

St Helen's Church

News

Happy New Year – or maybe the New Year hasn't arrived yet, depending on which calendar you follow. The Gregorian calendar, which was introduced in 1582, is used in most parts of the world, while the Julian calendar is older and still followed by the Eastern Orthodox and other churches.

Those of you who know me will be aware that I'm a stickler for celebrating Christmas properly for the full twelve days, and not taking any Christmas decorations down until Twelfth Night.

This year it's potentially even more complicated in our house, because the wonderful Ukrainian family living with us in the Vicarage are used to beginning their traditional Christmas celebrations on Christmas Eve, which for them is the 6th of January according to the Julian calendar, and the Ukrainian Christmas season goes on until 19th January, which is the date of the Epiphany for the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Confusing, isn't it?

And so this new year we could end up celebrating Christmas for nearly a month by my reckoning!

New year and new beginnings, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. all these dates are important to the way we humans order our lives. It helps us start afresh with hope for the future.

Whatever the date is, whatever the future brings, we tend to remain people who look forward with hope, even in the midst of so many serious challenges facing us in the world today.

Meanwhile, St Helen's Church will continue to be open as a warm space on Thursdays for anyone who would like to drop in, warm up and enjoy some peace and quiet.

There's no better way to end these calendrical musings than the very well-known poem by Minnie Haskins, that was quoted by King George VI as part of his 1939 Christmas broadcast:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

All the Best for you and yours in 2023

Paul

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Climate Event with mince pies

The climate event was really good fun, and the Council would like to thank everyone who turned up, behind or in front a table. It was good to see so much activity and interest in climate issues. Joanna Hall from DDDC, George from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Trish who came to talk about Sustainable Travel and Davina Ripton who is an HVCA Trustee were all impressed with what Grindleford is getting up to.

For those who weren't there, we heard about Shop Local with Peter, what's happening down at the river, sustainable travel with 20's Plenty, the flood group, the tree group, where we have got to EVCPs and wildflowering verges. Bob also provided some juice pressed at Apple Day, another highlight in the calendar.

We are very grateful indeed to Chris from the Sir William who gave the room for free and organised the pies and mulled wine, special mention to Elizabeth who dispensed it!

The event brought together some similar interests who have picked up the thread and will be developing joint working in the future. So it was all worth it as well as being highly enjoyable.

Shall we do it again next year....?

What your Council has been up to... since April 2022

£2000 to the playground upgrade	£500 to pre-school
Jubilee Gardens maintenance and upkeep	the Jubilee celebrations with village walks, banjos and cakes
A new grit bin at Mount Pleasant and grit for the existing bins	the phonebox repaint
The war memorial commemorations	wildflower seeds for the verges
The Parish Council website	the quarterly Grindleford News
bus shelter cleaning	the flood meeting and for the subsequent meeting with the Environment Agency
20s plenty stickers	subs for the Peak Park Parishes Forum and Derbyshire Association of Local Councils 20s plenty stickers

You and your boiler*

Here's a very helpful link from Mick Clarkson about making your boiler work for you.

<https://moneysavingboilerchallenge.com/the-evidence-why-does-changing-boiler-flow-temperature-reduce-energy-use/>

Come and be a Councillor – it's easy and it's fun

We are losing at least three and possibly four of our Councillors before April; our very own John Mottershaw has retired after the best part of 25 years on the Council, and we miss him a great deal; wonderful Rob Tamlyn has moved to Calver and so cannot stand for Council again (cries of Shame!) John Morton is unbelievably standing down after many, many years on the Council, including as Chair, he will be quite irreplaceable, and Bob Wilson is also standing down as Chair, and possibly retiring completely if he manages to resist my emotional blackmail, again after 25 years.

So you good people of Grindleford, we need some new Councillors! The elections will be held in May. The minimum commitment is about 2 hours on the second Thursday of each month, to attend Council meetings. With the Climate and Emergency Declaration we have a full programme of projects and activities however, and Councillors are very welcome to roll sleeves up and dig in as their interest takes them. We would love to set up a project group to explore EVCPs in the village; two Councillors are already part of the Flood Group, and it would be great to get more involved in the Sustainable Travel initiative, with lots more going in besides.

If you have any interest, please contact the Parish Clerk on grindleparish@gmail.com or bump into her in the street. Or Friday mornings in the shop 10 – 12 if you would like a chat. Or better still, tackle an existing Councillor (Andy B, Elizabeth Coe, Hilary Hart, Bob Wilson, Ray Whiteley, Peter O'Brien, John Morton) and find out what Grindleford Parish Council is all about and how we spend our time and your money.

The Grindleford News

A plea..... if you think you could take over the editorship, and would like to, apply within or to Colleen or Diane. Close your eyes momentarily and imagine a world without the Grindleford News.... Your newsdesk needs you.

As you know the News is issued quarterly and might take 5 – 10 hours to assemble each time. It's all very straightforward and no special skills are required, it's all on Word. The finished document gets emailed over the printers and comes back as the News, whereupon a trusty team of deliverers collect it off you and zoom it round to households. You need never leave your front door and you will be a village hero.

Planning applications and decisions

As ever can be found on portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Happy New Year to everybody

Sarah Battarbee, Clerk

*(Here is a joke about parachutes/boilers. A sky diver had just pulled his main chute and found it wouldn't open. He quickly tries his reserve chute, still nothing. Now in a panic falling towards the ground he sees a man flying up towards him at an incredible speed. In stunned disbelief as they pass each other the sky diver calls out "do you know anything about parachutes!", the man shouts back "No, do you know anything about gas boilers!")



Legacy

We have recently received a legacy from the late Bob Adams' estate. Bob is seen here with his wife Sheila.



In memory of Bob, we intend to buy 2 new benches to replace ones we already have but need renewing.



‘We have received a number of bequests providing legacies which, over the years, have played an important part in enabling the development and maintenance of our facilities.

The first legacy from Eric & Olive Bishop was a key one, in enabling the Pavilion to be built in its original form.

Ernest & Gwendolyn Rhodes made a bequest which contributed significantly to the development involving the Pavilion extension.

Supper Club

Supper Club continues in the New Year.

