Margaret's death in 2019. They spent a large part of their married life in Buxton but lived in Grindleford for the last 20 years.

Arthur's great love was that of brass bands. He played the euphonium for many different bands including Harper Hill, Burbage, Cressbrook and Tideswell.



In later years Arthur's hobby was gardening and even in old age he could be found pottering in his greenhouse. When his granddaughter was 2 he spent time with her planting over 200 different bulbs!

He could also be found on the sideline watching his grandson play football and was well-known in Grindleford for his support of both the junior and senior football teams here. In recognition of this fact, the teams presented him with a tankard on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



It was only in the last few years that he stopped driving and, although he was no longer able to visit the local pub, he could still be found in the company of his neighbours enjoying a drink. Right to the end, after his diagnosis of cancer, he maintained his sense of humour and even enjoyed a last tipple of whisky the day before he died.

He leaves his daughter, Cheryl, son-in-law Alan, and grandchildren Kelise and Connor.

Steve Benn writes:

Arthur enjoyed watching Grindleford sport especially football. My son James remembers Arthur watching the U14s and it was about this time, 1998-2000, that Arthur started watching the Senior football team. From then on Arthur was a full time supporter, home and away and didn't let the weather put him off. If we ever turned up at a game without Arthur, the opposition would want to know where he was!

Arthur was enthusiastic about seeing the local children develop through the Juniors into the Senior side and would always press the managers to include them. Arthur continued to watch GFC until a few years ago. He is fondly remembered by the club.

The editors would like to thank the Shatwell family for sharing details from their eulogy for Arthur.

Handmade Masks for sale in the Village shop

Grindleford Sewing group (we need a more imaginative name ... any suggestions... sewers didn't sound quite right!)



A big thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts by buying our hand-made face-coverings, still available at the village shop. So far we have raised nearly £1000 for the Jigsaw Foodbank based in Matlock, which is doing an amazing job providing essential food and other items for struggling families in our area. The shop is also collecting food donations, thanks to Nina Blackwood.

A team of us (a sadly distanced sewing group) has moved on from sewing scrubs to making masks, mainly from donated cotton fabric (thanks Mary Wren) and there has been a fantastic supply of various styles and sizes, including smaller ones suitable for children.

We are all very keen to reduce waste, especially single-use plastic and this is a good, economical alternative to those plastic, disposable ones. Ours are not designed to be medical grade. Fabric masks should be washed regularly in a normal wash cycle and hopefully will last as long as they are required... who knows how long that will be.

We ask for £5 per mask (£4 for children's) and all proceeds go to the charity. If anyone has any unused offcuts of good cotton fabric we can use, please get in touch. Similarly if anyone fancies having a go at making some for the fundraising effort, let us know. One day sometime, we will be able to meet to do sewing together.

Hilary, Pat, Deborah, Liz, Kelly, Mary, Sarah, Veronica, Gillian, Adrienne

Contact: maldenhilary@gmail.com

Jigsaw foodbank continues to run throughout lockdown supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. We have also scaled up our operation in response to the increasing need due to Covid-19. Our foodbank operates on a referral only basis, but if you are in need of help from the foodbank then please do one of the following:

- Call CAB Advice Line on 0300 456 8390 Open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm
- Call Matlock Job Centre on (01629) 773023 Open Monday to Friday 9:30am (10am Wed) to 5.00pm
- Email Jackie Hughes at jigsan@churchinthepeak.org

POPPY APPEAL 2020

Unfortunately, this year due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to carry out a house to house poppy appeal.

There will however, be boxes in the local businesses that are happy to have them.

Thanks
Jackie

Grindleford

Horticultural Society

Sadly our 70th annual show had to be postponed until next year, but many gardens in the village have looked splendid!

We were unable to award our usual trophies and medals and trust people will keep last year's safe until next summer. However the committee decided to honour one of our members with the Banksian medal from the Royal Horticultural Society. We chose to award this to Elaine Hutchinson who has been a stalwart committee member of the society for many years, working knowledgeably and quietly to ensure the smooth running of our society and most especially the show. We agreed that Elaine deserves that extra bit of recognition, the photo shows our secretary, Sue Green, making the presentation to Elaine.

Regrettably GHS has been unable to host many of its talks this year and given current guidelines it seems unlikely that we will be hosting meetings this year.

Our newsletters have been circulated to members with advice, information and quizzes
We are hoping that we will be able to put together a programme of talks for next year.

Enjoy your harvests!

Kay Allinson and David Jackson



FREE HERBS AT THE COMMUNITY SHOP!

At the beginning of lockdown we emptied the planters of the spring bulbs and replaced them with a selection of herbs. Some were shared by local gardeners and others were donated by a very friendly nursery in Glasgow! We planted them to make the area at the entrance to the shop look nice and smell 'herby' while customers waited outside following Covid 19 guidelines. Herbs are also a magnet for lots of insects which always need our help. The herbs have grown really well. They will soon need to be cut back before they over-winter so please come and cut some to take away.

Thanks for reading, Deborah Wright and Paul Thorpe

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Allotments

It has been a very mixed year for the allotments. The beautiful warm dry Spring dried out allotments that had been submerged in the winter floods and meant people were tempted to plant things out early, only to be hit by a very heavy late frost (-5 C). The vines were badly hit and the crop will be small this year.

On top of this we had the Covid lockdown. This meant for some people more time to spend on their allotments and many of them looked better than ever. Others, in more vulnerable groups, were more wary about going out and some health professionals were busy elsewhere. We were very lucky to have had a safe open space to escape to during lockdown.

A warm wet summer proved great for growing courgettes and beans with allotment holders pressing these on passing members of the village. Some in the village may have been hiding for fear of being pressed to take yet another courgette or marrow.

A big success is that we have had no problems from deer this year since we erected the deer fencing. Unfortunately, we have not been so successful with keeping out human vandals. Sections of deer fencing were cut or removed and several allotments trashed. It is very dispiriting when one has put in hours of work to find one's crops ripped up and thrown about. The damage centred on the orchard and play area and we suspect that bored teenagers were to blame. The area was created as an amenity for the village and we enjoy seeing the children playing there. The swing was also vandalised and it is disappointing that a small number of youngsters spoil everything for the rest.

We know it has been a difficult Summer for young people and we would like them to feel welcome at the allotments. We are planning to do work to improve the area and it would be great if some of the young people from the village could help us with this.



A Butterfly Allotment ..

Seeing Grindleford's impressive allotment site when I recently moved into the village reminded me of my days as a child gardener in the late 1940s.

This was in the early years of moving to Riber Terrace in Chesterfield. I was possibly seven or eight years old and prior to starting my 'further afield adventuring'. We had a small concrete yard and outside toilet to the front, facing Minimum Terrace, but at the back was a slightly larger space, possibly about 40 feet by 20 feet, leading to the line of tall poplar trees that separated Riber Terrace from Boythorpe Avenue, and thence to the William Rhodes School and grounds beyond. Planting this patch of ground to my own design became my 'project', fired primarily by an early enthusiasm and fascination for butterflies and their caterpillar 'offspring'.

