

# THE GRINDLEFORD NEWS

January 2022



## **Pavilion Fresh Activities**

A number of activities have been started or re established including:

### **Lunch Club**

Lunch Club has been re established and has run two meetings. This occurs on Thursday lunchtimes on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome! More information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **Supper Club**

The Supper Club has held 2 successful evenings. The event is a fundraiser for the Pavilion and Playing Fields. Supper Club runs on the last Friday in the month. It has been very popular, places are limited, and both events were fully booked. The room set up for Supper Club is shown below:



The format of the evenings is a 2 course meal followed by a short after supper talk or performance.

Invitations to reserve places are sent out from a mailing list. If you wish to join that list you initially need to email:

[grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com).

The upcoming January Supper Club will NOT now occur due to the worsening Covid situation, this will be reviewed again in respect of the end February event.

### **Art Club**

The previously run Adult Education Art classes have now finished but Veronica Simpson has started an Art Club, running on Thursday mornings. This has been very well attended, needing to utilise both meeting rooms for some of the sessions

### **200 Club**

January is a very good time for new members to join the 200 Club. If you want to become a member contact Joy Benn on 01433630221. More information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **MUGA**

Efforts are being made to revitalise this area. Thanks to John Wood and Nick Bater who have cleared overgrown vegetation around the perimeter. It is intended to seek funding to refurbish the MUGA but in the meantime work will continue on carrying out cleaning and repairs to the damage caused by the 2019 flood. The next session will be held down at the MUGA on the 15<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am when excavation work will be carried out to the perimeter and cleaning to the surface. All help is welcomed and would be much appreciated. Please contact Steve Benn on 01433630221 or just turn up with a spade or brush on the day!

The village Tree Planting Group have been planting saplings in the area just beyond the MUGA and further work is intended in the New Year.



### **New Furniture**

We have now received all of the new furniture.

Hopefully many of you have had a chance to use it and find it both comfortable and easy to use.

## Playground Update

A revised plan for the proposed changes envisaged for the play area development is shown below and can be incorporated with the funds that have been raised to date. Fund raising is to continue to assist with the refurbishment of the existing climbing structure. It is hoped that work on the scheme can start in Spring.



## Covid Update

The Pavilion remains open for bookings but users will be required to wear a face covering and follow Covid protocols when entering. The wearing of face coverings is not required in childcare situations and whilst exercising or consuming food and drink. Further exemptions to wearing face masks include:

- children under the age of 11,
- people who cannot wear them for certain reasons involving physical or mental health or distress,
- people speaking to or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expressions to communicate,
- to avoid the risk of harm or injury to yourself or others.

User groups need to make their own risk assessment regarding the new Covid situation and their specific activities.

# Grindleford Parish Council

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## Declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency

The really big news this quarter is the Council's Declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. In making the declaration we have joined the nearly 40% of local Councils who have already done so. Grindleford Parish Council was unanimous in making this decision, and in its pledge to work with the village to write an Action Plan supporting the Declaration. There is already so much going on with local groups in Grindleford that the Action Plan is mostly there already, but there are other things the Parish Council can bring to the table, like quarterly information leaflets on such things as switching to a sustainable energy supplier or insulating your home. It was a difficult decision to postpone the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency village meeting, especially as everyone was looking forward to a get together and a mince pie before Christmas. The work that had gone into the meeting beforehand has proved to be very useful however, and allowed us to construct a draft action plan, and to get some idea of the sort of funding which might be required to support it. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far, we are making good progress and will have some interesting things to share with you come the spring or whenever it is possible to reconvene the meeting.

## Precept

You'll remember this from a year or so ago – the Council decided at its last meeting to raise the precept by 20%, to prepare for increased cost of living prices, to fund some of the Action Plan work and to support local projects.

## Grit

The former grit supplier is no longer operating so the hunt has been on, I am glad to say that we have now found an alternative. If your nearby grit bin is empty, please let the clerk know on [grindleparish@gmail.com](mailto:grindleparish@gmail.com). Just a reminder that the grit bins are for the road and pavements only, and not for drives and garden paths. It costs the best part of £1000 to fill all the grit bins, so we can't afford to fill them twice, and it's a hilly old village!



## Telephone Box

You will have seen advances down at the Box, which as you know is now ours to do with as you will. Quick update: the Parish Council has paid for the necessary upgrade to the electrics required by BT when they sold it to us, with BT continuing to pay the electricity bill which is nice. There was a long hiatus while we got a new wooden door surround organised, but that too is now with us at a cost of £378.

Subsequently a huge amount of work has taken place to get the box up to scratch. A couple of very admirable residents got the door off somehow, and with the aid of angle grinders, files and saws prised the metal window pane insert out and carted it off to a shed Somewhere in Grindleford where the new surround was fixed. The door is now rehung and the box is ready for the next stage. Meanwhile funding has been successfully applied for to get a professional repaint done (because of the possible presence of lead) and we are grateful to our County Cllr Alasdair Sutton for supporting the venture. So hopefully quite soon the box will be restored to its full glory and we can start to use it as a village resource.

Here are some geek facts about the K6 which were included in a village enewsletter recently and which you might enjoy. <https://lookup.london/the-telephone-box/>  
A new WhatsApp group has been set up, called The Big Red Telephone Box. You can join it via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DiNnFP51hYM6mhtu0W84L3>  
There have already been a barrage of amazing ideas about how to use it. Just to mention that the Parish Council would like to sanction whatever is finally decided upon! Perhaps a group of boxophiles could come and give a presentation at a future meeting.

## The Christmas Tree

What a wonderful collaborative effort our village Christmas tree was. Our District Cllr Peter had the marvellous idea and sourced a bargain from Longshaw, Cllrs Wilson and Whiteley brilliantly managed to get the thing upright in such a way that it has continued to be upright, Lightman Heason found and put up the lights, which was a lot more complicated than it looks but don't they look great, and Parish Clerk SB bought a star. Even Matt on a ladder with a long stick with a hook on wasn't tall enough to put the star up, so Dave Kirkup, recently returned from his travels, very kindly came down with a great big ladder and all was well. The even more wonderfully collaborative carols were testament to the importance of a village tree and the Council plans to have one every year. It was very cheering at a time when we all still needed some cheer. Particular thanks to Kate, Matt and Soph for the carols, and the singers.



## **Wildflowering some Grindleford verges**

We are very pleased that Derbyshire Dales District Council has agreed to work with us to get some wildflower areas in the village verges. Opposite the church and down just past Goatscliffe Cottages are the main two, with a couple of others getting some assistance here and there. We will need to muster a posse of rakers in the summer, as this is the one bit DDDC can't resource, so if you fancy doing an impersonation of the Big Fella with a scythe then this could be your moment. Andrew Battye and SB are joining forces once again to source and sow some seeds (:oP) early in the new year.