The after-supper themes at the next three events are as follows:

27th Jan	Mike Willis	Public Inconveniences
23rd Feb	Phil Edge	Phil on Philately
31st March	3JohnJazz	Jazz evening

The event is a fundraiser for the Pavilion and Playing Fields.

The details are circulated via the Supper Club mailing list. If you are interested in any of these events then email grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com

200 Club

The 200 Club is a fundraising equal chance lottery for the GPFA. This year prizes totalling £830 have been drawn (14 prizes in total) and an equivalent figure donated to the Playing Fields Association. Numbers have dropped a little this year. It would be nice to have a few more members. It costs just £12 for the year (payable in January by standing order). The more members we have the greater the prize fund, and the more money that goes into maintaining the pavilion.

If you want to be involved just get in touch.

Joy Benn (630221)

Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

Preparing your child for a life of learning



Hi everyone,

Hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and we wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

The end of term saw us in full Christmas mode at playgroup. The children helped decorate the tree, bake mince pies, sew stockings and learn lots of Christmas carols ready for our Woodland Nativity.



We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent raffle. We raised an incredible £502 and one lucky gentleman won a luxury hamper full of goodies! Check out this link to see the winning ticket being drawn.

<https://www.facebook.com/100080228227736/videos/636612324909256>

We also need to say a HUGE thank you to The Pigeon Club in Great Hucklow for their extremely generous donation of £1,500. We continue to be blown away by the generosity of others, especially during these tough times.

Despite the cold weather there has been a lot of fun at forest school.



We are really pleased to share that we have been chosen by the Co-op to be part of their Local Community Fund. All money raised will go towards our aim of supporting the children learn how to grow their own produce and to prepare, cook and provide a healthy diet. If you would like to support our cause drop into your local Co-op and find out more about membership.

This is the link to our page <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/72819>

You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram

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

https://instagram.com/grindlefordandeyam?utm_medium=copy_link

Or for more information about the playgroup or any of our events visit our website

<https://grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk/> or email gepsupervisor@hotmail.com



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; to bring people together to learn about and care for our environment and to have a good time!

We really enjoyed the Climate Event at the Sir William on 8th December, which was a great opportunity for environmental groups and interested individuals to gather and share ideas, over a mulled wine and mince pie. Thank you to Sarah and the Parish Council for making this happen.

Bonfire Field planting

On one wet day and one sunny day in November the tree planting group planted more native species of whips from behind the bus shelter down the edge of the track towards the river and the allotments. We planted blackthorn, hawthorn, rowan, dog rose, crab apple, silver birch, bird cherry and elder, and also translocated a few older donated trees. We used our usual method of making a T with the spade, levering it forward to put the sapling in easily then gently pushing the earth back. This works better than digging a hole as it avoids disturbing the ground too much and is much easier too.

Thank you to everyone who joined in or came down for a chat.



This work is all part of a bigger plan to develop wildlife corridors and increase biodiversity at a local level.

We have left a natural pathway, bordered by rowan trees, diagonally from the top corner of the field by the houses to the track.



Pippin Wood

Grindleford now has a developing nature area in the newly named Pippin Wood (previously called the bit behind the MUGA!). Many thanks to the Playing Field Association for letting GTPG develop this area.



In November we completed the hedge from Pippin Wood up to the cricket field boundary fence. We also did some fill in planting where some trees had died in the hot summer. Most of the trees survived the heat where they got protection from the creeping thistles. Over time the trees will become dominant. Already the area is looking great. We have seen goldfinches feeding on the thistle seed heads; a heron frequenting the space, treecreepers, nuthatch, robin and wren. Some of the thistles and nettles have been cleared to make a lovely pathway through the area and we plan to place a few benches to allow people to soak in the calm of the area and listen to bird song.

We have also cleared some grasses to reveal a small pond and a block of local stone. A pond skater has already been spotted and more pond creatures should discover it soon.

We often take a flask of coffee and some cake down to this peaceful spot, to check on progress and enjoy the birds, wild flowers and the river.

We have a few ideas for the future, including an information board.



Biodiversity is critical to our lives. Species, and the ecosystems they form, make all aspects of human life possible. We depend on the natural services healthy ecosystems provide for every breath of air and every mouthful of food. Our whole society and agricultural system relies on the biodiversity of pollinators, soil organisms, natural predators of crop pests and many more.

Trees and woodland ecosystems in particular provide clean air, offer protection from flooding, and store carbon - vital if we're to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown. In Great Britain, the value of trees alone for flood protection is estimated to be £6.5 billion.

Biodiversity also enriches our lives. We value the chance to get close to nature, and there's a growing mountain of evidence to show that green spaces are good for our mental and physical well-being.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/why-trees-are-important-for-biodiversity/>

Woodland Trust and the Conservation Volunteers have now given us a large number of trees for planting on publicly accessible land, rather than private gardens.

GTPG's running total of trees planted between May 2021 and November 2022 is a whopping 2160!

Please get in touch if you would like either a hedge or copse of trees planting on your land that has public access, or know of any publicly owned land that may be appropriate for community planting.

We will continue to have some maintenance days throughout the winter as well as planting in the spring, so please get in touch if you would like to join in.

Many thanks,

GTPG

Contact: paul.thorpe@hotmail.com



The Grindleford Community Shop

The most obvious recent change to the shop is the insertion of two glass panels in the door. Although a relatively small change it has a big impact. Volunteers were able to close the door during December cold snap but could still see customers approaching. In addition, it makes the shop more welcoming to those customers. Thanks to Steve Harby for doing the work.



Once again, the shop is selling Christmas cakes made by the local bakers which are selling well. The four-inch cakes have proved particularly popular, and many customers have bought them as gifts. The regular slices of homemade cake also continue to be popular, not just with passing walkers, but with people from the village who want to take a piece home to have with their tea. The cakes, together with teas and coffees, have been a major contributor to the record sales and profit made by the shop in the year to August. Thanks to our team of bakers who regularly produce such delicious cakes.

The Grindleford Goat was originally organised to raise money for establishing the shop and developing its facilities. However, now that the shop is successfully paying its way, the committee is looking at setting it up as a separate village charity which could support a range of activities.

