



## Grindleford Without Playing Fields & Pavilion?

Do you use the Playing Fields or Pavilion? Perhaps your children use the play area or pre school? Perhaps you use the field for sport or exercise? Perhaps your group uses the Pavilion for your activities and meetings? Perhaps you are involved in, or enjoy participating in one of the major events such as Carnival, Show, Gallop or Goat? Can you imagine these facilities not being available in the village and what difference they would make to your activities if they weren't?

Playing Fields and Pavilion are owned by a charitable trust and run and managed by volunteers. Many of these volunteers have been involved for decades and are now retiring or retired. We absolutely need another generation of volunteers to become involved in order to keep these facilities going and available for all the village to use.

**As a charity there must be proper management otherwise it cannot exist!**

We are hoping to recruit a broad spectrum of village members to take the management forward. We have had a couple of people show interest in this so far, but we do need more.

If you are the kind of person who is really keen to make a key contribution to our village life, we are looking for somebody to work alongside Steve Benn and then take over the secretary role.

We are very keen to hear from some of you soon.

## Supper Club

Supper Club has returned after taking a break for the Summer

This runs on the last Friday evening of the month at the Pavilion and started on September 30th. with a talk about Red Deer and the Rut.

At each event there will be a seasonal meal comprising main course, dessert and at the end coffee or tea accompanied by a short talk or a performance. There will be a charge of £20 per head which includes meal and room costs; bring your own drinks. The event is a fundraiser for the Pavilion and Playing Fields.

Information on each event is circulated to the Supper Club mailing list. If you want to join that list then email [grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com)

## Summer Actives for Ukrainian Families

Over the summer holidays the Pavilion was used for a programme of summer activities for Ukrainian families who are currently being hosted in the Hope Valley. Activities were arranged in the Pavilion on Tuesdays and on Thursdays a whole range of activities around Derbyshire were arranged. Thanks to the group of volunteers, led by Jo Powis, who made this possible. A number of funders enabled this to happen; amongst them the Grindleford Carnival committee.



# Grindleford Parish Council

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I wrote this on the day of her funeral, when I was in France. It felt very strange not to be in the country, but we were joined by so many French people in mourning her death. She was widely admired much further afield than our own shores. There is an article on the Grindleford Parish website which speaks for us all.

In other news: you can hardly not have noticed the traffic thundering through the village while the Froggatt Road was shut. The police came and did speedchecks but the enormous Leviathans were in fact not exceeding the limit - 30 mph is just awfully fast through a tiny gap on a narrow road in the middle of the village. The Parish Council has spent some considerable time looking at options but again have been stymied at each turn - Peter O'Brien and our County Councillor worked hard to get hold of cones to go round the Hathersage Road junction but were told, after several convolutions, that the law does not permit. We got the Council to come and assess for a lollipop crossing but there were too few children to merit one. Double yellow lines are very difficult to get. We were told that the constabulary doesn't like rumble strips to slow motorbikes bikes down at Stoke, even though the police commissioner is pro...and so on. Faint but pursuing, the issue will continue to go onto the Parish Council agenda each time. Video of the difficulties crossing the main road, especially at school time, would be really helpful. Send them to [grindleparish@gmail.com](mailto:grindleparish@gmail.com).

Many thanks to those who signed up for Speedwatch. Meanwhile the Council has bought some 20s Plenty stickers for your bins or other private property, there may still be some left in the shop.

Again as you almost certainly know, Grindleford Bridge was struck by one of the big lorries and will be closed from **3 October** for two weeks. Please take avoiding action. Buses will run from south of the Hathersage junction and will go through Hathersage. There will be delays coming from Sheffield of up to ten minutes from scheduled times.

Some flood damage will be repaired at the same time.

On the subject of which, the new Flood Group has met now, focusing on the strategy to use the levels survey which EA kindly did for us earlier in the year, and on the puddle outside the Old Post Office. 1000 thanks to the Floodgroup Seven; the group is represented from the Council by Andy Battarbee and Bob Wilson, plus a couple of residents, and we have also been very lucky to get some representation from the Derwent Connection. This summer has somewhat brought it home how difficult it is to foretell how much water is needed in the reservoir, so other approaches may be key. All comments and thoughts will get to them via [grindleparish@gmail.com](mailto:grindleparish@gmail.com).


Meanwhile with regard to the Foodbank Twelve, or however many there are now.... there are some really outstanding people in this village who have set up a satellite for the Chesterfield Foodbank, serving the whole Hope Valley. It runs on a Thursday 12 - 2, at the Church (thank you St Helens) and is also supported by the Parish Council and the shop. Look out for posters for more details. The system works via referrals, and there are options for sign posting to legal, financial, health etc advice especially in this winter looming. The foodbank is likely to come into its own later in the year, so if you would like to volunteer let me know on [grindleparish@gmail.com](mailto:grindleparish@gmail.com) and we'll keep you in reserve.

Back to the river, and by the time the newsletter is published we hope the Great Pile of driftwood under the pipe will be gone. We have been nagging....

Litterpick: no brave soul came forward to run it after the long term leader stepped down so we're going to try to run it by WhatsApp. Thanks to those who have volunteered. We need loads more - no need for a regular commitment tho. But if

you're not on the WhatsApp group, which I will set up shortly, you won't know when it's happening.

Climate Emergency Declaration. This standing item on the Council agenda reviews progress monthly and is reported in the minutes. The Council agreed to a Christmas Event which will showcase all the different groups and what they have been up to.

EV cars. The Enlightenment. I have written separately as an individual on our joyful and hilarious experiences of, insanely, electric car rental in rural Southern France. There have been some tricky moments, but overall the verdict is very much  and the sense of satisfaction when you finally disentangle the French instructions makes it all worthwhile. Brancher, anyone? Read our adventures elsewhere in these pages.

As ever you can find planning applications and decisions at the Peak Park Planning Portal.

Sarah, Clerk.

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## LUNCH CLUB

Lunch club is back in full swing now after the uncertainty of the last few years.

The next dates for your diary are October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, all at 12.30. We use the Bishop pavilion.

We welcome all. Basically anyone who wants an opportunity for a chat, an affordable meal and convivial company. If transport is an issue then we can try to resolve that. If you wish to join us then please contact me on the number below.

Thank you as always to the team of helpers (you know who you are ) and to those who help with the food preparation. If you would like to get involved with helping then please let me know. It is not at all onerous and immensely satisfying.

Joy Benn 630221



# Peter's Page

## News from Your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor



The financial squeeze, particularly the massive rise in energy bills, continues to cause a lot of concern and worry to many families and older people. If you would like advice on what additional help might be available, including financial support from the District Council, contact Citizens Advice, either on 0808 2787984 or via [www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk) Please also encourage any friends or neighbours who you think may be experiencing difficulties to contact them.