## **Bins**

There is an independent enquiry into quite what happened with our bins over the last few months. Generally things seem to have got back to nearly normal collections on the Bank Holidays were welcome.

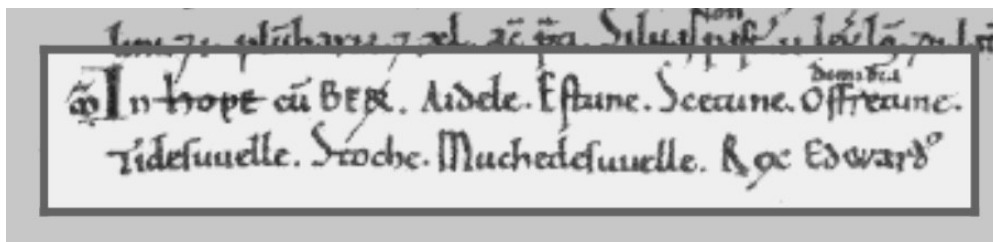
## **Planning Applications and Decisions**

As ever you can find all planning applications and decisions on the Peak Park Planning Portal. <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk>.

**The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and successful New Year and to thank all those people who have stepped up in 2021 to make such great things happen round the village.**

Sarah Batterbee  
Parish Council Clerk

## “ABOUNDING WITH OAKS”- THE DOOMSDAY BOOK



I have always been intrigued to go back in time and see where we live as it was a thousand years ago on the banks of the River Derwent to return to the real Middle Earth.

To make this journey back in time we must remove all the existing roads, road signs, the bridges and Grindleford village itself (which was not mentioned until 1248 although a ford is likely to have been long established).

In 1086, The Domesday Book was completed as a census of land under cultivation and heads of cattle and livestock used to till the land. It comprised over 2 million words and was completed upon the orders of William the Conqueror. Having taken the country by force he wished to establish what taxes had been payable under the late Anglo Saxon kings, to enable him to ascertain his wealth and to redistribute the land to his supporters, many of whom had risked everything in the Norman Conquest in 1066.

Tucked away in this great document is the above entry which refers to “Stocche” - Stoke :-

*“In HOPE, with its outliers EDALE, ASTON, SHATTON, half of OFFERTON, TIDESWELL, **STOKE**, MUCHEDESWELL*

*“the Lord in 1066 was the King and the whole area comprised 30 villagers. 4 smallholders and 1 priest. Ploughland: 10 ploughlands. 6 men's plough teams and other resources: Meadow 30 acres. Woodland 4 leagues & 2 furlongs, 2 leagues mixed measures. 1 mill, value 5 shillings and 2 pence. 1 church.*

Other than Tideswell (“Tideswelle” - “Tidi’s stream”) these settlements lay along the line of the River “Deorwentan” - Old English for “Abounding with Oaks.”

We would recognise the names of other local villages - “Hereseige”(Hathersage - “Haefers Ridge or He Goat Ridge”), Calvoure (Calver - “Calf Slope”). Basselau

(Baslow - “Bassa’s Burial Mound”), Cheteuorde (Chatsworth - “Ceatt’s enclosure”) and Bedecan Weillon (Bakewell - “Badeeca’s Spring” - a Royal fortress was built here in 924 and a place of significance).



Contemporary photograph of Stoke taken in 1086.

As a resident of 11th Century Stoke I would have been one of 4 households that lay within the Hundred of Blackwell which dealt with local government, taxation and provided courts for private and criminal cases. Adjoining Stoke is “Goatscliffe” which is a Saxon name using the Old English word “cliffe” meaning cliff/rock or steep descent and possibly “Gata meaning pathway or road or “Gaet”” opening /gap or gateway - this may refer to the old route up the Magclough (“clough” meaning ravine or dell).

Travel was limited but the locals would know their area intimately utilising natural and man-made features to navigate or to meet - for example, places with stone crosses, stone circles, ancient trees, burial mounds and fords. Froggatt, for example was near the river and had many frogs!

There would also be places to avoid. Dragons were a fact of life and the location of their lairs were carefully noted such as “Wormwood” near Hassop and “Wyrma’s Hill”( Wormhill near Tideswell - identified 1500 years ago as the lair of a serpent dragon).

In a time when many natural occurrences could not be explained this was a world populated with mythology. Trolls and Giants often personified terrifying natural elements such as crashing waterfalls, thunder and lightning. Elves (from Old English “Aelf”) could emanate from woods, rocks and streams. Whilst it was difficult to see them there was no doubt about their existence - the name of Alfred (“Aelf - red”) means “wisdom of the Elves.”

Woodlands were special places and people lived in them, depended on them for shelter, firewood and grazing for animals. They were (and still are) also places of magic and power - one only has to think of the number of folk tales that are linked to forest and woodlands. The woodland pasture would have included the

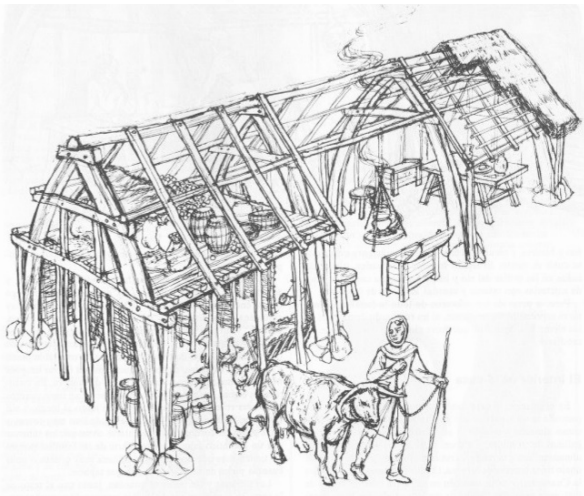


Heywood which still does “abound with oaks.” Pigs would have grazed these woods fattening themselves up on the prolific acorns. Domesday recorded the number of pigs that could be sustained by woodland and the payments to the lord for that privilege. Some areas of woodland would be used as a source of timber with coppicing or pollarding commonplace - the Heywood has reflected this practice for hundreds of years.

Beekeeping was an important activity providing honey for bread and mead and wax for candles, and the flour would be ground at the only water mill located probably in Hope. Hunger would often prevail until the first crops were brought in during mid-August.

The area would have been linked by ancient “Hollow ways”, miners tracks, old Roman roads and prehistoric “portwags” or portways - and there were fords at Hathersage, Grindleford and there would be other crossings. Defoe referred to the Derwent as a “fury of a river” and crossings would not be possible during winter flooding adding to the isolated nature of the small settlements along the valley.