Finally, you may expect the shop to be expensive. While it is difficult to compete with Aldi you will find that many items are cheaper than other local shops like the

SPARs in Calver and Hathersage, or Bakewell co-op. At the time of writing Morrisons in Chesterfield is selling Longley Farm Yogurts at 65p while they remain at 57p in the shop. Napoli Tomatoes were £1.50 in Bakewell co-op but only £1 in the shop. The profit from teas, coffees and cakes means that, where possible, price rises in essentials and groceries will be kept down.

The Chesterfield food bank has now been extended to the Hope Valley with the support of volunteers from the village and is based in the church. There is a box in the shop for food donations and a dedicated card machine if you wish to give money to support it. You can also buy kindling in the shop in aid of the food bank.

M Wren

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club continues on a 4 weekly basis and we have been pleased to welcome new guests over the last few months.

21 attendees came to the pre-Christmas meeting in December and enjoyed a light lunch and a good natter. The menu has become quite standardised but seems to be enjoyed by all. The established pattern is home made soup, sandwiches and home-made pudding. My grateful thanks as always to the team of pudding makers, (the pre-Christmas Panettone bread and butter pudding was a delight!) to all those helpers who give up a couple of hours on the odd Thursday and to those who help with transport where it is needed. If you would like to be involved you would be more than welcome. Similarly if you would like to attend any of the lunches then please contact me.

The next dates for your diary are

2nd February; 2nd March; 30th March and 27th April.

Joy Benn (630221)

The “Grindleford Bobby”

And a Brief History of Law Enforcement in the Village

Part Three

Rosemary Lockie, December 2022

“All beats were worked by foot, only the Superintendents were provided transportation in the form of a pony and trap. Communication between headquarters and the divisions would have been delivered by telegram or letter.” - <http://www.derbyshirepolicehistory.co.uk/>

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. In Part Two, published in October 2022, I covered the period up to the outbreak of World War I, with accounts of PCs Arthur Pentelow, Thomas Dennis, William Lewis, John Thompson, James Greatorex, and Benjamin Williams. In this issue we learn of some minor incidents our police constables were called on to attend, but also, a constable who faced, and disarmed a group of Doncaster “gunmen”; and a constable who had to jump out of the way to avoid being run down by a motorist more accustomed to driving in London! We will be looking at the careers of the following PCs:

PC John William Nuttall (1913)

PC Charles Frederick Wardle (1914-1921)

PS James William Simpson Gray (1919)

PC William Bagshaw (1922-1926)

PC John Alfred Thornby (1927-1933)

PC Robert Hadfield (1933-1939)

PC John William Nuttall, 1913

PC John William Nuttall was born in Newton (Blackwell) in 1884, the son of Thomas and Susannah Nuttall. In 1911 he was still living “at home”, and was employed as a Coal Miner. Evidently he joined the police soon after as by January 1913, when he married Charlotte Hatton Wright, he was police constable, resident in Buxton. Thereafter a newspaper report of 1914 relates to him serving in Youlgreave, as does a parish register entry of 1916, and again, in 1921, at the time of the 10-yearly Census.

The newspaper report confirming his presence in Grindleford was published in the *Belper News* in June 1913. He appeared at the Police Court in Bakewell to give evidence of an incident in Grindleford, when Henry Ward, of Sheffield,¹ had left his car standing opposite the Post Office after dark, “*without lighting the lamps*”. Ward expressed his regret, stating that it was an oversight, but he was fined 10s. (50 pence) by the Court nevertheless.

It seems to me that PC Nuttall’s appearance in Grindleford, albeit a brief one, may have been for one of several reasons. A police constable at that time would have been expected to be on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but they were allowed “rest days”, when their area would be covered by another officer - most likely from a neighbouring village. The directives, known as “workings”, of who went where, and for how long, would be administered at Subdivisional Headquarters - in this case, in Bakewell. Thus PC Nuttall’s appearance in Grindleford could have indicated he was standing in for the regular constable. Alternately, he could have served in the “inter regnum” between PC Williams’ departure, and the arrival of Grindleford’s next serving constable - PC Fred Wardle.

¹ Interestingly, most of the early motor-car or motor-cycle misdemeanours occurring to Grindleford and environs do appear to have involved non-residents, sometimes from as far afield as London! It certainly illustrates that there were plenty of

adventurous spirits in the early days of motoring. The locals, no doubt, would have been more familiar with the roads, but equally there would be fewer local motor transport, most residents of the Peak not rich enough to purchase their own!

PC Charles Frederick Wardle (1914-1921/2)

PC Charles Frederick Wardle, who I believe was known more generally as “Fred”, was a native of Youlgreave, and a son of Charles and Mary Wardle, born about 1875. In 1901 he was still living at home in Youlgreave, but by 1903, when he married Maria Brocklehurst, he had already joined the police force, and was resident in Buxton, where according to his obituary published in the *Derbyshire Times* in October 1928, he began his police career. We also learned from the same article that his next posting was to Holymoorside, before coming to Grindleford.

There were a number of news articles published over the period 1914 to 1921, recording PC Wardle’s activities in Grindleford, the first, occurring shortly after his time in office. At Bakewell Petty Sessions on 12th June, 1914, three youths from Doncaster, one of them aged 17, and the other two aged 14 were charged with carrying firearms without licenses. PC Wardle had heard shooting in a local wood,¹ and discovered the three of them with pistols, and 170 cartridges. He had confiscated both weapons and ammunition, and they were handed into the Court, leading to the Chairman of the Bench saying he never saw such rubbish in his life, and he hoped whoever sold the pistols to the boys would be prosecuted. The Superintendent present at the hearing said that the pistols would be sent to the Chief Constable of Doncaster, who would no doubt deal with the matter. By way of punishment the boys were each fined 7s. 6d.

PC Wardle was clearly well-thought of in the village, as a news article published in the *Sheffield Telegraph* in June 1922, when he was stationed at Long Eaton,² recorded that he had been “the recipient of a wallet of Treasury notes from the inhabitants of Grindleford”.

¹ The Doncaster “gunmen”... The wood was unnamed, but it did have a public footpath running through it. The Chairman of the Bench was William Nixon, who lived at Beach Hurst in Eyam.