Residents in Upper Padley and in the vicinity of the train station are only too aware of the noise and disturbance caused by Network Rail's operations on the old sidings – often in the middle of the night. So I was pleased to offer a glimmer of hope recently when the Council supported my proposal to open negotiations with Network Rail to relocate their operations to a different and less sensitive site, away from the village. And in the meantime, to monitor more closely the levels of noise and take action if it's clear these are above acceptable levels. In taking my proposal to the Council, I was ably supported by local resident John Davies and Parish Councillor Rob Tamlyn, who both came down to the Town Hall in Matlock to tell the other 38 Councillors in no uncertain terms just exactly what it's like.

Regular readers of this page will know that I try to ensure our bus services are retained, and if possible improved. So I'm delighted to say that from the beginning of October, we will now have an hourly service to Bakewell for most of the day (except Sundays). The 275 leaves Mount Pleasant at 08.11 (not Saturdays), 09.41, 10.41, 11.41, 12.41, 13.41, 14.41, 17.16 and 18.16. The bus returns from Bakewell at 09.25, 10.25, 11.25, 12.25, 13.25, 16.00 and 17.25. So this gives plenty of time in town both in the morning and afternoon for shopping, coffee or tea, lunch or other

appointments. The same 275 service runs into Sheffield and back via Hathersage (so not via the Old Post Office and the Maynard, but it does stop at the War Memorial), Bamford, Ladybower and Broomhill again at hourly intervals for most of the day. Not forgetting our regular 65 service, which is ideal for commuting into Sheffield via Ecclesall Road or for trips to Meadowhall. The 65 also runs on Sundays.

Unfortunately, the County Council are often slow at updating the timetables at the bus stops, but these can be viewed online at [www.derbybus.info](http://www.derbybus.info) or you can call Travel South Yorkshire on 01709 515151

I do try to keep in touch as much as possible with residents to hear your views and opinions, though this was obviously more difficult during the Coronavirus pandemic. So on Wednesday 19 October, there is an open meeting at Eyam Tea Rooms (in the Square) at 7pm, for people to come along and share their thoughts. The meeting is for residents of Eyam and Stoney Middleton too, and I will be accompanied by Councillor Clare Gamble from Wardlow. Clare is not in my Party (to make sure the meeting is balanced!) but she and I work well together on the Council. Do try to get along.

There is still some funding available to support local projects which will benefit the local community – but applications close early this year, on 31 December, so don't delay. Search for Local Projects Fund on [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk) or contact me for me initial enquiries.

I hope you continue to find my News Page useful and interesting.

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# In memory of Peter Tregenza

Peter Tregenza died, aged 83 at the end of June. He had lived in Grindleford for 31 years. Peter, Judy and Hannah moved to Grindleford when Peter took up his chair at Sheffield School of Architecture. He loved living in Grindleford both for the beauty of the place and its convivial community



Peter was born in Purley, Surrey. Both his parents were from Cornwall and had strong family ties in and around Penzance where he spent most of his childhood holidays. The family moved to South Shields and Peter went to school in Newcastle. As a schoolboy Peter developed his lifelong interests in outdoor activities - especially rock climbing, and music. He was allowed to play the Wurlitzer organ in one of the South Shields cinemas which could play sound effects like train whistles and galloping horses. He always enjoyed embellishing his organ playing and as organist at St Helen's he was not averse to adding trumpet voluntaries at the appropriate moment. Peter was adventurous, and carried on climbing despite having broken his spine falling off a rock face at the age of 18.

Peter studied architecture at King's College, Durham then went to Sydney University on a commonwealth scholarship. He was qualified both as an architect and a chartered engineer. He had to return to the UK under the terms of his scholarship, though he retained a lasting love of Australia. He took up a teaching post at Nottingham School of Architecture, where he did his doctorate. He was offered a chair at Sheffield School of Architecture, where he became Professor and later Emeritus Professor of Architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Architectural Studies. He was also Visiting Professor at The National University of Singapore, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



Peter was a leading international scholar in his field, the design of daylight and sunlight in relation to buildings. He was Chairman of the British Standards Institution committee on lighting standards and Associate Director of the Commission Internationale l'Eclairage. He taught in Iran, New Zealand and California. He loved his work, and was very happy calibrating instruments which he helped set up on the roofs of university buildings in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Australia as well as Sheffield. His books, *The Design of Lighting and Daylighting* are standard works.

Outside work Peter had many interests; he was a creative person and had a wide range of enthusiasms, including Japanese Ukiyo-e, Anglo Saxon history, puppeteering, Tom and Jerry cartoons, Hollywood movies and limericks (not always in the best of taste). He painted all his life, and was particularly good at painting skies with lovely watercolour washes. His ability to explore new areas of interest was a great asset in his later years as he had to adapt to living with Parkinson's disease. As organist at St Helen's he found he could compensate for his increasing lack of dexterity by pre-recording accompaniments using the Sibelius computer programme, and he began composing music quite seriously. Like most things he did, he got quite good at it. He very much enjoyed directing the Grindleford Singers as long as he was able.

Peter loved Grindleford. It was a never-ending delight to live in such a beautiful place and be part of this village where he had many friends. He was very involved in the church and wanted it to be strongly integrated into village life. He organised exhibitions in the church celebrating Grindleford and its talents, and several series of winter afternoon talks. He helped to set up the Community shop. He loved watching the cricket, walking with the Gaiters and the Sir William quiz night.

Peter was courageous in his approach to Parkinson's disease which he lived with for 25 years. He was sad about what he was losing, but he became very good at adapting. His mantra was 'when one door closes another opens', and he managed to live a very full life. In the week before his final, short illness he had a picture accepted in the Derbyshire Open Art Competition, and the day before he became seriously ill he attended Choral Evensong in Ripon Cathedral, which he loved. He is greatly missed.

J Torrington

# St Helen's Church

What's happening in at St Helen's Church this autumn? Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 am saw our popular open-air Harvest Festival in the beautifully autumnal setting of our church grounds. Suitable for all ages, there was a harvest craft activity, a short celebration service, and a free 'brunch sandwich afterwards. Harvest gifts of dried goods were gratefully received for the new Hope Valley Food Bank, which is a satellite of the Chesterfield Food Bank, to which gifts will be taken for redistribution.

The new foodbank is a pilot project based at St Helen's and run by local volunteers for just a couple of hours on Thursday afternoons. for people to collect their pre-ordered supplies. Please note, we don't have any food storage space in the building, so please continue to give your food bank donations through the usual channels, as we only have a small box!

As the clocks go back and winter approaches, many of us may be wondering whether to leave the heating off to save fuel and keep our bills under control by putting on more layers to keep warm.

St Helen's has decided to heat the church on Thursdays during the winter to provide a warm place between 10 am and 4pm (when the Community Shop is open) for anyone who would like somewhere warm to sit and have a coffee, read a book or the newspaper, do some knitting, get on with some work, make some phone calls, or just have a chat or a snooze. Come and go as you wish.

When Christmas comes, there will be more warm welcomes for all at our Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Christingle for all ages at 4pm on Christmas Eve, and Holy Communion at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

Be kind, keep warm, stay well, God bless!