It is not possible to breakdown the extent of Stoke as the Domesday entry refers to the whole of the Derwent Valley from Hope to the unidentified village of Muchedewelle (“wella” is Anglo Saxon or earlier for “babbling stream”).



11th Century Longhouse Farm similar to Lawrence Field and Yarncliff.

The whole area supported 30 villagers and had land for 10 ploughs - this referred to the amount of land that could be ploughed by teams of eight oxen in an agricultural year. Such an area would be around 15 acres per oxgang. In low sunlight the old ploughscape can be seen in the fields opposite Stoke.

The life of a Doomday peasant was harsh with village life revolving around the agricultural calendar. The important annual markers that told them when to sow, plough or harvest and store food. The year revolved about what activities needed to be carried out during warmer weather.

There was a two season year. From the month of May until early October was simply known as "Summer" - the rest was "winter" (Autumn was not used until 17th century and Spring the 16th century).

They used the season of winter to explain how old something or someone was - "he is 18 winter's old" or she lived there "for three winters."

Winter was hard - when humans and those animals not killed for food stayed indoors. Usually in the same building as a form of central heating. If the harvest had failed then starvation would haunt the valley. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle for 1086 states "*a very laborious and sorrowful year...*" with pestilence amongst the cows and crops left standing due to the weather. Heavy snow would add to the pressure as there was still the need to go to the woods to collect fuel and those same woods were also roamed by wild boar and wolves.

On the 25th December "Yule was celebrated - it meaning "mid-winter" and it was associated with celebrating fertility and a time of celebration for people who usually worked painfully long hours in the fields.

The clearing of land for agriculture was a communal activity on behalf of the local lord. This was a farming society and wild land was converted for arable use in a process known as "assarting."

There are two well preserved outlying farmhouses dating from the 11th/12th century at Lawrences Field together with large enclosures. These longhouses are still visible. There is also a farmstead and field system near to Yarncliff Quarry with four longhouses arranged in pairs and linked by old holloways.

Hope was one of the earliest centres for Christianity being a place of worship for over a thousand years and at this time formed one of the largest parishes in the land. The area had a single priest who would have been at the church in Hope which has a Saxon cross and Norman font. Hope was by far the most important village and is referred to in 926 and was the local administrative centre. (Eyam-

known as “Aium”- “the land between streams” or more likely meaning a patch of cultivated land amongst the moors - also had a church dating from this time and also has the wonderful 8th century Anglo/Danish Cross which reflects the fact that the area had been influenced by Saxon and Viking invaders. In the 9th Century the area was inundated by Danes and Scandinavians and lay within the Danish kingdom.

The Norman Conquest of 1066 changed that old world forever, in its aftermath and to quell ongoing revolts the Normans laid waste to much of the Northern Peak District - the Domesday entry for Stoney Middleton references to it as “waste” in 1086. The arrival of the Normans changed the nature of the valley. Large hunting grounds were created including the Forest of the Peak (hence Peak Forrest and Chapel en le Frith) which was a moorland forest stretching from Glossop to as far south as Buxton and Tideswell.

The Normans brought in new powerful Lords who swept away the existing Anglo Saxon hierarchy. The “le Heyre” family were major landowners based at Thornhill - and became hereditary “keepers of the hounds” and their name Eyre is a familiar Derbyshire name. The most important tenant in chief holding land directly from the King were William Peverel and Ralph FitzHubert. Both had fought at the Battle of Hastings and were awarded with extensive landholdings in the region. Peverel was the illegitimate son of the King and a Saxon Princess Maud and was a royal favourite. The Domesday Book records the unusual fact that he was allowed to build a castle - this and the village that developed became “Castle - tun.”

Ralph Fitzhubert took the lands previously held by the Saxon brothers Leofnoth and Leofric at Hathersage and Stoney Middleton. Fortifications were built or developed to intimidate the local population and enforce taxation. The imposition of an alien elite would have been resented by the local peasants although the toil of day to day life would have continued unchanged.

A stone walled castle at Castleton dominated the upper valley, a Ringwork surrounded by a wide ditch was raised at Hope near to the church, Camp Green at Hathersage was rebuilt on the site of a possible Danish earthwork and at Stoney Middleton an old earthwork at “Castle Hill” may well have been a fortified watch tower and circular ditch used to monitor east to west traffic and levy dues thereon. From such fortifications small numbers of mounted soldiers would patrol the area.

The greatest change would be the introduction of feudalism upon the exclusively Saxon-English peasants although by 1086 Normans of modest rank were beginning to settle in safety. The Normans spoke French and documentation was written in Latin as Old English gave way but never entirely faded away as it remained the spoken language of the common man and woman. The day to day toil remained the same for the peasants it was those who benefited from that toil

who changed.

On balance, I think it fair to say that I would rather live in Goatscliff today than a thousand years ago! The benefits of having a village shop, central heating and easy communications make our lives so easy compared with our predecessors from 1086.

Michael Willis

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## LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club was re-introduced into the pavilion last year. These were held in October and in November but the planned December lunch was cancelled due to Covid and are I am now waiting to see what this year brings before arranging further meetings.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet some of the people who used to attend Carol's lunches and to welcome new faces who have not been previously. I think so many people were happy to have the opportunity to meet and just chat and catch up. I would like to say a big thank you to the people who helped and to the many I have spoken to who have volunteered to help at future lunches. I would love to have some younger volunteers, just to extend the opportunity for generations to mix. It is a case of giving up a couple of hours of your time with no obligation. So if you feel this would be a useful opportunity to meet other village residents outside your usual circle then please contact me.

Meanwhile I hope that we are able to resume soon and will make contact with people who may wish to attend just as soon as it is possible.

Joy Benn - 630221

# St Helen's Church

## News

Happy New Year! But let's not forget the Christmas holiday isn't officially over until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January - the day when we remember how the Magi, led by the star, arrived rather late at Bethlehem, bowed down to honour the now toddling Jesus, and gave him precious presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh, fit for a great king.

If I were in charge, I'd make sure that the full 12 days of the great Christmas Festival were properly observed throughout the land, with or without the partridge in a pear tree, and all the maids, pipers, swans and so on, which may be difficult to source due to Brexit. Anyone asking if you had a good Christmas would be required to put on a paper hat, buy a round of drinks and sing a carol. Twelfth Night revels would end the celebrations with a huge national quiz night, hosted by Boris from Number 10 Downing Street, of course, and Easter eggs would be banned from the shops until January 7<sup>th</sup>.

By the time you read this, I hope and pray we'll be safely surfing the Omicron Wave, having all had our Covid booster jabs. Let's raise a cheer for all the people involved in this huge vaccination programme.