² Like PC Nuttall, above, PC Wardle served in the same village throughout World War One. As indicated above, his next posting was to Long Eaton, and thereafter to Bradwell. At his death, in 1928 (aged 54), he was once again serving in Buxton. He was buried in his home parish of Youlgreave, with several Grindleford residents attending his funeral, including Mr. A. Outram, Mr. T. Morton, and a Mrs. Thornley. I have wondered if the latter was a misprint for “Thornby”, in which case she would have been the wife of Grindleford’s resident constable at that time - John Thornby.

PS James William Simpson Gray (1919)

Grindleford itself did not have a police sergeant, but on occasion, the sergeant overseeing the sections under his control would have made an appearance, either to support one of his officers, or to check that the officer was doing his job. Possibly neither of these was the case when PS Gray¹ from Stoney Middleton, spotted a Bamford resident, William Crooks, at Grindleford, cycling at night without a light. It was recorded that Crooks had been to “Grindleford Feast”, so perhaps PS Gray had been there too, and caught him as he was leaving! The same issue of the *Derbyshire Times* (6th September, 1919) reported on the Feast, which had been held on 23rd August - a post-War “*complimentary dinner to the Grindleford sailors and soldiers ... when close upon 200 sat down, and afterwards the huge tent was alive with hundreds of people who came to enjoy the fun*”. Just the sort of event, I think, that local dignitaries, and the local constabulary, would have been invited to attend. The cyclist, William Crooks, was fined 5s. 6d. nevertheless.

¹ It has been interesting to observe, that during the period of my research, that the serving police officer in Stoney Middleton was almost invariably a sergeant. I discussed this with a fellow researcher, who thinks that it may have been because there were more suitable premises in Stoney Middleton, for not just a "Police House", but also "holding cells" for offenders. Apparently the police sergeant's wife was required to serve meals to the miscreants in the cells!

PC William Bagshaw (1922-1925/6)

PC William Bagshaw was born in Matlock in 1879, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bagshaw. It is easy to imagine the police service welcoming him with open arms, when he joined, probably on, or shortly after his demobilisation from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment of the British Army.¹

At the time of the 1921 Census he was resident at 30 Corporation Street, Shardlow, serving in the Long Eaton section of the Derby County Police Force. You will recall that PC Wardle was transferred to Long Eaton after his service in Grindleford, so it seems reasonable to assume that the two constables exchanged postings. As a researcher, I find that eminently satisfying, as it indicates I haven't missed anyone out!

Once again, there were a number of articles published during PC Bagshaw's period of office, where he was called upon to assist, or to give evidence.

In May, 1922, he was called to the scene of an accident, which was notified to him by a Dr. Hatfield, of the Manor House, Foolow. Dr. Hatfield was on his way to Sheffield, and just past the junction of the road from Eyam with the road from Calver, "*came across the unconscious figure of a man lying in the middle of the road and bleeding profusely, and by the side of the road was a bicycle in two parts*". Apparently the accident was a result of a mechanical failure - "*the tube connecting the front forks of the machine breaking*". Happily, however, the rider was not as hurt as was first thought, suffering only from shock and severe bruising.

A further case where PC Bagshaw was called to give evidence was in early June, 1923.

Five Sheffield motorists were summoned before the Bench at Bakewell for “Motor Obstructions on Froggatt Edge”. The account reported on the “*many Sheffield people who have for some time been in the habit of motoring to Froggatt Edge, near Grindleford, a favourite spot, especially on Sundays, and holding picnic parties by the side of the main road*”... PC Bagshaw stated that the motor cars in question were parked on a dangerous corner, and “*remained for two or three hours unattended, and about 60 other motorists had to swerve their cars to get past them*”. Two other Grindleford residents also confirmed the danger - William Wager, a gamekeeper, of Sir William Road, who added that a number of large stones had been left on the road;² and John Edward Taylor, of Nether Padley, who had been a member of the jury at a fatal accident near the same place some time ago.

¹ At the beginning of 1898, when Bagshaw was aged 18, he enlisted in the 3rd. Sherwood Foresters at Derby for “short service”. He was transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in March the same year. His original engagement had been for 6 years, but in 1904 he was "permitted to extend his Service to complete 8 years with the Colours", and in practice he continuing to serve for another 6 years, obtaining his discharge in March 1910. It would appear that he entered the police force soon after, as in 1911, when he was living in Ambergate, with his wife Ann, he recorded his occupation as “1st Class Constable” in the Police Force.

² Possibly a result of using the large stones for "scotching" - placing stones beneath the rear wheels of vehicles parked on a slope, in the hope of preventing them from rolling downhill. The newspapers of the 1900s were reporting examples of summonses for the practice, one in particular taking place during PC Thompson's time in Grindleford (1902-1906). Henry Turner, a carter from Topley was charged with obstructing the highway, and PC Thompson reported seeing him "scotch" his dray with large stones from the wall on the roadside at least five times going up the

hill from Grindleford to Fox House. That was, of course, a horse and dray, rather than a motor car, but the principle would have been equally effective for motor cars where the handbrake couldn't be relied upon, as would have been the case in the early days of motoring.

PC John Alfred Thornby (1925-1933)

PC John Thornby was born in Smeeth, Kent, in 1893, the son of John and Sarah Elizabeth Thornby. At the time of the 1911 Census, he was employed as a Groom in the household of Arthur Marshall, an Architect, of Lockington, about 10 miles south east of Derby. He served in World War One in the Derbyshire Yeomanry, but was taken prisoner in Bulgaria, where he remained until his release in 1918.¹ At the time of the 1921 Census, he had already joined the Derbyshire Constabulary, and was living at 35 King Street in Long Eaton with his wife Elizabeth Ann (née Wickens), who he'd married in 1915.

Providing details of all incidents which took place in the Grindleford area during PC Thornby's "incumbency", would require a separate article of its own. Suffice it to say it would appear that the "policeman's lot" was becoming more varied, and no longer a matter of giving evidence of instances of "drunk and disorderly", "failure to show a light at night", or consuming, or serving alcoholic beverages outside licensing hours.

In 1927, he was called to the scene when a woman's body was found in Sheffield Plantation, and a few days later, at the inquest in Grindleford, he reported on finding an empty disinfectant bottle near the remains. The remains were later identified as that of a Miss Sarah Moore, of Sheffield. The Coroner's conclusion at the inquest is that Miss Moore took her own life, adding that it was the third case in the last fortnight that he'd investigated of persons taking their own lives by disinfectant poisoning, and *"these persons could have no conception of the agony which accompanied such a form of suicide"*.

