

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

July 2021



## BISHOP PAVILION & BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD



### **Play Area Project - It's Going to Happen!**

The existing play area is looking rather tired now and in need of a major revamp.

There has been great success with fundraising for this project, led by Bev Shephard. Some very substantial donations have been made - for which we are extremely grateful.

**The funding target of £35,000 has been achieved!**

Major contributors include the Bowring family as well as Platform Housing.

Some of the additional future fundraising, which had already been planned, may still go ahead to maximise the funds available for this important project.

We are now looking forward to see the exciting plans of the new Play area.

## Cautious Re-Opening.....

After a long period of use solely by Pre School, we will fully re-open the Pavilion once the Government removes covid related restrictions. This has been delayed until at least July. In the meantime we are agreeing use for user groups who can operate in a Covid secure way according to the guidelines.



### **Time for a Little More Social Contact?**

Carol Galbraith who organised the monthly Lunch Club has deservedly retired from the role after more years of service than anyone dares to count. Lunch club in that previous form was consequently disbanded.

Once we are free of Covid restrictions, there is planning for a new group which meets over the lunch period in the Pavilion. If you are interested in such a group let Joy Benn know.

There is also planning ongoing for a Supper Club, which would involve supper, of course, and a short “conversation piece” - talk, music for example. Watch this space.

## Furniture

We are in the process of replacing some of the old tables, many of which are now quite battered.

Next we are hoping to introduce some new chairs.



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## A DONATION IN MEMORY OF BARRY FACER

A year on from Barry's death and with the difficulty of holding a gathering of family and friends to mark this, his family decided that the money they would have spent on a wake should be given to a local charity.

In the January edition of the News, which included Barry's obituary, there was also an article written by Bev Shepherd and The Playing Fields Committee appealing for funds to build a new children's playground in the village. With Barry's connection with the children of the village through his role as the School Crossing Warden, this seemed the perfect project for the family to support in Barry's memory so with the help of Steve Benn and Bev a donation has been made via the charity's GoFundMe webpage.

# St Helen's Church

Happy Holidays! I hope you all have opportunity for some rest and recuperation over the summer, even if there are limited possibilities for holidaying abroad this year.

We human beings need holidays to remain healthy sane and humane. After six days of creating the world and all its creatures, God needed a complete rest from work on the seventh day, and it seems he created us a bit like him in this respect. We need time to work, rest and play, although I doubt this balanced lifestyle is aided by eating a Mars Bar a day, as the old unhealthy advertisements used to say.

We soon suffer in body and soul, if we work all hours and do away with rest periods. In 1929 the Soviet Union experimented with *nepreryvka*, or the 'continuous working week.' Everyone was forced to work shifts with days of rest staggered across the five day week, but after 11 years of trial and error, this regime was abolished in 1940, and a seven day week was restored.

'Holiday' is such a lovely word. To me it suggests thoughts and feelings of freedom, having time to stand and stare, to potter, explore, laugh with friends and family and make lasting memories that keep on cheering us for years to come.

'Annual Leave' on the other hand, isn't remotely poetic. It feels like time off grudgingly given to unwilling conscripts in an army, it's over all-too-soon, and then you're back to the grindstone. 'Vacation', sounds too grand, as if you're embarking on some huge project to tango barefoot all the way to the South Pole dressed as an emu. 'Getting away from it all' sounds unrealistically ambitious. We're bound to be disappointed when we discover we can't get away from ourselves, and that quite a lot of 'it all' inevitably travels with us.

The popularity of the word 'Staycation' annoys me greatly, because it's so frequently misused to describe taking a holiday somewhere in your own country. There's even a so-called 'staycation cruise' around the British Isles! A true staycation is surely staying put in your own home. This is exactly what we intend to do this summer, since we are so fortunate now to be living and working in the Hope Valley, the sort of place where we would formerly have rented a holiday cottage at vast expense for our summer break. With no packing, no stressful journey, a comfy bed, all mod cons, and no extra accommodation costs, it should be a great holiday, provided we can ensure one thing – **do no work!** May your holidays, whether you go away or stay put, truly be *holy days*. 'Holy' simply means set aside for a special purpose, whether that's time for worship and prayer, rest and recreation, or family and friends. Happy Holidays to you all!

*Paul Moore is Priest-in-Charge of Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage. He's still addicted to music, and is also nuts about nuts.*

# PROGRESS WITH TREE PLANTING IN GRINDLEFORD

Grindleford tree planting group is now very happy to report successful completion of project number one!

You may have noticed rows of new planting at the top of the bonfire field. We now have 3 rows of hedging, consisting of 270 whips - native species of hawthorn, blackthorn, rowan, crab apple, bird cherry, hazel, dogwood and a few silver birch, all protected with tree guards. Members of our group plus 30 energetic locals of all ages came in sunshine and hail to plant over 2 days at the beginning of May, after taking delivery of free trees from The Woodland Trust.

The trees have welcomed the wettest May on record, even if the rest of us haven't, and they are looking good.

At last, a community Covid safe event was possible. We learned a great deal about trees and used the Woodland Trust method of placing the whip into a T shape made with a spade, to protect existing habitats and to avoid the need for heavy digging. It was great to chat and enhance our physical and mental well-being through such a worthwhile project. The shelter the hedge provides should attract new wildlife to the area too.



We would love to continue with further ideas, such as more planting in communal areas, developing a community orchard and hopefully installing a bench near the trees. Perhaps you are a landowner and have some land suitable for planting of new woodland. We may be able to help you source trees, advice, grants and help with planting.



Many thanks to all who helped!



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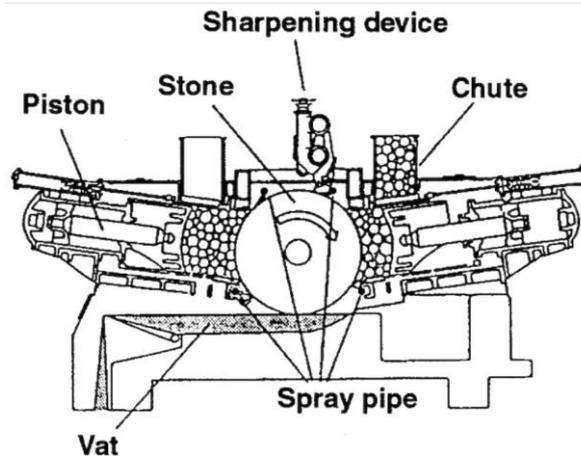
# Grindleford Pulp Stones



We will all be familiar with the above view in Bole Hill Quarry above the village - looking like the collapse Doric columns of some long lost Roman Temple. I have always been intrigued by them. All the time and hard physical work that must have gone into creating them only for them to be left on site. There are not just these examples as there are over 1,500 millstones, grindstones and crushing stones lying around our part of the Peak District.