It was here that I produced my own version of the currently fashionable 'Butterfly Garden'; funded in no small part by the sale of multi-coloured mice (bred accidentally as a result of my pet white mice inter-breeding with the wild brown variety that found their way into our home) to Morris's pet shop in the Shambles, the proceeds of which would immediately become invested in packets of seed and spring bulbs.

As a concession to my mother and grandmother for allowing me carte blanche with my own garden policy, I grew potatoes, carrots, turnips, garden peas, etc. to furnish the family dinner table; these in addition to my 'pride of place' caterpillar blooms, and the versatile cabbage plants which covered both bases, being wonderful for caterpillars and edible too of course. But as I wasn't too keen on cabbage on my dinner plate I of course encouraged the caterpillars in their voracious endeavours until there were more holes in the plants than actual plant matter remaining. Amongst the flowers and plants that I grew and encouraged were nasturtiums, sweet peas, wallflowers, hollyhocks, asters, michaelmas daisies, chrysanthemums, mint, forget-me-not, primulas, runner beans, marigolds, sunflowers, london pride and of course a buddleia bush. But far and away the most prolific for caterpillar occupation were the cabbages and nasturtiums, and the butterflies that I attracted via these various blooms were to include Large and Small Whites, Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Peacock, Brimstone, Comma, Painted Lady, and numerous day-flying Moths as a bonus. I gained almost as much pleasure from purchasing, shaking the contents, ripping open the packet and spreading the seeds in carefully drilled and excavated holes in the worm rich soil as I did from checking their progress every day and viewing the end product. The pictures on the packets themselves were so enticing, alluring and wondrous to behold, foretelling of the ongoing adventure (with no absolute certainty of a successful conclusion) of observing the progress from seed to colourful bloom. This in very much the same way that the cigarette packets of the time were so vivid and collectable (so much so that one would risk dreadful terminal infections by picking discarded ones up off the floor), and the cardboard boxes that contained one's very first set of Meccano, or the exciting initiation into the world of Hornby Dublo Train Sets, with the iconic A4 or Duchess, so pleasing to the eye of an already experienced trainspotter.

I was also keen to attract birds to my Allotment / Nature Reserve, but of course the myriad assortment of bird seeds, fats and feeders were not yet available in the shops and garden centres as they are today, and so I had to be content with scattering bread and hanging the odd coconut to the back door crab apple tree. The only birds that I can remember attracting at the time were House Sparrows, Dunnocks, Starlings, Magpies, Greenfinches, Blue Tits and Great Tits. House Sparrows and Starlings were still, in the Forties and Fifties, common in urban areas due to a general lack of public cleanliness and the consequent availability of uncleared waste food (compared to today's tidy but somewhat sterile environment). The attitude to these then prolific, and primarily urban, birds was also somewhat more tolerant regarding their nesting habits on and around the eaves of our dwelling places. Despite my memory beginning to fail me regarding many of my past experiences I still have excellent recall for this period of my



childhood, and I can explicitly remember digging up the ‘King Edwards’ and dining on them on Sundays, feasting my eyes on the riot of colour produced by the sweet peas, and nurturing the green caterpillars through to maturity as Small or Large Whites (or ‘Cabbage Whites’ as they were ubiquitously known at the time); thus proving the veracity of my memory and confirmation of the sweat and toil that I must have invested in the project. Not to mention the assistance of the seven days a week sunshine that was permanently ‘on tap’ in those long lost summer days .. wasn’t it ?

David McPhie

Yellow Dog

Over the past months there have been a few unprovoked dog-on-dog attacks (including on mine) around the Village, resulting in some serious injuries. Several have required Vet and medical treatment and one attack has involved the Police. Consequently, it seems a good time to remind ourselves of the Dog Walking Code and the use of yellow as a warning.

The primary requirement for us all to feel safe and to enjoy walking with our pooches is to keep our dogs under control at all times, both on and off the lead. Behaving responsibly is key to feeling at ease; if approaching dogs are restrained, we must put ours on the lead. If we’re near livestock, control is essential. Please remember any attack is not the dogs’ fault but the owners!

There is a further, very important consideration; if you see a dog with any yellow kit – be it a ribbon, bandana, coat, harness, collar or lead etc., this is sending you an imperative message that the dog is vulnerable. It might be post-operative, a rescue, old, arthritic, nervous, shy, a bitch in heat or may have had a bad experience with other dogs. A yellow marker means a dog needs space and we must not allow our dogs to approach these vulnerable canines (www.yellowdoguk.co.uk).

Apart from the crucial bagging and taking home our dog waste when out and about, let’s make sure our dogs have the obligatory collar and ID tag and that the microchip data is current.

I’m sure the words ‘compensation culture’ unnerve us all, but it is worth considering public liability as dog owners, either via pet insurance, stand-alone cover or through household insurance. Given the volume and speed of some of the traffic through our extended village, any unrestrained dog is constantly at risk.

Dogs’ safety, comfort, welfare, happiness and security is entirely dependent on us.... Happy dog walking!

Hilary Hart



Hello!

We hope everyone is well and managing the new 'normal' we find ourselves in.

Since the last newsletter playgroup partially reopened on June 29th for a small number of children. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome some of our families and we enjoyed three fantastic weeks of outdoor adventures and sunshine.

The end of term came too quickly and as we closed for the long summer holiday it was sad to think that those children who left us this year had missed out on their knighting ceremony and presentation. We hope there will be an opportunity to say a proper goodbye to the children one day in the future.



We reopened again on the 7th September, welcoming back familiar faces and some new friends ready for a year of fun and adventure.

Everyone has settled in seamlessly, like we'd never been away and it is wonderful to see the excitement of the children as they play and explore.

Our fantastic team have worked hard to put all the practical measures in place and to ensure the children feel happy and secure.



We returned to a very busy allotment, ready for some TLC. On our first week back, we dealt with all of the weeds that had appeared and dug up the potatoes that we planted before lockdown. It was good to see the new gardening tools and buckets purchased with Derbyshire Dales Local project fund back in use too.



We also have some very important thank yous!

Firstly, thank you to everyone who donated to our Crowdfunding page. We raised a whopping £1,720 which helped us with the budget shortfall as a result of lost revenue and fundraising events. It was a wonderful reminder of how generous our supporters can be.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our recent clothing collection scheme. We managed to raise an amazing £224.40 for playgroup!



Following on from this success, we have committed to continuing collecting clothes. We now have a box situated within playgroup to fill up, so if you are due a clear out please think of us! Clothes can be bought to the pavilion or email gepsupervisor@hotmail.com to arrange collection.

Please can I also remind you that we have now finished collecting crisps packets, our new scheme is printer cartridges so if you have any around please save them for us.