In 1930, arguably one of the first cases of the use of a speed trap in Derbyshire - Frank Clark, a Sheffield bus driver was summoned for driving “a heavy motor car at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour” along The Avenue at Stoney Middleton. Police Sergeant Milner (of Stoney Middleton) gave evidence of stop watches registering Clark’s speed over a distance of 440 yards as 24 seconds, equivalent to 37.5 m.p.h. Two other officers were present, PC King (Baslow) and PC Thornby, to give corroborative evidence. The defendant’s lawyer argued that Sergeant Milner was wearing thick gloves when he was setting the watches, so they couldn’t possibly be accurate; but nevertheless the bus driver (driving for Sheffield Corporation) was fined £1.

A further traffic incident occurred in October, 1932 when PC Thornby was on duty at the junction of Main Road and “Bridge Lane” (Sir William Hill). A farm cart, followed by a car, were coming down the hill. The cart was intending to turn left, towards Grindleford, and the car to the right, towards Calver. He signalled them both forward, whilst he stood in the road, holding up the regulation hand signal to stop any traffic approaching on the main road. Unfortunately, another car coming from the Calver direction ignored his signal, forcing PC Thornby to jump out of the way, to avoid being run down! When the driver was asked why he did not stop when requested to do so, he said *"You should go to London, where I come from, and learn your job. You had no right to pull me up, I was on the main road"...*² He was, nevertheless fined £5 (£3 10s. plus costs)

As well as being involved in numerous incidents during his time in Grindleford, newspaper reports also suggest both PC Thornby and his wife were taking an active part in village life. PC Thornby was mentioned in a civilian role, and Mrs. Thornby’s name was amongst other village stalwarts, as an organiser at various functions.

A further testimonial was published in the *Derbyshire Times* of 16th April 1932, as follows:.

An American newspaper would no doubt describe P.c. Thornby of the Bakewell Division stationed at Grindleford, as "Bakewell's Washington Cop". One defendant recently said of him: "If P.c. Thornby said it was my dog, then it was my dog". At Friday's Court there was a distinct shudder when a solicitor intimated that his client did not agree with the constable's evidence. "This constable has been here a long, long time", said Supt. Aves, "and it is the first time I have ever heard him accused of telling an untruth."

P.c. Thornby's word was accepted. He is still "Bakewell's Washington Cop".

¹ The *British Red Cross & Order of St John Enquiry List* indicates that an enquiry was made in 1917, possibly by his wife, and that he was reported missing. In October that year the *Leicester Daily Post* reported he was a Prisoner of War in Bulgaria. His subsequent release was reported in the War Office & Air Ministry *Weekly Casualty List* in November 1918, one of 9 others, five of whom had been serving in the Yeomanry. He was said to be of Castle Donington in both newspaper accounts - the 1921 Census indicated his wife was born there.

² A policeman on "point duty" may seem unusual to us today, but this would have taken place before road signs such as "Slow" and "Stop" were commonplace at road junctions, so it may well have been a "free for all" as to who had the right of way. Judging by newspaper reports, "Halt" signs first made their appearance in Derbyshire early in 1936. One example of such is of an Eyam motorist, summoned for a failure to stop at the "Halt" sign at the junction of the Eyam Road with the Grindleford - Calver road, in April 1936 - a case proved by PC McIntosh. And in December the same year, the "Halt at Major Road Ahead" signs were discussed at a Chesterfield Town Council meeting. One Councillor was quoted as asking whether it was really necessary to stop, and should they follow the example of other towns, and substitute

the word “slow” for “halt”. Another councillor asked whether the "at" could be made larger, as so many people were stopping at the sign, instead of at the major road. The Mayor, replying as Chairman of the Highways Committee, pointed out (in effect) they had no choice in the matter, as the signs were as decreed by the Ministry of Transport. For the avoidance of doubt, “Halt at Major Road Ahead” signs, which were usually set back from the junction, were replaced by today’s “Stop” signs, placed at the junction itself, in the mid 1960s.

PC Robert Hadfield (1933-1939)

I am very happy to say that I have the exact dates of PC Hadfield’s transfer to and from Grindleford. Articles in the *Derbyshire Times* record that he was transferred to Grindleford from the Long Eaton district to replace PC Thornby,¹ on September 29th, 1933; and at the end of November, 1939, when he completed his service in Grindleford, he was transferred to Ashford. His replacement in Grindleford, referred to as a “name-sake” in the article was another PC Hadfield,² who was then serving in Wirksworth. The two do not appear to have been related, so there was no nepotism involved!

Robert Hadfield was born at Burbage, Buxton, in 1909, the son of Joseph Edwin and Jane Hadfield, née Pickering. In 1921 he was employed as a Carter for the Buxton Lime Firms Ltd. at Harpur Hill. In 1923 he married Deborah Pickering, who appears to have been his first cousin.

Judging by the traffic incidents PC Hadfield attended, we begin to see the first applications of the “scientific method” following a road accident. One such case involved an accident on “School Hill”, as Sir William Hill was occasionally referred to. In May 1934, Miss Fieldhouse, a school teacher from Rotherham, was driving her car from the Hathersage direction, and as she turned the corner by the school, she saw there were 2 vehicles coming up the hill towards her. The driver of the second car was apparently trying to overtake the first car, but was unable to pull back in again, to avoid a collision. The evidence given by PC Hadfield, called to the site of

the crash by Miss Fieldhouse, was precise, and objective, providing the court with the width of the road (21 feet 6 inches), and the positions of the vehicles involved. The driver of the second car was summoned for “driving without due care and attention”, but he claimed he’d pulled out for “observation purposes”, and that the other driver was going too fast. His arguments evidently impressed the Bench, as the case was dismissed. This verdict did rather surprise me, but perhaps in the early days of motoring, the danger of trying to overtake when approaching a blind bend hadn’t yet sunk into the national psyche!

