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# Grindleford News

By heck, you're in for a treat! Or should that be trick? Ahem...  
With more articles than you can shake a wand - sorry- stick at, our readership may well start spilling out as far as Eyam and Calver!!  
Don't panic though, if we can't get more distributors in to help, then I have it on good authority that owls offer a cracking delivery service.

Before I get too carried away with Halloween, which happens to be nestled in my favourite season (though it only just takes the lead over spring in my spell book) I want to say thank you for all the kind words and encouragement I've had from folks since July's issue went out. As Dorothy said to the good witch, "There's no place like home". You've made me feel at home in these pages.

Now, take care opening this issue. You never know what spells may spill out! Cup of kettle on, ruby slippers up, and be seeing you soon.

- Carrie x



## **GN Pass Notes**

### **Carbon and how to get rid of it**

By Di Oxide

Hallo it's you again. What have you got for us this time?

World Wildlife Fund tell me I am supporting a 9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> lifestyle.\*

**Get you.**

Yes, apparently I generate 3 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> on home things including heating, 2 on food, 1 on travel and on stuff (buying things), plus 1 tonne on some other things.

The UK average is about the same as mine (smug), the average locally is 11.3 (very smug! Shame on you, Shelbyville!) and the world average is 6.3 (oh dear. Not smug any more now). No prizes for guessing which area I need to concentrate on. Better insulation here we come.

<b>Breakdown</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Round here</b>
Food	20 %	19 %
Travel	17 %	31 %
Home (including heating)	44 %	29 %
Stuff	19 %	21 %

**You tell me this because....?**

I have been googlesciencing. You know how accurate that is, but if we believe what Google tells us, then there is any easy way to abate all 9 of those tonnes of CO2!\*\*

**Go on.**

I need to plant between 25 and 40 trees and then wait for them to grow.

**How many have you got now?**

3.

**Hmmm.**

Or, I can get three hectares of meadowland and manage it.

**How big is a hectare?**

Seven and a half acres.

**Stop being difficult. How big is an acre?**

About one and three quarter football pitches, so I only need four and a bit football pitches of managed meadowland to abate all my carbon footprint!

**Do you have four and a bit acres of managed meadowland?**

No.

**Got space for any hedges?**

Yes, I do have space for some hedges. Why do you ask? Anyway I'm supposed to be asking the questions.

**I quote:** "Like trees, hedgerows lock up vast amounts of carbon dioxide and store it in their roots and leaves and in the soil. We're not talking small amounts of carbon here, either. Hedgerows in Great Britain store up to 13 million tonnes of carbon. As a guide, that offsets a quarter of all the yearly emissions from UK farming."

Hey! I'm off to plant some hedges. Or see if the tree planting group will plant them for me. Thank you!

**Do say: blackthorn hedges, which are a very good hedge to plant, grow sloes. And juniper bushes... well, need I say more.**

**Don't say: burning peat is a good idea.**

\* To calculate your own carbon footprint try

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/questionnaire>

\*\*Apparently you can't generate less than 2 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per person. Does anyone know why? Is it breathing?

Answers on a postcard please



# Lonely hearts.



**Name:** Nick.

**Age:** Old enough to know better

**Occupation:** Who cares. Nick, the most un-eligible un-bachelory man person in the village can be found wondering the streets of Grindleford, seeking friends to eat pizza with. Approach with caution, and do not feed after midnight.



Note his loitering in the Sir William on a Friday evening - when some of the village folk have taken to frequenting the pub for a swift pint or ten. Do us all a favour dear readers and buy this man a drink!

(Also awarded the GN good sport trophy herewith).



## **“GOOD EVENING . . .”**

This October, turn your clocks back to 1946 and tune into HADIT's Radio Theatre as we bring to the air Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry.

Spies, intrigue, murder and other Hitchcock trademarks will come to life on stage in the style of a 1940's radio broadcast of three of the master of suspense's earlier films, including *The 39 Steps*.

Complete with vintage commercials sung by our jingle singers and live sound effects, our troop of 'radio' actors will be taking on over 60 parts between them!

Performances are at Hope Methodist Hall, Edale Road from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th October at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hadit) or ring Carolyn on 01433 620665, which is also the number for more information.

**Padley Artists' Pop-up**  
**Sat 25th & Sun 26th Nov.**  
**10-4pm**

**Paintings and Cards**

**50% to Assist - supporting Asylum Seekers in Sheffield.**

**Tea, coffee and cake for donations.**

**Also: books, CDs, mugs, and hand knitted socks.**

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**Midland Cottages, Upper Padley, Grindleford**  
**S32 2JA (parking at station)**



Our station is looking very smart with the new signage and fencing. The garden areas too have bloomed beautifully all year with lots of happy insects and bees buzzing around. The small team who make up Friends of Grindleford Station have kept active and done regular litter picks in addition to gardening. We'd always welcome offers of help as a couple of our stalwarts have moved away and we miss them! Do get in touch if you could help.



We get lots of positive comments from passengers and train crew about the improvements we've made, and hope having a nicer environment at the station encourages more people to use the train.

Whilst the strikes continue to be disruptive, in general our train service is reliable and we have the modern trains which are much more attractive with more comfortable seating and Wi-Fi on board. The improvements on our line near Bamford and at Dore are continuing. Volker Story who are working on these construction projects have been supportive to our activities, helping with garden



waste removal and offering volunteer hours for our big jobs. Hopefully they'll assist us shortly with a end of season tidy and bulb planting session. The High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership have recently promoted a guide to local train services. Check out [peakdistrictbytrain.org](http://peakdistrictbytrain.org)



Ticket office closures have a very small impact for Hope Valley rail users as none of our stations have had one since the 1960s. Nevertheless the wider issue has created a storm.