Grit stones have been worked in the area for at least 2,000 years and on the Bole Hill quarry site for at least 600 years. The quality of the rock found here and at Stoke made it suitable for grinding. The use for grinding flour ceased when the requirement for white flour became paramount as the local stones made the flour grey and gritty. It was heavy industry that provided the main markets for Sheffield's cutlery industry.

The stones that have been left at Bole Hill were for a different use - they were Pulp Stones - not grindstones. They were used for grinding wood for paper making and some of the finest stones were produced here and in Stoke Quarry.



The process involved logs being fed in via chutes and hydraulic rams forced the wood against the spinning pulp stone. This ground up the wood and created friction and heat which was controlled by water spray. The wood fibres and water were drained off and went through a drying process to create wood pulp from which paper was produced.

The production of the actual pulp stones involved hard manual work as machinery was not used in the process. Men worked in teams of two and could produce around twenty stones a year.

Holes were hand drilled and then using wedges the stone was split and finished by these highly skilled men chipping away with mauls. The process is shown below in 1934.



Stones were produced in various sizes - 1.8 meter. Weighing 2.4 tonnes and 2.2 meter weighing 3.6 tonnes. The examples in Bole Hill are smaller being about a meter across. Moving the finished article would have presented a problem - rolling them with an axle in pairs risked chipping the stone and the use of a sled would have required an enormous amount of effort so probably some form of wheeled transport was used but there is no evidence that the railway built for the Ladybower Dam quarrying was ever used.

The market for the Pulp Stones was abroad with most being exported to Canada and Scandinavia for their paper making industries. The owner of Stoke Quarry undertook a lengthy tour of Canada and America to establish his market.

Sadly, the trade in the grindstones collapsed due to cheap foreign imports and the quarry was abandoned. The large batch of over 150 pulp stones is believed to have been a consignment for Scandinavia in 1939 that due to the war was never fulfilled.

Mike Willis

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## Fathers Tales

"Fathers Tales is back!  
A new look website was launched recently to mark the author's significant birthday. With new articles, photos and a more user-friendly design, it is worth taking look at to see what the village was like in days gone by, just follow this link."

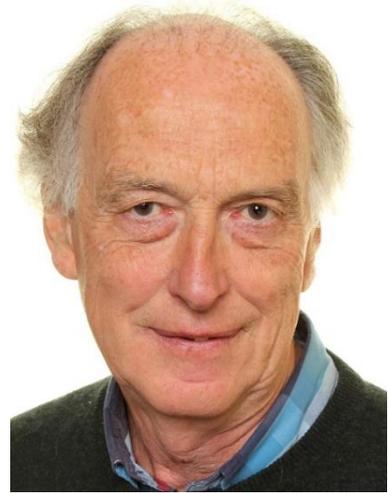
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# Peter's Page

## *News from the District Council*



It's good to see the village slowly getting back to something approaching normal, and a special thanks to those who are involved in organising events and activities.

The District Council is still refusing to consider banning BBQ's and campfires on our moorlands - using the same powers they use for dog poo. Their reasons are mostly administrative, plus they say there isn't really a problem (!); the attitude is in complete contrast to our neighbours at High Peak Borough Council. Very frustrating!

You can't fail to have noticed the recent problems with our refuse collection service, especially the recycling. I find this really annoying, as Serco are a highly profitable multi-national company. Some searching questions are being asked of the Council officers, as to why this situation has been allowed to happen, with the aim of ensuring it isn't repeated.

We have an improved Sunday bus service (the 65) for the summer, with a 2 hourly frequency to Sheffield, and to Tideswell/Buxton via Eyam and Hucklow. So the timetables at the bus stops are NOT up to date. And from 24 July, there will be a new summer Saturday and Sunday service to the Derwent Dams and on to Castleton (the Hope Valley Explorer). This goes from Calver and along the Hathersage Road, so you can get also get on at the War Memorial. Both are ideal if you want to leave the car at home, for some walking or exploring.

The May elections for the County Council seem a long time ago now. The result for Bakewell, which includes Grindleford, was Conservative 2575 (down 8% from last time), Labour 2298 (up 22%). So I'm disappointed but congratulations to Alasdair Sutton, and a big thank you to all who supported me.

Issues with noise etc continue at the station sidings, which Network Rail use for a variety of maintenance and construction purposes. For some unknown reason they are exempt from any planning requirements, so can more or less do as they please, day and night. I have been supporting the residents in trying to reach an agreement on how to minimise the impact, but disappointingly Network Rail have reneged on part of what was agreed last December. So another battle there!

There has been a lot of interest in the Council’s Local Projects Fund, but I still have some money left for this year. Just get in touch for details

Enjoy the summer, and stay safe

Peter

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AT A GLANCE BUS TIMES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY							
DEPART Buxton Market Place	DEPART Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Buxton Market Place
0650	0745	0826	0852	0912	0935	1009	1105
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1310	1402	1436	1502	1514	1540	1617	1709
*1540	1703	1739	-	1653 (X17)	1745	1827	1919

AT A GLANCE BUS TIMES - SATURDAYS							
DEPART Buxton Market Place	DEPART Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Meadowhall Interchange	DEPART Sheffield Interchange	ARRIVE Grindleford Mt. Pleasant	ARRIVE Buxton Market Place
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AT A GLANCE BUS TIMES - SUNDAYS							
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1307	1359	1432	-	-	1517	1550	1641
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\*(1610 on school holidays) \*\* (departs Blackwell Hall Farm)

# GRINDLEFORD HORTICULTURAL ANNUAL SHOW



**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021  
BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD  
GRINDLEFORD**

Show ground opens: 12.30 PM

Show Marquee opens 2 PM

Presentation of Prizes 4.00 PM, Raffle 4.15 PM and Auction 4.30 PM

Adults £2.00, accompanied children free

Our friends at various garden centres tell us that lockdown has introduced many to gardening, so why not show us what you have produced. The show is not just for the horticulturalists amongst you, do you bake?, are you good with a camera?, are you arty and would like to show others what you have created.