The wise men observed the star, followed it and found the Prince of Peace. If we have time and the inclination to step outside and look up at the night sky from time to time this year, I'm sure it will do wonders for our well-being and give us a better perspective on daily life. I'm no expert when it comes to identifying planets and constellations, but it's humbling to think of the vast mind-boggling distances that the starlight we are seeing now has travelled over eons.

We've all seen those awesome photos of distant stars and galaxies taken by the Hubble Telescope. If all goes to plan, as we celebrate New Year, a new telescope, the less catchily named James Webb Space Telescope, will be on its month-long journey to an observation point 1.6 million kilometres from Earth. The hope is that it will see deep into the past and find the light from the first stars formed after the Big Bang 13.5 billion years ago.

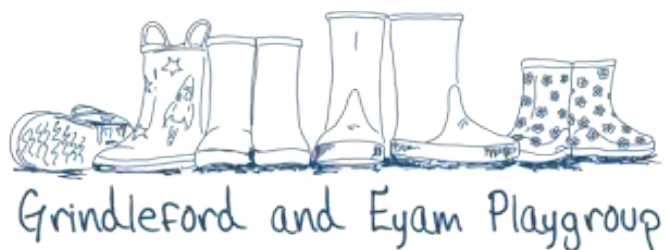
A line or two from one last Christmas carol comes to mind as we go forward into 2022:

**' Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies.'**

Light and peace to all!

Paul: *Paul Moore is Priest-in-Charge of Grindleford, Bamford and Hathersage.*





Hi everyone,

We hope you are all well and enjoying the festive season. We've fully embraced Christmas crafts and all that glitters. We have baked lots of lovely treats and enjoyed many renditions of Jingle Bells!



The children helped to decorate our tree and worked together to make a shining star to sit on the top.



We recently held our first ever 'Big Ball Race'! We sold 700 balls and picked the rainiest day of the year to launch them down a hill in Eyam.

The first 20 won prizes for their owners. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event in anyway; buying a ball, donating a prize, baking a cake for our stall or turning out to cheer the race on. We raised an amazing £739 for Playgroup which will make a massive difference.



Do you know who made this enormous snowman?

The children were super impressed, especially as it was taller than Pauline!

This term we have loved our outdoor adventures. We get out and about every day, from allotment tending to Forest School fun. Whatever the weather we wrap up and enjoy the fresh air. Autumnleaves provide a perfect backdrop for potion making, collecting and a group game of ‘the floor is lava!’



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Baslow Co-op, its staff and customers for their support over the last year. Playgroup were lucky enough to be nominated as one of their community charities which meant that we received donations from every purchase made which came to an amazing £842.75

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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## **(SHEFFIELD) WEDNESDAY and UNITED IN THE FIFTIES and SIXTIES .**

Sheffield during these two decades hosted a veritable feast of First Division football, the early equivalent of the Premiership. Sheffield Uniteds' three sided Bramall Lane (the 'open' end being host to Yorkshire Cricket Club matches) was unique, but was no match for Wednesdays' Hillsborough, one of the best grounds in the country and the venue for FA Cup semi-finals, boasting a capacity of 75,000!

Sheffield Uniteds' most prominent players in the late 1950s were goalkeeper Ted Burgin ('The Cat'), an excellent and agile shop stopper; Joe Shaw, surely the best centre half never to play for England, Alf Ringstead, a small flying winger; and the similarly diminutive Jimmy Hagan, again only a few England caps to his name, an excellent 'scheming' inside forward. Also of note, but a little later, was influential playmaker Tony Currie, yet another United icon who only appeared intermittently for England.

This syndrome of the England team ignoring the claims of players from the less fashionable northern clubs, and favouring those from southern teams (with the notable exceptions of Manchester United and Liverpool) appears to be less prevalent nowadays, but there were many examples at the time of hugely talented players from the so-called 'unfashionable' clubs being consigned to the 'outer limits' whilst inferior players from the London clubs were included on a regular basis.

At Hillsborough, where I would travel by train from Chesterfield to Sheffield Midland Station, then by tram from Fitzalan Square, there were a similar number of locally iconic players who didn't 'click' with England, including Derek Dooley, who scored many goals, broke his leg and had to have it amputated, but went on to become the club chairman in the 1970s. Also, Redfern Froggatt and Jackie Sewell were talented goalscoring inside forwards, Sewell being the country's record signing at the time, £34,500 from Notts. County. The most popular Wednesday player of the

day however was the 'golden boy,' blonde haired Albert Quixall, another talented 'playmaker' who was acquired by Manchester United in the aftermath of the Munich tragedy and played for them in the 1963 Cup Final.

I can remember standing on the Bramall Lane and Hillsborough terraces watching the 'Blades' or the 'Owls' play all the top teams of the day: Wolverhampton Wanderers, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, Liverpool, etc. They probably lost more than they won, but nevertheless stayed in the First Division for many years. I saw goalkeepers Frank Swift, Ted Ditchburn, Bert Williams, Bert Trauttmann, fullbacks Roger Byrne, Alf Ramsey, Ray Wilson, Johnny Carey; centre halves Billy Wright, Neil Franklin, Jack Charlton, Jackie Blanchflower, Bobby Moore; wing halves Danny Blanchflower, Jim Baxter, Duncan Edwards, Colin Bell, Dave Mackay; inside forwards Bobby Charlton, Dennis Violet, Dennis Law, Johnny Haynes, Charlie Cooke, Jimmy Greaves, Jimmy McIlroy; wingers Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney, George Best; and centre forwards Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse, Jackie Milburn, Tommy Taylor, Rodney Marsh and John Charles, veritable giants of the game.

*If anyone would like to read the full article, please contact David: [dmcphieipad@gmail.com](mailto:dmcphieipad@gmail.com)*

David McPhie

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## Grindleford welcomes a new landlord to The Sir William

The new landlord of The Sir William arrived just before Christmas and has hit the ground running with his new ideas for making the pub one of the centres of the village's social life. Alan, who is from Dorset, a landlord of 42 years experience, was looking for something special for the culmination of his career in hospitality. When he sat in the lounge of the pub looking across the view of the Valley, he knew he had found that place. He looks forward to giving a warm welcome to customers old and new as he wants the pub to be a community asset.

# 200 Club

This feels like the end of year report for the 200 Club. This year (2021) over £900 has been distributed to those lucky 200 Club members whose numbers were drawn. Prizes range from £40 to £200. A similar amount will be transferred to the Playing Fields Association once the accounts are audited.