This is Transport for the North's Consultation Response <https://democracy.transportfornorth.com/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=7654>. I made representations about the importance of keeping ticket offices open as Chesterfield was one of the stations where the ticket office was scheduled for closure.

You may have seen a promise from the Government to electrify and upgrade the Hope Valley Line, cutting journey times between Sheffield and Piccadilly by 9 minutes. The Chair of Hope Valley Rail Users Group, Chris Morgan, recognised that there are a lot of challenges to be overcome as electric power is currently only available near Piccadilly (or Hazel Grove for the express trains). The tunnels would need to be substantially upgraded as part of such works. However the biggest problem for local people would be losing all the passenger and freight traffic if the line was closed whilst work was being undertaken. Chris mused that the Hope Valley electrification is unlikely to be completed before the Hope Valley

cement works closes in 2042. There is a lot of cynicism from rail commentators about the announcements and the electrification of the Midland mainline will be prioritised but even this is unlikely to be completed in the next 10 years due to many technical and production hitches, So no need to panic about further construction work on the Hope Valley Line yet!

- Kay Allinson

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## **Grindleford Tree Planting Group**

### **Autumn maintenance days**



The tree planting group started in 2019. Our aim is to plant trees to enhance our local habitats; to provide more wildlife corridors in the village that in turn attracts insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals; to make an effort to address climate change at a very local

level; perhaps to help prevent flooding; and to bring people together to learn about and care for our environment and to have a good time. Over the four years it has proved to be a fantastic way to involve the community in taking local action for the climate and biodiversity. Many conversations have started and expertise and information has been shared by individuals and other groups in the village and beyond. There's nothing like doing stuff together, to get people talking!

Date	time	place
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am – 2pm	Allotment field
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am – 2pm	Playground
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am – 2pm	Playing field behind the MUGA
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10am – 2pm	Playing field behind the MUGA

We have now planted over 3000 native trees across five sites across the village, thanks to so many volunteers of all ages coming to help. They are doing very well but the areas need some maintenance this autumn. So this is a request for folks to come along to one or more of our planned maintenance sessions. Please come suitably dressed and bring shears or loppers if you have them. Everyone is very friendly and we enjoy our coffee and cake breaks!

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

# Grindleford Gaiters

The Gaiters walking group has continued walking and has been enjoying the heather this year. This has been one of the best heather seasons for several years.

The photo below shows the Gaiters navigating the heather on a recent walk on Beeley Moor. 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					
5 Oct	19 Oct	2 Nov	16 Nov	30 Nov	14 Dec





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.

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## Christmas Tree Festival launches at Longshaw.

Christmas will get under way at Longshaw Estate this year with the National Trust site's first ever Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November. Entry is free.



Visitors will be able to enjoy, festive food and drink and the chance to meet Father Christmas, as well as fun outdoor seasonal games and creative crafts where you can make your own decorations to take home.

Longshaw Christmas trees have been decorating people's homes for the festive season for almost 50 years. Rangers and volunteers expertly grow a small selection of trees on site throughout the year, from the traditional Norway spruce to the Fraser fir, which is famous

for producing the rich aromas of a traditional Christmas. Other trees on offer are from carefully chosen British growers and have been selected for their exceptional quality.

Ranger for the National Trust in the Peak District, Mark Bull has been helping people choose the right tree to take home from Longshaw for over 15 years.



“We are out working in nature year-round in some of the most spectacular landscapes the UK has to offer, so we really know and respect our trees” he said proudly.

“We like to say a tree bought is a tree planted, as money raised through selling Christmas trees supports the conservation we do. Over the last year we’ve been restoring wood pasture at Longshaw, enabling the us to plant more native trees such as rowan, oak, holly and hawthorn to provide a better habitat for wildlife and protecting the woodland against climate change. We’ll also be planting individual trees across the estate that will grow as features in the landscape for many years to come.

### **About the woodland preservation project**

As part of a decade long Woodland Pasture Restoration Project, funded by Natural England, our rangers are managing a programme of woodland work at Longshaw; opening up some glades, felling many Scots pine plantation trees, thinning out other trees and planting

native species to help create better habitats for insects and birds. The trees which remain in the woodland will also have more light, water and nutrients, as well as more space, to grow. This work will also help the woodland be better equipped to deal with climate change. Similar work that the team has carried out around Sheffield Plantation is already seeing the benefit for wildlife, with birds such as kestrels and redstarts being spotted. More wildflowers than ever before are growing around where the plantation used to be. For more information go to: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

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## SUSTAINABILITY FEATURE.

### **WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER? HELP!**

Each issue we're looking to feature a case study on sustainability projects in the village. We need someone who will conduct interviews with local residents in the form of a quick Q&A, and compile a small article to help inspire future sustainable projects within the home. Please email [grindlefordnews@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordnews@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in contributing or would like more information.





# **Peter's Page.**

## **News from Your Derbyshire Dales District Councillor**

There have been some welcome recent improvements to our bus services, with the introduction of late evening services back from both Sheffield and Bakewell. From Sheffield, the 257 leaves the Interchange at 17.03. 18.55, 20.30 and 23.30 (daily, except Sundays) and travels via Broomhill, Bamford and Hathersage – so not via Longshaw or the Maynard.