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

## Grindleford

# Gaiters

The Gaiters walking group continues our varied walking programme. The photo below shows the Gaiters at Stanage Edge on a recent 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.

Gaiters Walk Days, 2022, Thursdays				
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Our 3 month walking schedule is shown here. Our first walk in October will be on the 6th.

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.



# Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Preparing your child for a life of learning



Hi everyone,

Hoping you all had a lovely summer. We kept busy during the holidays running some very popular sessions in the woods. We enjoyed lots of woodland crafts including berry-bashing, charcoal drawing and clay. We loved the children's creations.



Now September is here and our new year starts. It is lovely to welcome the children back to playgroup and hear all their news. It is also a special time when we meet our new families.

The children have already settled into our routines and new adventures started.



We have received a Growing Golden Opportunities Award from Derbyshire County Council Public Health to cover the cost of a forest school assistant for the year. The grant recognised the importance of connecting with nature and the benefits for children's health and emotional well-being

This additional funding will enable us to provide even more of these wonderful opportunities.



We have been out and about in our local communities during the Summer. Our water or wine stall was very popular at the Grindleford show and we raised £160 for the playgroup. We also took a stall at the Eyam Carnival, it was lovely to see some familiar faces as they took a turn guessing how many sweets were in the jar – 152 if anyone was wondering.

We will be organising fundraising events throughout the year so please keep in touch. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram

[https://www.facebook.com/Grindleford-and-Eyam-Playgroup- 384845434973898/](https://www.facebook.com/Grindleford-and-Eyam-Playgroup-384845434973898/)

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Or for more information about the playgroup or any of our events visit our website <https://grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk/>

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# THE GRINDLEFORD RIVER KEEPER

It's a little-known fact that Grindleford's river has a Keeper, employed by Derwent Fly Fishing Club, to look after the stretch of waterway from Yorkshire Bridge to Grindleford. It's a fascinating job, steeped in history and land. Curious, I met current post-holder James Rotherham, at his home near Hathersage, to find out more.

As I arrive one crisp, sunny September morning, the last of the morning mist still clings to the fields and the trees are turning butter yellow. We head out on river patrol.

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It's quickly clear that James' stories meander like the river he cares for – and his roots go as deep too. "It's all down to my Nan really. We were a working family from Sheffield and she moved out here in the sixties. Then my dad started doing forestry on the Longshaw Estate. He



helped plant a lot of the Burbage woodland and they got a peppercorn rent on Throstle Nest farm. From there he started working as a part-time River Keeper for

the fishing club, and they helped him set up Leadmill as a trout farm.” He tells me wryly about the army attempting to dig the ponds, and how he took over the farm from his father after studying fish farming and river keeping too.

“Trout’s not a very popular food source – it’s harder to breed than salmon because in fresh water the fish has to spend energy retaining its salts from the water. There are companies that breed them for the supermarket, but we grow them more extensively, to stock rivers and reservoirs.”

Over the course of the walk, we come back to the topic of the farm – it’s something he’s mulling over.

“Fish farming’s a hard, 24/7 life and it uses a lot of water. I want to think about the legacy I’m leaving for my children, and about my own quality of life – so I’m thinking about the land in a different way now. I’m interested in renewable energy too.”

**“Fishing has been going on since God was a lad, hasn’t it, putting food on the table.”**

Down by the river, James tells me about the history of the Club. “Fishing has been going on since God was a lad, hasn’t it, putting food on the table”. When land was enclosed into estates, he explains, they needed a bailiff to protect the fish from poaching, so fishing clubs emerged out of this relationship with landowners all over the country. “Here it was with the Chatsworth Estate.”

“Nowadays, Club members are people who love fishing, from Sheffield and further afield, and who are often really knowledgeable too about the river. They want to escape, and just do what we’re doing now - looking at the river, listening to the water, seeing the sun filter through the cobwebs and the trees.” These fishing club people crop up like boulders in the flow through James’ stories. “They share my love of the river: I’m fortunate to learn from them.”

We come to a gently sloping access path that ends in a commemorative bench and a stony beach. “I love this bench,” James reflects. “One day this person’s grandson came to visit it, so I brought him along the path. We were sitting on the bench and a water vole just swam out from the bank and back.”

**“If I wasn’t here, who’d clear all the litter up?”**

At a little set of steps leading down to a rocky outcrop into the river, just opposite Harper Lees farm, James explains that the River Keeper is responsible for maintaining these access paths and steps, which are at risk of washing away each year.

“My dad built this, years ago. I came across a bunch of guys poaching fish here the other day, which is illegal. I can see why people do it, especially at the moment with the cost of living so high. But you can fish at Ladybower Reservoir and not risk a criminal record. And they had spread rubbish everywhere, all along the bank. It makes me think, if I wasn’t here, and anyone could come here, who’d clear all the litter up?”

To one side, rings of ripples form in the water – and the conversation flows towards fishing. “It’s all about the anticipation,” He enthuses. “You see those rings? A fisherman will cast upstream of a fish so that the fly is presented in a tempting way. But you don’t know what you’re going to get. If it’s small, you always put them back: why would you strip away the young fish that are going to come through next year?”

**“You can tell the age of a fish, like you would a tree, by the rings on the scales.”**

October’s the end of the trout season, James says, when the Club leaves the fish to spawn. “The females make little hollow in the gravel bed of the river, called a red. Once the eggs have been fertilised, they’ll cover them over to protect them – and if the gravel is free enough of silt, then the eggs will get enough oxygen to develop. They’ll stay there through to February. And that’s my favourite time of year on the fish farm. When the fry burrow their way out of the gravel and swim up to the surface for their first big gulp of air.”

In full spate, James is a wealth of knowledge. “Typically a fish in the wild, in a river system, might live about five years. You can tell the age of a fish, like you would a tree, by the rings on the scales – growth rings – because in the winter the water is so cold that their growth slows right down.”

We arrive at a well-presented fishing hut, with a fresh bottle green paint job and benches and a table inside. There's information on how to deal with invasive species on the wall, a batch of aquatic disinfectant to prevent invasive species coming in from other catchments, and maps showing the different 'beats' that fishermen can book out. James shows me the app which helps him keep track of bookings on his phone. "My mum used to take all the bookings by hand. This app means I know exactly who should be where."