For those of you who are unaware of this wonderful opportunity read on... Membership costs a mere £12 a year!!!. For this you will be allocated a number and if you are lucky at some point during the year I will contact you to arrange your windfall payment. The 200 club is an even chance lottery. As the name suggests there are 200 numbers. Membership is currently at around 80% so there are plenty of numbers available if you want to join in. Quite simply the more members then the more money to distribute.

This is a significant fund raiser for the GPFA especially given that other fund raising events in the last two years have had to be curtailed, so your support would be very much appreciated. Please contact me if you want to join in. This is the ideal time to join as payments are taken in January each year and you will have the maximum number of opportunities to win. If you use the village Facebook page then you can contact me on FB Messenger or just pick up the phone and dial the number below.

Joy Benn - 630221



# Peter's Page

## News from Your Derbyshire Dales

### District Councillor



You may remember that last year I reported on my efforts to stop our local Councils using glyphosate (which is widely believed to be carcinogenic) in their weedkilling. I'm pleased to say that the District Council has now ceased its use completely! Thanks for your support with this. Less good news is that the County Council is reluctant to do the same, preferring to wait until, or if, the Government follows many other European countries and bans its use completely. This means unfortunately you may still see it being sprayed on our footpaths, so do take care. I will though continue my campaign.

Hopefully our refuse collection is returning to something nearer normal (and what we have all paid for!), though I continue to get reports of properties being missed. We should soon have the results of the inquiry into what went wrong between the Council and Serco, which I will share with everyone.

I have been continuing to work to find sites for new affordable housing in our neighbouring villages of Eyam and Hathersage. It looks as if we may be successful in Eyam, and in Hathersage I am bringing together the National Park, the District and Parish Councils to try to find a way forward, as its now 10 years since the last houses were built and young families are being forced to move out of the village as prices (both for sale and to rent) are so exorbitant.

I have campaigned for many years to try to improve our bus services. And from 10 January, we will have an hourly 257 service into Bakewell, and Sheffield via Hathersage, Ladybower and Broomhill. The first service to Bakewell is at 08.46, then 09.11 and hourly until 16.11, then 17.31 and 18.31. Return from Bakewell on the hour from 09.00 until 15.00, then at 16.25 and 17.25. To Sheffield at 07.55 then 09.30 and every hour until 15.30, then 16.55 and 17.55.

And a new Sunday service, with 5 services into both Bakewell and Sheffield!!

The 257 bus stops are Flora Cottages, Goatscliffe, Mount Pleasant and the War Memorial/Sir William.

And don't forget our regular 65 service to Buxton and to Sheffield via Ecclesall Road. This of course goes via The Maynard and Fox House.

We are fortunate to still have a mobile library service, which offers a really good selection of fiction and non fiction books to read. It stops in the village every month, with the next two visits on 19 January and 16 February. The library calls at Mount Pleasant at 1.25 to 1.50 pm and the Sir William car park at 1.55 to 2.25pm.

I still have a small amount of funding left to support local groups with new ideas or projects; just contact me for details.

Stay Safe!

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# Grindleford Tree Planting Group



Our aim is to plant trees to enhance our local habitats; to provide more wildlife corridors in the village that in turn attracts insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals; to make an effort to address climate change at a very local level; perhaps to help prevent flooding; and to bring people together to learn about and care for our environment and to have a good time!

**We are delighted to report our very successful weekends of tree planting in November and December 2021.**

Project 1 took place in May on the Bonfire Field and the hedging is growing well (trees provided free from Woodland Trust).

Project 2 on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, involved relocation of 10 alder trees which were growing against the MUGA fence. They look great in their new position.



Also on that weekend, many members of the community, of all ages, came to plant 500 whips for new native hedging in a lovely spot behind the MUGA and near the river (trees provided free from Conservation Volunteers). Everyone seemed to have a good time and we all enjoyed the peace and quiet of the area,



although most of us had never been there before. The following weekend it was covered with snow. A few weeks later a few of us enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies around the bench near our new hedging, watching robins, tree creepers and nuthatches going about their business. We would highly recommend a stroll down to that bench!





## Project 4:

**This was led by Sarah Cook from Upper Padley and took place on 11<sup>th</sup> December in collaboration with the National Trust Longshaw Estate and 15 local volunteers.**

This project was at beautiful Oxhay woods, beyond Upper Padley. The results look great – do have a wander up to see it. Go up the track past Padley Chapel until you reach the 5 grindstones on the right. Turn right up a track there into the next field. Sixteen 5 year old trees (oak, rowan and hazel) were sparsely planted to allow them to grow to full maturity.



Ranger Chris Milner gave us a highly informative introduction to the area and showed us how to plant the trees and make the deer guards safely. We all learned a great deal. Donations for this project amounted to £400. Further donations would be very welcome to extend this area of planting further in 2022.

Many thanks to the Parish Council, the Playing Fields Committee and the many private donors who have supported the Grindleford Tree Planting Group so far.

It is fantastic that tree planting has become well-established and something everyone in Grindleford can enjoy being involved with. We are planning more projects over the coming year. We have nearly reached one tree for every Grindleford resident! Do get in touch if you have any suggestions or would like to get more involved.



Contact; [paul.thorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.thorpe@hotmail.com)



# The Grindelford Community Shop

Peter Ragdale took over as manager in September and the shop has continued to thrive. Sales for September to December have exceeded those for all of the previous years in that period. The top sellers for December, by a big margin, were the Christmas Cakes that were made by our dedicated team of cake bakers. The 4 inch cakes proved particularly popular with many people buying them as gifts. Thankyou to all our customers for their support of the shop.



In the last edition of the News, we invited people to approach us who might be interested in taking on the role of part-time Assistant Manager. Michelle Bingley joined us in December and we have to thank her for her hard work and enthusiasm. Unfortunately for us but fortunately for her, Michelle has been offered her dream job working for City Hearts ([www.cityhearts.global](http://www.cityhearts.global)), so will be leaving us. Peter will be looking for a replacement so the situation may have changed by the time this comes out. However, if you are interested, please speak to Peter when he is in the shop or e-mail him at [peter@grindelfordshop.co.uk](mailto:peter@grindelfordshop.co.uk) to talk about it.

We are also always on the look out for more volunteers. It is a good way of getting to know other people from the village and making a contribution to the community. Do talk to Peter if you are interested.

Chairs and tables have been purchased to be placed in the church at the end of the nave, so that people who buy drinks and cakes can enjoy them indoors when the weather is bad. We hope that these will not only provide shelter for passing walkers and cyclists but also off the possibility of members of the village to meet with friends and enjoy our delicious home baked cakes.