GRINDLEFORD



Hello Grindleford,

With Coronavirus soon hitting the world early this year, Grindleford Rainbows was soon cancelled for face-to-face meetings during March as the country went into lockdown. It was a very sad time for us as a few Rainbows missed out on their pot of gold parties and moving on to the next stage of their guiding journey, Brownies.

To continue with our meetings, we did fun activities over Zoom (nations reliable video service) and had a laugh whilst the girls got to see their friends who they were no longer able to play with at Rainbows. With the new school term beginning and children getting back into routines, Rainbows is looking for some new girls to join our family. For the foreseeable future, we will continue meetings via Zoom until we can meet again.

For anyone who is interested, please feel free to message or email me!

Many thanks,

Chloe (Rainbow leader)

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Grindleford Prescription Collection Service

The service started at the beginning of lockdown in March but our volunteers are still collecting and delivering prescriptions from Eyam and Baslow Surgeries. The system has changed now in line with the demand but prescriptions are collected and delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This service is available for our vulnerable and shielding residents and if you would like your prescription delivered this way just make sure your surgery is aware as the previously advertised mobile number will not be in use from the end of October.

If anyone would like to join the group of volunteers either on a regular day or ad hoc basis please email the editors and we will pass on your details.

GRINDLEFORD COLLEGE

1910 – c.1951



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The College is the building behind, and to the left of St Helen's Church, probably taken soon after they were built, circa 1910.
Can I see some builders' rubble still lying around the College?

Following on from a thread in the village Facebook page started by Niola Platts, Rosemary Lockie investigated further. (Rosemary was born at Goatscliffe, Grindleford, and may be better known to some as Rosemary Goddard. She has some 40 years' experience of Family, and Local History research.)

“Grindleford College” always fascinated me as a child - the very idea that a sleepy little village, that few outside the immediate area may have heard of, had a school, which had the temerity to bill itself as a “College” gave it an ambience all its own to my innocent mind. But wait... perhaps there was more to it after all, and to that end, I began researching it some years ago, and was surprised to find more references to it online than I expected.

In the past few weeks I have researched it more vigorously, uncovering a wealth of material in old Newspapers, and in sources available for Family History research.

The Head Teachers were certainly a colourful lot! Amongst them were a respected author, a reluctant Bishop, a speeding Headmistress, and a famous Cricketer! And amongst its pupils were the son of the first headmaster, Robert PLATT (1900-1978), who in 1967 was invested as Baron Platt of Grindleford, and, during the Second World War, Philip, Lord MORRIS, of Kenwood (1928-2004).

William and Susan Platt (1910-19)

On the 15th of July 1910, the "Belper News and Derbyshire Telephone" announced that:

“...a Home School on modern and ideal lines, is about to be opened at Grindleford, in the Peak moorland district. This new venture is being undertaken by Mr. William Platt, poet and essay writer, who has ever shown his great interest in the welfare of children. He will be ably assisted by his wife, well known to educationalists as the first woman ever appointed by the Board of Education to inspect schools.”

William was born in London, where in 1901 he was recorded as a "Romance Writer and Essayist", and (possibly as his "day job!"), a Woollens Drapers Manager. Susan had obtained the qualification of "LLA" (Lady Literature in Arts) from St Andrew's University in Scotland in 1881, beginning her teaching career in London shortly after. So when they opened the school, she would have had some 30 years' teaching experience.

William was also highly regarded in literary circles, and during his lifetime published several books. At the time of writing, I discovered a signed limited edition of what was adjudged as his best work. "Drama of Life" - a sequence of sonnets - for sale on eBay for the princely sum of £170.00!

We think the College was referred to as a "Home School" in the newspaper article, as it was also William's home. This was a common enough occurrence at the time, when small private schools often began in someone's home. So one can imagine William and Susan arranging their home to be built - coincidentally, or otherwise - around the same time as **St Helen's Church**. It is interesting to speculate the reaction of our villagers to the two new buildings that appeared, on what was previously open farmland!

In 1919, the Platts sold the School to the **Theosophical Trust**. The "*Sheffield Daily Independent*" newspaper of June 9th 1919 records the Trust as "a public body which already manages several up-to-date schools", and that "Mr. and Mrs. Platt are returning to London, where they intend to continue literary and educational work".

Frank Waters Pigott (1919-1922)

The newspaper article also revealed the Reverend F.W. PIGOTT, M.A. (Oxon) of *The Vicarage*, Buckingham, had been appointed as headmaster. He also had previous experience as a teacher, as in 1901 he was a Tutor at a Private School in Forest Row, Sussex. He had qualified as a Clerk in Holy Orders, but joined the Theosophical Society in 1909, so as a teacher, and member of the Society, he may have been their obvious choice for taking over their School.

In 1922, however the Society sold the school, and Pigott was transferred to St Christopher's School, in Letchworth, Hertfordshire - St Christopher's still exists today, described in its **Wikipedia** article as "*a long-time proponent of progressive education*", and

"noted for a lack of any formal school uniform and the freedom and encouragement to address teachers by their first names. The school has entirely vegetarian diet for both boarders and day pupils (a condition of receiving initial sponsorship from the Theosophical Society)".

Theosophical ideals may not have gone down too well in Grindleford, and from the above description, one can well understand why! Pigott, however was only to serve at St Christopher's for a year, when he was nominated for the bishopric of the **Liberal Catholic Church** in England. He accepted the post, somewhat reluctantly, it appears, and was to serve until his death in 1956.

Harry and Ella Winifred Phibbs (1922-1935)

The Theosophical Trust sold the school to Mr. Harry PHIBBS, and his wife Ella Winifred. Harry had qualified as an architect, whilst Mrs Phibbs, formerly Ella Winifred DOUGLAS, held the qualification of B.A. In the Irish Census of 1911, they were living in Brighton Gardens, Dublin, where Harry was employed as a Valuer and Surveyor in the Civil Service. They took over the Home School in Grindleford in time for the autumn term of 1922, as recorded in an advertisement in the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* of July 1st 1922 announcing that

GRINDLEFORD SCHOOL, DERBYSHIRE had been acquired from the Theosophical Education Trust by Mr. H. PHIBBS, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., and Mrs H. PHIBBS, B.A. offering

[A] Montessori Department - Varied Craft Work - Preparations for Matriculation, etc. - courses for Specialising in Art - Modern Languages - Music - Home-craft, etc. And Nine Acres of Grounds.

By 1923, their advert included the phrase "**This School has no longer any connection with the Theosophical Trust**", which possibly sums up the lack of support the Society's School may have had in the area! And in a newspaper published in January 1924, we found the first reference to the school referred to as "**The College**".

The impression I have gained, from a study of news articles and advertisements for the school is that the "Phibbs Years" - the inter-war years - were a heady period for the College, both for pupils, and for the village. There are many newspaper reports describing pupils' successes, academically, and in sport, and almost as many describing activities at the School which members of the village also took part in.

Sadly, Harry Phibbs passed away in 1926 at a young age of 46, but Mrs. Phibbs continued to run the school by herself. She was placing advertisements on a regular basis for the College - usually in Sheffield newspapers, and by 1928, the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* of 4th August that year tells us the school by then had a swimming pool. It was also advertised as being recognised by the Board of Education, having “*excellent Examination Results, and a Splendid Health Record*”.