From Bakewell, the 257 leaves at 19.25 and 22.25 (daily except Sundays; not via Stoney Middleton or Eyam).

Full details are at [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com)

Following a number of complaints from residents about the reliability of the daytime services, I have met with the head of Public Transport at the County Council. She has promised to look at improving things, but in the meantime please report any cancellations or late runnings to [public.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:public.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Unfortunately the promised actions by Network Rail to reduce the noise and disturbance near the station have not materialised. Nor I'm sorry to say has the District Council been as active in monitoring the situation as I hoped. The CCTV 'noise camera' has now disappeared, whilst the tree planting and meetings with residents have not happened yet.

With the support of the Parish Council, I will be redoubling my efforts to bring about a lasting improvement, certainly once the works associated with the Hope Valley Upgrade are completed in the Spring.

There are a number of new Business Grant schemes now on-stream. These can provide assistance for Small Business Adaptation (projects from £2,500 to £10,000), Business Development (£10,000 to £50,000) and Business growth (£50,000 to £100,000). For full details, contact [economicdevelopment@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

There is also a new 'Community Resilience Grant' (sorry about the title!), which can offer funding up to around £15,000 for community based projects to maintain or enhance local services and facilities, and boost volunteering or training opportunities. For details of this, contact Derbyshire Dales Voluntary Service ([www.ddcvs.org.uk](http://www.ddcvs.org.uk))

And don't forget our Local Projects Fund, which is there to offer small grants of £100 to around £500 to local organisations, for new ideas or initiatives which will benefit residents.

It's very simple to apply for, and full details are at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk) (look for Local Projects Fund), or email [localprojects.fund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:localprojects.fund@derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

Thank you for your continuing support, and keep in touch.

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# **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Hollowford Centre, Castleton**

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

Free entry.

**Saturday 2 December 2023**

**11.00am – 5.00pm**

Hathersage Choir will be performing from around 12 noon

Please note that no dogs are allowed inside the market

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



hollowfordcentre







## Defibrillator Training

There has been a defibrillator installed at the side of the Pavilion entrance door for a little while now. We need people to know how to properly use the equipment. Defibrillator familiarisation training has therefore been arranged for Thursday 26th October 2023 at



7pm in the Pavilion. This is open to anyone in the village, just let Steve Benn know on 630221 if you wish to attend.

## Kitchen

Those of you who use the Pavilion kitchen facilities will have noticed that it is beginning to fall apart. Drawers are collapsing and doors coming off. The cooker is also only half working. This is not surprising as the kitchen has been there since the early 90's. We are now looking towards a full kitchen revamp and are currently making efforts to





muster funding. We have already been helped by receiving grants and donations towards upgrading, and as well as this some Playing Fields reserves could be allocated. Planning of changes has been started.

## Football



It is good to see Grindleford Bridge Field in use again for football matches. Brunsmeor Athletic Football Club are now using our football facilities and they have U8's, U10's and U12's teams playing on our field. Due to the success of playing from Grindleford, Brunsmeor are looking to introduce a girl's only team to play from the Bridge Field. There have been 3 children's football pitches marked out, 5 a-side, 7 a-side and 9 a-side. Brunsmeor run mens, women's and children's football teams and are based at Dore. We have been assured that village children will have opportunities to play with these teams .

## Field Drainage

If you see a mechanical digger working on the field, this is a planned activity. We are about to start replacing a blocked drain near the tractor shed.



This will be to one side of the football pitches. Hopefully this will mean the field will be less boggy after periods of heavy rain.

## Supper Club

Supper Club has restarted again for another season as a fundraiser for Playing Fields funds. The format is a two course supper followed by tea / coffee then usually an after-supper talk or performance. This is open to everyone. You can find more details of upcoming Supper Club events by emailing [grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com](mailto:grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com)

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## GN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

A few things to update you on. You'll recall Grindleford's climate action plan covers:

### Climate

20s Plenty      Sustainable Travel      Shop local  
EV/Charging Points      Solar panels for the shop and church  
Retroinsulating homes

### Biodiversity

Tree planting              Hedge planting              Wild flowering verges  
Wildlifing gardens      Bats      Alternatives to herbicides (glyphosates)

There's still much to do on all of the above but also some things are happening. Grindleford parish council has joined a group of local parish councils who have lobbied for 20s Plenty in our area, and the County Council have relented their hardline opposition and are carrying out some trials. To recap, apart from the safety improvements and general pleasantness of slower traffic where

people live, the carbon emissions are reduced by nearly 30%. Carbon gets generated when a vehicle accelerates, so accelerating to 20 mph uses less energy than accelerating to 30 mph. Who knew. On bigger roads, your speed is steadier and the carbon emissions due to acceleration are less, so 20s Plenty where people are.



Hope Valley Climate Action is still going big on sustainable travel and Cllr O'Brien has done well to get some improvements to the buses. SB is co-running a forum for Derbyshire local councils on EV charging points. She finally tracked down Dan at the County Council and has started a chat about what next in rural areas.

It seems that electric cars for those with no off-road parking will not be practical until we can get bollard charging along the pavements (not within our power as the pavements belong to the Council) but plug in hybrids remain quite a practical solution – most journeys can be done on a single electric charge (e.g. at work) but the petrol option remains for when it's needed. Plug in hybrids should still give drivers about 80% fully electric motoring. One to think about next time you buy a car, but don't rush to get rid of your old one.