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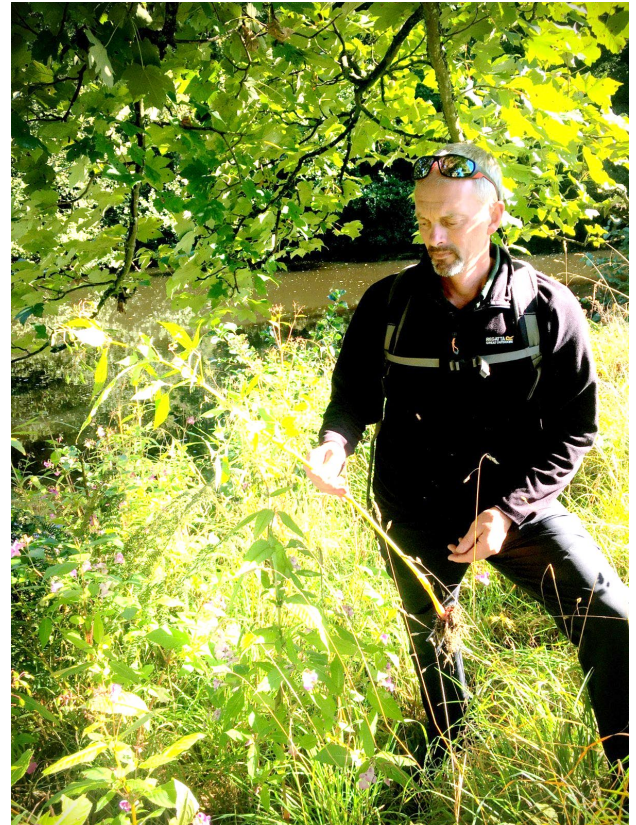
I ask James how the Club cares for the river environment. "The Club, you know, it has a vested interest. A healthy river means the fishing is going to be better. That's how it works," he explains. "The Club monitors invertebrate life as a health check on the quality of the river. Each river has got its own profile of species, and our samplings show that there hasn't been a sudden collapse in any of the indicator species, so at least the river has been maintaining a certain level of health in the 10 years we've been doing it. But there have been sewage discharge breaches though – that's happening here and all around the country – so we have to keep a close eye. In fact one of the worst things that can happen is a milk collection lorry losing its load into a water course. The bacteria in the milk use up the oxygen in the water, killing off the river life."

Invasive species are also a problem. "Then there's signal crayfish. It's like red and grey squirrels. Signal crayfish came from America and were grown in tanks for food and somehow got into the wild. They carry a fungal spore that kills other crayfish, and they're bigger and more aggressive than the native white-clawed variety. It's a war that can't really be won: the main goal now is to keep the signal crayfish population low enough that they don't interfere with other invertebrate life in the river."



**“I’d love to get rid of Himalayan balsam from the stretch between Hathersage and Burbage Brook.”**

We leave the hut and pass a patch of pink flowers on fleshy stems. “So this is Himalayan balsam, another invasive species,” James points out. “It’s great for bees but it dominates the banks, and when it dies back in the winter it leaves them bare and prone to erosion.”



Anyone who spots it can help by pulling it up in June or July before the seedpods form. “Leave it in a careful pile away from the water,” James says. “That’d be a big help to me. I think most of it enters the watercourse just above Hathersage, so I’d love to get rid of it from the stretch of river between Hathersage and where Burbage Brook comes down from Grindleford Station.”

Erosion is another perennial problem for the river – especially over the winter floods. The Club has fenced the river bank off where it can, to stop sheep grazing the bank and worsening the erosion. “The vegetation cover really helps,” he reflects.



**“It’s never static, the river ... nature is always playing out some drama or other on it.”**

The job of River Keeper seems an endless flood of tasks and challenges. “I sometimes forget to look up and remember the beauty,” he confesses. Despite this, the ebb and flow of James’ river reflections mirror the flow of water in his care to an uncanny degree. “I love that it’s never static, the river. It’s always moving, nature is always playing out some drama or other on it.” As we head back home, I ask him what he most values about being a River Keeper. “I think it's just the river’s continuity, isn't it? It's a symbol of time, really. You know, it's been flowing here for millennia, and it will continue to flow long after I've gone. I'll just do my bit while I've got my time on this earth.”

*Derwent Fly Fishing Club is always keen to welcome new members, young and old. Look out for members on the riverbank or go to [derwentflyfishingclub.co.uk](http://derwentflyfishingclub.co.uk)*

By Jane Campbell, Friends of the River Derwent

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## 200 CLUB

For anyone not involved the 200 Club is a simple mechanism for raising money for the Playing Fields Association. Membership costs £12 per year and the monthly draw is a single payment of £40. In December we run additional draws and the prize money usually totals around £350.

You must be over 16 to be a member. Payment falls due 1<sup>st</sup> January each year so now is an ideal time to contact me if you want to be involved and we can set you off from 2023.

Please contact me if you want to become a member. Either ring on 630221 or you can find me on FB messenger (but I’m old enough to prefer a phone call!)

Joy Benn

# GRINDLEFORD TREE PLANTING GROUP

*The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)* is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invited people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**. With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC encourages planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, *The Queen's Green Canopy* will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The Grindleford tree planting group has now planted 1700 native trees since May 2021, as shown on our running total tree count poster. All of our trees planted have been included in the QGC count.



The saplings we planted behind the MUGA have mainly done well, with help from the surrounding thistles, nettles and grasses which protected them from the extreme heat and drought of the summer. Coming into autumn we now plan to cut pathways through the area, control the nettles and place benches (upcycled from Hathersage swimming pool) for people to sit and enjoy nature.

Leaving the area uncut over summer also encouraged a lovely range of wildflowers to thrive, which can now have a chance to set seed for next year. So far we have logged native bluebells, primroses, meadowsweet, yellow meadow vetchling, bettony and ox-eye daisies, which in turn have attracted butterflies – orange tip, small tortoiseshell, ringlet and meadow brown. Many goldfinches have also been spotted.

We plan to conduct a survey of our planting, replacing trees which did not survive.

There is a natural ditch and pond area which we plan to preserve and augment, in collaboration with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and we look forward to the diversity of species this will attract.

We enjoyed our first go at running stalls at the Grindleford Carnival and Show this year and enjoyed chatting to people about our projects and showing them around the planting area. The art activities went down well. Many thanks to those who entered the tree art competition and for lending their work to the exhibition which Julie Ashmore kindly hosted at the Derwent Gallery. We would like to repeat the competition next year so there's an opportunity to get busy over the winter evenings with your art materials. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the activities too.

We are eager to increase our tree planting total this autumn and have placed an order with the Woodland Trust. The "whips" are small and easy to plant, with no digging required. We use the T cut method which reduces disturbance of the earth and avoids back strain !

If you would like to get involved in mid to late November, we would love you to get in touch. Just email Paul ([paul.thorpe@hotmail.com](mailto:paul.thorpe@hotmail.com)) and he will send you details of when this will take place.