However all was not sweetness and light in the Phibbs household. The *Matlock Mercury*, on 12th October 1934 reported that John Douglas Phibbs and Mrs Ella Winifred Phibbs of “*The College, Grindleford, near Sheffield*”, were both fined for negligent driving, and “*the male defendant*” was also fined 10 shillings (50 pence) “*for using a car without efficient brakes; and for permitting this offence*”. One wonders... was her son John perhaps teaching his mother to drive?

In April 1935, the College Grounds were used for George V’s Silver Jubilee Celebrations. This grand celebration was apparently to be Mrs Phibbs’ “Swan Song”, as the College was closed, and an Auction took place of its Contents shortly after. The items offered for sale give a measure of the size of the school at this time. There were, amongst other items, 19 School Desks, 10 Pitch Pine Tables, 20 Folding Garden Chairs - an Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner - 4 Upright Pianofortes, by Wilson Peck, and others - 2 Sewing Machines - 50 Oak and Black Enamel Single Bedsteads and Mattresses, and a Large Quantity of Bed Linen. Lawn Mowers, Rollers, Joiners’ Tools, and a Lathe were also to be sold.

By 1939, Mrs. Phibbs had moved to London, describing herself as “Principal of Boarding School (Ret’d)”, then in February 1953, she emigrated to Queensland, where her death was recorded in June the same year. The most probable explanation for her emigration is that she went to live with her son, John Douglas Phibbs (b.1916), who records suggest was already living in Australia.

Basil Jordain Ward (1935-1938)

Taking on what was probably an empty school, devoid of desks, beds, and bedding must have been a daunting prospect for the next Headmaster, Mr. Basil J. Ward! But that doesn’t appear to have stopped him placing an advert for the College, due to be re-opened “*next September*” in the *Derbyshire Times* of 5th July 1935! The school would be split into “Preparatory”, admitting boys and girls 5 to 12 years, to be prepared for Common Entrance and Scholarship to Public Schools; and a Senior School, where boys only would be prepared for “*School Certificate Matriculation, College of Preceptors, Civil Service, etc.*” Accommodation would be available for Boarders, Weekly Boarders, and Day Pupils, and interested Parents and Guardians were invited to attend a Meeting at the College on Thursday July 11th at 8 p.m. “*when the new policy will be outlined*”.

Reading between the lines, however, Ward’s incumbency may have been quite a “spartan” time for the school, as unlike during the “Phibbs’ Years” there appear to have been very few newspaper reports of its doings.

Basil himself, however, before becoming a teacher, gained sufficient notoriety as a Cricketer to be amongst those awarded honours for their career playing for Trinity College, Dublin. In his final year, 1920, he played in minor matches against the University of Cambridge, and **Derbyshire** teams.

In 1922, he gained the qualification of LL.B (Bachelor of Law), thereafter moving to London, to take up a teaching career. In 1930, Electoral Registers reveal he and his wife (Esme Eleanor Queenie, formerly O’Shea) were living at Ongar School. It is interesting to speculate what brought him to Grindleford, as in 1939, he was back in London, living at 5 Holders Hill Avenue, Hendon, and again, a schoolteacher. He passed away in London in 1972, at the age of 82.

Hedley Abson (1938-c.1951)

The College’s last Headmaster, Hedley Abson, also appears to have had problems in taking over the school from Basil Ward. A newspaper report in the *Sheffield Telegraph and Daily Independent* of May 10th 1939, of a court case involving a dispute with a former teacher, quotes him as saying he was “*taking on more or less a gamble in re-starting the place*”.

A gamble, perhaps, but it does appear to have paid off! Mr. Abson and his wife Ida, ran the school successfully throughout the War years, and for a few years after. Their advertisement, in 1939, was for a Boarding and Day School for children 5 to 18 years old with a full-time Teaching Staff, all of whom had a degree from Cambridge, London or Sheffield. Preparation for School Certificate and Higher School Certificate was on offer, and Private Tuition up to Degree standard could be arranged. Hedley himself had an M.A. from Cambridge, a M.Sc., and Bachelor of Commerce. Quality will Out!

Thus we reach a time of living memory, for many members of the village, and therefore a good time for me to conclude this account, and pass the baton to those better qualified to take this project forward!

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Rosemary Lockie, September 2020

Peter's Page

News from Derbyshire Dales District Council

Some quite good and even better news on the environmental front.



I took a proposal to the Council that they introduce measures to make it illegal for people to use barbecues on our vulnerable open moorlands. This was in response to the spate of wildfires this summer, which have destroyed valuable peat lands and natural habitats. My proposal was supported by Labour, Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Councillors, but not by the Majority Group - who thought it would be expensive to enforce. However it was agreed to hold discussions with the National Park, the Police and other partners, to see if there are better alternatives, so we should be pleased with this outcome.

On a even more positive note, the Council has now agreed to review the way in which it cuts grass verges, so as to encourage biodiversity - meaning a greater variety of plant and insect species. And in October, we will hear the outcome of the trials they have been undertaking to stop or at least reduce the use of glyphosate in weed-killers; this follows my proposal earlier this year. These are small but important steps forward by the Council, and I am grateful for all the support I receive from local residents, it really does make a difference.

Everyone should by now have received information on the new charge for emptying our green garden refuse bins; if we pay before 31 January 2021 it's £35, after then it's £50. The charge was agreed before I was elected, and I hope it doesn't lead to more fly tipping.

The use by contractors of the former sidings at the train station continues to cause annoyance and disturbance to nearby residents. For some reason Network Rail are exempt from most planning and environmental health regulations. However with the support of Council officers, the Parish Council and our MP, we are keeping the pressure on them and at the very least we want to be able to have a meeting to find a long term and sustainable solution.

Most of my work on affordable housing is focussed in Hathersage and Eyam, but I know that there is still a need in the village, especially for younger people to buy. There is always the opportunity for local builders to help out, and suggestions for suitable sites are always welcome.

More good news is that thanks to the determined lobbying by the residents of Abney and myself, the County Council have now agreed to repair the road through the village, and this should I hope be completed before Christmas. It will have the added bonus of meaning that vehicles will no longer have to divert through Grindleford.

And my usual reminder about the Local Projects Fund, which can offer grants from £100 to local community organisations.

Keep safe!

