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GRINDLEFORD NEWS

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community / history / ramblings /*





EDITOR'S LETTER

Spring has sprung and it's not just the gardens looking abundant, this issue has grown to a massive 56 pages (up from 40 last time) so I'll be using that as my excuse for why it has taken so long to bloom on your doormats.

Since we last conversed I've gone full village person. Less chaps and a handlebar moustache, more choir, Gallop aid stationing, bunting sewing, hedge planting and allotmenting. Yes, I am proud to announce that I am now the new co-owner of an allotment. Jealous? Don't be, head to pg. 16 to find out how you can get involved too.

There are so many wonderful things afoot in the village, not least the impending Carnival (roll up, roll up, pg. 36) and Horticultural Show (pg. 28) but also a Men's Shed (pg. 35) and climate change planning (pg. 52). I also came across a strange poem which I had no choice but to publish... could there be some treasure hidden in our very own village? If you're up for the challenge take a look at pg.54.

WITH THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED CONTRIBUTORS

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IN MEMORY OF NICK BATER

1952 - 2024

A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND, LOVED BY MANY

Words: Steve Slingsby

FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND

I will miss you more than words can say
With adjectives and fancy prose.
More than contrived rhetoric,
That compares thee to a rose. (As if)

You are the good times and the sad.
The normal and the slightly mad.
White water rafting, great idea ?
A cosy chat, a pint of beer.
A mountain top in wild Peru.
A sacred temple in Kathmandu .
A tellytubby on carnival day.
The sound of strimmer in early May.

You are all of this and more.

For a rose is just a rose.
That blooms and fades away.
While your memory will last forever
And in our hearts will stay.

*Barbara Baters would also like to thank all those
for their kind contributions at the funeral.*

VILLAGE NEWS



BUNTING DAY

The old village bunting has done sterling work for many years but has reached the end of its life after many summers of being alternately bleached by the sun and soaked by the Derbyshire weather. The Parish Council has stumped up £300 for some more, but the overall estimate for enough bunting to do the whole village is more than twice that.

A plan, therefore, is afoot for a sewing day to make some more. This is how the recently retired bunting came into being - a lovely day up at the Maynard, those with machines bringing them along and running up a side street seam, while others cut and pinned. We were, for a few hours, a tiny cottage industry. I subsequently came into the possession of the bunting and spend about a year (as it seemed) drying, ironing and repacking it. There was something about ironing bunting which made my life seem

purposeful after all. I am now clear that we are all here for a reason.

Anyway that's wandering off the point a bit. There are two actions for you:

- Keep an ear out for the announcement of a sewing day
- Bring any relatively sturdy fabric (flags will be 20cm x 28cm isosceles triangles...)

Any child old enough not to stab itself with a pin is very welcome if they would like to join in.

- Sarah Battarbee



THE SIR BILL

Don't forget to support our local public house The Sir William. Offering a range of local tipples alongside the mainstays, their Indonesian menu is hugely popular and also available for take away.

The Sir William supports countless local organisations and initiatives as a venue, not to mention the ace live music.

www.thesirwilliam.co.uk

GARDENER FOR HIRE

Gardener and local man Tony Grace got in touch to say he'd recently returned to the area after 30 years tending the gardens of Sussex. When asked about his ideal garden he said, *"one which is a celebration of life and beauty, tidy and ordered around the house but wilder and looser at the outer edges. A harmonious meeting of the human hand and the living world - as exemplified in a well pruned rose or apple tree. There is, in my view, no weed as ugly as the toxic chemicals employed to kill them."* Get in touch with Tony on 07743 723 973 or toekneeface@outlook.com if you're in need of gardening services.



THE NEW LAUNDRY?

Exciting news that The Old Laundry has come into new ownership. John Potts and Calida Hartley-Potts are the new owners of the premises, with ambitious plans to turn the site into a cabinet-makers workshop for John George Fine Cabinetry (owned by John) and hopefully a residential dwelling for themselves. Follow along with the renovation on their website theoldlaundrette.site or on Instagram [@the.old.laundry](https://www.instagram.com/the.old.laundry)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NAIL BAR

We were also pleased to finally see a new business in the old vet's premises. Let's give a warm Grindleford welcome to The Gel Genie By Rachel. Offering a variety of manicure and pedicure services. Pop in or contact her on 07754 429513 for all your nail needs.



SING WHILE YOU'RE WINNING

Another local man who got in touch was our resident choir conductor, Mike Nolan. It might be hard to believe that we haven't had an edition of The Grindleford News since Christmas... but here we are. He had this to say of the famed local festive choir:

“Dona Nobis and First Nowell sounded great from where I was standing - I think I had the best seat in the house though . The Dona Nobis was really well balanced across the different sections and sounded magical when we went into the round. The First Nowell was probably the best we've sung it with some really crisp entries to the verses and we kept the full-blooded singing going until the end too - well done!

Lots of lovely feedback from members of the congregation too. hope we can do it again next year. Everyone who commented said it was the best the choir had sounded. I counted

28 of us which may be a new record.

Thank you to all of you for being so positive and attentive in rehearsals and being nice to me when I didn't know what I was doing. It was an absolute pleasure working with you all and I hope we can do it again next year. I've already started thinking about choir pieces for next Christmas. Thanks too for the lovely present...”

NEW SEWING & TEXTILE GROUP

Grindleford has a brand new sewing group. Meeting at the Pavilion on the last Tuesday of the month, 6.30-9pm. Small fee payable. Next meeting: 24 June

SUMMER TALKS

All talks will take place at the Pavilion at 7pm. All welcome, more details to follow:

- **Flooding** - June/July
- **EV Charging points** for those without off-road parking - A thought experiment: the story so far - July/August
- **The Derwent Living Forest** - second chance to hear about this wonderful project to create a wildlife corridor up our under-forested Derbyshire, connecting the Northern Forest between Manchester and Leeds and the National Forest in Nottingham - and our part in it here in Grindleford - Sep/Oct

GRINDLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Words: Sarah Battarbee

As is customary, here's a round up of the parish council's work in the 24/25 year.



FLOODING

A huge amount has happened on this. Key points are that one of our residents acquired for us 20 inflatable barriers from ForgeMasters, worth many thousands of pounds but free to us; they look like this, impressive are they not?

Also the parish council commissioned a flood risk assessment, which is important not only to establish the fluid dynamics and flood levels, with and without possible interventions like barriers and reinstated banks; but also to help us with insurance, and any permissions we may need from the Environment Agency.

The Parish Council is currently completing some of the practical issues like storage and will then post the project on the website, including the FRA and a summary document of next steps. There are still one or two obstacles to be overcome which prevent us from using the barriers at the current time, but should anyone wish to pick it up in the future a solution to Grindleford's flooding project has been significantly advanced.