Evidence³ from PC Hadfield was also called upon at the Inquest on the death of the licensee of the Chequers Inn at Froggatt, Mr. John Shaw, who was knocked down by a motor-cyclist when trying to cross the road by the Inn. The motor-cyclist, approaching from the Froggatt direction, on his way back to Sheffield, saw Mr. Shaw, and sounded his horn, but (in his words) *“Mr. Shaw seemed to get excited and lose his head, He went back to the side of the road from where he started, and then commenced to recross the road”*. It sounds like Mr Shaw panicked, but he may well have been unsteady on his feet as well, as evidence included the information that he’d had a stroke a few years previously. His injuries, as a result of the accident included a broken shoulder, but were not, in the opinion of the doctor who treated him at the time, sufficient to cause his death, so there was no suggestion whatsoever that the accident was the cause his death.

Towards the end of PC Hadfield’s service, we find him and his family recorded in the 1939 Register, and we see his home labelled as the “Police Station” for the first time. The Register was taken on 29th September 1939, at the outbreak of the Second World War, and the information used to produce identity cards and ration books, which were issued in January the following year.

Thus, in November 1939, we reach the completion of Robert Hadfield’s service in Grindleford, and the arrival of the second “PC Hadfield”. In the next issue of *Grindleford News*, I hope to complete the story, to (finally!) the departure of the last

police constable, PC Reginald Anderson, in the 1950s. I will also be including photographs of three of them.

¹ PC Thornby was transferred to Woodville in South Derbyshire.

² John Arthur Broster Hadfield.

³ PC Hadfield's report gave the width of the road (26 feet), and a description of a mark on the road "*extending 26 feet up the road, starting 13 feet from the near side, going toward Sheffield, and going diagonally towards the off side. It had apparently been made by the footrest of a motor-cycle*".

GRINDLEFORD SAYS FAREWELL TO POSTIE JAREK

Jarek delivered his last mail to Grindleford on Saturday 17th December. A collection for him was set up in the shop with £250 being raised in a week! He was presented with a selection of Grindleford gifts: a Grindleford Gallop snood, Grindleford honey and a Christmas cake along with £225.

We shall miss his friendly smile but wish him well as he moves on to his next job in IT with the NHS.

Thank you to Rachel Gorny for organising this on the Village's behalf.





After a floriferous summer at the station with a glorious display of dahlias, cosmos, fuschia and sunflowers, we were pleased to be assisted in our November tidy by Richard, Gavin, Dom and Emrys from VolkerRail Story, the company responsible for the Hope Valley Line upgrade. With 2 platform beds and a herb garden there is quite a large area for our small group to maintain so with their help we managed to complete the tidy up in an afternoon.



Also in November Liz and John Baily ensured the poppies were in place for Remembrance Sunday.

In December, we were supported by pupils from Grindleford School who, once again, made natural decorations to add some Christmas cheer to the station.



Having been nominated for a Small Projects Award in the Community Rail Awards, Kay Allinson and Colleen Gray attended the ceremony held at the Manchester Convention Centre in October. Although Grindleford Station Friends did not win in this category, Kay and Colleen thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the inspiring projects led by volunteers at stations throughout the country.

The improvements to the Hope Valley Line continue in January and February with the installation of track and work to extend a culvert at Bamford and the lifting in of a new footbridge at Hathersage. To facilitate construction work, a section of the line will be closed and there will be working through the day and night over the following dates:

11pm Friday 13th January - 5am Monday 16th January

11pm Friday 20th January - 5am Monday 23rd January

11pm Saturday 28th January - 5am Monday 30th January

11pm Saturday 4th February – 5am Monday 6th February

11pm Saturday 11th February - 5am Monday 13th February

To facilitate construction work and undertake the delivery of rail material, Dore and Totley station car park will fully close from 12th January (6.00am) to 17th February (12pm).

Thanks to the Hope Valley Rail Partnership, we are anticipating brand new fencing at the station and are hoping to create some new signage in the traditional Midland Red colour.

Finally, a reminder that the timetables changed on the 11th December and that, although we now have an improved service of one train per hour in both directions, the 8.13am service to Sheffield has been removed.

C Gray

Peter's Page

News from Your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor



January is the time when the Council plans its budget for the next financial year, which runs from April 2023 to March 2024. I have a meeting arranged with the Director of Finance where I will be asking her to prepare a 'budget option' with no increase in Council Tax; I think is only right in view of the financial difficulties that I know many families are facing. This may mean some hard choices for the Council, but so be it. I don't know at this stage what the views are of the other political Parties, but I sincerely hope that they will agree with me.

And a reminder that there is a variety of financial support available from both the District Council and County Council. Contact Citizens Advice at www.citizensadvisederbyshiredistricts.org.uk or phone 0808 2787984

I am pleased to say that Network Rail have now agreed to have a meeting at a high level, to discuss the options for the future of the engineering and maintenance facility at the station – where the noise and disturbance to residents has continued. I will be accompanied by the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council.

Grindleford has come in for a lot of praise for the efforts by the community in taking steps to help combat climate change locally. The Council's Climate Change Officer, Jo Hill, came along to the event in the Sir William a few weeks ago, organised by our Parish Council. She asked me to pass on her appreciation to all concerned. In the same vein, the village's initiative to increase biodiversity by changing the grass cutting regime on some of our road verges has also drawn much praise.

There are local elections for the District Council next May. As I am sure most people know Grindleford is in a Ward with Abney, Eyam and Hathersage – and in May, we will be joined by Stoney Middleton. You will be able to elect 2 Councillors to represent you. As this is a village magazine, I try avoid making political points so it would be wrong for me to say at this stage if I am going to stand for election again. And as the next edition of the Grindleford News comes out during the election period, I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support during the last 4 years. Looking back particularly at the floods and of course Coronavirus, we have had a lot thrown at us. But thanks to our wonderful community spirit, we have shown that we are stronger together, and can look forward to the future with confidence.

Councillor Peter O'Brien

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Horticultural Society

Grindleford Horticultural Society programme for 2023

At the AGM a frank discussion was had about the future of the society and at a vote afterwards it was decided to take the society forward under the stewardship of Sarah Rockliff as chair. Clearly there is a lot to do re-engage with the residents of Grindleford and Sarah is looking forward to discussing with members and other community groups how that could happen. We try to have speakers that will interest a variety of people within the village. Maybe you have ideas about talks that would interest you and others, maybe you would like to help put together the programme?