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DEPART Buxton Market Place	DEPART Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Meadowhall Interchange
0650	0745	0826	0852
0910	1002	1036	1101
1110	1202	1236	1301
1310	1402	1436	1502
*1540	1703	1739	-

AT A GLANCE BUS TIMES - SATURDAYS			
DEPART Buxton Market Place	DEPART Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Meadowhall Interchange
0700	0752	0826	0850
0910	1002	1036	1101
1110	1202	1236	1301
1310	1402	1436	1502
1610	1702	1736	-

*1610 on school holidays)

DEPART Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Buxton Market Place
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1514	1540	1617	1709
1645 (X17)	1745	1820	1912

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Bakewell - Eyam - Bamford - Sheffield

Monday to Saturday

Bakewell, Square Stand D	0855	1055	1255	1455	1755
Baslow, Nether End	0905	1105	1305	1505	1805
Calver, Bridge Inn	0910	1110	1310	1510	1810
Stoney Middleton, Chip Shop	0913	1113	1313	1513	1813
Eyam, Square	0918	1118	1318	1518	1818
Calver Sough	0925	1125	1325	...	1825
Grindleford, Mount Pleasant	0929	1129	1329	H	1829
Hathersage, Little John	0935	1135	1335	...	1835
Bamford Station	0939	1139	1339	1539	1839
Yorkshire Bridge	0943	1143	1343	1543	1843
Ladybower Inn	0945	1145	1345	1545	1845
Crosspool, Sandygate Road	0958	1158	1358	1558	1858
Sheffield, Interchange	1015	1215	1415	1615	1915

Sheffield, Interchange (D3)	0805	1030	1230	1430	1630
Crosspool, Church	0822	1047	1247	1447	1647
Ladybower Inn	0835	1100	1300	1500	1700
Yorkshire Bridge Inn	0837	1102	1302	1502	1702
Bamford Station	0841	1106	1306	1506	1706
Hathersage, Little John	...	1110	1310	1510	1710
Grindleford, Mount Pleasant	H	1116	1316	1516	1716
Calver Sough	...	1120	1320	1520	1720
Eyam, Square	0901	1126	1326	1526	1726
Stoney Middleton, Chip Shop	0905	1130	1330	...	1730
Calver, Bridge Inn	0907	1132	1332	...	1732
Baslow, Nether End	0910	1135	1335	...	1735
Bakewell, Square	0920	1145	1345	...	1745

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FRIENDS OF GRINDFORD STATION



It's been a quiet time for us at the station with restrictions on being able to work there. However, we have received a grant towards the purchase of shrubs for the recently cleared area on Platform 2 and hope to begin some planting this autumn.

New timetables were introduced on 14th September. Northern states that they are determined to maintain the positive service and resilience that they have delivered in recent months. They want customers to have confidence in the service they are offering and they plan to reintroduce services in a phased way which means they are delivering more services in some areas and extending operating hours in others but the timetables don't represent a whole scale return to pre-COVID levels.

The Hope Valley Line hourly service on Monday-Saturday continues as it was when the timetables last changed in July but more trains will now be restored to the Sunday timetable. This will now have an odd-looking service of 2 trains per 3 hours in each direction. This is likely due to train crew and rolling stock resources not being available at the moment for the normal hourly service.

Keep up to date with trains in our area by visiting www.derbyshire.gov.uk/traintimes.

Most people in the village will be aware of the inconsiderate parking that has been taking place recently. There was an incident at the station where a large vehicle was unable to get through. (Thanks to Garry Wilson for the use of his photos). The problem appears to be that, where the double yellow lines end, drivers have parked on both sides of the road without considering whether it's sensible or the impact if larger vehicles need access. This could include restricting access for emergency vehicles. Liz Bailey contacted Northern to highlight the problem but this section is outside their lease area. However, they have contacted Derbyshire County Council asking if the issue could be looked at because of the concern in our community.



Liz Bailey contacted Northern to highlight the problem. We await their reply.

MORE E-BIKE TALES

After the great success of our socially distanced e-bike trying out event on a wet evening in July, here are some more e-bike tales from local enthusiasts.

DAVID GARDNER

Having been a keen cyclist for more years than I care to remember, I've recently found that I've 'lost' my hill climbing legs! I've still got both of them, but they don't work as well as they used to.

So,... I've actually converted one of my road bikes to an E-bike by fitting a new front wheel with a hub motor, a battery pack and associated controls.

Not too difficult to do and I've found that the battery has a range of 70-100 km if you don't over use it, it's there to assist / give a little extra push for the steeper Derbyshire hills rather than the flat plains of Cheshire which are easy to deal with ! I got a bit of a surprise when I recently checked the website for the 'kit' that I used a couple of years ago, I paid about £550, the same conversion kit is now 'on offer' at £699 rather than £1099 !!!, so not a cheap option but, if you have a favourite 'trustee steed' and need a little extra push, possibly a more economic option than a whole new E-bike .

link to website below:

<https://dillengerelectricbikes.co.uk/collections/e-bike-conversion-kits>

It required a bit of 'fettling' but so far has proved to be very reliable.

JAMES FULSON

I converted my touring bike to a E bike just before we moved here 4 and a bit years ago. The reason was to try and stop us buying a second car but alas with little Ada around we ended up with a car as well. Do I regret converting the bike and spending the money? No

The E bike got used all of the time in the first year (when I didn't have to drop a child off to Nursery). I used it everyday in rain, snow and even when there was some sunshine to get to work/shops. The drive to work is normally about 20 - 25mins and on the ebike it is 30-40mins. It has a range of about 70miles. As Helen and myself both have the same inside leg, we both use the bike and it definitely helped her get back into cycling after the pregnancy.

We still use it today on days that we want to cycle but have a cold, feel lazy, don't want to get sweaty or feel in the mood to dishearten some roadie giving it beans on Froggatt hill as we overtake them. I would honestly say that it was one of the best things that I bought/converted and it is still running today 4 and a bit years later.

I would put a link to the conversion kit that I used but technology has moved on and you can get some great cheap kits off Ebay.

HILARY MALDEN

I am now the proud owner of a shiny red Cube trapeze ebike, after a long time of dithering over whether or not to get one. I have always been a keen cyclist – keen but not in any way advanced! Mainly shorter trips and holidays. The most ambitious was probably Sheffield to Llyn Peninsula in North Wales in 1990, but that was in my younger days!! Sheffield and Derbyshire hills were never great for me and I often found the relatively flatter roads were also the busier ones.

I tried my friend's ebike and was persuaded. We then moved from Sheffield to Grindleford last year and put off the decision about buying an e-bike. With the start of Lockdown and money saved from cancelled holidays, I thought now was the moment to go for it.

I have discovered some lovely quiet routes which are now possible without collapsing in a sweaty heap at the side of the road. For once I can now get to the top of the hill before Tom (who hasn't got an ebike!). We have invested in a tow bar carrier and have just returned from cycling in South Wales.

As a member of Hope Valley Climate Action, I am also committed to reducing my carbon footprint.

It is great to discover other Grindleford folk with e-bikes too. We have really enjoyed connecting with the community since moving here and yesterday, Sarah and I spent a lovely sunny and sociable Monday morning meandering off to Tideswell via Eyam and Foolow.

The Bakewell Witches



As Halloween approaches it is perhaps timely to consider this terrible miscarriage of justice relating to two innocent sisters accused of witchcraft and reflect on the other victims of popular hysteria in times gone by.