We are extremely grateful to Dave Kirkup who did so much work on this. Dave has since stepped down from the Parish Council and is concentrating on his role as organiser and Trustee of the Grindleford Goat charity. We offer him our sincere thanks. There will be a presentation on flooding and where we have got to late April/early May, everyone is welcome to attend.

We're also working with our County Councillor Alasdair Sutton to solve the problem of flooding at the bottom of Scott's Close (opposite the Old Post Office) and also up by the war memorial. It's a tricky one but the Council has got as far as putting a camera down and finding out where the blockage is.



NETWORK RAIL

Less progress here sadly. Responsibility for Grindleford has moved from one area to another and the new team are taking a very hard line. They have essentially decided not to engage with the parish council or residents at all and have reneged on all the hard-fought and hard-won undertakings made by the previous team in response to our efforts. It is both surprising and extremely disappointing that they are taking this stance and the district and parish council are now looking to take it up with our local MP.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

The good news is that we are making progress with the village gates project, with proposals going to DCC Highways to get their views. Otherwise, we have had the usual knotty issues with DCC permissions. We have lobbied DCC several times on dangerous junctions, potholes and obscured road

signs; they are pretty good at responding to the latter two, as quickly as their tight resources will allow. The issues with hidden junctions they are immovable on, but we will persevere. In terms of speed indicators (the flashing 30 signs, or smiley faces) the Council has looked into possibilities in the past but there are issues with location (we don't have a suitable lamppost coming down from Fox House!) cost and maintenance. Police and our own Speedwatch checks have shown that between the 30 signs, the impact of parking means that lorries and cars are not often exceeding 30 mph, it is just that 30 is too fast in our village centre. Our 20 banners have met with admiration from other villages but the 20s Plenty campaign does not have universal support and the Hope Valley initiative seems to have petered out. We will do what we can with the traffic group, a residents/councillors joint enterprise, although very much in need of new members if anyone wants to join it.

Ditto Speedwatch run by Councillor Ray Whiteley – the Parish Council has bought a speed gun and all the surround equipment, but the group does not have enough members, especially at weekends. It has also not been possible to get permission to put up some 'Speedwatch Operational In this Area' signs at our boundaries. Speedwatch is however the way.

forward to ensure that vehicles going through our village stay within the speed limit, so if we want to make an impact on speeding please do consider joining the Speedwatch group. Bump into Ray and he will tell you all about it.

Attempts to get a weight limit on the bridge, including an Fol request, were met with obfuscation so we are regrouping to try again at some point.



CAROLS

the Council organised some more carols round the Christmas tree (the tree now being an annual fixture, also provided by the Council, thank you, thank you, we know you love it). The words 'carols' and 'Grindleford tree' seem to have a hotline to the weather gods and yet again the weather was horrid but about 30 people turned up and it was a lovely occasion with some great singing, led by choirmaster extraordinary Mike Nolan. We were encouraged to do it again next year. The planned climate action display to go along with it was rained off, but you can't win 'em all.



2024 WINS

Also in the year just gone we saved the signal box (well perhaps not actually saved it, but intervened and it was saved), got some dog poo bags for the phonebox, purveyed a (free - awesome) picture of the King for the Pavilion, negotiated recompense for the Severn Trent road closure (one of), found a new editor for the News! Hurrah Zena! And filled the grit bins. We also ran a successful Village Meeting, where you get to come along and talk to Councillors outwith the normal meeting format plus have a glass or two. And then in addition to that, lots of business as usual keeping the bus shelters clean, considering planning applications, and so on.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Council is working with residents on a long term project to bring EV chargers to houses without off road parking. This is very difficult and very important - rolled out nationally it could save something like 7 million tons of Co2 a year. 7 million tons! Is that a big number? It sounds like a big number.... Anyway this project is still in its early stages, with a

meeting with residents the next step. You have probably read about it already, but the aim is to come up with a solution to the technical side (easy apart from getting permission from DCC to cross the pavement, which belongs to them) and the social side of there being more cars than spaces. We think we have a wonderful pilot group of residents along the main road opposite the garage, so let's see.



HEDGES

The Council is also working with DWT to plant hedges in the village as the 'northern' pilot for a countywide project, as part of the Derwent Living Forest. Hedges are wonderful for carbon capture and wildlife habitat, so we need more! We are currently making a little pilot hedge patch in er-hem my garden, it is buckthorn - sloe bushes so sorry I stole a march but how else am I going to make sloe gin? Once that's done the aim is to push down from the 30 signs into the centre of the village, dot and dashing with a hedge here, a fruit tree there, all in support of the Derwent Living Forest project,

more on which is elsewhere in this News. Everyone's garden is a possible site so I will keep posting on this as we make progress with the DWT. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to join in.

WEBSITE

The Council is about to embark on a new website to embrace the gov.uk domain. We will keep it looking as much like the old website, which our very own John M put together for us, as we can.

BUNTING

And finally, because it's always nice to end on a high note, the Council is spearheading an initiative to make some new bunting. (You know I am bunting ambassador to the UK.) The old bunting, originally made by the great and the good up at the Maynard in... well certainly before Covid, has done extremely well but all good things come to an end and now it's time for some more. Watch this and other spaces.

Just to recap, Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of every month unless otherwise advertised. The meeting dates are on the noticeboard. Anyone is welcome to attend a meeting, we have a time slot reserved for public speaking before the meeting starts. Just let the clerk know you are coming grindleparish@gmail.com.




ST HELEN'S CHURCH UPDATE

Words: Reverend Charlotte Wallington

The Revd Charlotte Wallington's Farewell Letter as she moves to her new post as Vicar of Wickham Market and Pettistree Benefice in Suffolk.

As I write, I have four days left to get on with house move preparation. Obviously, I'm not ready. I'm currently oscillating between Tigger-like bursts of activity, followed by exhaustion which puts me into determined ostrich-mode, head firmly in the sand and nothing but the thought 'I'm never going to be ready' whirring around in my mind. I've known for at least the last four months that I'd be moving to Suffolk. Yet here I am, feeling unready with four days to spare. The truth is, though, that I've booked a lot of what I can to ensure a smooth move. Its just that it isn't quite time for these things to happen yet. I've got to wait a bit.

This got me thinking on the theme of time. There is a particular passage in the book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible, which is both challenging and beautiful. Two phrases in particular stand out for me. One is, 'He has made everything beautiful in its time.' This powerfully reminds me of my experience of becoming and being a curate in this benefice. I first heard of Hathersage, Bamford with Derwent & Grindleford in January 2021. Places I'd not known of before. But in June of that year, I was amongst a community of people who welcomed me with kindness for which I have been truly thankful ever since. I've also had the opportunity to learn from unfailingly wise and encouraging colleagues.