May be a little friendly competition between the family, entries to the children section are free.

The pandemic has made us think long and hard about doing the show and as a result the show will be different this year, as we try to ensure that areas where crowding may occur are reduced. Refreshments will be served outside, the number of classes reduced and use made of the Bishop Pavilion to display certain classes.

The Hathersage band and a number of stalls will be present, so come and have a browse.

The show schedule, including details on how to enter will be published shortly.

**In order to deliver the show, Grindleford Horticultural Society does required help setting up on the Friday afternoon, Help on the Saturday both during the show and after to pack it away. If you are prepare to offer your help for a few hours over the Friday or Saturday**

**Please contact David Jackson, [DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk), 07713 630584**

# *Grindleford* Horticultural Society



**21<sup>st</sup> August** - hold the date! We remain hopeful that the show will go on, subject to government guidance. The marquee, band and ice cream van have all been booked. Members of the committee are working on the logistics to ensure a safe, inclusive show.

We're making a few tweaks to reduce risks and make it more manageable. It's OUR village show so we hope you'll find something to enter. The revised schedule should be delivered through your letter box any day now.

The caveat is that a show needs goodwill, good attendance and lots of helpers.

Thanks to those who have already agreed to help as we need a good squad to set up on Friday afternoon, clear up after the show, stewards for Saturday morning, people to help with refreshments, monitor car parking (in the butterfly field), collect entrance fees and sell raffle tickets. It's not too late to offer to help- Please contact David: [DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk)

We are also looking for another small marquee, if your family or society has one you could loan to us please get in touch with Penny Reynolds on 630023.

Registration takes place as usual on Thursday evening of 19<sup>th</sup> August at the pavilion. Entries need to be brought down Saturday morning and staged by 9.45 a.m. for judging to commence. Stalls will start trading at 1pm, we welcome Steve Benn who will formally open the show at 2pm. Steve has lived in the village since 1989 and has

been very active in the football club, Hope Valley League, GPFA, Youth Club, Carnival, Grindleford Gallop and Fell Race throughout.

Covid led to our usual talks and outings being suspended but our provisional programme at the Bishop Pavilion at 7.30pm is:

Tuesday October 19th 2021: Growing fruit in the peak district,

Tuesday November 16th 2021: AGM, SOCIAL and Quiz

Tuesday January 18th 2022: Gardening for beginners

Tuesday February 15th 2022: Otters on the Derwent

The Horticultural Society needs you! After many years of service several committee members are standing down this year. This is an opportunity for people who care about our community to get involved. Specialist horticultural knowledge is not required! Please think about coming on board so the society can move into the next decade stronger and refreshed. Contact [kay.allinson1@btinternet.com](mailto:kay.allinson1@btinternet.com)

It's high summer! You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy a garden. Gardens evolve as family needs change- from a space to play, grow vegetables, make a fragrant bower or simply a place to chill out and relax appreciating our wider landscape.

Gardens open with the National Garden Scheme – see [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk) – are delightful days out e.g. Wild In the Country, Hawkhill Road, Eyam opens on 14 August and Fir Croft Calver is good for Alpine Plants. **Stanton in Peak has open Gardens on 24th-25th July.** Buxton has approximately 38 gardens open the same weekend. Other local gardens worth a look include Cascades **Gardens (Bonsall)**, **Tissington Hall, opens to the public on 23rd August & 31st August**, **Thornbridge Hall Garden (below) has a new cafe accessed from the Monsal Trail**, and Renishaw Hall, Chatsworth, Haddon Hall and Hardwick Hall all make good day trips.



*Kay Allinson*

## *Grindleford*

# Allotments

COVID -19 regulations have continued to thwart us completing some of the maintenance jobs that need doing around the allotment. However, the group overseeing the development of a wild flower meadow, in the orchard area, met to plant some wildflower plug plants to supplement the seed which was sown in the autumn. They have been pleased with the seed germination rate but hope the plug plants will increase the diversity of flowers in that area.



Despite the large numbers of deer that have been seen in the field across the river, the deer fencing appears to have continued to deter them from entering the allotments. After an unpromising Spring – cold and dry then cold and wet – the warm weather in June has seen things take off in the allotments, including the weeds, but most allotments are looking good. We are hoping that the easing of covid restrictions will allow some of the other projects for improvement that have been on hold to go ahead during the Summer.



After a year of being unable to do very much at the station, it was great to be able to meet again as a small group to weed and continue the planting in the new bed on the Sheffield bound platform. All the shrubs and bulbs we planted before the second lockdown have survived the winter and should soon rival the very well established flower bed on Platform 1. We were very pleased to see this work acknowledged in a recent article in The Guardian which described the station as ‘flowery ‘.



In connection with transport issues in our wider area, Transport for the North has released its draft decarbonisation strategy for the North of England which sets its task of near zero carbon emissions from surface transport by 2045. Among the potential actions and areas of focus the strategy considers are:

- Zero emission vehicles, including cars, HGVs and buses, with a comprehensive network of charging facilities to support their wider use;
- The decarbonisation of the rail network through electrification;
- The use of hydrogen and alternative fuel vehicles;
- Encouraging modal shift towards more sustainable ways of travelling, such as public transport and active travel;
- Opportunities for decarbonisation in the freight industry;

- Carbon reduction when projects are built, as well as carbon capture;
- How Transport for the North's four Future Travel Scenarios could present challenges and opportunities for decarbonising transport

Along with other train operators, Northern has responded to the changes in travel with its new Flexi Season Ticket which give 8 days of travel in 28 days – anytime between 2 stations, with unlimited all day travel between the stations. This ticket offers flexibility and savings for those working fewer days in the workplace.

As our contribution to Grindleford Carnival's international theme, Liz Bailey researched famous rail journeys from around the world with the information displayed on the approaches to both platforms.

**The 'Ghan' Express**

The 'Ghan' runs on the Central Australian Railway between the Australian cities of Darwin, at the north of Northern Territory, and Adelaide in South Australia, via Alice Springs (alight here for Uluru).



'Ghan' is an abbreviation of the nickname 'The Afghan Express', thought to originate between the 1880s or as late as 1923, possibly honouring the C19 Afghan camel drivers who helped the British colonisers to reach Australia's interior.