Many people believed that witchcraft, rather than the workings of God's will, offered a more convincing explanation of sudden and unexpected ill-fortune, such as the death of a child, bad harvests, or the death of cattle. Witch-hunting became an obsession in some parts of the country.

Witchcraft was rare in Derbyshire but during the reign of King James over 3,000 witches were executed in the country as a whole. In 1607 Bakewell was the scene of the execution of two unfortunate sisters who were found guilty of witchcraft based upon the most bizarre evidence.

The Stafford sisters were milliners in Bakewell and they took in lodgers. One day a Scotsman was directed to their house and enquired about accommodation for a few days. He was allowed to stay but in time when pressed for some payment he indicated that he had no money but he offered some of his clothing in lieu of rent. Mrs Stafford accepted the offer but the man was asked to leave immediately and no doubt he left in an angry mood.

He reached London but of course had no money and very few clothes. A conscientious night watchman was suspicious when he found the man wearing few clothes in an unused cellar and believing that a crime was in the offing he marched the Scotsman to the nearest magistrate. In answer to questioning the man fabricated the following remarkable story.

He claimed that the day before he had been in Bakewell lodging with the Stafford sisters. In the middle of the night he woke at 3 am and could see a light coming up through the floorboards. His curiosity aroused, he got out of bed and looked down through the crack in the floorboards where he could see the Stafford sisters preparing to go out and he heard Mrs Stafford say:-

*"Over thick, over thin,
Now, Devil,
to the cellar in Lunnon (London)"*

The lights went out and the sisters disappeared and he climbed back in to bed where he repeated the spell over to himself. He was immediately caught up by the wind and found himself flying through the air and low and behold he found himself deposited in the London cellar. Both Stafford sisters were also there wrapping up parcels of silk. They offered him a glass of wine after which he fell asleep and when he awoke he was alone in the cellar where he was found by the night watchman. He explained that he was partially dressed due to his clothes being in Bakewell.

This remarkable story was accepted by the magistrate as clear evidence of witchcraft and he ordered the Scotsman to be freed and given some clothing before issuing a warrant for the detention of the unfortunate sisters in Bakewell.

Although not accused of any serious crime or malevolent act they were arrested and when the Scotsman's clothes were located in the lodging house this was taken as confirmation of the man's remarkable story.

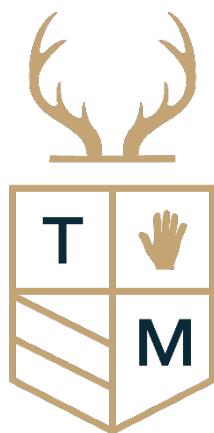
The sisters were tried, found guilty of witchcraft and executed by hanging.

It was predominantly women who were charged with witchcraft, often they were single or widowed with no family to protect them, some were herbalists or healers, perhaps they were eccentric and most were undoubtedly innocent. There is a growing movement to pardon all those unfortunate souls found guilty of witchcraft.

In 1542 Parliament passed the Witchcraft Act which defined witchcraft as a crime punishable by death. It was repealed five years later, but restored by a new Act in 1562. A further law was passed in 1604 during the reign of James I who took a keen interest in demonology.

It is worth noting that the Witch Act of 1712 was last used in 1944 to convict a spiritualist who accurately foretold future events in WW2 which were believed to threaten national security. The Witch Act was finally repealed in 1951.

Michael Willis
September 2020



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- We have flyers coming through locals' doors offering a complimentary coffee with breakfast and a complimentary glass of fizz with afternoon tea.
- Christmas & New Year bookings are open and our Festive brochure is ready. We have created the most sumptuous and indulgent festive menu for December, Christmas Day and NYE.
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- Live music Sunday lunch time in the Chatsworth Suite starting 11th October
- December events starting with a Festive Wine Night on 4th December in the Chatsworth Suite and then entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights by local bands
- New menu and wine list coming soon.....

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PEAK DISTRICT BOUNDARY WALK

We have been asked to write about our journey around the Peak District.

Before we start we would like to acknowledge the help we received from Alan Jaques who was an earlier participant in this challenge.

The route is 190 miles long and it is all described in the excellent guide book and on the website www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk although as we write this is being changed to CPRE.

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- Enjoy some quiet and little known corners of the national park
- Walk it in day stages or tackle it all in one go

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There is even a video which is being produced shortly.

Our experience.

The book divides the walk into 20 stages which are all carefully detailed and mapped.

We started out on stage 9 before lockdown in March 2020. To keep it simple we set out from Grindleford by catching the bus from Mount Pleasant to Hollow Meadows on the A57. Generally our intention was to run the flat and downhill and walk the rest. We ran Wyning Brook to Ringinglow and Houndkirk and back home. That was easy as far as transport goes but it got more difficult later. We had intended to run it with friends and car share but Covid made that impossible.

Before full lockdown we managed to do stages 10, 11 and 12 which took us to Winster via Rowsley. As soon as we were

allowed out again in May we continued. The route passes through Winster, Parwich, Thorpe, Ilam, Tittersworth, Wildboarclough, Teggs Nose, Bollington, Lyme Park, Whaley Bridge to Buxton which is the official start and finish point. All this was done in a spell of lovely sunny weather. The Peak District at its best. Remote places and popular. Lambs, meadows, limestone and stiles, lots of stiles. We even managed to find a pint in Whaley Bridge served from a canal boat.

We hope that you can follow this because we now started out at Stage 1 from Buxton to Peak Forest. Then in quick succession came Hayfield, Glossop, Greenfield and Marsden. A different type of Peak District. Pennine moors, rugged, challenging but still beautiful.

By now we were having to use taxis. The way we worked it was to drive to our daily finishing point. Then catch our prebooked taxi to the start of the stage and then run/walk back to our car. For a change we went anticlockwise, heading north from the A57 to Bradfield and then to Bolsterstone . Back to clockwise we headed to our finish via Holme, Langsett and finally to join up at Bolsterstone.

We loved the whole experience and would recommend it to anyone who is fit enough. You don't need to run it, just walk and enjoy. You can pick out stages that make a really good day walk.

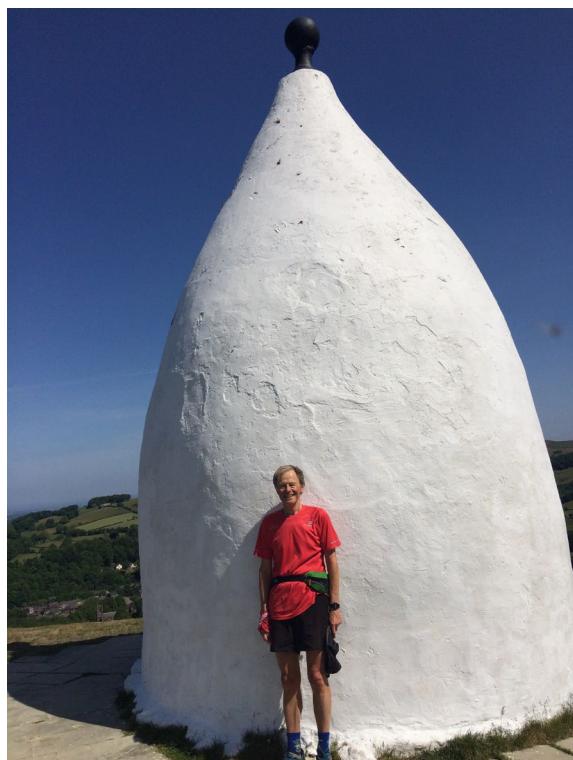
Whilst we were on our journey another much fitter runner beat the record by running the 190 miles in 60 hours.