And so, for me, living in Hathersage and working as curate of this benefice has been a privilege, and an example of God making everything beautiful in its time. But I think it is important to read this line correctly. Because it doesn't say, 'He has made everything easy in its time.' That isn't true of anyone's experience. The Weaver, a poem by Grant Colfax Tullar, likens life to a weaving where God has to choose colours – but the beauty of the end product is ensured not only by the classically joyful colours like gold or silver, but also the darker, more somber colours too.

For me, at the moment, it is a time of goodbyes in Derbyshire, and hellos in Suffolk. Things on this earth change. But the passage I mentioned also says: 'God has set eternity in the hearts of people'. In other words, there are some things that don't change and will never change. And the biggest and most important that I can't go without saying again – as I have many times in church – is that we are endlessly loved by God, who offers us forgiveness and hope, both in this world and beyond.

I have loved being among you all, thank you for having me. You all have a very special place in my heart.

With love, Charlotte



PETER'S PAGE

NEWS FROM YOUR DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR PETER O'BRIEN



NETWORK RAIL

In previous editions of Grindleford News, I said that I was optimistic that progress was finally being made in securing a long term improvement of the environment around Network Rail's engineering yard next to the station. Famous last words! Network Rail have now refused to have any further meetings with the Council, nor to give an assurance that they will reduce the use of the yard to a minimum following the completion of the Hope Valley Upgrade Project. Quite a disgraceful attitude from a publicly owned company. I'm now taking this up with our MP, John Whitby, who hopefully will be able to knock some sense into Network Rail.

TOURISM

Grindleford, like all the villages in the Hope Valley, continues to suffer from the ever increasing numbers of visitors to our National Park who come by car.



Whilst we always welcome everyone, their parked cars not only cause inconvenience and annoyance to residents, but have a detrimental impact on the landscape and character of the Park itself. So I recently joined with fellow Derbyshire Dales Councillors Simon Ripton, Andy Nash from Bradwell, and Charlotte Farell and Joanna Collins from High Peak to call for an Emergency Summit to

address the problem of unmanaged tourism. We want the Peak Park, County Council and Tourist Board to work with residents and local businesses to draw up a Sustainable Tourism Strategy before it's all too late.

NOW YOU DDDC IT... NOW YOU DON'T

Derbyshire Dales District Council is disappearing! Yes it's true. With the creation of the new East Midlands Combined Authority (covering Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) and Mayor Claire Ward, it's obvious that we now have too many layers of local government. Both the County Council and DDDC will disappear, probably in 2026 or early 2027, and will be replaced by a new 'single tier' authority. Exactly what the boundaries will be is currently under discussion. So that means yours truly will disappear too, at least as your local Councillor.

GREEN REWARDS



One of the priorities of our Progressive Alliance administration is to give greater priority to 'sustainability'. We are already committed to the Council being net-zero by 2030, and we are now introducing a 'Derbyshire Green Rewards' scheme, in collaboration with Derby City Council. Recycling, Reducing Waste or Sustainable Travel - if you are passionate about protecting the environment or just looking to make small changes, you can earn points towards a Green Reward; plus every month 3 x £20 vouchers will be given away to those who've completed the most positive actions.

Do keep in touch, and let me know if I can help or offer advice on any local issues.

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ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Words: Michael Wren



GROWING GOALS?

N2024 proved to be a strange year for growing on the allotments. Some crops did well but others were complete failures. Much of this was down to the weather which alternated between extended dry periods and excessively wet periods. Some allotment holders had more than one attempt at getting beans going and the vineyard produced the lowest amount of grapes ever. While there was enough to make 80 bottles of wine in 2022 there was barely enough for six last year.

There have been several changes, with allotment holders leaving and others replacing them.

At one time there were seven or eight people on the waiting list but recently the number has decreased, so if you would like to join the waiting list please let us know using the email below. There is often the opportunity to share part of an allotment with an existing plot holder. The number of people involved with the vineyard has also diminished over time. If you are interested in getting involved with the vineyard, whether an allotmentee or not, also let us know. You can contact us via email at allotments@grindleford.com, if you are interested in either and allotment or helping with the vineyard.

The allotments were always intended to be an amenity for the wider village. There are a couple of ideas in hand for widening involvement: a community allotment and a project to engage young people in gardening. If these come to fruition, further information will be circulated.

We are also saying goodbye to our secretary Michael Wren after 17 years, who is giving up his allotment and retiring as secretary. We thank him for the hard work that he has put in over this time.

GRINDLEFORD COMMUNITY SHOP

Words: Fiona Outram

It's easy to see what happens 'front of house' at the shop: serving and chatting to customers, providing tourist information, juggling croissants on a Saturday morning etc. But what goes on behind the scenes?

In the tiny kitchen space around the back, we prepare tea, coffee and hot chocolate, and do a lot of washing-up! The church allows us the use of the vestry, when the vicar isn't using it, and this is where the bakers' trolley is parked. Cakes wait here in the wings for their big moment on the counter; eggs and other cake ingredients are left here for collection.

Down in the cellar you'll find canned drinks and food, a chest freezer full of fish fingers, a fridge full of cheese, the battery for the solar system (!) and various gardening tools. Andrew B, Peter, John and Andrew H do loads of gardening work year-round, helping to look after the churchyard. The cellar also becomes Peter's carpentry workshop from time to time; he has recently made a dry store for Andrew H's kindling (which is sold in the shop with all the proceeds going to Chesterfield Food Bank) and installed some fine new shelves and noticeboards in the shop.

John (aka Mr R Krite) goes to the cash & carry regularly, sometimes flying solo and sometimes with a sidekick. The small blue car returns laden with biscuits, chocolate, tea bags, cheese, baked beans, more biscuits,





frozen peas, fish fingers, sweets, cornflakes, raisins, even more biscuits... and then the stock is put away in the shop, with much athleticism and a stepladder.

Mary buys our fruit and veg – not an easy task, as it's very tricky to predict what our customers will want! She also pounces on special offers in the supermarkets (yes, more biscuits) and sources items we need when the cash & carry is out of stock.

Paul continues to provide us with batches of his wonderful honey, despite his bees having had to cope with some rubbish weather last year. And Deborah, Lorraine and Penny keep the shop well-stocked with a variety of tasty homemade jams, marmalades and chutneys.

Back to cake again - in November Kaori set the ball rolling, and in the run-up to Christmas our volunteer bakers Julie, Gaynor and Claire baked and iced over 120 Christmas Cakes for the shop to sell. An amazing feat! Meanwhile Mary, Sheila, Ann, Penny and Magnus kept us supplied with Date Crumble, Chocolate Guinness Cake, Toffee Cake, Lemon Drizzle, Flapjacks and other favourites. Even in midwinter a bit of sunshine brings out the walkers, and the south side of the church is a lovely sunny spot for a tea break. Come the summer we'll be asking the bakers to provide up to four cakes per day! (Between them, not each!)