# The “Grindleford Bobby” And a Brief History of Law Enforcement in the Village

Part Two

Rosemary Lockie, September 2022

In Part One of this article, published in “**Grindleford News**” in July 2022, I provided a brief outline of Law Enforcement, as it might have applied to Grindleford, up to the arrival of its first resident Police Constable, Arthur Pentelow.<sup>1</sup> This article covers the period until the outbreak of World War I, with accounts of the following PCs:

PC Arthur Pentelow, 1892-1897

PC Thomas Dennis, 1898-1900/1

PC William Lewis, 1901-1901/2

PC John Thompson, 1902-1906

PC James Greatorex, 1906-1909

PC Benjamin Williams, 1909-1913

## PC Arthur Pentelow, 1892-1897

Newspaper reports covering Arthur’s career in Grindleford suggest that he was a diligent constable. Perhaps his most notable “case” would have been that related in the *Belper and Alfreton Chronicle*, of 21st May 1897. Captioned “Mysterious Death On The Derbyshire Moors”, the article describes the discovery of a body on the footpath between Toley Moss and Fox House. This was reported to the landlord of Fox House Inn, Mr. Benjamin Thorpe, who sent a pony and trap down to Grindleford to fetch constable Pentelow. By the time Pentelow reached the spot where the body was found, police-constable Myles of Toley was already on the scene. Thereafter, “*the body was removed in a trap by the Toley officer to the Cross Scythes Hotel, Toley Rise, to await an inquest*”.

In 1899 Arthur married Laura Mower Wainwright, daughter of Joseph and Maria Dorothea (Mower) Wainwright, Maria being one of the heiresses of the Mower Estate of Mount Pleasant. By 1901, Arthur and Laura were living in Heather Cottage, and Arthur was employed as a Millstone Quarryman. Sadly, Laura died in early 1911, so at the time of the 1911 Census, he was a widower, living at No. 9 Commercial Cottages.

Arthur took an active part in the community, and at his death in 1936 had been serving on Grindleford Parish Council for nearly 20 years and had been chairman for the last 9 years of those 20. He'd also been Grindleford's elected representative on Bakewell Rural District Council since 1922, but had retired the previous year (1935). Also mentioned is that he was one of the founders of Grindleford Cricket Club. He, and his wife Laura, have a memorial in Eyam Churchyard.

<sup>1</sup>The arrival of Grindleford's first policeman was a consequence, so I understand, of Grindleford Bridge residents raising a petition to protest against the "frequent disgraceful scenes by the navvies". *The Hope Valley Line - Dore to Chinley* (p.175) by Ted Hancock, published in 2019. ISBN 978-0-9562706-9-6.

### **PC Thomas Dennis, 1898-1900/1**

The earliest record I can find for PC Dennis in Grindleford is dated in 1898, where he spotted a "sleepy driver" in Nether Padley in June of that year. The driver was a 16-year-old lad, who had fallen asleep in the cart he had been driving from Stoney Middleton, carrying a load of lime. The cart was drawn by two horses, who were apparently trudging on, regardless of their driver being asleep, as PC Dennis is reported as having brought them to a stop. When the lad, John Smith, appeared at Bakewell Petty Sessions, the Chairman of Magistrates opined that "*a small boy like that is not fit to drive a horse... He is endangering himself and the public*". The lad's father (named as simply "Mr. Smith") thought otherwise, venturing the information that he (the lad) earned 9d. a day, and agreeing with another member of the Bench, who suggested "*he*



*does a man's work*". However, whilst the Bench were sympathetic to the case, they did nevertheless impose a fine of 2s. 6d. and 4s. costs. One is left wondering how the poor lad was expected to pay, when he was earning only 9d. a day!

A further reference to PC Dennis in Grindleford was published in the *Derbyshire Times* of 30th March 1901. The account described a tea and concert, in connection with St. John Ambulance Classes, which had been conducted by PC Dennis, and included a list of names of passing the examination following the classes. PC Dennis, when presented with a "testimonial" for taking the class, remarked that "*an ambulance class was needed at Grindleford, as there are about 12 stone quarries round Grindleford, and what with the Midland Railway (tunnel), the River Derwent, and the steep hills, where cyclists often meet with accidents, he often had ambulance cases to attend to*".

### **PC William Lewis, 1901-1901/2**

Grindleford's next serving police constable is named on the 1901 Census, as PC William Lewis. He was a boarder in the household of Ezekiel Green Bowring, at an address of "Goatscliffe Cottages", and was aged just 20. His was the first household to be enumerated in the parish of Stoke, so was probably No. 1 Goatscliffe Knoll. The village schoolmistress, Elizabeth Patrick, lived next door but one; the house in between them being unoccupied.

One of the cases he was involved in whilst serving in Grindleford, was recorded in the *Derbyshire Times* of 27th April 1901. Edwin Furness, a carter from Eyam, was charged at Bakewell with being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cart in the parish of Eyam Woodlands, and was ordered to pay 8s. and 13s. 6d. costs. PC Lewis is recorded as proving the case.

By 1911, PC Lewis was aged 30, and had moved to Nottingham, where he was living at No.13 Shakespeare Street, an address that boasted 7 rooms. He was recorded as Police Constable 407, working for the Corporation of the City of Nottingham. That must have been quite a contrast to policing in a small village!

### **PC John Richard Thompson, 1902-1906**

The next incumbent, who is recorded as serving in Grindleford, by August 1902, was John Richard Thompson. He appears to have spent a turbulent few years in the village, leading to a magistrate, Mr. Muir Wilson, commenting in 1903 on the number of cases brought into Court by PC Thompson of Grindleford, indicating "*either an extraordinary vigilance or an extraordinary anxiety to get convictions*". This was certainly borne out in the number of newspaper reports of Bakewell Petty Sessions, where PC Thompson had attended to give evidence. Some of these cases may seem quite trivial to us today, but nevertheless they continued to occupy magistrates' time.

By way of example, for the week ending 23 August 1902, James Jephson was summoned at Bakewell Petty Sessions "*for having made use of indecent language at Stoney Middleton*" earlier in the month. In his defence, Jephson said he was only having a few words with himself. Apparently, this excuse cut no ice with the Bench, as the Chairman of the Bench responded "*Do you usually talk to yourself in such a way?*", adding that he (the Chairman) would have more respect for himself than that. For his outbursts, Jephson was fined 5 shillings.

The following year, the *Derbyshire Times* of 25 April 1903 reported on a collision, which occurred "*about half-way between Grindleford and the Tannery at Goatscliffe*". A loaded cart pulled by two horses, with one fastened behind, travelling from Grindleford station towards Baslow, collided with a carriage belonging to Mr Hunter, of Stoke Hall. The result was that "*both vehicles got locked wheel within wheel, so firmly, that had not help been at hand a smash would have been certain*". The help referred to was in the

person of Police-constable Thompson, and (unnamed) others, and after a short time the vehicles were freed. However, “*considerable damage was done to Mr. Hunter's car*”, and in the paper’s opinion, this was “*another proof of the need for the County Council to widen this road*”.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> My guess is that this accident occurred at the junction of Sir William Hill and the Main Road. At that time, a group of three cottages stood on the south-west corner of the junction, and the gable end of Lane End Cottage extended into the roadway. As may be imagined, the roadway was very narrow at this point. There is more information, and photographs in Alan Jacques’s excellent article: “The Lost Buildings of Grindleford”, available in the History section of the Grindleford website - <https://grindleford.com/history/>.