Finally please note that the AGM will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If possible this will be in the pavilion but, if the Covid situation has not improved, will be held online. Further information will be sent out to shareholders by e-mail and will also be on the Shop Website – [www.grindlefordshop.co.uk](http://www.grindlefordshop.co.uk).

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## A Place Called Grindleford

### “What’s In a Name?”

*“Here’s tae Us... Wha’s Like Us? Gey Few, And They’re A’ Deid”*

The above is a quote from a Robert Burns toast - for Christmas or New Year certainly, but also suitable for Burns’ Night, 25th January. For the avoidance of doubt, it translates as “Here’s to us, who’s like us? Very few, and they’re all dead” - “gey” is pronounced as the “Guy” in Fawkes.

So it occurs to me to wonder “*wha’s Like Us*” - are there other places called “Grindleford” elsewhere in the country, or elsewhere in the world? The study of place names has long been a fascination of mine, and if I were asking the same question of some place names, for instance those ending in “-ton”, it would be easy enough. We might fully expect there might be quite a few named “Norton” (a “north” settlement), “Middleton” (reputedly the “middle -ton”), or “Southam” - the south “ham”, and indeed quite a few ending “-ford”. For example, there’s our own “Ashford in the Water”, and the rather larger Ashford in Kent; and two, possibly lesser known Ashfords in Shropshire - “Ashford Carbonel” and “Ashford Bowdler”, in a county where a further qualification is needed to distinguish the two.

The origins of “Ashford” as a place name - a ford, with an ash tree nearby - do not appear to be in dispute; however the derivation of “Grindle-ford” has led to some uncertainty. Some suggest it could mean “ford which has been ground away”; others say it was named as a place where grind stones (*grindstones*) were forded across the

river. Even Kenneth Cameron, in *“The Place Names of Derbyshire”*<sup>1</sup> states *“this is a difficult name”*, suggesting the first element may be from Old English *‘gryndel’*, meaning “to grind”, in the sense that it may be a *‘ford which was ground away’*. Indeed, if that was the case, it wouldn’t have been much use as a ford; so his statement that *“no trace of the ford can now be seen but it must have been near the modern bridge”* may be of sufficient proof! Perhaps in the past travellers may have been told “ar’ bu’ tha’ dusnae wanna to dahn yon, wharrever folk tell ‘ee... ’ford’s bin grun away, ‘appen at Stoke, or ‘Azzlefuld, tha’ll be able to gerracross”... to which our village sage might well have added: “... bu’ If I were thee, I wanna start from ‘ere”...

Joking aside, Cameron’s earliest discovery of the name - *Grundelford* - in a Derbyshire Charter of 1248, would appear to support the “ground away” derivation, though I have to confess to preferring the explanation of a place where grindstones were forded across the river! By the way, the earliest reference to a bridge at Grindleford - though probably not the present bridge - is 1407.<sup>2</sup> It is perhaps also questionable whether the eponymous ford would have been where the bridge is now; although I’ve never done so myself, I understand there are places where one can “ford” the river, even now.

When the origins of appear to be obscure, perhaps it is to be expected that the name has arisen in few, if any places elsewhere. Could there be more locations elsewhere in the country identifying themselves as “Grindleford”? I had thought not, but my research of the digitized collection of British Newspapers, available online through a subscription to “FindMyPast suggested otherwise!

Certainly, I found no other villages, or hamlets called “Grindleford”, but examples of house- and street-names do exist. My most recent find was of a “**Grindleford Hall**” in Norwich. The *Derby Evening Telegraph* of 20th January, 1940, in reporting the death of Mrs. Currey, the wife of a Derby architect, Percy H. Currey, mentioned their daughter, Mrs. Drew, who was the wife of the Rev. Gordon Drew, of Grindleford Hall, Norwich. Interestingly however, this proved to be a misprint for “**Cringleford Hall**”, a rather splendid residence, with origins back in the 16th or 17th century.<sup>3</sup> By

coincidence, the good reverend gentleman was however curate of Tideswell, from 1931,<sup>4</sup> so there was a Derbyshire connection after all.

I also found four examples of houses, or cottages, named “Grindleford” - in Oulton Cross, near Stone, Staffordshire, in Sutton-on-Hull (both in 1940 newspapers), in Cottingham, on the outskirts of Hull, and at Carters Corner, near Hailsham, (both in 1941 newspapers). At that time, it would have been more common for house names to identify addresses than it is today. Thus it is likely that in all these cases, the house names have been superseded by house numbers, or have changed by now.

There have been several mentions of Grindleford in street names in other editions of old newspapers - a “**Grindleford Road**”, in Perry Barr, Birmingham, for one; and Google Maps also reports a **Grindleford Avenue**, in New Southgate, London (north of the Thames); a **Grindleford Close**, in Desborough, Kettering (Northamptonshire); a **Grindleford Place** in Warrington, and (closer to home) a **Grindleford Gardens** in Glossop. One wonders whether the road planners were thinking of former homes?

Whilst I cannot at present answer that, I have, however traced evidence of the name “Goatscliffe” elsewhere, in connection with former residences. In early May, 1922, the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* announced the sale of the “Superior Household Furniture”, of Mrs. Selina Maria Hancock, of “**Goatcliffe**”, Kenwood Park Road, in Sheffield. Previous family history research revealed that her maiden surname was Bagshaw. She had married a Thomas Hancock, who had died in 1915, at the same address. Thomas Hancock was born in Stoney Middleton, but his connection to Goatscliffe can be traced back to the early 1800s, when his grandfather, Francis Hancock was working as a Woodman and Timber merchant for the Stoke Hall estate, and resident at Goatscliffe.

Perhaps even more surprisingly, memories of “home” have travelled even further for some. Eyam Woodlands School records<sup>5</sup> indicate a family named Lauchland - Andrew and Elizabeth - were living at Goatscliffe for a short time in the late 19th

century. They emigrated to Australia, and two of their sons, Robert and Andrew (junior) served in the Anzac forces in World War I. Sadly, however, Robert was killed in 1917, and a notification of his place of burial was sent to "*Mr. A. Lauchland, "Goats Cliffe", Karilpa Street, West End, South Brisbane, Q'ld*" (Queensland). Evidently, their brief spell of residence at Goatscliffe was sufficiently meaningful for them to carry it with them all the way to Australia! It's also interesting to speculate what their home may have been like - did it in any way resemble the stone-built cottages typical of the area at that time? Unlikely, I know, and in any case, Google StreetView shows only newer properties in Karilpa Street today.

Australia as a whole abounds with places bearing names in common with elsewhere in the world, and to some extent so does the United States. I await therefore with interest the discovery of a "Grindleford, PA" (Pennsylvania), or a "Goatscliffe, TX" (Texas) in the US!