Started in 1878, the original route ran only from Port Augusta (north of Adelaide) to Alice Springs. Following various stages of construction and upgrade, the line only reached Darwin in 2004.



Roderick Elme, Adelaide, The Ghan passenger trains.

The total journey is 1,851 miles and takes 53 hours 15 minutes and usually runs weekly, with the average train length being 774m. Operated by 'Journey Beyond Rail Expectations', it is considered to be one of the world's great



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## *Grindleford*

# Gaiters

The Gaiters are walking again after over a year with minimal organised walks.

Below is a recent walk down Chee Dale on the stepping stones.



The Gaiters walk fortnightly on Thursdays, generally meeting outside the church at 9:30.

Keep walking.

Tim Reynolds 630023.

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## *Grindleford*

# Gallop

Grindleford Gallop will be on Saturday 9 October this year. For more information or if you can help on the day please contact Anna Allaway.

(contact info at the back of the newsletter.)

**The Manor of Leam,  
and its Hall  
and the Families who  
Lived There**

Rosemary Lockie,  
June 2021.



*“Amid the lovely scenery of Woodland Eyam, on an upland, with the Derwent gliding beneath its walls, is Leam Hall. From the possession of the estate we get at one of the wrinkles of who's who among the Derbyshire families. The homestead was with the Middletons, whose line (so far as male heirs were concerned) became extinct by the death of Robert in 1736, when the heiress married Jonathan Oxley, of Sheffield. This gentleman made Marmaduke Carver his heir, who took out letters patent in 1792, and in 1808 was Sheriff of the County as Marmaduke Middleton Middleton. His son John espoused Mary Anne Athorpe, of Donnington Park, Yorkshire, and adopted his wife's name and arms, per pale nebulée, argent and azure, 2 mullets in fesse counterchanged.”*

So says Joseph Tilley, in 1892, in his (somewhat flowery) description of Leam Hall, in Volume I of *“Old Halls, Manors and Families of Derbyshire”*<sup>1</sup> - its history in a nutshell! But perhaps there is more to its story? Certainly, Leam and its Hall have intrigued me over the years, hidden as it is, from both roadways which pass the boundaries of its estate, leading to it having an air of mystery surrounding it. During my childhood, my mother spoke reverently of the Hall, remembering a time when a nice lady named Mrs. Rose-Innes lived there, who did many good deeds in the village. She also told me of the nearby Leam Moor, sharing her memories of when she was working for the Marples family in the 1930s. They lived in what is now “Tanglewood”, and she used to enjoy their picnics on the moor in summer time, where they'd pick clusterberries, which grew there in abundance. The summers then were always hot and dry, of course, with the biggest danger being the fear of sitting on a snake! Many times I used to wish she would take me to where she'd spent so many happy hours, but she never did!

Winters, of course were a different matter, but for some reason she never mentioned the winters! I was fortunate enough some years ago to make contact with a former BT telephone engineer, who had worked in the Hope Valley area in all seasons. He said he'd been called many times to fix the phone lines to Leam Hall and its environs - he remembered it fondly - *“up and down those telephone poles like a monkey on a stick”*, and

*“well Rosemary...I've been blue up Bretton Clough in the middle of winter. Remember the snow's in 1990. I was stuck on my way out to work in the blizzard at Fox House. Me and my mate worked from dawn until dusk repairing the lines brought down by the weather. I came down the pole feeding Shepherd's Flatt Farm and I couldn't talk because my face was frozen...”*

This description will resonate with anyone in the locality when a “big snow” descends! But what of Leam in the past, before such modern conveniences as the telephone and the motor car? It is interesting to speculate how different it might have felt to those living there, when from the mid-18th century, one of the major Turnpike routes from Sheffield passed through the estate, so there would be sounds of carriage wheels, snorting horses, and jangling reins in the background. This was the “Sheffield to Chapel en le Frith” Turnpike which came down into the village from Fox House, to cross over Grindleford Bridge, and turn right up Sir William Hill. From there it passed through Great Hucklow, on a route now of dubious suitability for motor vehicles, through Tideswell, and Buxton, then Chapel en le Frith, where it would have joined up with other Turnpike routes.

The responsibility for the road’s maintenance passed to the Local Authorities in 1884, just a few years before Joseph Tilley’s account of Leam Hall was published, in 1892. Unsurprisingly, he makes no mention of roads, but in a single paragraph, gives us a concise summary of the families who owned the Hall, from the Middletons, through Jonathan Oxley, to Marmaduke Middleton Carver, and the Athorpe families of Dinnington Hall. But for me, as a family history researcher, the temptation is too great not to want to add more flesh to the bones! Was he correct, and if so, who were these people?

Ideally the rule in family history research is to work backwards from the known. But it is sometimes necessary to work forwards as well, especially when there have been changes of surname such as is the case in Leam Hall ownership, and this is often only revealed by working forwards, beginning with ...

### **The Middletons**

According to the well-researched website **Landed families of Britain and Ireland**<sup>i</sup>, the Leam estate was sold by Henry Savage to one Thomas Middleton in the early 17th century, passing through the hands of Nathaniel Middleton, William Middleton (d. 1677), Robert Middleton (d. 1690), another William Middleton (1664-1720), then finally to William’s son, Robert Middleton, who died in 1736.

Some details of this lineage may be traced in the Eyam parish records, and in surviving Wills, but other details remain elusive. For instance the burial of Mr. Robert MIDDLETON, of Leam was recorded in Eyam parish records, on 10th April 1736, and we know he made a Will, but its whereabouts are now unknown. Both Robert’s Will, and his father William Middleton’s Will (dated 31 Mar 1720) had

a memorandum attached to the surviving cover sheet, dated 28th December 1737 stating that the original was delivered to Mr Short *“to be sent by special Messenger to Mr Waterhouse, Attorney in Castleton, to be made use of at a Commision”*.

Whilst I don't know certain, it seems probable, from a summary of documents available in The National Archives (TNA) that this “Commision” related to a dispute between a group headed by William Simpson and the Rev. John Simpson (the owner of Stoke Hall), and a group headed by Richard Bagshaw, of Castleton, which included Robert Middleton. In the first case, **“Simpson v. Bagshawe”** (1735), the plaintiffs were partners in a sough worked in manor of Stoney Middleton and Eyam; and in its follow-up **Bagshaw v. Simpson** (1737), the plaintiffs included the devisees, executors and trustees of Robert Middleton, deceased late of Leam, part Owners of certain lead mines.