The next four talks are:

Saturday 21 January at 10.30, "Joseph Paxton", Gardener, MP, Engineer

Saturday 18th February at 10.30 "Conservation work in the wider Longshaw estate"

Tuesday 21st March at 7.30 pm "The Hardy plant society"

Tuesday 18th April at 7.30 pm, "New to gardening?, things to consider"

You can join us for a talk for free

As a member of GHS 3, local garden centres offer discounts of full priced plants on production of membership card, for full details please see our website

[GRINDLEFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://www.grindleford-horticultural-society.co.uk)

Interested in joining (£5.00) please contact

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DJLJ23@yahoo.co.uk

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The Sir William re-opens

Chris, who has been using The Sir William for his Beyond the Edge business since 2016, has taken over the tenancy and re-opened the pub at the end of November. It was great to see the pub hosting The Grindleford Singers on Friday 23rd December when they led us in some rousing renditions of popular carols which raised £154.31 for Sheffield Young Carers.



Chris is happy for the pub to be part of the village amenities and is looking to resume lunch and evening meals by mid to late January. In addition, Andy Lawton is aiming to re-start the monthly acoustic music session on the last Thursday of the month.

With 50 pubs closing permanently every month, Grindleford is lucky that it still has one so let's hope that local residents continue to use this important social resource so that it has a secure future.

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Allotments

We've had another great growing year down at the allotments. New and seasoned allotmenters have been hard at work and a wide and colourful variety of fruits, veg and flowers were produced! It is one of life's joys to see a tiny packet of seeds develop into food for the kitchen table or flowers to adorn a window sill. The unusually hot weather did cause some casualties (my lettuce was far from happy) but other things, such as apples, flourished in the warmer weather!

Our deer fence continues to be successful and a small yet dedicated team has been hard at work replacing the original fence posts which are now long past their best. The orchard meadow is developing and the meadow team plan to add yellow rattle into the mix to encourage more floral diversity. Unfortunately, due to lack of man power, we haven't made much progress with the planned pollinator friendly flower beds, but we will try again in the upcoming spring and summer months.

For the first time since the Covid outbreak, we will be holding the AGM in January with the traditional mulled wine and mince pies making an appearance. We will be discussing a variety of issues including a small rent increase, getting more people involved in the various working parties (meadows, maintenance, ponds and the pollinator garden) as well the regular yearly reports. Grindleford Allotment continues to be a great source of food, flowers, fruit and friendship for many people in the village and we are really looking forward to welcoming number of our new members to the event, as well as villagers on the waiting list and current allotment holders.

Grindleford Gaiters

The Gaiters walking group continues our varied walking programme. The photo below shows the Gaiters near Tideswell 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.

Our 3 month walking schedule is shown here.

Gaiters Walk Days, 2023, Thursdays

12 Jan	26 Jan	9 Feb	23 Feb	9 Mar	23 Mar
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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.



Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport is celebrating a positive year following the pandemic.

We are absolutely delighted that we have been able to continue to provide a high quality, caring, and responsive service, which enhances the lifestyles of people suffering from the effects of transport isolation.

Our 13 accessible vehicles provide transport for local groups, organisations and individuals throughout the Derbyshire Dales and Hope Valley.

Our own Town and Out, Day Trips, Meet and Eat, Plant Pot Tours and ‘Specials’ have continued to thrive, such that we have already planned more for 2023. See Peak Advertiser for details.

Our Car Scheme specialises in one to one, door to door transport for medical appointments and is provided entirely by Volunteers and their cars.

Volunteering lies at the heart of Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport. Our services benefit from the wide experience of these volunteers who give their time and expertise to B&ECT, whether it be in the form of Drivers, support for the Bookend Bookshop in Bakewell, being part of our newly formed team of Buddies who aid those who struggle to travel without extra help, or as part of our Trustee Management body.

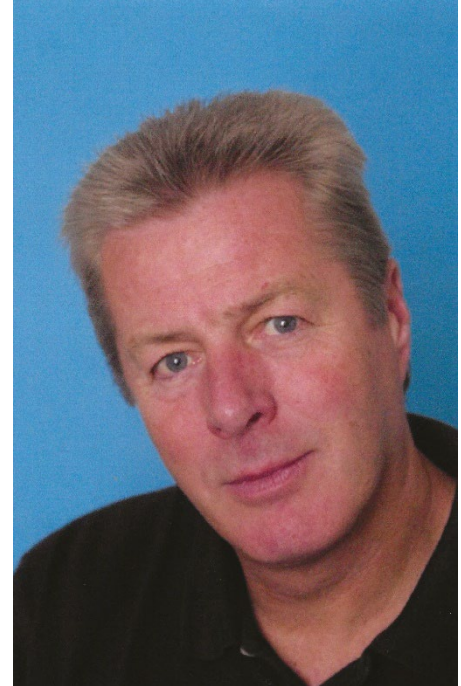
Finally – last word from a passenger *“This service is a life saver. I have mobility problems. This way I can meet up with friends. We have a laugh, a moan, sometimes a cry. Please keep running”*

If you would like to know more, either as a Passenger or Volunteer, please do not hesitate to call 01629 641920 or email info@bect.org.uk.

Chris Gratton

**14th August 1948 –
2nd October 2022**

I am sad to write that Chris Gratton passed away on the 2nd October 2022 after battling with cancer. Chris leaves a wife, also Chris, two sons Joe and Will and two grandchildren. His funeral service was held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on the 24th October 2022. Joe and Will delivered a touching eulogy to their father who would have been very proud of them. Further tributes were paid by work colleagues John Vint and Peter Taylor. It was very much a case of standing room only as people came to mourn the loss of Chris and to celebrate his life.



Chris was born and raised in Stoke-on-Trent and it was there that he began his love affair with football and oatcakes. Football was a major part of his life, playing for both Aytoun Wanderers and West Didbury and supporting Port Vale something that stayed with him all his life.

I first got to know Chris through our joint involvement in the Grindleford Junior football sides. It was a time when we had teams in the Under 10's, Under 12's, Under 14's and U16's categories. Chris brought his love of the sport to junior football. He coached his sons through the junior age groups and was successful in winning the Under 10's Derwent Valley Championship. The same season the Under 10's also won the prestigious Derbyshire Fair Play Award and as a prize the team were presented with England football kits which they were allowed to wear by the FA when representing Grindleford.