The church/shop have now got planning permission for their solar panel roof replacement! Such a long road and such a lot of work Bravo to them.

Retro insulating homes is also being taken forward by HVCA; there is a heat leak detector in the shop for anyone who wants to borrow one.

Tree planting continues apace, along with hedges which are really, really good at carbon absorption. There is a glimmering of a plan to run a three-hedge project in Derbyshire, with one project in the north (ours), one in the middle and one in the south. Pour encourager les autres elsewhere in the county.

Andrew is doing more sterling work on our two wildflower verges to encourage a good display (it's a slow process), which includes extending the verges along a bit.

The Hortisoc has done some great stuff on wildlifing gardens; glorious (and tidy) displays with biosphere-friendly plants, animal corridors and hedgehog and other animal-preserving techniques. It's all win-win especially if you have four or six legs. A lovely local

resident (I'm not sure if she would mind being named, so I won't) is also planting up Jubilee Gardens with some lovely colourful insect-loving plants, and along with Mark our gardener it's starting to look great. Thank you so much to them both.



The church has worked around the bats and they are still happily in the belfry. There is information to hand if you are doing any roof work and need to know how to detect bats.

We haven't got very far with DDDC on banning glyphosates when they spray the curbs and village squares, but we are looking at work in another county to see if we can make any progress.

So, under the radar there are things going on, with much more still to do. There's more news on the Grindleford Parish Council page in this newspaper about bigger projects if you are interested.

One thing we haven't got our heads round yet is carbon counting and abatement – how much carbon do we actually produce in our everyday lives, and how much do we save with our planet saving endeavours? It's an interesting question and I was pleased to find out recently that it isn't as depressing as all that, but it's important to know so that we don't all think recycling plastic bags alone will be enough to get us to net zero (although recycling those plastic bags is obviously a good thing for all sorts of other reasons).

On another note, (in case you aren't interested and therefore don't read the parish council page) we are also planning another climate do like last year. In order of importance mulled wine, mince pies, and tables with updates of what's been happening since we squished into the function room at the Sir William in 2022 and had a good time. Date, venue and format to be announced soon.

- Sarah Battarbee,



# Grindleford Carnival at Christmas

**Save the date 1st - 3rd December**

The carnival committee were thrilled with the turnout at the carnival this year. We can't wait for next year, so have decided to have a village get together at Christmas! The carnival @ Christmas will be held the weekend of the 1st-3rd December at the Sir William with something for everyone.



On the Friday evening (1st December) there will be a village pub run, starting and ending at the Sir William (look out on FB and WhatsApp for details).

On Saturday the 2nd December in the afternoon there will be some kid friendly activities (including a visit from a special super secret guest!). Later on there will be a foraging walk and wreath-making workshop with mulled wine. In the evening there will be some festive



treats and a special appearance by the one and only Goulash - playing acoustic covers of popular songs. You will also have the chance to vote on the theme of next years carnival and this will be announced at the end of the night.

Bring your best (or worst) Christmas jumper along, the best/worst will win a prize. Watch out for the mistletoe, join in with the craft activities or just come and get to catch up with the locals with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Look out on Facebook and other social media in the coming weeks for more information and tickets. It will be a blast!

- Rachel Gorny



## News from St Helen's Church Grindleford



'Patience is a virtue', wrote William Langland, the 14 th -century poet and author of Piers Plowman, a long allegorical poem written in Middle English that certainly tried my patience when I had to study it for my English degree. Patience is one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

It's the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious. It's a virtue we all need to stay sane and healthy in daily life, whether we're stuck in traffic on, waiting for a delayed flight, hanging on the phone to the bank or the surgery, or waiting for the wi-fi to reboot.

This November I will have been the Priest in Charge of St Helen's for three years. When I arrived we were busy developing plans to re-roof St Helen's Church , improve the insulation and install solar panels to provide electricity for the Grindleford Community Shop. A hell of a lot of water has passed under Grindleford Bridge since then, but we're still waiting to see the promised roof go up!

Our patience has been tested by many things we couldn't have expected: Brexit pushing up prices and causing shortages of materials and workers, Covid stopping everything, pushing up prices

etc, bats in the belfry (well, the roof and churchyard), needing to be counted in and out. Sometimes it's felt like we were getting nowhere fast, because were! But nearly three years on we are actually making progress through the long complex processes of gaining planning permission from the Church and local authorities. Designs are being tweaked, consultations are happening and the bats have been counted again for good measure. Don't hold your breath just yet, but our rather overstretched patience may eventually be rewarded in the coming months.

Meanwhile the Shop and the Church are still open for business this autumn, for Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, School nativities, Carol Services, and Christingles. The times of our services will be advertised in the village. Do join us – you'll be very welcome. Be patient , stay well, God bless!

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

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## **THE LOST FARMS OF GRINDLEFORD**

It seems incredible that, under 100 years ago, there were around 20 working farms in and around Grindleford. Today, most agricultural land is tenanted and there are just one or two that are farmed with a farmhouse, the rest are largely residential properties.

The Derbyshire Peak District has been farmed for more than 4,000 years, dating back to the time when Neolithic man grazed sheep and cattle and grew a few crops such as pulses, beans and cereals. In the last 50 years farming methods in the Peak District have changed

considerably, being affected by economy, regulations, milk quotas, grants and subsidies. Back to our local farms, I'd like to take you on an alphabetical order journey around them, you may be surprised at some of them we visit!