We have lots of volunteers who work in the shop. Huge thanks are due to all! Some have been doing a weekly shift for over 10 years, some are newbies, some work once a month, some once a fortnight, some do it for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, some to gain work experience, some to meet new people, some just because they enjoy being part of it all. I hope that we might recruit a few more volunteers in the coming months! If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with me by email: fiona@grindlefordshop.co.uk and we can arrange a time to chat 😊

GRINDLEFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Words: *Beccy Ibbotson*



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last term, our school embraced the importance of mental wellbeing by participating in a range of fun activities during Mental Health Week. We kicked off the week with our energetic "Wake Up Shake Up" sessions, which got everyone moving and smiling. The children enjoyed a delightful film afternoon, providing a chance to unwind and relax together.

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The children also created "leaf worries," where they wrote down their concerns or thoughts on leaves and let them blow away, symbolising the importance of sharing feelings. The aroma of freshly baked bread filled the school as students worked together, learning new skills while fostering teamwork.

Additionally, the children took part in growing seeds ready to enjoy in the Spring.

We also celebrated National Storytelling Week! Understanding that literacy is key to wellbeing and welcomed Surprise Readers in to each class to inspire a love for stories.



CLASS 3 NETBALL TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Class 3 attended a cluster netball tournament at Hope Valley College, where our A Team triumphed, finishing first overall! Our B Team secured fourth place. We are incredibly proud of all the children and their sporting efforts, showcasing teamwork and determination!

DAYS OF FUTURE EVENTS PAST*

This coming half term we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day and British Science Week where the theme is 'Change and Adapt'. We are also welcoming a local artist into school to run sessions with each class introducing 'assemblage art'. Where the children will discuss the use of 'rubbish / natural materials / recycled materials' in art and produce a sculpture that will be displayed in school.

**Editor's note: I have been very late in getting this edition out so all of the above has already happened.*

FACEBOOK

Please do like and follow our Facebook page for Grindleford Primary School. Generic photos of exciting events and activities will be posted. Thank you!

<https://facebook.com/61560770514176>

10 QUESTIONS WITH DEPUTY HEAD MRS CREASE

1. What's your favourite thing about Grindleford School?

Can I mention things? Well, I love the outdoor space because I started my career in Early Years and the outdoor learning space is the most valuable thing. When the weather is better, I like to try and do some learning activities outside. I also love the activities on offer to the children, such as visiting Hope Valley for sporting events or playing ukulele

and flute - not all schools are as lucky! I also love the determination of the children and staff; as a school community, we are certainly determined to succeed and make the school the place to be for many years to come.

2. Favourite subject at school?

Music and English. I am quite creative, so both of these subjects played to my strengths. Predominantly, I play the clarinet and I come from an extremely musical family. I also like dabbling on the piano and violin (which my daughter is currently learning). English allowed me to experiment with writing stories and using a variety of vocabulary.

3. If you weren't a Deputy Headteacher, what would you be?

I always wanted to be a lawyer or a doctor but I followed the family tradition of working with children. However, if I could be anything now, I would own my own coffee and cake shop with a library to the side.

4. What is your favourite book?

As an adult, I love mystery books, so the author Jodi Piccoult is my favourite. However, I love reading children's books and often read them at home to my two little ones, so Julia Donaldson 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and Emma Carroll 'Letters from the Lighthouse'.

5. Describe your perfect Saturday.

The whole of my Saturday is taken up taxiing my two children to dance classes, so on one hand, my perfect Saturday is spending time with family but on the other hand, it would be lovely to have a day without using the car.

6. What is your favourite drink?

Coffee or Babycham (reminds me of my mum).

7. What was your last year's resolution?

I don't usually make resolutions, as I aim to do things throughout the year rather than at the beginning.

8. What is your favourite place on Earth?

I would love to visit the Maldives but my favourite place has to be France, as I have happy holiday memories from there.

9. What is your favourite biscuit?

My favourite biscuit is a custard cream. They taste delicious being dunked in tea!

10. What are your thoughts on Taylor Swift?

I think Taylor is a great role model, as somebody who gives to charity, stands by her beliefs and has been determined to succeed. She is also one of my daughter's favourite artists, which means she is on repeat in my household.



Anna Crease
Deputy Headteacher/Class
Teacher/KS2 Moderator
Grindleford Primary School



OUR BEAUTIFUL GRINDLEFORD SCHOOL

GRINDLEFORD AND EYAM PLAYGROUP

Words: Sophie and Pauline

We've been busy since the last edition. We celebrated Christmas and welcomed both the New Year and new families into our team. Everyone has settled back in, new friendships have been made and personalities are shining.

The weather has certainly kept us on our toes in the first few months of 2025! We've enjoyed getting out and about in it all. From making snowy footprints to flying kites in the wind, we've spotted shapes in clouds, embraced the mud and started to spot signs of Spring. No matter what the weather, we head out and enjoy ourselves.

One of our favourite parts of the week is our walk to the allotment. We cross the road, following the river down the path and always make sure we stop to say 'good morning' to the chickens! We count them every week and love watching what they are up to as we walk past.

We will soon be starting to look at our admissions for September. If you are interested in signing your child up then please get in touch via gepsupervisor@hotmail.com. Our Mud Kitchen mornings continue to run on Friday mornings 10-11.30, we'd love you to join us if you're able to. No booking needed, just turn up and play!

For more information on everything 'Playgroup', visit our website www.grindlefordandeyamplaygroup.org.uk or follow us on social media



GRINDLEFORD TREE PLANTING GROUP

Words: Paul Thorpe



The Song Thrushes have started singing so it must be spring.

The hazel catkins are also looking particularly beautiful at the moment and are just waiting for early pollinators to visit.

The tree planting group are ready to plant some more rowan, hazel, hawthorn, crab apple, blackthorn, silver and downy birch, dogwood, dog rose, wild cherry, elderberry, oak and field maple.

These will be 1 year old whips between 50 and 80cm high, sourced from Conservation Volunteers. They all come with UK passports and are all native species.

As we have done before, with our other 4500 trees in the village, we will be planting them in close lines as hedging. This will hopefully encourage an increase in biodiversity and extend the wildlife corridors through the village.

We have been visiting the area we have named Pippin Wood (behind the MUGA) over the winter period. We have been doing some maintenance of the area and enjoying the new wildlife from the comfort of the new sociable benches: Wren, Kestrel, Heron, Goldfinch, Siskin, Nuthatch. Please drop us a message if you see any unusual species when you wander down.





FRIENDS OF GRINDLEFORD STATION

Words: Kay Allinson

Our gardening team are starting to make the station look lovely to welcome local travellers and visitors. Our volunteers are working on refreshing our display boards which have become faded and weathered. We have done regular litter picking and want to reduce the amount of waste discarded near the station.