### **PC James Greator, 1906-1909**

PC Greator’s arrival in the village was marked by an accident, which gave rise to a similar plea in the newspapers for “something to be done” about the roads in Grindleford. He was cycling down Sir William Hill one night, and “*his brake refused to act*”. When his bike crashed into the wall at the bottom of the hill, he was hurled over the wall into the garden below. Fortunately, he escaped with only a few bruises, but “*surely the frequent mishaps*”, the newspaper account added, “*ought to lead the local powers to do something in this matter*”. [The *Derbyshire Times*, 12 May 1906]

A number of cases were brought to the Police Court in Bakewell during PC Greator’s time serving in Grindleford, and in the final year of his service, the *Sheffield Daily Independent* of 11th August 1909 reported on a “Popular Constable”:

“Police-constable Greator, who has been for several years stationed at Grindleford Bridge, and has recently been removed to Carr Vale, has been the

recipient of a cheque and an illuminated address subscribed for in the neighbourhood of Grindleford and district. The presentation took place at the Maynard Hotel, Grindleford. Mr. H.R. Crossland, C.C., supported by Mr. A. Hague and others, made the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks. Police-constable Greatorix suitably replied.”

Probably what would be PC Greatorix’s final mention in newspapers relates to his retirement from the force, after 25 years’ service in Manchester City, and Derbyshire Police Forces. The *Derbyshire Times*, published on 20th September 1924, records highlights of his career, in Manchester, New Mills,<sup>1</sup> Grindleford, Carr Vale, and Creswell. At Grindleford Bridge, it records “*there were over 2,000 navvies on his beat, and he was SPECIALLY COMPLIMENTED by the late Capt. Holland, Chief Constable, for the tactful way in which he handled them*”, and that he left Grindleford in March 1909.

He retired with the rank of Sergeant, to which he was promoted in 1919. After his retirement he took up a post as watchman at Creswell Colliery.

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<sup>1</sup> We might infer, from information gained from the 1911 Census and elsewhere, that when PC James Greatorix replaced PC Thompson in Grindleford, that PC Thompson replaced PC Greatorix in New Mills.

### **PC Benjamin Williams, 1909-1913**

The next constable we have a record of is Benjamin Williams. He was already serving in the police force, prior to moving to Grindleford, as in 1901 he was living in Post Office Row, Bamford, employed as a police constable. At the time of the 1911 Census, he was recorded at “Goatscliff Brick Houses” in the parish of Stoke. Records of the births of his children indicate he may have been serving in Bolsover in 1907. As an aside, Bolsover, at the time of Kelly’s Directory of 1912, had a sergeant and 5 constables, so Benjamin may have been working there as part of a team.



One might deduce, from an observation of the birthplaces (as recorded in Census returns) of the families of PC Thompson, PC Greatorex, and PC Williams, that they did not stay very long in one place. I understand regular transfers were customary, as the police force did not want village “bobbies” to become overly-friendly with the villagers, in case they were to turn a “blind eye” to miscreants. So there would be no getting around “PC Plod” by baking him a cake, or by treating him to a drink in the Pub...

In the next issue of *Grindleford News*, I hope to continue the story from 1914 up to the departure of the last police constable, PC Reginald Anderson, in the 1950s.



## ADVANCE NOTICE

After two play cancellations due to Covid, HADIT are now in rehearsal for *The Happiest Days of Your Life* by John Dighton. Some of you may remember this as a 1950's film starring Alistair Sim, Margaret Rutherford and Joyce Grenfell.

The Second World War is over, and things are slowly returning to normal, but some difficulties remain. What do you do with 50 pupils and their teachers when their school buildings have been flattened by enemy bombers? Simple: you find a school with its buildings still intact and force them to share. But what if, thanks to a bureaucratic mix-up, a highly exclusive girls' school is forced to share with an equally exclusive boys' school? Cue furious teachers, disruptive pupils, outraged parents . . . and good old-fashioned comic farce as each headmaster/mistress tries to conceal the fact that his/her school is now co-ed.

There will be four evening performances at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 30th Nov to Saturday 3rd December. *Ring Carolyn on 01433 620665 for more details.*



This summer has seen another glorious display of dahlias, cosmos, fuchsia and sunflowers on Platform 2 where our Midland Railway colour themed bed is maturing nicely. Much loved by bees!

The work for the Hope Valley Line upgrade continues with the Volker RailStoryJV team constructing a working platform and preparing the ground in advance of installing the railway passing loop in November.

Work on preparation for the installation of Hathersage footbridge will continue to November with the actual installation expected in January 2023. Because of this, the public footpath at Hathersage West foot crossing will be temporarily closed with an alternative walking route signposted.

Grindleford station is getting a new wooden fence installed by the end of the year. Thanks to the **High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership** & funds raised from Edale station car park! We'll then install a new notice board about the village highlighting local walks and amenities.

We hope to develop a more cohesive Hope Valley Line identity.

The industrial action by rail workers has impacted on many passengers' plans and forced the cancellation of two scheduled walks from Dore station to Grindleford. Next year!

Friends of station volunteers are meeting up with other friends of station groups for a walk between New Mills and Whaley Bridge in October to share ideas and inspiration.



We're always grateful to have new volunteers join us, either to help with existing projects (which includes gardening and litter picking) or develop new ideas about how we improve the station environs and encourage train travel. Do get in touch.

Finally FoGS has secured a 'Small Projects Award' at the National Community Rail conference. We submitted an application showing how our Platform 2 planting was achieved within a budget under £500. Our Chair, Kay Allinson and Colleen Gray will be attending the award ceremony at Manchester in October. More details in the January issue of The Grindleford News.

C Gray

## What we Did in the Holidays

### *An Idiot's Guide to Driving an Electric Car in France, (or indeed anywhere else)*

We have just been to southern France and like maniacs we hired an electric car.

We learnt a lot as a result of this, so in case you decide to do the same thing one day soon, I'm sharing our joys and sorrows, defeats and successes. Laugh? we nearly cried, in fact we did cry, but we laughed too, and overall it was a wonderful experience which I wouldn't hesitate to repeat.

So, off the TGV at Toulouse to the car hire office. A charming Frenchwoman greets us. "You 'ave driven an electrical car, yes?" "yes!" (Don't say, for four days). "you 'ave driven an electrical car in France, yes?" "Well..... not exactly *driven*...." "Oh. So you 'ave not driven an electrical car in rural France, non?" "Well, again... non... no we haven't". She puts her head into her hands, then brightens. She was a nice soul and wanted to help. She thought we could have a Chargemap card for only twenty euros, which would allow us to recharge with ease at Chargemap stations. So we handed over the twenty euros, picked up the card and away we went.

As a point of interest, you are no more likely to hit the right hand kerb, the first day you are driving again in France, in an electric car, than you are in a petrol car, and forgiveness from your passenger is no more or less likely to be forthcoming. I thought I'd mention that. Just sayin'. At any rate, we eventually got to the gite de France reasonably unscathed, and the next day set off for Lagrasse.