**Bank Top Farm;** this is the substantial property on Bank Top Lane on Sir William Hill and was originally called Hill House. Its land includes the north side of Mag Clough and Victoria Wood. It is now mainly used as pasturage and stabling for horses.

**Fallcliffe Farm;** this tiny cottage on the Hathersage Road must be one of the smallest farmsteads in the County! It is almost inconceivable that it was ever a viable farm and the family there must have relied on other incomes to survive, such as quarrying and forestry.



Fallcliffe

**Folds Farm;** is below Hathersage Road above the Sir William Hotel and was quite a large working farm into the 1970s supporting a dairy herd, creamery and arable land. The farmhouse and outbuildings have been tastefully converted to residential use, with some of the land still used for grazing.

**Goatscliffe Farm;** this is one of my favourites, holding many happy childhood memories. It was the ancestral home of the Outram family from the 1600s and later was farmed by the redoubtable Sam White. Its land included the secretive Mag Clough where Goatscliffe Brook tumbles down to join the river Derwent. In the 1911 Census it is recorded as “Fair Flora Farm”. By the 1960s it had become uneconomical as a farming unit, now the buildings have been converted into character residences and the fields are still grazed by cattle and sheep.

**Haywood Farm;** this farm used to be in the Parish of Froggatt, being on the south side of Haywood Brook, but the land farmed was largely alongside the river, including the Grinsey and Halve and at Padley. It was incorporated into the new Parish of Grindleford in 1987.

**Hazelford Hall Farm;** it may be an injustice to call this glorious Grade 2 listed c17 building a farm, but there are substantial agricultural buildings still in use adjacent to the main building. A good herd of cattle are often seen in the nearby fields, along with the attendant Red Deer!

**Knouchley Farm;** this is another farm that “Changed Parishes”. It was originally in Stoke Parish, being part of the Stoke Hall Estate that was sold in 1937. It was transferred to Calver Parish in the 1970 boundary changes. It is still actively farmed, although the farmhouse and cottage are not associated agriculturally. In the early 1900s it was farmed by Mr Bowman, who was said to have an acre of land for every day of the year, i.e.365 acres.

**Leam Cottage Farm;** this former small farmstead on Hazelford Lane is a late c17 Grade 2 Listed Building, parts of which were in agricultural use until quite recently.

**Leam (Cherry Cottage) Farm ;** next door to the Leam Cottage Farm is another Grade 2 Listed Building, formerly 3 cottages dated 1693, 1755 and 1771, all absorbed into one building. It has recently been extensively renovated.

**Leam Hall Farm;** from the mid c18, this is still a working farm which has been in the same family for several generations. The 3 Leam farms are the close together and there must have been a considerable sharing of resources to have made them sustainable.

**Padley Manor Farmhouse;** the building seen today is from mid c18 and is Listed Grade 2. It is possible that there could have been an earlier building associated with Padley Manor, Padley Chapel was once used as a cowshed! It was last farmed by "Buttercup Joe Townsend" in the 1960s.



Padley Manor Farm

**Nether Padley Farm;** together with the Mews buildings, this was a former coaching inn from c1800, the licence was transferred from there to the Maynard Arms. During the period from 1920s to the mid 1960s, it was the largest working farm by acreage in the village. A large dairy herd produced milk, cream and butter that was delivered around the village. I remember helping the Crossland family to fetch the cows into to the milking parlour and at haymaking time.

**Stoke Farm;** this was an oddity in its day, a farm without a farmhouse! Farmer Joel Ollerenshaw lived across the road from it at Flora Cottages. A farmhouse was built in the 1970s, when the farm became more of a scrapyard! It now incorporates luxury tourist accommodation in the former farm buildings.

**Tedgness Farm;** this no longer exists; it would have been in the vicinity of current properties Oakwood and High Lodge on Tedgness Road.

**Tor Farm;** this isolated farm is off Hazelford Lane on the track up Bretton Clough. For many years Gilbert Brown was resident as farmer/postman until retirement a few years ago. It has now been extensively renovated and modernised.

There are also some properties that were part-time farms that were shared with other usage.

The **Grouse Inn**, where Samuel White had the unenviable job of running sheep on White Edge, Big Moor and **Longshaw**. In the same area, **Yarncliffe Lodge** was used to rear pigs and run sheep in the 1950/60s by Joe Rowarth. **Barn in the Wood** at Upper Padley is another such property and the evidence of agriculture can be seen

by the staddle stones at the side of the track, these were used to support haystacks. **Gordon House** and **Woodlands** near the Green probably had some agricultural activities, evidenced by existing barns and outbuildings. **Barncroft**, on the Hathersage Road near to the Plough Inn, was also an agricultural smallholding.



Nether Padley Farm

Also, in the 1911 Census there are records of **Tannery Farm** in Stoke Parish, **Bretton Clough Farm**, **Far Farm** at Hazelford and **Hog Hall Farm** in Eyam Woodlands.

- Alan Jacques

## Collage inspiration from travels near and far.



Despite wet weather and gales (and some sunshine) in Scotland this year, I had a lot of fun taking detailed photos of related things to admire the not-always-obvious range of colour and texture available down there beneath your feet.

Would anyone else like to have a go?

Simply send a selection of images to GN and Carrie can lay them out, or you can have a go like I have using the frame Facebook will make on Messenger for you!