We are excited to join the national celebrations of 200 years of rail service this year. We know there's a touring exhibition, we think our nearest venue will be Alstolme train builders factory in Derby (next to the station) over the weekend 1/2/3rd August.

However we intend to have some local celebrations too and would love for you to join us- more news in the next edition! We would be thrilled to have more volunteers including planning and delivering special events relating to the 200 years anniversary.

If you think you can help or have some inspirational ideas do please get in touch with any of our volunteers or email kay.allinson1@btinternet.com.

We have enjoyed the input of local children previously and would love another collaboration.

Enjoy using the train from Grindleford station!

GRINDLEFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Words: Sarah Rockliff



This is my third year of being Chair of GHS and I hope again it will be very enjoyable. Due to the excellent team of people who make up the committee and the membership of the Society, I have no doubt it will be another year to remember. There continues to be a real sense of community and support, which makes the role feel very worthwhile.

If you have renewed your membership, thank you so much. If you would like to join please contact Cliverockliff@gmail.com

The highlights for 2025...

PLANT SALE 24 MAY

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JUNIOR GARDENING CLUB

The enthusiasm from the children at the Cranival last year, inspired some members to start a junior gardening club (schedule below) I hope this will be another highlight throughout the year. Please look out for requests for equipment, seeds and other gardening paraphernalia through out the year. We are very grateful to The Grindleford Goat Charity for approving our grant application and for Grindleford Allotments association allocating us a plot to use.

Proposed Dates	Main Theme
11 May and 25 May	Growing and propagating
8 June and 22 June	Growing
6 July and 20 July	Harvesting
16 August	Preparing, harvesting, planting

14 Sep and 28 Sep	Harvesting, planting, sowing
12 Oct and 26 Oct	Harvesting and crafting
16 November	Planting
14 December	Crafting



THE SHOW 16 AUG, 1PM

This is always a superb village effort, and is a real highlight for me. It is to take place on the playing fields and we hope that as many members and people from the village will enter as possible. The fantastic schedule is aiming to be out in May/June, so watch out for that dropping through you letter box.

We are always grateful to the Playing Fields Committee for allowing us to use their facilities and were pleased to be the first to use the refurbished kitchen last year, which was finished just in time.



PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

Our programme Secretary has put together a wide variety of talks for 2025, which have been well attended so far. Saturday morning has gone down well again and we will continue have a mix of Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. We are keen to hear from you, the membership, what subjects you would like more of to make sure we are accommodating your interests.

Date and time of talk	Speaker	Subject
Tue 18/03/2025 - 19.30	Rosalind Buck	Harvesting and crafting
Tue 15/04/2025 - 19.30	Ian Rotherham	Loving the Aliens - Alien & Invasive Animals & Plants
Tue 21/10/2025 - 19.30	Jennie Hinton	Botanical Illustration
	November	AGM
Tue 09/12/2025 - 19.30	Sarah Rockliff	Christmas Craft

Thank our to everyone who contributed in any way make the society a vibrant and welcoming one. All these events rely on an army of volunteers and we are so very grateful to you for all that you do.

Alfred Austin said: The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but also the soul. Here's to another great year of feeding our souls in 2025.

GRINDLEFORD GAITERS

Words: *Tim Reynolds*

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GAITERS THURSDAY WALK DAYS

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 walking schedule for the next part of 2025 is shown here.

The photo shows part of the walking group at the Hunting Tower in Chatsworth Park in the January snow this year - trying to start the year off with a bang.

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, sometimes 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.

Tim Reynolds 01433 630023

EASTERN MOORS WALKING GROUP

EXPLORE NEW MOORLAND AREAS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE

To reserve a place on a walk and ensure that you receive any updates or for further information please contact helen.milton@derbyshiredales.gov.uk
Tel: 01629 761194 - you will then receive any route updates. Alternatively meet the group at the start of the walk.

TUES 3 JUNE

Walk across Totley Moor on Moss Road past the Air Shaft, returning through the Longshaw Estate.

Miles: 3

Meet: Woodcroft (Visitor Centre) car park at Longshaw. Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am.

TUES 1 JULY

Walk through the woodland on the edge of Ramsley Moor.

Miles: 2.8

Meet: Shillito Wood car park. Please be ready to start walking at 10.30am.





THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Words: Michael Wren

Matt Heason asked me to look after the village website Grindleford.com for the time being. I have removed a lot of out of date content and changed the layout of the site, but would very much welcome some help. I am happy to continue to look after the technical side, but editorial assistance would be very much appreciated. If you are able to assist with the content of the site, please let me know via the email address below. It is possible to authorise more than one editor so that responsibilities can be shared out.

businesses, please check the entries on the website to see if they are still correct and up to date, or if something is missing.

My view is that short term news is best handled via Facebook or Whatsapp, but the village website should be a reference source of information about the village both for its inhabitants and visitors.

If you can help or have views about what should be on the website, please let me know via the email address:

webadmin@grindleford.com

In addition, if you are responsible for any village organisations or

THE GRINDLEFORD GOAT CHARITY

Words and images: Dave Kirkup



INVITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

A date for your diaries - The Grindleford Goat Cycle Sportive will this year run on the second Sunday in September, the 14th, preceded by The Sir William Hill Climb on the evening of Saturday 13th.

Whilst the event itself seems a long way off (as does summer!) the Grindleford Goat Charity trustees have been working hard to distribute funds for several local projects and organisations which benefit our community and its residents. More details of their progress to follow in the next edition of GN!

As you will have read in the Winter

Issue, last summer we were able to grant funds and contribute significantly to the installation of the new Pavilion kitchen by the GPFA. In September, our sportive volunteers were very happy to make good use of this superb facility on our successful event day.

So even though we're not quite sure how we got here, here we are! Pleased and excited to encourage applications from community groups, charities and local organisations. Projects that:

- promote voluntary sector community groups, and the improvement of services and facilities, in the civil parish of Grindleford village for the benefit of the residents of Grindleford and those engaging in its community groups or using its services or facilities.

- the promotion, for the benefit of the public, of the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular by promoting sustainable transport in Grindleford and taking measures to mitigate the effects of climate change.

There is plenty more detail about this on our website: <https://grindlefordgoat.co.uk/the-grindleford-goat-charity>.

If you are unsure whether your group qualifies, or you are an individual with a project in mind, just get in touch and we'll be happy to help. The Trustees are looking forward to your application, preferably by email (trustees@grindlefordgoat.co.uk). Application deadlines are on the third Monday of May and December, annually. This allows us to evaluate and review applications before our calendar meetings.

After a decade of supporting the wonderful and now well established Grindleford Community Shop, it is truly exciting and gratifying to be raising funds through entries for The Goat and directing them towards future endeavours in the village and its environs. Please have a read and get in touch with your ideas!