The derivation of Goatscliffe? Now, that could provide the basis of a whole new article...

Rosemary Lockie, December 2021.

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- <sup>5</sup> National School Admission Registers & Log-Books 1870-1914, available on the **FindMyPast** website - <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>.

# Grindleford Gaiters

The Gaiters walking group have managed to complete 16 walks in 2021. This is a good achievement considering so much of the start of the year was lost with Covid restrictions. We are now regularly walking. The most recent walk went up onto the Derwent Moors with some wonderful views in the fine December weather. Below is a photograph from that walk



The Gaiters walk fortnightly on Thursdays, generally meeting outside the church at 9:30. Our Walk leaders usually select a walk suitable for the conditions at the time.

Our 3 month walking schedule is shown here. Our next walk in January will be on the 13th.

We welcome new Grindleford walkers to our group. Most walks are typically about 5 miles; so to join us you will need to be fit enough to walk this distance over Peak District terrain, such as moorland and rocky paths. You should also be suitably equipped and bring a hot drink or water.

At the end of our walks we usually enjoy a good lunch together.

Keep walking.

Tim Reynolds 630023.

Gaiters Walk Days 2022, Thursdays:
13th January
27th January
10th February
24th February
10th March
24th March

# *“Royal Trainspotting & Vintage Red Arrows”*

*By Alan Jacques*

If there were any young trainspotters on the platforms of Grindleford Station on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1897, they would have witnessed an amazing sight. All the station staff were on duty, immaculately turned out, the gangers and platelayers were busy checking the line, careful inspections of all signals and points were being carried out. As early evening drew near no traffic ran either way on the line, clearly something unusual was about to happen!

At 7.45pm a single light locomotive emerged from Topley Tunnel slowly heading towards Hathersage. Nothing else happened for 15 minutes until an amazing sight unfolded as the Royal Train of 11 carriages appeared out of the tunnel carrying Queen Victoria and her Royal Entourage of 200 staff and officials. The train was headed by two Midland Railway locomotives.

The Royal Train was travelling at a modest pace, as the Queen would not allow it to travel at more than 36 miles per hour! It was travelling from Sheffield, where the Queen had opened the new Town Hall, to Ballater for a stay at Balmoral, where they arrived at 11am the next day.







The opening ceremony at Sheffield Town Hall was somewhat unusual, as Queen Victoria was unable to get out of her carriage due to her infirmities. She was given a gold key to press a button which should have opened the Town Hall gates. Alas, it did not work, so staff had to crawl unseen on their stomachs to pull them open manually.

I wonder if, as the Royal Train passed through Grindleford, an aide might have mentioned to Her Majesty that this village is where the stone for the new Town Hall was quarried at Stoke Hall Quarry?

Unlikely, I think, as is the possibility of any young trainspotters “copping” the Royal Train as it passed through Grindleford in 1897 – their breed did not appear until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century!

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1919 saw the visit of another Royal Train along the Hope Valley Line, when King George V and Queen Mary visited Sheffield to tour Walker & Hall Silversmiths, Cammell Laird’s Steel Works and the Town Hall. The train had travelled from St. Pancras to stay overnight at Hathersage sidings, dinner was served on board and arrived just before 9pm when the Royals had time to view the scenery of the Hope Valley before retiring to their sleeping coach.

Next morning the Royal Train was cheered off shortly after 9.30am by a large group of Hathersage residents and school children. As it left in fine sunny weather, six “Avro504” aeroplanes flew over it and escorted it in formation to Grindleford and all the way to Sheffield Midland Station. Presumably they did not fly through Totley



Tunnel but must have had to gain height rapidly to climb up from 585 feet at the Grindleford portal to clear 1252 feet at Totley Moss!

The planes had come from RAF Hendon via a stay at RAF Coal Aston (now housing estates) and it was reported in the Sheffield press that “during the whole day until His Majesty’s departure they will hover around. During the interval they will be looping the loop, spiralling, banking, diving and upside down flying of the most daring description.”

In the days before Health and Safety, no Risk Assessment would have been made for this event - the possible start of the famous “Red Arrows”?

*Acknowledgements. “The Hope Valley Line – Dore to Chinley” by Ted Hancock.*

*Picturesheffield.com. Sheffield Newspapers. Authors own collection.*

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## Provisional Open Meeting Timetable 2022

Hope Valley U3A is alive and kicking! During the current pandemic our activities have been somewhat limited. Many of our interest groups have continued throughout the last two years, either face-to-face, when and where possible, and we have had numerous Zoom meetings.

HVU3A are re-launching our Open Meeting programme from January 2022 in a slightly different format. We will be running bi-monthly guest speaker meetings, mostly at the Memorial Hall in Hathersage. These will, we hope, be broadcast on Zoom as well as with a live audience. Open Meetings in the intervening months will take the form of a range of different activities at different locations within the Hope Valley and occasionally further afield. This is the provisional meetings timetable for 2022, assuming that no Covid changes are forced upon us:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
Jan 20 2 pm	Memorial Hall, Hathersage	Dr Fran Pitt : <i>'Perspectives on Pandemics'</i>
Feb 15	TBC	A Games Afternoon – table tennis etc
Mar 17 2pm	Memorial Hall, Hathersage	Speaker TBC
Apr 19	Loxley Hall, Hope	Community Policing Forum & Robert Lorgan MP
May 19	Hathersage	Speaker & AGM
Jun 21	The Plough, Hathersage	Summer BBQ
Jul 21	Hathersage	Speaker
Sep 20	TBC	A Day Trip
Oct 27	Hathersage	Speaker
Nov 15	TBC	Pre-Christmas Lunch

For updates, please check the Hope Valley U3A website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/hope-valley/home> and feel free to attend any of our friendly Open Meetings to find out more about what we do.



## LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?



**We are seeking volunteers to join our Befriending Service to support lonely or isolated elderly people in the High Peak & North Derbyshire Dales areas.**

The Befriending Service provides social support and companionship to older people living in the community who are vulnerable or lonely. This might be having a cup of tea and a chat or going out to do an activity together. With regular visits or telephone calls befrienders provide one-to-one support and encouragement, to help reduce isolation and loneliness.

Full training and support is provided.

So do you enjoy talking to people?

Do you have some spare time each week or each month?

If so, you could make a real difference to someone's enjoyment of life in their later years.

**For more information, please contact us 01433 620263 or [befriending@ageukdd.org.uk](mailto:befriending@ageukdd.org.uk)**

Registered charity number 1068550.