- Sarah Battarbee



# Grindleford Primary School.

It's been a busy start to the new year. The children all returned from the summer holidays with great enthusiasm and have settled into their new year groups and classes. At the start of the term we welcomed our new Reception children and a number of in year transfer pupils all of whom have had an amazing start at Grindleford.

## School Updates



We are extremely grateful to have received our Defibrillator which is located in the most accessible area in school, outside the school office. We are all trained in using the device but truly hope we never have to use it.



During the summer holidays the amazing High Peak Access Ltd installed a new fence at the bottom of the playground. They supplied all the materials and installed the new fence free of charge! A huge thank you to them we are very grateful.



Another amazing change that has happened over the holidays is that our hall has had a makeover. It looks amazing. A lovely bright clean space which is so welcoming. This is all thanks to our fantastic cleaner Helen. Thank you so much.



## Open sessions

We would like to welcome any parents / carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 who will be starting reception in 2024 to one of our Open sessions which are being held on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 10am and 2pm. If you would like to look around and these dates are not convenient then please contact the office on 01433 630528 or email [info@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk) to make an appointment for an alternative date.

## **Meet the Staff**



Mrs Gemmell  
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TA



Mrs Ibbotson  
Business Officer



Mrs Hanley  
Supply Teacher



Mrs Farrell  
Supply Teacher

## 42 Poetry In The Peak

At the end of September, Beyond The Edge organised Poetry In The Peak, a Nature Writing weekend at The Sir William. Although I'm not a poet, I do write about the outdoors and at the moment I'm writing a Peak District guide book. When I create walking or running routes I don't want people to just pass through, I'd like the experience to create a deeper connection to the place they're visiting. So I signed up to the course, hoping to learn some new techniques.

Saturday was bright and clear, with just a hint of autumn in the air. We spent it outside as poet and mountain leader Sophie Sparham guided us through the Haywood, over Froggatt Edge to Curbar and back along the river. On the way we stopped for a series of exercises that prompted us to become immersed in the woodland, moors and gritstone edges, writing about the natural scents, sounds, sights, and even flavours surrounding us.

As the skies lowered and persistent drizzle set in, Sunday was spent in the snug of the Sir William. Coffee flowed and Sophie read a selection of poems she had chosen as inspiration, then talked through editing techniques to develop yesterday's raw words into something hopefully more poetic. I won't share mine here, but I will say that I feel energised and have lots of ideas to explore.

Would it be possible, I wonder, to write a route that doesn't use traditional directions but describes a sensory journey?

From 'Left at the gate, then straight on through the woods to cross the river...' to 'When loam squelches underfoot, turn left and carry on until the scent of decaying undergrowth clears and in the cooler

air you hear water dashing downhill...' It might not be very practical but it could result in some interesting walking!



It's not very often I take time outdoors without a task to focus on, walking the dog, chatting to friends or writing directions. Giving these familiar places my undivided attention was a special

experience and it struck me that, especially as people that are lucky enough to live in Grindleford, we really aren't just passing through. We are part of this incredible living landscape, and minutes from our doorstep we have the opportunity to know the plants and creatures we share this space with.

This autumn, whether you're a bellowing, strutting stag, busy squirrelling away for leaner times to come or getting ready to hibernate, rest and renew, I hope you find a little quiet time to spend outside to remind yourself that you too are part of this unique and beautiful place.

- Anna Paxton

*Anna writes an occasional email newsletter, Outdoorista. If you're outdoorsy and interested in books, films, nature and climate, feminism, social media, and/or general overthinking you might enjoy it. Subscribe at <https://outdoorista.substack.com/>*

# The Goat '23/A bit about the new Grindleford Goat Charity...



The 11th Grindleford Goat has once again been tethered for this year. On the second Sunday in September it was fantastic to see so many residents down at the playing fields, either volunteering, riding or just enjoying what was a glorious day.

This year's event sold out just before the 12 midday deadline and we were able to welcome over 400 entrants. Hardened endurance road riders, Gruff gravelleurs, serious and casual cyclists of all shapes and sizes, first and old timers, eBikers and family tag-a-longs, everyone started from our Event HQ for a day of 'curated' Peak District cycling. At the end of a day where the warm sunny weather smiled on our flock of mountain Goats, we had managed to raise over £11,500 gross from entries alone. After costs (including a full set of new Route Signs for the next decade), we will be able to donate all monies to our new Grindleford Goat Charity; more information in due course.

Of course, without our committed volunteers and the particular expertise we have within our village, we could not run such a complex annual cycle sportive. It truly is a fiendishly feisty beast to contain! That said, any one of our organisers will tell you it is the riders themselves who bring the heart and soul, who make the day uplifting and the effort rewarding. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, here's a brief summary.



Nearly 200 of the enthusiastic peddlers chose to take on **The Billy**, our signature 100km ride, another 100 the 54km **Nanny** and around 70 **The #Gruff Gravel** adventure ride, which has two options and is getting stronger (and hairier!) every year. Ex-professional MTB rider Julie Phelan is a big fan and her [YouTube channel](#) now features our event - do have a look!

The new **Billy No Mates** 100 mile 'Century' route proved tempting to 22 strong entrants and with a couple of tweaks, we will definitely be running this again. At the other end of the distance scale, **The Kid** route proved more popular than ever and loads of family pairs and groups rode, pushed, carried and threw their bikes around our brilliant 22km local loop, with our friends at Magclough and Bank Top Farms kindly opening their gates for us again for a 'once a year' magical mystery trail to finish the loop.