The Goat Trustees

“Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of riding a bike”. JFK



GRINDLEFORD MEN'S SHED

Words: Richard Campen



A QUICK UPDATE

Following an article in the November 2024 edition of Grindleford News, a small group of us met a few times to discuss the idea of a Mens' Shed (see [Menssheds.org.uk](https://www.menssheds.org.uk) for details about the vision and aims of Men's Sheds). We have collected information, met with various people from voluntary sector organisations, and visited Whaley Bridge Men's Shed for ideas and inspiration.

The good news is that we are now in discussion with the Volunteer and Communities Ranger at The Peak District National Park Authority about the use of Brunt's Barn Ranger Centre at Upper Padley. Assuming that everyone involved is happy with that, we hope 'Shedders' can start to meet up to do some practical things, which is just what Men's Sheds are all about.

If any men like to join us, please let me know. We have a WhatsApp and email group for sharing information. rcampen62@gmail.com or 07840 543517



CARNIVAL IS COMING

Words: Rachel Gorry

PRE CARNIVAL

Bunting – 31st May and 1st June
On the weekend of 31st May and 1st June we will be putting up the village bunting. If you would like to help out, please contact the carnival email address or ask one of your friendly carnival committee members.

SAMBA BAND

Every Monday evening from the 12th May 18:30-19:30 at the Sir William
From the 12th May we will be meeting at the Sir William to create our very own community junk samba band to perform at the carnival! This was a hugely popular event last year and we would love to make this years band even bigger. Everyone is welcome and no musical experience is necessary. Bring a pot/pan/barrel or tub and join us to make some noise, or simply come and dance. All ages are welcome and the event is free to attend.

Roll up roll up the Grindleford Carnival is back and bigger than ever for 2025! The carnival programmes should have landed in your letter boxes by now but here is the lowdown.

KEY DATES

Carnival week: 15th-21st June 2025

Main event: 21st June 2025

The theme this year is Circus. Come dressed as your favourite circus performer like a clown, strongman/ strongwoman or trapeze artist. You could also take inspiration from traditional circus animals like lions and elephants, or Cirque du Soleil style magical creatures! Your friendly ringmaster Stu Campbell will be awarding prizes for the best costumes (humans and doggies) so lets get creative!



Grindleford make some noise!



SUN 15 JUNE PUB QUIZ

FROM 19.30, SIR WILLIAM PUB
Carnival themed pub quiz kindly hosted by the team at the Sir William. Entry £5 per team, cash on the night.

TUES 17 JUNE GRINDSTONE WHEEL MAKING

18.00 - 20.00, PAVILLION
Any wheel can be used for the race as long as it is at least 2ft/60cm diameter. Come along for wheel advice and making. Free to attend, all ages welcome. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult.

WEDS 18 JUNE FAMILY GAMES

18.00 - 20.00, PLAYING FIELDS
Join us at the Grindleford Playing Fields for rounders, and ultimate Frisbee or just a cuppa and a natter. All ages welcome.

THURS 19 JUNE FELL RACES

JUNIOR RACE

17:00 FOR 17:30 START,
PLAYING FIELD

Races for pre-school, infants (R-Y2), Y3-4, Y5-6 and Y7 and above. £2 per race, cash on the night.

ADULT RACE

Register and details via www.grindlefordfellrace.co.uk BBQ and Contour Beer Bar for non-runners and supporters.

FRI 20 JUNE KIDS DISCO & OPEN MIC NIGHT

FROM 17:30, PLAYING FIELDS
Kids Disco - 17:30 - 18:30
Open Mic Night - 18:30 - 20:30
Goulash Gig - 20:30 - 22:00

SAT 21 JUNE CARNIVAL DAY!

FROM 12:30 - 23:00,
GRINDLEFORD PLAYING FIELDS
Consult your carnival programme for the full details of this fun packed day. Highlights include, fancy dress, The Mighty Moustache Strongman performance, Grindleforce Feats of Strength competition, GrindleFido Dog Show, Grindstone Wheel Chase, Greentop Circus performance, raffle, assault course, duck race, community dinner, live music and more!

BISHOP PAVILION & BRIDGE PLAYING FIELD

Words: Tim Reynolds



SUPPER CLUB

So far we have had a varied programme of after supper talks at Supper Club. Subjects have ranged from “Shiny Sheff” to Edale Mountain Rescue, and Ethel & Gerald Haythornthwaite. At the time of writing Peak District Wildlife will feature at the forthcoming Supper Club event and this will be followed by a musical evening.

A two course meal followed by tea / coffee precedes the after supper talk or music.

Supper Club events fundraise for Grindleford Playing Fields Association. Village residents are very welcome to attend. Bookings do need to be made in advance though to facilitate the catering.

If you would like to join the mailing list and receive information about forthcoming events then contact us by email at: grindlefordsupperclub@gmail.com

SOME LOST NAMES OF GRINDLEFORD

Words: Alan Jacques

During the lengthy roadworks in the village last year, road closure notices were posted stating that “The B6001 Hathersage Road between Sir William Hill Road and the B6521 Main Road was to be closed.” This section of road is not actually Hathersage Road, it should be known as Bridge Lane, but probably only myself and a handful of other elderly Grindlefordians know it as this. It is just one example of a lost original location name in and around the village.



BRIDGE LANE

Very few field-names are in use today, the handful known would probably include Bridge Field, Bonfire Field and the Butterfly Field, but not too long ago virtually every field would have been known by name to many villagers. Fortunately, field-names in the former parish of Stoke are recorded in a sales catalogue of 1937 when the Stoke Hall Estate was auctioned.



LONG ROW 1920

The earliest recorded are in the 1598 Hardwicke Manuscripts for fields in Nether Padley. The most notable are ‘Greensaye’, later recorded in 1806 and 1830 Enclosure Acts as ‘Grimsey’.

This field is known today to some of us as ‘The Grinsey’, but more widely called “The Butterfly Field”. It is the lovely flat meadow below Froggatt Wood between the Haywood Brook and the river. Also in this document is “The Hough”, which is the field before The Grinsey, crossed by the footpath to Froggatt and is now called by some of us as The Halve.

The field above the Halve, with Haywood Lane running alongside it, is recorded in 1830 as “Muck Close”. Those of us who played for Grindleford FC in the 1960/70s knew it as the Football Field, and it was indeed mucky!



KENYON'S SHOP

The field which is now St. Helen's Close and Croft was recorded in 1598 as "The Heald." It was later called "The College Field" as it was attached to the former Girls College, The Home School, now Pinegrove. The name is probably a derivative of Yeld, meaning a slope.

"Goatscliffe" has nothing to do with goats! The original name for the field above Goatscliffe Knoll Cottages was recorded as "Goldcliffe", then "Goltcliffe" in 1573. The most likely derivation is from the flowers of the Marsh Marigold. This is borne out by one of the fields below it alongside the river being known as "Golday Ley", ley being a field under grass, in the 19th C cricket was played there. On the Froggat side of the river from here there was a small lost settlement called Toad Hole, where there was also a ford crossing for a packhorse route.