This period of time coincides with the driving of Stoke Sough, to provide better drainage to leadmines of Eyam Edge, and Ladywash. Its outlet is to the north of Stoke Hall, onto land which would have been owned by the Revd. Simpson, so one can well imagine how this dispute might have arisen!

We might assume, from the Memorandum attached to both William's, and Robert's Wills that they were father and son, and indeed Eyam parish records confirm that William, and his wife Martha, had a son Robert, born in 1692. Their other children were Deborah (b. 1690), William (b. 1694), Martha (b. 1698) and Rowland (1700-1700)

### **Deborah the Heiress, and the Oxleys**

It has been possible to discover, from events recorded in various parish registers, that the heiress, who inherited on Robert's death, was his sister, Deborah. She married Jonathan Oxley at St Peter's Church in Sheffield (now the Cathedral). The entry for their marriage records that Jonathan was a “Chandler” (a candle maker)<sup>2</sup>.

Sadly, Jonathan died at a relatively young age, his burial being recorded in St Peter's Church on 17 Mar 1725 - he would have been about 30. It would appear that by 1761 at least, Deborah was back in Leam, as we find the burial of “Mrs. Deborah Oxley of Leam” recorded in the Eyam parish register on 16th December 1761. Jonathan and Deborah had had 4 children, and we may assume that they went with her, if she took up residence at Leam when her brother died. Her eldest son, also named Jonathan, was baptised at St Peter's Church, Sheffield, on 3 Jun 1719, so at the time Robert Middleton died, he would have been about 17 - not yet “of age”.

As Deborah herself appears not to have made a Will, it is possible that her brother Robert's Will had specified that the estate be held in trust for her son Jonathan. If that was the case it would have been similar to the arrangement Jonathan specifies in his own Will, made on 31 Jan 1781. He named 3 Trustees - the Revd. John CARVER of Morthen, co. York, Clerk, William LONGSDON of Eyam, Gentleman

and Malin GILLOT of Sheffield, co. York, Dye-tool maker. They were to hold the estate in Trust for five potential benefactors - Marmaduke Middleton Carver (the Revd. John's son), John Gillot, Thomas Parkin, James Mower, and Edward Cresswick,<sup>ii</sup> until they reach the age of 24, on condition they “*take on the surname of Middleton only... and shall also reside and dwell six months in every year in my now Dwelling House at Leam*”. If the potential inheritor was to refuse these conditions, the bequest was to be void.

Evidently he wasn't expecting all of them to refuse, as he makes no mention of that situation! It is also not clear whether it was intended to be a “first past the post”, with only one of them inheriting, or whether it was intended that the Estate would be “shared”, but it appears that only the first-named Marmaduke Middleton Carver was to benefit.

### **The Reverend John Carver, and another Heiress of Middleton**

So who were Jonathan's Trustees? The Revd. John Carver had an impressive CV. His entry In *Alumni Cantabrigienses*<sub>3</sub> (Cambridge University Alumni, 1261-1900) records that he was Rector of Whiston (1764-1807), and Treeton (1765-1804), and that he married Sarah, daughter of Thomas ALLEN, of Chapeltown-in-Ecclesfield, who was “sole heiress to her mother Elizabeth MIDDLETON”<sup>4</sup>. Yes! Another heiress of Middleton - Elizabeth and Deborah were cousins. For confirmation of her marriage, an entry in Eyam parish register tells us that Mrs. (Mistress) Elizabeth Middleton married Mr. Thomas ALLEN, a Grocer, of Sheffield on 2nd July 1733. Thomas evidently died young, as he was buried at Eyam on 12th March 1739, after which Elizabeth married a second time at Eyam on 23rd October 1746 to Mr. William LONGSDEN, a widower. Whilst by 1784, both William (d.1753) and Elizabeth (d. 1770<sub>3</sub>) were dead, it does nevertheless seem likely that Jonathan's second Trustee was another relation. I do not know at present whether Malin Gillot was related.

The impression I am getting from the records I've researched for Revd. Carver is that he was a dour individual, who would have ruled his estate, and perhaps his family too, with a rod of iron! Or perhaps that is just my impression of the typical 18th century clergyman! Seemingly, he did take over the running of the Leam estate after Jonathan OXLEY's death in 1784, as in 1791 he was recorded in a list of Freeholders in Woodland Eyam, as a major proprietor<sup>iii</sup>, renting out his holdings to various individuals. The mix of properties involved suggests he owned lands in both Leam, and in Grindleford Bridge, but I cannot be sure of that, as the rental does not include a map!

It has been suggested that Rev. Carver was responsible for building the present Leam Hall. Its **British Listed Buildings** description suggests Leam Hall is late 18th century, but I suspect it was built in the mid 18th century, and by Jonathan Oxley. The aforementioned website, **Landed families of Britain and Ireland** mentions

dates on outbuildings of 1766 and 1777, but “*at the core there is said to be a house of 1693*”. If that is the case, the original mansion would have pre-dated the present Stoke Hall, with its replacement being contemporaneous with the Revd. Simpson’s Stoke Hall, of 1751<sup>4</sup>. Were the owners of Leam and of Stoke in competition at that time - who can build the biggest “ancestral pile”?

Below is a photograph of the Hall in its heyday - what’s not to like?.



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But we have Jonathan Oxley to thank, also, for his participation in the establishment of a “free school” in Grindleford, under the terms of the Will of William MARSDEN, dated 9th January 1749/50. William directed his executrix (his daughter Dorothy) to pay “*into the hands of Master Jonathan Oxley of Leam and John Moor of Grindleford Bridge £50 to be laid out in purchasing Lands or other Securities for establishing a free School in Grindleford Bridge for ever ...*”. He also held them responsible for nominating a School Master. It is not known when this happened, as Dorothy herself died before she was able to administer the provisions of father’s estate, and its administration therefore devolved to her executor, Jonathan Turner in 1760, some ten years later.