# Being a Befriender

When my mother moved to Derbyshire in her 80s, first in sheltered housing and then in a care home, I became more personally aware of the problems of loneliness and isolation for elderly people. I had seen adverts for AgeUK's befriending scheme in Derbyshire and thought it might be something I would like to do when I retired. Those of you who know me, will know that I have no problem with chatting! However, I was concerned about a regular commitment so it wasn't until last year that I finally contacted AgeUK Derbyshire to pursue this further. What I found is that they have wide range of clients who have different needs and wishes so befriending doesn't need to be a weekly commitment unless you want it to be. The local AgeUK team is very welcoming and provided some online training although face to face is preferable when COVID conditions allow. After the training I was ready to be assigned a befriender who I contact once a month. Because of the pandemic this started as a phone call then, when conditions allowed, visits to my befriender's home. We hope that we will start to go out for tea and cake in 2022.

AgeUK Derbyshire are always looking for volunteers, so do get in touch with them if you feel this is something you could get involved in.

Colleen Gray



# Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport<sup>is</sup>

a registered Charity which has been running for over 30 years and operates in the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales.

It's purpose is to help people who struggle with traditional forms of transport, whether that is due to accessibility or timetable reasons.

All our buses are adapted to be able to assist those who need a little extra help, and all our bus drivers are trained to a nationally recognised level specifically designed for Community Transport operations.

We provide door to door trips out to different venues throughout our service area. These could be to garden centres, cafés and pubs, places of interest, and town centres or shopping venues etc. (See local press for details)

We provide Group transport for community groups and organisations. Such as History Groups, Disabled Groups, Scouts, Guides, Bird Study Groups, Lunch Clubs, Theatre Groups, W. I.'s, Arts Groups, Probus, Weddings etc. etc. In fact, we will try to help any group which needs transport.

We also provided Dial a Ride transport – These are journeys which are booked by individuals who need accessible vehicles to help them get to their destinations. These could be medical or social, access to Day Care or sometimes just an opportunity to get somewhere where they can meet with friends.

Our Car Scheme specialises in one to one, door to door transport for medical appointments and is provided by volunteers and their cars. There is a charge for this but the passenger will always know in advance, so they never face an unexpected cost.





Volunteering lies at the heart of Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport – our services benefit from the wide experience of these volunteers who give their time for the benefit of our users.

We are also extremely fortunate to have a further stream of volunteers in the form of those who support our bookshop. Without these we would be unable to open this lucrative business in Bakewell. We receive all our stock through donations and every one of those donations has a value. Whether it be through direct sales at the book shop, specialist book sellers or pulping.

Our trustee body are all volunteers too – again giving time and expertise for the benefit of BECT.

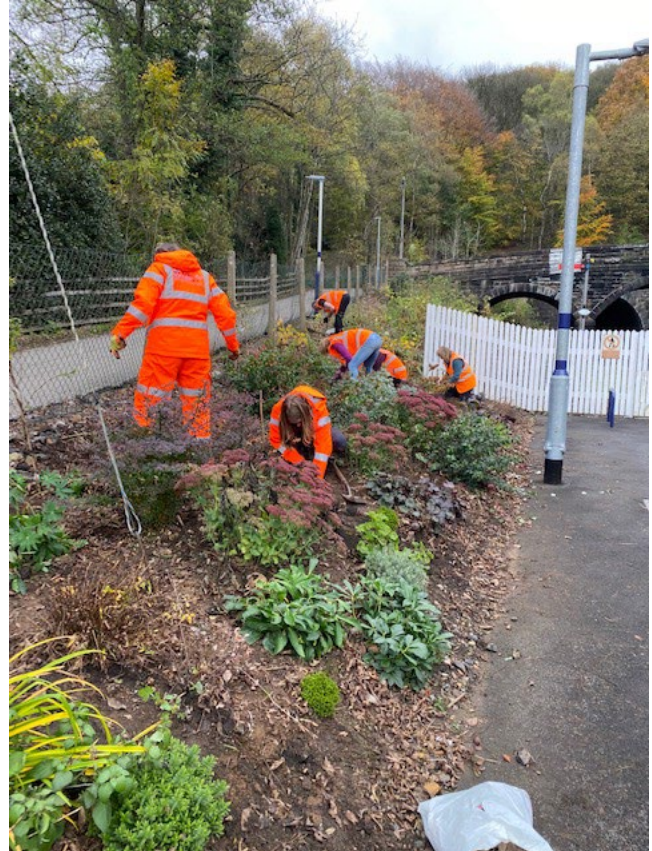
We have recently expanded our volunteer opportunities in the form of ‘Buddies’. These are people who can give assistance to our passengers, not in a driving capacity but in a directly supportive way such as in helping someone on a ‘Cuppa Club’ trip who would like to benefit from this socially interactive opportunity but who may not be able to carry a tea tray or may need a little encouragement as they are nervous about going out alone. They could also be used for a car scheme passenger who needs help to find a department at hospital or someone on a shopping trip who is no longer able to shop alone.

**We cannot stress how much we value the input of all our supporters and would be delighted to involve more. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 641920 or email: [info@bect.org.uk](mailto:info@bect.org.uk)**



## Friends of Grindleford Station

This November, with 350 tulip bulbs to plant, we were very glad to be joined by volunteers from VolkerRailStoryJV who are delivering the Hope Valley Upgrade on behalf of Network Rail and for whom it's important to give back to the local communities in which they are working. Along with bulb planting, they helped with weeding and took our green waste away. We look forward to working with them again in the spring as well as seeing the display of red tulips.



Also, in connection with the station environment, we have been in touch with Network Rail after seeing them work on ash dieback above Station Road which has resulted in them collaborating with us and Grindleford Tree Planting Group to plant ash saplings for the benefit of woodland habitat, in February



Our Chair, Kay, just happened to have her great niece, Annie, staying with her and she took on the task of drawing some posters to display at the station to advertise the Go Green By Train initiative. We were further helped by young people as Grindleford Rainbows were able, once again, to make Christmas decorations for us to add to the lights we use to brighten the station at Christmas time

The new Hope Valley Line timetable was published on 12<sup>th</sup> December but please note that there are some route improvement changes throughout January. There is some talk of the popular 8.13 commuter train being removed but it is still in place on the new timetable.

Finally, we were pleased to hear that a local Friends group at Buxton Station were given an award for outstanding contribution to community rail and one of their members an award for outstanding volunteer contribution at The Community Rail awards.

Colleen Gray

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**We are very grateful to Alan Jacques and his delivery team for the service they provide in delivering The Grindleford News to every house in the village but are aware that some people are happy to look at The News when it is published on line at [www.grindleford.com](http://www.grindleford.com), in full technicolour. If you no longer wish to receive a paper copy, please email Alan at [apjacques@sky.com](mailto:apjacques@sky.com)**

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## Useful Websites:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com).

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