NAME PLATES

Some other intriguing lost names include, Buker, Eddish Close, Fodderham, Hempen Butts, Little Majus, Pig Bank Rough, Sneapfield and Race Field.

Several footpaths have little used names now, although thanks to our former Postmaster, some now have tasteful nameplates. Scots Close is the most used, running from Hathersage Road down to Main Road, it was part of

the old packhorse route from Sheffield to Buxton. A Scotter was another name of a packhorse-man. Other obscurely named paths include Haslin Slack, Stoneybank, Blind Lane, Plum Bank and Old Lane.

Some buildings reveal former usages, notably The Tannery or Model Laundry, now derelict, The Old Red Lion and The Old Bell Inn, former hostelries. Swallownest Cottages were demolished in the 1960s, these were alongside the Hathersage Road at the top of the lane leading to Folds Farm. Where the entrance to the Sir William car park is now stood an imposing building housing Kenyons Stores, it later became the Sir William Cafe and was demolished in the 1950s. The Sir William Hotel was originally called The Commercial Hotel, locals would ask, "Are you going up to the Comic for a pint?" The name survives as Commercial Road.

Sir William Terrace was once given the amusing nickname "Honeymoon Row" as several newly-weds were living there! Pinegrove residential home was formerly a college for young ladies called The Home School.

The gritstone crag overlooking the village is known as Jubilee Hill, traditionally it was the site of beacons lit to celebrate royal anniversaries, sadly this has ceased due the National Trust policy not allowing open fires. It has several names, Tedgness,

Tumbling Hill and Bonfire Rock it was formerly a quarry.

The little-known Parish Piece is an area of about one acre of Common Land on Sandy Lane, which is another name becoming extinct, often called Leam Lane now. Secretive Mag Clough is also a placename that is not well known, having no public access.



LONG ROW

Perhaps if every house was given a name, it might help resolve this problem. There are some good ones in the old field-names that would be suitable and might just keep some lost names alive.



FALLCLIFFE

On Hathersage Road stands a lonely cottage that at one time housed a quarryman's family who worked the nearby Fallcliffe Quarry, another placename that is becoming archaic, being first recorded in 1332. The terraced cottages on Main Road where I live were known by my parents' generation as "The Long Row."

There is often confusion over deliveries in the village, for example there are at least 6 "Number Ones" on Main Road!



THE GALLOP

Words: Helen Fulson

On 15th March we held the Grindleford Gallop, raising funds for Grindleford Primary School. We had 546 people in total set off on the 34km route. Excitingly, we had Jack Scott on the start line, anyone familiar with fell running will know he broke the record on the Spine Race last year (The Spine Race starts in Edale and runs the full 268 miles of the Pennine Way). He previously did the Gallop in 2022 and set our course record, and beat it this year by almost 3 minutes.

Here's a lovely email we received from one of the runners:

I just wanted to get in touch and say thank you for a brilliant event on Saturday. It was a fantastic race all round - beautiful course, exceptional organisation, amazing volunteers, perfect checkpoint food and a super inclusive vibe to make us all feel welcome and like we were winners! You did a brilliant job and I hope to be able to make it again in the future.

Thanks so much to you all, and please tell the volunteers their energy and positivity - especially in the form of ringing bells - was everything we needed to get us round!

We want to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone from the village who supported the race on the day, we couldn't have done it without you.

To get involved, contact:
Helen Fulson - grindlefordgallop@gmail.com
David Kumar - 07854673970

GRINDLEFORD CRICKET CLUB

Words: Ed Buchan



LAST YEAR: 2024 REVIEW

After another exciting season, Grindleford Cricket Club looks back on 2024 with pride and a sense of accomplishment. This year has been a testament to our community spirit, dedication, and love for the game. Here's a comprehensive review of the season's highlights.

Season Highlights

Men's Cricket

- Although our 1st XI were relegated to Division 3 of the Yorkshire & Derbyshire Cricket League (YDCL), only managing to win 3 matches, it was not all negative for the men. For the first time since the club formed in 1977, we were able to field two teams on the same day, achieving this feat a total of 5 times.

- August Bank Holiday weekend saw the 5th annual Steve Hadfield Memorial Game. The event featured a first-ever Chairman's XI vs. President's XI in a timed game, with the Chairman's XI running out as comfortable victors.
- The season ended with our traditional tour to Ross-On-Wye, playing matches against Ledbury, Dymock, and Eastnor. We won 1 of our 3 matches during the tour, rounding off the season with camaraderie and competitive spirit.



Junior Cricket

- 2024 saw the return of junior cricket to Grindleford Cricket Club with the running of All Stars (ages 5 to 8) and Dynamos (ages 8 to 11). With 5 All Stars and 14 Dynamos (7 boys, 7 girls), we were delighted with this attendance for a first year. Our girls had their first experience of match play at the Dynamos Festival in Hayfield, performing admirably and winning 3 out of their 4 matches.

Ladies Cricket

- In July, we ran a series of taster sessions culminating in a match against Holmesfield Ladies. Holmesfield emerged victorious in the final over of the game, an incredible feat considering Holmesfield have been playing for 3 years. Most importantly, fun was had by all.



Match Victories and Standout Performances

- 08/06/2024 H vs. Waverley: Tim Gaubert's first 5 wicket haul, returning excellent figures of 5/12 in the process of bowling Waverley out for 256. Otherwise, a day to forget.
- 15/06/2024 A vs. Sheffield Transport: Our first league victory of the season in a shortened match due to incoming weather. James Nightingale's player of the match performance of 48 runs (37 balls, 7x4's and 2x6's) batting at 9 in the last few overs, getting Grindleford to a competitive 101/7 from their allotted overs. He followed this with excellent figures of 4/11 from 6.1 overs, blowing away the top order and fittingly taking the final wicket, bowling the opposition out for 66, resulting in a 35-run victory.
- 02/07/2024 Girl's Dynamos Festival at Hayfield: First matches for our girls' Dynamos team, winning 3 of their 4 matches on the night.
- 06/07/2024 A vs. Sheffield Spartans: Santhosh Samadrula Nagarajan's first 5-fer (5/46) in a tight 6-run defeat. Grindleford fell just short chasing 232 runs.
- 21/07/2024: First occasion of fielding two teams on the same day, also the first time of winning two matches on the same day with victories A vs. Hallam (by 1 wicket) and A vs. Holmesfield (by 6 wickets).