### **Marmaduke Middleton Carver (later Middleton)**

It seems likely, whilst Revd. Carver held the Hall and Estate in Trust for his son, that the Hall was tenanted, but at least by the time Marmaduke reached the magic age of 24 (as specified in Jonathan’s Will), he’d taken up residence. A notice to the effect that Marmaduke Middleton Carver, of Leam, was henceforth to be known as Marmaduke Middleton Middleton was published in the *Gazette* of 7th April 1795

(p.319), so fulfilling the terms of the Will. As it so happens, the same edition of the *Gazette* also reported on the marriage of the Prince of Wales (the future George IV) to Princess Caroline of Brunswick, which took place the same week!



A few years later, in 1801, he married Mary Ann ATHORPE, of Dinnington Hall, in Throapham, a parish adjacent to Dinnington. Their children were baptised at Eyam, and Mary Ann was buried there, in 1820. Perhaps we may surmise, from his patronage of Eyam Church, that Leam was where Marmaduke felt most at home, in spite of his origins in South Yorkshire! Did the Hope Valley weave its spell on him, as it has for so many people before and since? Indeed, he seems to have been a pillar of the community, an essential for its smooth operation - following in Jonathan, his benefactor's footsteps, perhaps? As Tilley says, Marmaduke served as High Sheriff of Derbyshire in 1808, but he was also a local magistrate, and in 1845, he was one of the investors in a local railway, which, if it had gone ahead, would have brought "*The Age of Steam*" to the Hope Valley much sooner than the Dore and Chinley line, in 1894. The line was:

*"intended to commence at or near the Terminus of the Sheffield and Manchester Railway at Sheffield, and will proceed by Hathersage near to Tideswell, thence through the populous and important districts of the Potteries... It is also proposed to extend the Line from Hathersage, or the most convenient point thereto, through the Lime Districts of Calver and Stony Middleton to Bakewell where it will join the proposed Manchester, Buxton, Matlock, and Midland Railway."* [Sheffield & Rotherham Independent, 11th October 1845]

Needless to say, this line was never built, so the Hope Valley had to wait another 50 years for the Railway to reach us!

Marmaduke died in November 1848, and was buried at Whiston, in the parish where he was born. His Will, dated 6th June 1846 provided for his son John Athorpe Middleton, his relations, and for his servants, including, to my own great-great grandfather, Thomas OUTRAM, his Coachman, to whom he gave:

*the sum of fifty pounds and also an annuity of fifteen pounds for his life the same to commence from my decease and to be payable half yearly"*

He also mentioned "my old servant in husbandry" James Stones, and his domestic servants who were living with him at his decease, and he gave £10 "*the poor of Eyam Woodlands... to be distributed at the discretion of my Executor*".

*Ten pounds may not sound a lot today, but according to the website "Measuring Worth"<sup>4</sup>, it could have been equivalent to a minimum of £1,010, or £8,180 if using a measure of average earnings!*

### **John Carver Middleton (later Athorpe)**

Marmaduke's executor, and the major beneficiary of his estate was his son John Carver Middleton, who was born at Leam in 1803. Following in his father's footsteps, and for similar reasons (the provisions of the Will of his mother's brother, Thomas Athorpe, who died in 1820) he was to change his surname to ATHORPE.

The Athorpe's tenure, of Leam, and of Dinnington Hall, has been well documented elsewhere, and to all accounts the Leam Estate was tenanted during their custodianship. They were however to retain its ownership until the death of Colonel Robert ATHORPE, Marmaduke's grandson, in 1912.

Colonel Athorpe, the son of John Carver (Middleton) Athorpe, was born on 16th October 1841, at Dinnington, Yorkshire. The family were resident in Dinnington Hall at the time of the 1851 Census, when he was aged 9. He joined the Royal Engineers in 1858 as a Lieutenant, becoming a Lieutenant Colonel in 1885, and on 2nd July 1890 was recorded as a Colonel, after serving 5 years as Regimental Lieutenant Colonel<sup>4</sup>.

He married Mary Grace Edith ROSE-INNES (daughter of Thomas Gilzean Rose-Innes of Netherdale) at St Stephen's Church in Kensington, Middlesex on 7th December 1880, when he was said to be of Woolwich and Leam Hall, Derbyshire, and a Major in the Royal Engineers.<sup>iv</sup>

According to an article in the *Derby Daily Telegraph* of 6th April 1912, his death occurred suddenly at a Paris railway station.

### **Geoffrey Gregory (later Geoffrey Gregory Rose-Innes)**

Thereafter the estate was inherited by Col. ATHORPE's only surviving daughter, Lesley Clara Athorpe. And as granddaughter of the late Thomas Gilzean ROSE-INNES of Netherdale, Banffshire, history was destined to repeat itself! Yes, you've guessed it, she adopted the surname of "Rose-Innes"! She married Geoffrey GREGORY at Eyam on 2nd December 1911, who in due course, also adopted the surname of ROSE-INNES, to be "called known and described by the name of GEOFFREY GREGORY ROSE-INNES exclusively". [the *Gazette*, 9th December 1911]



We next hear of Geoffrey in World War One, where he served as a Lieutenant in the 1/6th City of London Rifles. After his return from the War, he took an active part in the affairs of the district, serving for many years as a member of Bakewell Bench of magistrates. Locally, he was a vice-president of Grindleford Cricket Club, and for some years provided a ground at the Hall for young Grindleford players, who he assisted to coach. His death was reported in the *Derbyshire Courier* as taking place on Tuesday, 12th January 1937, at Leam Hall.

Thereafter his widow sold (or leased) the Hall, and its surrounding estate to Alderman J.G. Graves,<sup>5</sup> who in turn, in 1939 let it to the Youth Hostel Association. It remained in the Youth Hostel's hands until 1970<sup>5</sup>, when it once again reverted to a private residence.

And so I must conclude my tale, and the extent of my knowledge, leaving its resumption to future historians - as long as Leam Hall survives, and it retains its mystique its story can never be finished!

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Marmaduke was the only son of the Rev. John Carver; John Gillot was the eldest son of Malin Gillot; Thomas Parkin was the eldest son of Thomas Parkin of Sheffield; James Mower the only son of Joseph Mower of Sheffield; and Edward Cresswick the third son of Richard Cresswick of Sheffield.

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A burial recorded at Eyam of Elizabeth "Longston", of "Morthing" in Yorkshire, on 17 May 1770.

Sheffield Archives: **Bagshawe Collection** [Bag C/3361A - Bag C/310]

I have it on good authority (a previous owner) that the date on the rainwater goods of **Stoke Hall** is 1751, not 1757, as is so often quoted,

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## Grindleford Rainbows

1st Grindleford Rainbows is looking for girls aged 4-7 to join our group!