Lagrasse is a delightful town, where the curve of the river puts its arms around the XIIth century abbey, and there are some very decent restaurants. We consulted our new Chargemap and the place was thick with EV chargers, a positive blizzard of them. We pulled up at one of the ones indicated and waved our Chargemap card at the aperture. Alas! our authentication failed, in French, so we twiddled with the display and then it failed again, in English. We were desolate. We moved further into the town and found another charging point, and tried again. Once more our authentication was not all it should be. Stumped, we sat on a wall and scratched our heads. What could be wrong? After a bit a light dawned in the collective Battarbee head. We had seen a little box on the Chargemap app saying 'filters'. So we filtered for charging points compatible with Chargemap and the blizzard became a trickle.. not every charging point is part of our network, they had said.... there were about three in a 100 km radius.

OK, nothing daunted. We would pay. To do that, we had to translate the instructions under 'occasional user' on the noticeboard. We were faced with an obelisk with two green flashing lights and nothing else. There appeared to be a little door on each side, but they wouldn't open. No enlightenment from the French sign. So we hopefully scanned the QR code, because QR is still QR in French, and after some fairly serious choosing of the wrong buttons - mais non, it was not the 3.5kWh option we wanted! C'est incroyable! anyone who had read that their rental car's maximum converter capacity was 18kWh, and therefore thought you needed equal to or less than that, was a fool. Mistake rectified, and bank details inserted, and the little doors magically unlocked, something like the gate of Moria creaking open. Inside the little doors were miles and miles of charging cable, all coiled up, with a plug on the end which looked like it might fit on our car. So we put the plug in our car, well wouldn't you? and it burst into flames...

that bit isn't quite true, it didn't burst into flames, in fact it didn't do anything. So we peered behind the little door again and there was another plug, which for reasons which became clear later, you plugged into the inside of the obelisk, and which had a



cap over it just in case it was too easy. A red light came on, so we thought whoopee doo, it's charging, and we went and had lunch.

Two hours later we came back from lunch, and checked the battery level and by how much it had increased. The answer was, zero. It had increased by not one tiny jot. We pushed the plugs in, and we danced all around the car and shouted at it in English and then we shouted at it again in French. Some other tourists moved away from us a little bit. We realised the game was up and tried to store everything back behind the little door but the door swung shut and locked and wouldn't open again. So we carefully put the cable over the obelisk and stole away feeling like electric delinquents.

At least lunch was nice.

Back nearer the ranch, we found another charging point down near the Canal du Midi. (Incidentally, in the grounds of the local church). A charming spot for a beer, and it was here, after a similar fiasco, and the moving of the car from one side of the charging point to the other, twice (the plugs are different on the left hand side to the right) we realised that a red light doesn't mean charging, it means not charging. It says so on the side of the car, rather clearly, for those who care to look. So by some sort of luck we got the light to go green, and we went for a beer down by the Canal.

Success, of a sort; but then the rain started, so we gave it up, and went home with a teaspoon of electricity extracted from the French national grid.

When we got home we took out the slow or granny charger from the boot of the car, the one with a normal 3 pin plug on the end, which you can plug into the mains. The gite had a garage and a plug, so we left it overnight. Fantastic. A bit of exploration demonstrated that above a certain amount, we were paying 20 cents per kWh of electricity to our hosts, whereas the public charge points were costing us 30 cents. So that became the solution for the rest of the holiday. The total cost of all our electricity, house and car, for the fortnight was about 56 euros, in those days about £40 - £45, and we drove to lots of lovely reasonably far away places every day for a fortnight. We did do one more recharge at a public point and discovered the importance of the little door. It has a magnetic catch which completes the circuit and if it isn't shut, the car won't charge. It is also very easy to get all the curly cabling into such a position that the little door doesn't shut. I tell you this dear reader should you ever find yourself recharging in l'Occitane. This is only one type of charging

point, and as in England, there are many different types which require different approaches. This range of types is the worst bit about charging your EV at the moment, and I am sure it will standardise, but we pioneers have to blaze a trail.


The name of the popular recharger in our bit of southern France (l'Occitaine) was Reveo. Alas if you are elsewhere in France you will have your own voyage of discovery, but the principles are, I think, the same.

Here is an informative picture:







## Charging stations in Lagrasse

2 charging stations for electric cars in Lagrasse




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D212 - Lagrasse

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The first charging station is well thought of, five stars. I guess that means it is in a lovely place near a cafe, who can say. The second little picture along, with seven pins, is a type 2 charger, which is the one you will almost certainly have. This will **fast charge** your car, in anything from 2 - 5 hours depending on the range your car has (equals, how big the battery is, broadly). You will have your own cable to fit this socket in the boot of your car, or you can use the charge point's. The first little picture (to its left, with just two pins) is to **rapid charge** your car. Rapid charge is faster than fast charge, and it will get your car well on the way to full in 30 - 40 minutes. You probably won't have a cable for this, so you have to use the charge point's, if there is one. Not all do. {The third little picture is a mystery to me. Don't worry about it, Al}. For techies, the slow and fast chargers put A/C current into the

car, where it is converted into D/C to charge the battery. This conversion process slows things down. Rapid chargers take D/C current direct and put it into your car, which is why they are rapiderer. OK so far? Bad news, they are not as good for the life of your battery. So emergencies only, ie the pub you are going to is about to close.

Once you have your own wall charger at home, the problem for all but long journeys goes away. Set it up, plug it in when you get home, and it will charge up to the limit you set overnight, recommended at 80% to keep the ions in your battery happy, at a cheap rate. Either via the charger or the car, you can set the charge process to come on when the night rate becomes available, so you don't have to get up at 2 am. This definitely counts as a bonus, and it's easy.

Highpoints? Driving an electric car is a dream. They are quiet, and they are smooth (no engine vibration). They float silently past like a little cloud, and they are very nippy because they are light (they have a battery obv but no engine or gearbox or petrol tank). You can sneak up on people and beep your horn hilariously; and they are cheap, non-motorway I think about 3 p a mile, using the night rate, compared to petrol at maybe 20 p a mile, accordingly to my admittedly potentially flaky calculations. What I love most is the notion of standing by the side of a busy, silent road. We put up with so much noise and just don't notice it, but what if it *wasn't there.....*

Various folk in Grindleford have cottoned on to having solar panels and a Zappi charger. This allows you to charge your car direct (ie not through the grid) from your own sunshine, off your roof. (It's also able to make use of wind power, but that feels a way away.) With a Harvi gadget you can put your solar directly into your house, when the car doesn't need it. So a sunny summer and a good south facing roof, could give you free motoring for the season plus extra energy to run your household appliances. The future is here!

**Downsides?** Any conversation about EVs quickly turns to the carbon footprint of making them, and that is undoubtedly true. Anyone who is keeping an existing petrol or diesel car because they don't need a new one just yet, is probably doing the right thing, although the second hand market for carbon fuel cars at the moment is so very buoyant that has to be a temptation. And the dizzying array of public charging points is a bit tiresome, but OK once you have got the hang of it, and will improve over time I think.