To cap it all off, six slightly mad Goats took on and defeated

**The Troll**, a challenging 150 mile effort, riding *all three* signed routes plus the Gruff with roughly 4,800m or 15748 feet of ascent! This 'ultra' option is inspired by and in aid of the [Dan Webber Foundation](#), set up in his name to get more young people to experience the joy, friendship & challenge in physical activity. Entry costs for the Troll riders were donated to Dan's Foundation and through sponsorship and donations, they have raised an incredible £6,500 to date from this super effort. Dan's Mum and Dad rode the Nanny and friends came in support from far and wide.

Grindleford News readers will remember our own Sarah B explaining last year's *decoupling* of the Cycle Sportive from the Grindleford Community Shop (GCS) for the very wonderful reason that sales and profits at the shop continue to improve. As the shop now pays its way, a new Grindleford Goat Charity has been created to carry on the good work and support a wider range of activities within the village. A quick search on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for us will find our Charitable Objects and ways to contact the Trustees - do have a read!

For those interested in the actual rides (and maybe entering next year?) pop to our [website](#). We provide a much appreciated snack stop over the top of the Mam Tor climb and also the *legendary* Monyash feed station on the village green. All riders get a coffee voucher, the option of local dry-cured bacon on freshly baked rolls or brie and mushroom on Derbyshire oatcakes. Quality locally made sausage rolls, home made flapjack and tray bakes are available at the





feed station and the Hungry Budha curry or Sunshine Pizza is waiting for finishers, plus a post ride massage if required. So, thank you again for your support; many of you walked or cycled down on the day, one or two got their bike 'fettled' by Eric at the Alpkitt Hathersage mechanic stand or enjoyed a freshly baked Sunshine Pizza and a beer. Massive thanks are also due to the Playing Fields Committee for providing the superb facilities at the pavilion and field.

Last but not least, heartfelt thanks to the route setters, the amazing registration volunteers, our road and ride marshalls, the feed station helpers and the village bakers, the trustees and the ever positive committee members, all working together to make it a very special day.

We will collate the fantastic feedback from so many participants as soon as we can, but for now just read the [feedback from 2022!](#) If you would like to contact us on [charity@grindlefordgoat.co.uk](mailto:charity@grindlefordgoat.co.uk), our committee meets once a month from May.

-Dave and Claire  
On behalf of the Goat Team and Trustees



## Updates from our beloved shop

We are very pleased to announce that we have two new part-time managers to take over from Peter. Kaori Carter has already started and is currently working alongside Peter learning the job. Fiona Outram will be joining us in the New Year. Many of you will already know them as they are both from the village. Kaori also makes the Kimchi that we sell in the shop.

We have to thank Peter for all his hard work in making the shop such a success. He planned to retire from the job in September but is continuing during the hand over period and will continue to volunteer at the shop.

Sales at the shop have reached record levels this year. While some of this is down to inflation, most of it is down to the efforts of Peter, our volunteers and the cake makers, who have responded to the growing demand for their homemade cakes. The shop has regular cake customers now both from within the village as well as amongst walkers.



The shop continues to provide a social focus for the village with villagers choosing to use the churchyard seats as a meeting place and we also had a very successful 'Apple Day' on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

One downside of the increase in sales is that the shop has passed the threshold for registration for VAT. As well as the administrative implications we may need to

make a small increase in the prices that we charge for refreshments. However, our hot drinks and cakes are currently significantly cheaper than most cafés in the area.

We encourage anyone who would like to help by volunteering at the shop to let us know. Volunteers can commit to just a few hours a month or a regular weekly session according to their availability. We also welcome cake bakers and people who can help with washing up on busy days. We also have several young people who volunteer with their parents or as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

- Michael Wren

## Grindleford Horticultural Show



Each year the village puts on a horticultural show, it takes a risk.

**Will the weather hold?      Will we get enough entries?**

**Will the people come?      Will we cover our costs?**

**Will enough people volunteer?**

Back in January a show Committee cross their fingers and plunged in. Well the risk paid off this year! The weather held, if a little blustery! We had a great number of entries, notably 100% more

children's entries and people who had never entered before (some of whom went home with trophies!) Volunteers were amazing and pulled out all the stops and we just about broke even.

Thank you to everybody who contributed in any way to make the show such a lovely community event and such a success.

Amongst some of the highlights were the musicians who played for us all afternoon. Sons of Roger greeted people as they first arrived and the Hathersage Brass Band entertained us with their brilliant set.



To close we had 3 Johns Jazz, who played us out. So many people commented on how the music added to the atmosphere. Cake makers from the village came up trumps and the refreshments went down a storm.

Thank you to all stewards and judges, the tent did look stunning filled with all the entries. New classes attracted competitors too, which was very pleasing.

We review the schedule each year and will be taking into account feed back of how we can make it even better. Some comments that were received were great, for example "we entered for the first time and it was a lot easier than we expected." Also " The Show is fantastic! Haven't entered for a few years, but will certainly do again."

There was an excellent new contribution to the show from the Hallamshire Guild of weavers, spinners and dyers and the weaving workshops put on by Gemma Foley. Young and old were seen enjoying these new contributions to the show. We hope to have more crafts people next year to share their knowledge and skills.

Our regular contributors were out in force, Milthorpe Nurseries and Pat Hutchinson plants are both old hands now, and their advice about planting and other horticultural matters are invaluable.



The addition of Bradfield Breweries was well received and hilariously the police turned up for a stall right next to them.