We take part in fun adventures, arts and crafts, games and just have fun!

We are located at the Pavilion Fields and meet every Monday fortnightly 5-6.

If you are interested in joining then please feel free to email me on

[grindlefordrainbows1@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordrainbows1@gmail.com) or give me a call on 07951091076

Many thanks, Chloe x





## Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Hi everyone,

We hope you're all well and enjoying the recent sunshine.

We've been really busy over the last couple of months, spending a lot of time at our allotment, weeding and planting. We have planted potatoes, onions, turnips and carrots. The children love getting stuck in and the recent weather has meant plenty of care and water has been needed.



When a break is needed our willow dome provides a nice shady spot to rest in.



On a recent trip to the allotment we bumped into two gentlemen who were carrying out a survey of the river. They explained the process to us, showed us the equipment and let us see what had been discovered. The children loved the opportunity to be involved and learn more about the mini beasts.



We've been loving the recent warm weather with lots of sand and water play. We've also enjoyed being outside with our friends.

As we near the end of the year we look forward to children transitioning to school.

It's a bittersweet time as we are excited for the children to start their new adventures whilst also knowing they will be leaving us.



Now for some fundraising news.

We are selling raffle tickets for a fantastic Chatsworth Paxton hamper - this luxury hamper worth £200 could be yours! Tickets are just £2 each and are on sale at playgroup now – don't miss out. We are also preparing a fun family quiz, coming soon to local shops and pubs it's just £1 per entry.

And remember to visit our popular water or wine stall at the upcoming Grindleford show, look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/Grindleford-and-Eyam-Playgroup-384845434973898/>

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# Book Groups

Covid restrictions have made our monthly gatherings with books from the Bakewell library a challenge too far! We have, however, found much pleasure in delving into our own book shelves, dusting off some old favourites and discovering one or two books we had always promised to have a look at. We revisited Dickens with varying success, **David Copperfield** and **Great Expectations** were enjoyed (school memories?) but **A Tale of Two Cities** was less popular. We needed more escapism, less density and more 'page turners', something to hold our interest, keep us guessing and, where possible, to make us smile!

**An Officer and a Spy**, by Robert Harris was a riveting read! Harris blends immaculately researched history with a slow-burning thriller. It is a compelling tale of power, cover-ups and idealism.

**The Second Sleep**, by Robert Harris. Set in the future, this is an absorbing read with serious food for thought. A topical evocation of civilisation's fragility.

**The Fox**, by Frederick Forsyth. This fluent, engrossing thriller stretches credibility but as political stories go it is an exciting and enjoyable read.

**Silent Patient**, by Alex Michaelides. Gripping! Alicia Berenson lived a seemingly perfect life as a successful artist with husband Gabriel. Six years ago she shot him dead. Since then she has not spoken. This was a psychological thriller we could not put down! Clever, intricate, pacy with several possible solutions to keep you guessing.

**The Thursday Murder Club**, by Richard Osman. Four amateur sleuths in an upmarket retirement village meet every Thursday to investigate an unsolved murder. This novel has proved hugely popular; it is very well crafted, with diverse, recognisable characters and a tight plot. Thoughtful, tender, amusing, intelligent and offbeat, a most enjoyable novel.

**The Garden of Evening Mists** by Tan Twan Eng was an altogether different book. A beautiful novel, essentially a love story but not as you might expect, illustrating the precarious nature of remembering and forgetting, the impermanence of life. The Chinese garden, created to approximate the idea of paradise, is the enchanting focus of the story. Very touching.

And now we can meet again, in groups of six, outdoors! What a delight to catch up with friends in the sunshine over a coffee at The Maynard, to chat about books!

We all enthused about **Hamnet** by Maggie O'Farrell, brilliantly written, very touching and a fascinating description of the possible life of the world famous playwright's wife. It is the story of a kestrel and its mistress; a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria; and a glovemaker's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves. Above all, it is the tender re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written. An enthralling, moving, beautiful novel.

The Orange Prize for Women's Fiction will be announced on July 7th and Grindleford Book Groups are once again reading one of the novels on the short list, **Piranesi** by the Derbyshire based author Susanna Clarke. This is a book of imagined worlds, of mystery and murder. The hero, Piranesi, finds himself excited to a labyrinthine world, deprived of human contact apart from a twice-weekly meeting with the Other. The sense of isolation has gained a new relevance with the corona virus lock downs but what is interesting about the world of the House where Piranesi finds himself, is that it is both prison and paradise. The word to sum up this novel is intriguing. There are many layers, a vast imaginative reach, the story is a metaphor for the alternative universe we all inhabit in our heads. After months of escapist immersion, this novel has challenged us through its complexity, its charm, its fluid style and is, as one critic said, 'the most gloriously peculiar book I've read in years'.

We will see what the Hope Valley Book Groups make of this 'shortlister' when we all meet up on July 7th!! There is a very good chance Suzanna Clarke will be a winner!!

Grindleford Book Groups.

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# Walk Moor Programme

## On The Eastern Moors

### June to August 2021



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

All walks are between 2.5 and 3.5 miles long and should take around ninety minutes. Booking is essential, as numbers are limited to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

To reserve your place please contact Helen Milton:

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In partnership with Derbyshire Dales District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council.

## Programme of walks June to August 2021

### THURSDAY 3RD JUNE

Walk through the woodland on the edge of Ramsley Moor.

**Miles:** 2.7 miles.

**Parking:** Park in the car park at Shillito Wood (free).

**Time:** Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am.

### THURSDAY 1ST JULY

Walk over Winyards Nick and Surprise View. Please note that this walk includes more uphill walking than our other routes.

**Miles:** 2.6 miles.

**Parking:** Surprise View car park (£4.00 for 4 hours. Card payments only - no cash).

**Time:** Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am.

### THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST

Walk along Bar Brook to visit the stone circles and return via Little Barbrook. **Miles:** 2.8 miles.

**Parking:** Barbrook Cottage (free).

**Time:** Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am.

### Walk Moor Plus (WMP)

If you'd like the chance to explore more of the Eastern Moors, then join us for Walk Moor Plus. You'll have the opportunity to experience more of our wonderful moorland scenery with a selection of walks which will be longer, hillier and rockier than our usual Walk Moor outings. We'll be out over lunchtime so please bring a packed lunch, a drink and waterproofs.