The highlights, there were lots, for us were the stage from Beeley to Winster, plus Ilam, White Nancy, Goyt Valley, Buxton, Mount Famine in hail, the high level route to Greenfield overlooking Chew Hill and Bradfield.

It is amazing that we are surrounded by all these large towns like Sheffield, Leek, Oldham and Huddersfield and yet we could find such remote places.

Give it a try. It is wonderful.

Jeremy Brayshaw and Pat Goodall



White Nancy, above Bollington & Chew Valley, near Greenfield





The Grindleford Community Shop

There's been a fair old bit going on at the shop since the last edition of the News.

The Tethered 2020 Grindleford Goat has nearly come to end, with two hundred registered riders doing the routes and who knows how many more coming along anyway after registration closed. Many of these intrepid types called in at the shop, for a coffee and a musette, and all the ones I've met – which was quite a few – have been really happy. It's very uplifting, when a little gang of nice people are all grinning widely at you and thanking you for putting some sort of ride on, especially a free one. They have loved cycling through the flags like a proper start, and we are awfully grateful to the church for putting up with the signs and flags with such good humour!

The riders are all promising to come back next year and bring their friends, so we have achieved our objective of advertising the Goat for future years and bringing cyclists along to see the shop. Opportunistic, because usually the whole event is at the Pavilion, and there is no real need to come over our way. But whatever the opposite of making hay while the sun shines – a virtue out of adversity? Answers on a postcard please – has been deployed and I think been very successful.

We set up a Just Giving page and put a big jar with a big label in the shop, and cyclists have been so generous – we have just about covered our costs, with (at the time of writing) half a week still to go.

So there has been some happiness and sunshine around despite all the gloom. This is definitely the sort of thing which makes me realise why I do this job!

The virtual supermarket. This is quite an exciting one! When you do your Tescos or Sainsburys on-line shop, someone goes to that aisle for cornflakes, that aisle for veg and that aisle for a bottle of wine, puts it all in a bag and delivers it to your door. Imagine a Hope Valley supermarket which does the same thing, but instead of that aisle and that aisle, someone from that shop and that shop in the Hope Valley picks your shopping for you, puts it in a bag, delivers it to a hub for collation and then to your door in Electric George's electric van.



Well – given a clear day and a following wind, that's soon to become a reality. In response to the trials of the lockdown, the way local businesses stepped up the mark, and a general concern about the statistics on supermarket deliveries, a bunch of folk in the valley have got together to set such a thing up. The shop will be called Hope Valley Vendors and here's the proto-logo which we are most indebted to Marcus for. Isn't it a darling? He's still working on it and I can't wait to see what he comes up with! The man is a genius. I love it that we need a man with an electric van or a man who can do logos and lo, the Hope Valley will provide.

The advantages of a Hope Valley virtual supermarket are big, and threefold. First, it will provide ongoing support to local businesses all across the valley, who stepped up rather magnificently during the Covid crisis in the spring and summer, and doubtless will again if the winter is tough. Second, there will be a click and collect service from individual shops, and also deliveries (which is something Grindleford shop has always wanted to do, but didn't have the mechanisms for.) Third, it cuts

down dramatically on emissions, because the big supermarket vans won't be driving out from Sheffield several times a day, and much of the delivery will be done in an electric van. (Electric George, who is a visionary, has plans for a container with a solar array on top, and the van will be driven into the container and plugged into the sunshine. So it will run for free at least for some of the year. Volunteers who have clocked up enough electric delivery airmiles get to borrow the van for a day to go to the seaside..... isn't it all just so charming....)



Around ten shops in the valley have signed up or are signing up now, and a couple more are in negotiations to provide a complete supermarket – bakers, butchers, grocers, stationers, dairy, greengrocers and marvellously, wine and spirits from the Maynard and beer from a couple of local breweries. Hope Valley Vendors should be launching in **November**. You can access it through a website called Shopappy, who already have twenty or so such ventures up and running round the country. Details to follow soon.

The virtual supermarket won't be for everyone – while prices will be competitive, we can't match the loss leaders from the big supermarkets – and those who call in on the way home from jobs in the cities might find it less convenient. But for those living out here in the Valley it should provide a real alternative to the raw commerce of the Big Six, selling local products in an environmentally sustainable way to the benefit of businesses and residents alike. Grindleford shop has been a founder business and is proud to be a part of it, so we hope you will be able to support it when it hits the streets in a couple of months' time.

Scones and screens. This is a blatant fib, we haven't seen a scone in Grindleford shop since last year practically, but alliteration is all. However, we do have cake (more on that in a minute) and we have been open for takeaways for a few weeks now. The response from visiting customers has been amazing. I was in Ranmoor Deli the other day, first visit (what a shop. I am consumed with envy) and they had heard of Grindleford Community Shop and had popped in for a cuppa while out walking in these parts. I think that is a litmus paper for lots of folks in Sheffield and in villages and towns round and about – it's taken six years but we now have a good reputation out there. Well done us! Anyway, back to the point, we've been doing takeaways – no chairs and tables because we can't use the church loo at the moment – and it's gone really well. Happy days. We are jolly grateful to the volunteers who took it all in their stride, working their way through the complicated Covid caveats (ooh – good one) to deliver cuppas coronavirus-free to customers. What an awesome band of competent kindlies they are. OK I will stop now.

Then, see above re logos and electric vans, we needed a screen so that we could start to think about reopening the shop (and closing the door – it's getting cold!) and OVO Spaces, known to us as Alex and David, have provided us with one. That's an impressively generous gift – thank you!!! We're still having a final think about when we should reopen the shop, because we need to take the views of all our volunteers into account, and we'll put a newsletter out shortly to give the details.

However, what we do know is that a very marvellous person has been making takeaways possible by turning up at the shop pretty much every day with a new fab cake. Clementine cake, orange cake (with little candied bits of orange on the top) chocolate and raspberry cake, cherry Bakewell sponge... it's fun on a sunny day to watch customers turn up at the door, see the cake, fail to resist buying the cake, cake all gone in an hour.. one chap was standing outside wolfing down a bit of orange cake and in doing so sold three more bits to the next three customers who thought ooh. Thank you marvellous person!