**Myths to bust?** An electric car is obsolete when the battery gets old. But things have moved on so far that this can be up to 15 years, and you will probably get at least an 8 year warranty. Lithium ion batteries can be recycled, according to the Zappi literature.... . and of course in 2030 no new petrol or diesel cars will be available to buy, (slightly later for hybrids). So you've got seven years....

**Hybrids.** We got a hybrid because we were too chicken to get a full electric, and it was a really good thing to do. Here is some cod maths by moi, a la 1066 And All That. About 80% of journeys are under four miles. So if you have an electric town car, and a hybrid car for the long distances, you will still be using electric nearly all of the time, and yet you don't need to risk recharging two or three times on your way down to southern France. Hybrids have all the advantages of a petrol car and some of the advantages of an electric car, so they are a good starting point for the electric dream, and a great back up for long journeys. If you only run one car, they also make sense as they definitely use less petrol, about half round town, (not as good as that on motorways, maybe a quarter), and make sense while the infrastructure catches up, if you don't feel like being an electric frontier woman, or person. Plug in hybrids are even better so I hear and operate most of the time on electric, but I don't have one of those so won't opine.

**Money.** There are all sorts of grants to make your new electric car cheaper, eg the government were, at least up to last August and probably still, offering £3000 off on e-cars under £30,000, and the dealers are completing to bung in a bit as well. And there is a lively second-hand market too.

Come on in, the water's lovely.

Sarah

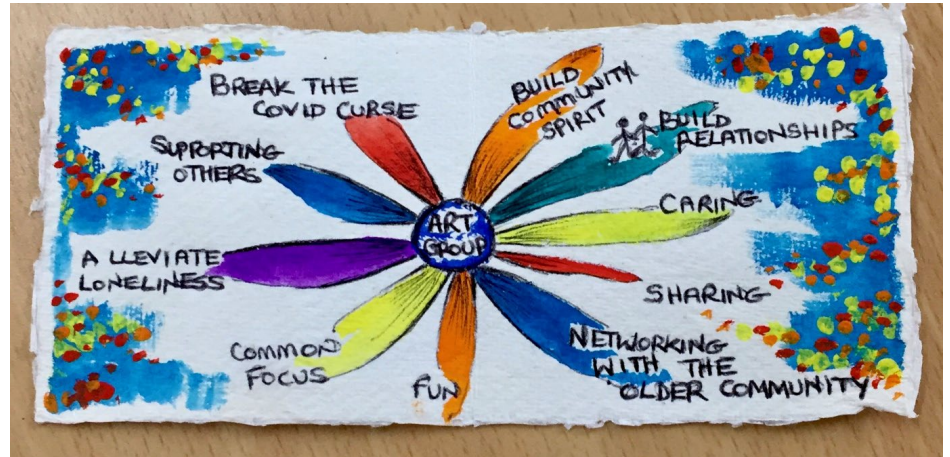
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## LILLIAN GOSNEY

Lillian, who lived most of her life in Grindleford, died on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the age of 103. There will be a funeral service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, followed by a wake at The Barrel Inn, Bretton. Obituary to follow.



# NEW HOPE ART GROUP



Emerging from the final lockdown of 2021, two artist friends who, like many of us had lacked the impetus to create during those weeks of isolation, decided to hire Hope Sports Pavilion and to meet there weekly to create. Free from domestic demands and with two whole hours to themselves they set about making art. Very soon others got to hear of this initiative and the group grew to include some who live alone and some with health issues. They all decided to share the cost of the rent between them but there was only one problem – the pressure some felt to commit to these weekly group sessions because absence meant that those who did attend had to bear the whole cost of the room hire.

Then, resourceful as ever and with a lifetime of experience of applying for funding behind her, Janice Leary took the information to the Evelyn Medical Centre and it was passed to the Community Nurse. She passed it on to the Community Voluntary Service and Janice followed it up. Clearly this new group fulfilled a social need, providing a safe and welcoming place for lonely, isolated or depressed members of the community. Within a few months the group heard that their application had been successful and a year's rental was to be paid direct to Hope Sports Pavilion which is a registered charity.

Now, a year later the group has around sixteen members. It still meets weekly on Thursday afternoons for two hours of joyful creation. Members are free to bring whatever creative occupation they choose: painting, drawing, scrapbooking, collage, felting, knitting, embroidery have so far been among the choices. The sessions are not

taught but Wendy, who has an MA in Art Therapy, is always on hand to give advice. Now, in answer to members requests, Wendy also runs a two-hour paid workshop once a month on the mornings before the afternoon sessions. So far the group has had tremendous fun exploring the ‘colour wheel’ and the effects of putting colours adjacent to each other and has ventured into lino printing. So successful is the group that members are now thinking of ways to raise money by their own efforts to cover the costs of mounting an exhibition and to pay for the hire of the hall.

Sessions are free and tea and biscuits flow free too. The room is light, warm and bright and the company welcoming. Even those who thought they had no talent soon found that everyone can create something.

*Sessions weekly on Thursdays at 2 pm in Hope Sports Pavilion.*

*Workshops monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.*

*Car park. / 272 bus stops right opposite the hall outside Hope College.*

*Disabled access, kitchen, toilets.*

*For more info contact Wendy Butler – [wendybutler4@gmail.com](mailto:wendybutler4@gmail.com)*

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## **Grindleford News Editor(s)**

Colleen and I will be stepping down as Editors from April 2023 after completing a three year stint. We have enjoyed the tasks and split the role which worked well for us, but the job has been done by only one person previously. If you would be interested in taking over the editorship please email us and we’d be happy to chat about the time commitments and tasks involved. Colleen has been responsible for searching out stories and articles for inclusion and I am sure you will agree there have been some great pieces unearthed by Colleen’s nose for a great story...

Please contact us via [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com) for an informal chat.

# Hollowford Centre Christmas Market – Saturday 3 December 2022

After 2 years away, the Hollowford Centre in Castleton is opening its doors once again for its 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022**

The **free** indoor market boasts a wide variety of stalls featuring a range of products and produce from local businesses, groups and home crafters including decorations, jewellery, cakes, chutneys, pictures/photographs, art work, cards and much more.

Whether you are looking for Christmas presents, stocking fillers or some mince pies, you are sure to find them at the Hollowford Christmas Market!

The market is open from **11am to 5pm**, we are very pleased to be hosting Hathersage Choir for the who will be singing carols from around 12noon.

Finish off your visit with a slice of cake and mulled wine in our café.

Why not combine your visit to Castleton with a walk around Castleton & the Christmas Lights? <https://www.peakdistrictonline.co.uk/christmas-at-castleton/>

There are still a few stalls available – if you would like to book, please contact us!

Hollowford Centre, Castleton, Hope Valley S33 8WB tel: 01433 620377

[www.lindleyeducationaltrust.org](http://www.lindleyeducationaltrust.org)

*(Best postcode if driving: S33 8WR and follow the signs)*

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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?

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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