### Thursday 22nd July - WMP

Explore Gardom's Edge and Big Moor. **Miles:** 6.5 miles. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Parking:** Pay and display car park below Birchen Edge, next to the Robin Hood pub (£4.00 for over 4 hours\*).

**Time:** Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am, returning mid-afternoon



*\*Free to National Trust and RSPB members unless stated in the walk description, so bring along your membership card.*

### Coronavirus restrictions

Please note that we will only be accepting bookings for Walk Moor that comply with current government restrictions on travelling between tiers.

# Dementia Friendly Walk and Talk

**Walking Works!** Walking is for everyone. It's free, simple and gentle on the body. You can do it on these short, very easy, fully accessible wheelchair friendly walks. Derbyshire Dales District Council Health Walks are working in partnership with the Peak District National Park and the Alzheimer's Society.



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## What you can expect!

- Walks led by trained Walk Leaders who have a good understanding of dementia
- Length and pace of walk designed for you (15—60 mins)
- Enjoy a cup of tea, piece of cake and a good chat afterwards



## Walks are on Tuesdays at 2pm - No need to book, just turn up Two Different Fully Accessible Locations

We have 2 locations both offering a wonderful café at the end :-

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month: Darley Dale**—Meet at the **Whitworth Centre** for a short walk around the beautiful park and linked trails. (Pay and Display)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month: Bakewell**—Meet at **Hassop Station** for a short walk along the Monsal Trail with Peak Park Rangers. (Pay and Display)

Summer	Darley Dale	Hassop Station
July	6 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	20 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2pm	17 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm
September	7 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	21 <sup>st</sup> at 2pm



For more information **contact** Derbyshire Dales Health Walks Coordinator **Helen Milton** 01629 761194  
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# DERBYSHIRE DALES GUIDE TO HEALTH WALKS



- Improve your Health
- Explore the Dales
- Enjoy the Company
- Be more Active

## Health Walks in the Derbyshire Dales

A programme of free walks across the Derbyshire Dales led by qualified Walk Leaders, supporting local communities to maintain active lifestyles and improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

We advise anyone wanting to take part to wear sturdy comfortable shoes and to bring waterproofs if the weather forecast suggests rain.

Money for a cuppa in a café at the end is also advisable!

Details for all the walks are in the following pages with full details at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks)

If you are thinking of coming for the first time you can literally just turn up - just look for a group of walkers and you will be welcomed with open arms. If you would like more reassurance that it is for you, you can always call me, Helen Milton, on 01629 761194 or email [helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

### **Covid 19**

Covid restrictions are followed at all times. At the time of publication (June 16) there is no restriction on group size so booking is not required - you can just turn up (note: booking is required for Walk Moor). Social distancing will be observed and you must not join a walk if you have any symptoms. While Trackand Trace is active we will require a contact number.

## HEALTH WALK VOLUNTEERING

We rely almost exclusively on volunteers to lead our Health Walks. Our volunteers are trained as walk leaders as part of the Walk Derbyshire Scheme. We offer training in 'Everyday First Aid' with the British Red Cross and we engage with Dementia Friends training.

We are always looking for more volunteers, everybody has something to bring to walking – you don't need to want to lead from the front - back and middle markers are every bit as important!

If you would like to have a chat about volunteering with our Health Walks then please don't hesitate to contact Helen Milton, Health Walks Coordinator, on the details below. We would love to welcome you into our Group and support you on your journey into walk leader volunteering.

Full details at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/healthwalks) or

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## Hope Valley Eco-Fair

Bamford Recreation Ground

Sunday 18th July 12-4pm

Free entry by sustainable modes, cars £5.

Come along to the Hope Valley Eco Fair for fun activities and inspiration on how to help our planet. Stalls include Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, tree planting, Moors for the Future - Bogtastic Van, bird boxes, wildlife friendly gardening, travel and transport quiz, storytelling, wool felting workshop, second-hand bookstall, renewable energy information, Sunshine Pizza, teas, coffee and bar plus music by the Well-Dressed Band and others.

## And finally...

### Felix the cat's lucky escape.

Those of us living at the Goatscliffe end of Main Road have been used to seeing a large black and white tom cat stalking through our gardens looking as if he owned them with Rachel and Gavin knowing him better than most as he frequently ate their cat's food!

One Monday morning, as he walked in front of Andrew Lawton's workshop, he was startled by Andy, ran into the road and under a car, where he was seen somersaulting several times, with fur flying everywhere, but amazingly, he was not killed. He shot out from under the car, ran down the workshop drive and disappeared into one of Andy's wood stores where he could be seen lying down and panting heavily. Before he could be reached, he got up and vanished.

A post was put on Facebook to alert anyone who thought the cat was theirs and that he was likely to be injured. Rachel and Gavin, believing the cat was the stray who came to their house, searched for him in the fields behind Main Road but with no luck when, four days later, he turned up at their house looking very poorly.

They took the cat, now christened Felix, to the Park Veterinary Clinic in Sheffield where he received wonderful care from Donna and Carmel who treated him as if he were one of their own. However, his survival was by no means guaranteed. But Felix clearly had some credit left on his nine lives and by Sunday was making a good recovery. Meanwhile, Rachel and Gavin had decided they would adopt him. After the vets gave Felix a thorough MOT with flea and ear mite treatment, they brought him back to Grindleford with only the loss of some small parts of his anatomy the price to pay for a new home!



## Everybody's talking about Olga

Villagers who are members of the village Facebook page have been entertained by the antics of Nell Schaper's tortoise, Olga. Nell has had Olga for three years but she is believed to be about 23 years old. Perhaps it was Olga's desire for experience of the big wide world that led her to 'shoot off' from her garden on Adlington Lane and disappear.



It took her two weeks to walk across three fields before she was found at Mount Pleasant Court, just as England scored. We imagine Olga is now telling all her friends about her adventures during her 'gap fortnight'!

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**Please remember that we would love to include articles from you so please email your news to us and we can work with you to create an article.**

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## Useful Websites:

Grindleford Parish Council: [www.grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk)

Grindleford Community Shop: [www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk)

Check out all the activities going on in our pre-school and primary school:

[www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk) and

[www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk)

Finally, don't forget the village has its own website where you can find out about what is going on locally and post details of your own events:

[www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com)

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?

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