Chris loved all sports, particularly fell running in the Peak District. He loved the challenge of pushing himself physically but his primary aim was of having fun and

enjoying himself with friends. For a number of years Chris brought this fun to his management of the Grindleford Junior Fell Race.

Chris was also involved in the setting up and early years of the Grindleford Gallop which has been a substantial fund raiser for the Village School and continues to this day.

Chris began playing golf when football and fell running were no longer an option. He also was a keen skier and such was his instructional prowess, his salmon pink onesie and a trail of following children that he was often mistaken for an ESF ski school instructor!

Stoke was also the birthplace of a few of his other lifelong passions, including drumming and oatcakes. He would often travel two hours to the oatcake shop of High Lane in Tunstall to pick up a few Staffordshire oatcakes to have with his full English.

Chris started drumming as a teenager and had a shot at fame with his first band The Elements before trying again later with the Standing Rock Agency. Joe and Will enjoyed their father's passion for the drums. I can only imagine the noise!

Chris's academic career started with undergraduate and Masters' degrees in Economics at Manchester University. He was appointed as a lecturer in economics and econometrics at Manchester Polytechnic in 1971 and by the time he left in 1991 he was a Principal Lecturer. During that period his interest in sport never waned and in the late 1970s Chris took a sabbatical at Cambridge University to start work on a PhD in the Economics of Sport.

In the early 1980s a previous tutor on Chris's degree and later head of Economics at North Staffordshire Polytechnic, John Bridge, was helping to develop a degree in Sport and Recreation Studies there. He asked Chris if he would come back to Stoke to teach the economics of sport modules in partnership with the lecturer Peter Taylor. Oatcakes called and thus began the very fruitful 'Gratton and Taylor' era, during which, having realised that there was precious little literature on the economics

of sport, Chris and Peter produced several books and research articles, with their first book, 'Sport and Recreation, an economic analysis' rapidly becoming a standard text on the subject. Any student of the economics of sport in the last 35 years or so will inevitably have read books or papers by Chris Gratton.

From 1991 to 1994, Chris was a senior lecturer at Tilburg University in the Netherlands, quite an interesting venture for a person who loved hills and fell-funning! However, Chris was always international in his outlook and interests and this period was a very fruitful one in developing his international network. In the end the lure of the Peak District proved strong and Chris and his family returned to live in Grindleford.

Chris was the founding father of research into sport and the wider leisure industry in the early years of Sheffield Hallam becoming a University. Appointed in 1994, Chris pioneered research in the School of Leisure and Food Management. Chris was instrumental in setting up the Centre for Sport and Exercise Science and the Sport Industry Research Centre. He also played an important role in bringing the Sports Engineering Research Centre to SHU from the University of Sheffield. Chris led the Sport Industry Research Centre (SIRC) with great aplomb until 2004, when he took on the role of Assistant Dean for Research for the Faculty of Health and Wellbeing. Whilst developing research across the Faculty, he also maintained his standing and reputation in the field of sports economics as a Co-Director of SIRC.

Chris had a truly international reputation and was invited as a keynote speaker to sports conferences in China (4 times), Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and at many European conferences. He also represented the UK on the EU Workshop on Sport and Economics from 2006-2010 and on the Expert Group on Sport Statistics from 2011-2013.

Chris finished his career at SHU in 2012 after a couple of years of working on projects linked to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Following his **retirement**, he was an active emeritus professor and continued working with SHU on projects and mentoring junior staff.

As important as Chris's professional reputation is, his personal qualities also shine through people's memories of him, a few I've included below.

"Although very intelligent and supremely confident of everything he said and did, he showed not one hint of ego or arrogance. He was kind, he was caring, he listened and he always maintained a positive outlook." Peter Taylor

"He was the classic 'charismatic leader' who made us believe that anything was possible. He trusted us and motivated us to take on as much responsibility as we could handle." Simon Shibli

"He was one of my 'go to' researchers. But more than this, I always enjoyed being in Chris's company and particularly remember the good times we shared (often over a few beers) in various European cities and the time we spent in Sydney." Nick Rowe, former Head of Research at Sport England

"As well as always being in awe of his knowledge and expertise, I was extremely fond of Chris and remember with great pleasure many conferences and overseas trips that we shared." Jerry Bingham, former Head of Research at UK Sport

"He always had a warm smile on him that made people feel welcome. A wonderful mentor and boss with a good sense of humour. Laughter was often heard when he was around." Shia Ping Kung, Senior Research Fellow, SIRC

"Chris was a kind, thoughtful and witty individual, who made the world a better place. I am pleased and proud to be able to have called him my friend." Ian Henry, Emeritus Professor, Loughborough University

"Chris was such a sincere and genuine person." Dr Liu Dongfeng, Professor & Dean of Graduate School, Shanghai University of Sport

"He was one of the brightest students I ever taught and without any intellectual arrogance. I remember him as a decent, modest, kind person with a sort of gentleness I find hard to describe." John Bridge, former lecturer Manchester University and Head of Dept Staffordshire University

"The memories of his booming laugh, funny anecdotes and tales of adventure will be forever cherished by us. He was a man who always put us first, sacrificed almost every weekend to ensure we had a lift

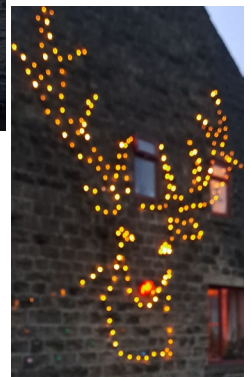
to our sporting and social events, and crucially, he was always there for us when we needed him” Joe and Will

I can only concur with the above sentiments and agree that Chris made the world a better place, he will be sorely missed.

Steve Benn

With thanks to Chris, Joe and Will, Peter Taylor and Simon Shibli and the European Sport Management Quarterly for background information

Grindleford Christmas lights 2022.



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Useful Websites:

Grindleford Parish Council: www.grindlefordparishcouncil.co.uk

Grindleford Community Shop: www.grindlefordvillageshop.co.uk

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

www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk and

www.grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

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

www.grindleford.com

If you are new to the village 'welcome' and we have a dedicated section with

information: <http://www.grindleford.com/welcome-to-grindleford/>

Any News?

If there's anything you feel should be covered in the next issue, please send an item to the editors at grindlefordnews@gmail.com.

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