Our PCO commented "it was such a great opportunity to talk with so many people from the community about a wide range of issues."

A big thank you to all stallholders who make the show such a great event.

We are really looking forward to engaging with Grindleford Primary School again and discussing the themes for their categories next year. The show relies on people taking a risk and entering classes. If we don't have entries we don't have anything to "show", so lets all keep this fantastic tradition going and make the show even bigger and better next year!



***Grindleford Horticultural Show 2024 will be on the Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1 till 5pm.***

Before then we have talks and demonstrations that non-members can try out. (Please see our website.) Also can everyone start gearing up for the plant sale in May, (date TCB) by splitting and potting up cuttings. This will help us to raise funds for known increased costs of the show next year.

Finally a BIG thank you to the committee members, who worked tirelessly to make the show happen, it is a real team effort.



- Sarah Rockliff

Chair GHS

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# The Allotment Association



A strange year in terms of weather has meant that some crops have done well and others less so. The weeds seem to have thrived though. Judging by the basket in the community shop, runner beans have also been plentiful. After a bumper year in 2022, the vines have not done so well this year. They needed less rain and a sunnier August and September to ripen them. Maybe next year will be better.

It has been a busy year for the maintenance team who have replaced a large number of fence and gate posts. A special mention should be given to Neil Roden who single-handedly repainted the shed with preservative. Now that the growing season

is coming to an end, we will no doubt be looking at what other jobs need doing. We have also had to replace the strimmer which had come to end of its life. Despite the growing herd of deer in the village the fencing that we erected several years ago continues to keep them at bay but is less effective against crows, pigeons and squirrels.

We have welcomed several new members this year who have been hard at work on their allotments, some of which had been a bit neglected. It looks like there will be more allotments coming vacant at the end of this year. Until recently there has always been a waiting list of seven or eight but currently it is only one or two people, who we should be able to accommodate. If you are interested in taking on an allotment or maybe sharing part of an allotment, please email: [michaelc@thewrens.f9.co.uk](mailto:michaelc@thewrens.f9.co.uk) and we will let you know what is available.

On a warm summer's day the allotments are always a sociable place and members of the village are welcome to come and look round at what it growing.

- Michael Wren

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## The hills are on fire

As well as being stunning landscapes, our uplands provide endless benefits for climate, wildlife and water. And yet, at this time of year, it is common to see swathes of moorland on fire. How can this make sense? Globally, peat habitats store 30% of all soil carbon and the UK has a very significant level of this crucial habitat. Upland peat bogs, such as those between Sheffield and Manchester, remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in peat. They also reduce



flood risk downstream, purify drinking water and slow the spread of wildfires when looked after properly.

But during the 'Moorland Burning Season' (1/10 - 15/4) it is common practice for gamekeepers of grouse moors across Derbyshire's Dark Peak to set light to the heather on the moorlands. The main aim of burning is to encourage the development of new green heather shoots to feed red grouse which are then shot later in the year during the grouse shooting season.

Burning vegetation that sits on top of the peat causes it to dry out, meaning that carbon is lost through a process called oxidation. The fires release huge plumes of smoke into the atmosphere which are terrible for the air quality of those who live nearby, and further contribute to climate change. These habitats are also incredibly important for wildlife and are home to many rare and endangered species. Burning the vegetation threatens their survival and the wider ecosystem functions that they support. The government introduced legislation in 2021 to make it illegal to burn vegetation on blanket bogs. However, it only applies to some sites, specifically those that have already got some form of protection such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest that is also a Special Area of Conservation or a

Special Protection Area. In addition, this protection from burning only covers those blanket bogs that have over 40cm depth of peat.

**This leaves around 1/3 of the moorland in the Peak District**

**unprotected.** Of course, when looking at (or choking on) the plumes of smoke, it is impossible to judge whether this is a legal burn or not. This is why the RSPB is asking people to report all moorland burns to them. They will be able to assess the legal status of the burn. In fact they have recently been successful in prosecuting the Midhope Moor estate (to the north-west of Sheffield) for carrying out illegal burning. By submitting details of a burn to the RSPB you will also be contributing to the evidence for this important change. Burn details can be submitted here: <https://upland-burning-rspb.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-a-burn> Peatland Moors are so important to the future of our environment and to reducing flooding in our village. Please don't let them go up in smoke.

- Ben Carter

## GRINDLEFORD GALLOP 2024



What a day for it! After the disappointment of having to cancel the March date in the midst of the massive dump of snow, we had a lovely blue sky start when we welcomed over 400 runners and walkers to Grindleford! We set them off on their 21 miles supplied with drinks, cakes, jelly babies, and hot soup from start to finish.

A massive thank you to all the school staff, cake bakers, volunteers leading up to day, all the volunteers on the day, those helping with the clear up the following day, local residents who also pitched in and those who were patient with the extra cars parked in the village for a day. And of course to our generous sponsors at Outside and Rab.

Obviously the whole point of the Gallop is to raise money for the school, and we definitely achieved that! Final total yet to be calculated but we can confidently say it was around £10,000.



"A fabulous event I absolutely loved it.

Volunteers were brilliant and the cakes and soup were delicious ."

"...it's hard to think of a better trail race in these parts. And the cake was top-drawer!"

"Brill event, the lemon slice at Hassop was amazing!"

"First time I've done it; and I loved it. Loved the tomato soup at the end, too! Just what I needed."

- Helen Fulson



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