Now I am definitely working up to the point here, which is that, we are going to **cut back our opening hours for a while**. Everyone was so amazing during lockdown and we didn't, as we feared we might, have to reduce our hours to fit available healthy volunteer availability. Big big thank you to Grindleford for that effort, which saw us through some hard times. But now that folk are back at work and school, and some of our regulars are still not wanting to put themselves in the front line yet, we are struggling to fill all the gaps. As the days start to shorten and the weather gets colder, we don't see anyone much before 10 or after 4 pm, so we're going to open and shut up shop (literally) that bit later and earlier Monday to Friday. Saturdays we'll open at 9 as usual for your breakfast croissants, bread and cereal milk, although we might close up a bit earlier if we can't find a body to do the last hour – you can always ring 01433 631611 to check. We hope that after Christmas, or certainly by the time the clocks go forward next year, we can go back to normal.

Current plans are for that to start on 1 October, which is next Thursday. Apologies for the complication, in our Big Book of Rookie Retail Errors that is number 1 of things to avoid, but it's - well – unavoidable. We'll keep putting out reminders here and there round the village until we've told you three times, and then it will be true.

We're still not opening on Sundays, and probably won't again now until the warmer weather next year.

Money money money. "Grindleford Community Shop Finance Report – Covid adjusted, 2020. Summary: it could have been worse." It was a hard decision to stop doing teas and coffees back in April, because a good half of our profit comes from that. But it didn't seem fair to subject our volunteers to a carousel of visitors coming into the village. So we gritted our teeth and battened down the hatches, also absorbing the loss of income from the Goat this year. The extra trade from the lockdown deliveries helped to mitigate a bit, and the takeaways have repaired some more of the damage since our financial year end (which is August). So while it was bad, it wasn't as bad as it could have been. We had a very generous grant from a

local trust which helped enormously, so we only had to dig into our reserves to an extent, rather than empty the coffers. Of course we are not out of the woods yet, but the winter months are always slower so the impact will be less. And hopefully.... hopefully... at some point next year we will be able to get back to some sort of normality, which will be so nice.

Meanwhile, gentle readers. Autumn is now officially here. Some of our sons and daughters have gone off to uni and left us bereft, although with fewer shoes by the front door which is a plus. Other sons and daughters have graduated and had to face finding jobs in Covid year, and all the very very best to them. I think the young folks have had an awful lot of put up with and have borne the brunt of this pandemic with remarkable fortitude. Good luck to all of them, and we hope to see you down at the shop (but not, after Thursday, until 10 am unless it is a Saturday – clear?) very soon.

GRINDLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The new Grindleford Parish Council Newsletter. We are very proud to announce that the Parish Council now has its own newsletter.

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The aim of the newsletter is to bring the Parish Council to you. The Council gets involved in all sorts of interesting projects and works hard to protect our village and surroundings. It brings you the benefits of its own funding, and District and County Council activities. Councillors thought it was time to tell you about all of that in a way which is easier to access than trawling through past minutes, so do please check it out – you will like it! Our own John Mottershaw has very kindly put it together and it has pictures of Councillors (as taken by John Mottershaw, so they are rather good), articles about things pertaining to Parish Council, how to attend a meeting, All About Bob (our chair) and lots of other things too including a gallery of photos in and around Grindleford.



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNCIL FROM BOB WILSON, CHAIRMAN

Welcome to Grindleford Parish Council. There has been a Council in this village since, I think, 1923, and the role of Chairman is a job I am honoured to do. I was born in Eyam and went to Hope Valley College, where I met my wife Diane, a second generation Grindlefordian. I have lived here most of my adult life, both our boys went to the primary school here, and it is very much my home.

The Parish Council exists to protect and serve the village and those who live in it, and its duties are*continued*

Thank you very much indeed to John, and to Councillors for their contributions.

In other news, you will all have seen the double yellow lines down from Fox House. Our County Councillors Judith Twigg has been pushing for these since Covid increased the parking at the top of the hill so dramatically. Inevitably it has sent the parking down to just beyond the yellow lines, but does seem to have decreased the number of cars parked up there. The police continue to ticket regularly.

We have eight volunteers for speed watching and training is being arranged.

At a recent Parish Council meeting Tom Ricketts gave a compelling presentation on Safer Roads, Greener Villages, Hope Valley Climate Action's project to find ways for cyclists, motorists and walkers to work together to solve some of the traffic problems in the Peak Park. This is an innovative approach which tries to step away from confrontation and frustration by working together to come up with mutually acceptable solutions.

Councillor O'Brien, who is also our District Councillor, joined forces with other groups to lobby for a ban of disposable BBQs in the Peak District, because of the risk of fire. The proposal was not carried, but it has gone to committee for further consideration.

The Council has written to our MP Sarah Dines about works at the station, and unacceptable levels of noise and disruption, especially at night. Ms Dines has replied and contacted Network Rail and the situation seems to have improved at least to some extent.

Grindleford Parish Council's accounts were approved earlier in the year and there was a surplus, largely because there was no need to run an election last year for Parish Council seats, for which money had been budgeted. The Council met to decide how to distribute this to the village. Funding was allocated for a bench to remember the long and successful life of Kay Beeston; support was given to the Safer Roads Greener Villages campaign and the virtual supermarket, details of which latter appear elsewhere in this newsletter; and the Council are considering buying a new noticeboard down by the Old Post Office. Funding remains available for distribution throughout the year and will be reported here.

The Council has been in correspondence with the DDDC about the use of glyphosate weedkiller (Roundup) in Grindleford. There are serious questions around the safety of glyphosate which are not resolved. The Council will continue to try to find alternatives with DDDC. The Council has also been considering ways to tackle this year's ragwort invasion, which is dangerous to livestock.

The government is considering changes to the planning laws and the Council is working with the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to find out how these will affect the Peak Park.

Dog fouling of pavements has become a problem again and the Council agreed to fund and source some signs asking owners to be sure to clear up after their dogs.

Derbyshire Dales District Council is offering a discount on the levy for green garden bin waste collection. Go to their website to find out more.

If you would like to look at planning applications and decisions, you can find them here: <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk>. Finally, no decision was made to buy a second defibrillator, at least for now, but there is a plan to move the existing one from the Sir William to the Pavilion once all parties have agreed. Information on how to use the defibrillator should there be an emergency will be posted on social media, this newsletter and in the village, along with information about its location, as an interim step.

The Council meets every second Thursday at 7.30 pm (currently by Zoom) and if you would like to attend please contact the clerk grindlefordparish@gmail.com.

Editor's note: You can also report dog fouling and litter hotspots on the DDDC website:

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-publications/latest-news/3152-derbyshire-dales-residents-urged-to-report-litter-and-dog-fouling-hot-spots>

AND FINALLY...

Hamish Alexander Erskine

Born: 19/08/20

He's already enjoying a wander around the village in his pram!

Emily & Alex Erskine
(Main road)

Congratulations to Emily and Alex and welcome to the world (and especially to Grindleford) from the Editors.

We would love to publish items of any other notable events in the lives of villagers.
Please contact us if you have announcements you wish to share.



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Grindleford Community Shop: www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk

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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