- 30/07/2024 A vs. Chatsworth: Our only midweek game of the season, winning by 4 wickets. An exciting chase with Edward Buchan and Chris Martin both retiring on 25 (36 and 29 balls respectively), setting a base for Dave Stewart to score 25 off 12 balls to win the match with 4 balls to spare.
- 25/08/2024 Steve Hadfield Memorial Game: First ever Chairmans XI vs. Presidents XI match.
 - 05/09/2024 H vs. Holmesfield Ladies: First ever ladies game, losing in the last over to a significantly more experienced Holmesfield side.



Individual Achievements

- Player's Player: Ric Bartram – Scored 382 runs with a high score of 61, including his first-ever 50. Voted for by his peers for his outstanding performance, improvement, and attitude.
- Top Scorer: Edward Buchan – Scored an impressive 969 runs, including 12 fifties, with a high score of 66.
- Best Bowler: Dave Stewart – Took 36 wickets with a best bowling performance of 4/16.
- Junior Player of the Year: Max Bartram – Scored 300 runs with a high score of 44 and took 31 wickets with best figures of 4/16.
- Milestones:
 - Edward Buchan – Reached 9,000 club runs
 - Dave Stewart – Reached 3,000 club runs and 350 club wickets
 - Rob Bingley – Reached 650 club wickets
 - James Thompson – Reached 100 club wickets
 - Santhosh Samadrula Nagarajan – Reached 50 club wickets

2024 Season by Numbers

Total Games Played: 46

Men's Matches: 39 (11 Wins)

Ladies Match: 1

Junior Matches: 6 (3 Wins)

Players Used: 74 (62 male, 12 female)

Two Teams Fielded on Same Day: 5 occasions

All Stars Participants: 5

Dynamos Participants: 14

Total Runs Scored: 6,007

Total Wickets Taken: 281

Closing Remarks

A heartfelt thank you to all our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters for making the 2024 season a memorable one. Your unwavering support and dedication are the pillars of our club's success. Here's to many more victories and joyous moments in the seasons to come!



2025 SEASON PREVIEW

As we eagerly anticipate the start of the 2025 season, Grindleford Cricket Club is ready to build on the successes and experiences of the previous year. With renewed enthusiasm and a host of exciting plans, we look forward to another thrilling season of cricket.



What's Happening in 2025

- 1st XI:** After the relegation of our 1st XI last season, we are hoping to secure promotion back to Division 2 of the Yorkshire & Derbyshire Cricket League (YDCL). While doing so, we aim to continue providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to contribute and enjoy the game.
- Sunday XI:** Our Sunday XI will focus on providing enjoyable and competitive cricket matches for players of all skill levels. This team aims to give players the opportunity to play cricket in a more relaxed setting while still striving for victory.
- Midweek Cricket:** We are excited to introduce midweek cricket fixtures, offering additional opportunities for players to participate in the sport. Matches are primarily on Thursdays, with some exceptions, running from April until August.
- Juniors:** We will continue to run All Stars and Dynamos on Friday evenings, with the inclusion of entering junior teams into our local leagues. We are currently planning on entering two under-11 teams in addition to an under-12s girls team, and providing additional opportunities to help our young players develop their skills and love for the game.

6. Social and Fundraising Events: We will continue to host events throughout the year, with the return of our Family Day, where kids, parents, and regular players all play together in a 6-a-side event. Keep an eye out for any fundraising events as we try to improve our club.

Player Spotlights

- **Edward Buchan:** With over 9,000 club runs, Edward's experience and skill will be invaluable as we aim for promotion.
- **Dave Stewart:** Our leading wicket-taker in 2024, Dave, will spearhead the bowling attack and continue to mentor our younger players.
- **Emerging Talents:** Keep an eye on our emerging stars, including Max Bartram and other junior players, who are ready to make their mark on the senior teams.

Get Involved We are excited for the upcoming season with around 100 matches scheduled (weather dependent) across all our teams. Significantly higher than the previous highest of 57 matches in 2010. Our aim continues to be to provide opportunities for all to play and contribute in games. If you can, we would be grateful for your support as a matchball sponsor or by sponsoring our junior or ladies' section for the new season so we can continue to be affordable for our members.

We invite all members of the community to join us for an exciting 2025 season. Whether you're a seasoned player, an aspiring cricketer, or a passionate supporter, there's a place for you at Grindleford Cricket Club. Come along to our matches, participate in our events, and be part of our cricketing family.

If you have any questions, please contact Edward Buchan on 07831274615 or edwardbuchan1995@gmail.com

IMAGINE HOPE

Words: Sophie Hunter and Matt Laurie

CO-CREATING OUR FUTURE IN GRINDLEFORD

Grindleford is a thriving village for all things climate and sustainability related. Wherever we turn there's something inspiring happening... On WhatsApp, Ramblings folk are busy sharing unwanted items and sought-after knowledge, whilst the car sharing group offer lifts to and from Sheffield. Our village shop helps us reduce food miles and buy local (all whilst running on the church's solar power), and the tree-planting group and hedge-planting initiatives simultaneously encourage the insects and bird life and reduce carbon.

What more can we do?

We hear a lot about city-based responses to climate change and sustainability, but far less about the response in towns and villages, especially rural ones. There are inevitable changes that will happen to the things we take most for granted like food, water, energy and transport over the next 10 to 20 years. What would happen if we all worked together to imagine a positive future together, and to dream and imagine



what we will need to do, so that our community infrastructure can cope with those changes?

We want to start this conversation, this dreaming, and see where it goes. We don't know exactly how it will end... that will depend on you and what you want to do. But we know how we want to start - by drawing together as many different people of all ages from the Grindleford community, to get their heads and hearts together to start a process.



We have found a beautiful and inspiring film that we would like to share with the Grindleford community later this year. The film raises questions about the nature of climate action, how to make a meaningful contribution, the importance of community resilience and more. We'd love you to join us and take part in the group discussion and dreaming session that will follow the film.

In advance of the film screening, we'd like to gather people's thoughts about any specific local challenges we might be able to address together, such as food or takeaway waste from local businesses, reducing carbon pollution from vehicles, saving money in older properties, or supporting wildlife.

Perhaps you run a local business or organisation in Grindleford and want to think about how your business can thrive in our changing

world? Would you like to innovate and get creative about possible solutions to problems (large or small) in collaboration with an intergenerational group of local people, in our pioneering project?

If so, then get in touch to find out how you can get involved – either as a local business or to express an interest in being part of the project:

Email

imaginehope2025@gmail.com or call/text/WhatsApp 07803611631.

Sophie Hunter & Matt Laurie

Imagine Hope CIC is a Grindleford-centred creative response to the climate crisis.



TREASURE HUNT

*Can you decipher the poem to find the loot?
While the bounty lasts...*

By warming stone and tangled green,
It waits where few have ever seen -
Near plots that hum with patient care,
And river-breath that cools the air.

A trace of joy still lingers wide,
Where once an arc split open sky -
No spade, no map, just softened light,
A chest concealed in open sight

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