

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

September 2012



Illuminations Village Evening



This year the village evening will be held on **Friday 28th September**. The evening will be a chance for residents to come down to Derwent Gardens and view the illuminated boats without the weekend crowds. There is no entrance fee for this evening.

The boats will parade at 8.00 pm and residents will be given the chance to vote for their favourite. In past years the children of the village have voted for the Village Favourite but this year we are asking all residents to come to the Village Evening and vote. Once votes have been counted, a presentation ceremony will be held on a Saturday later in the illuminations season. Winners will be notified on the Parish Council's website and in the Christmas Newsletter.

As well as voting, the Halls have very kindly offered children of the village a free ride on the fair. Just bring the Newsletter with you to the booth and you will be given a token for a free ride.

Why not bring your camera down and take a picture to enter in the Photography Competition?

Afterwards at 8.45 pm, there will be a barbecue at The Temple Hotel, free for all residents of Matlock Bath. Mel and Chris from The Temple have very kindly offered to organise the barbecue which will be funded by unspent cash from the street party. The barbecue will be held in the top garden but should the weather be inclement, the food will be served indoors. There will also be free soft drinks for the children.



Seniors Christmas Lunch



Even though Christmas is still over 8 weeks away, preparations are being made for this year's Seniors Christmas Lunch. Last year some senior residents from the village enjoyed a lovely meal at the New Bath Hotel with children from a local school singing carols. This year the Seniors Christmas Lunch will be held at the newly restored **High Tor Hotel on Thursday 13th December**. Lunch will be served at 1.00 pm.

Are you over 60 and would like to come to the Seniors Christmas Lunch? Well get in touch and put your name down for this year. It's free for senior residents of the village! Spaces are limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The lunch will consist of a 3 course meal plus a glass of wine or juice. Menu selection will need to be made prior to the meal and the Clerk will circulate the choices nearer the time.

This year, we are also offering to those who live on their own the chance to bring a friend, companion or member of the family with them who is not over 60 or does not live in the village. As this is a village event for residents over 60, there will be a charge of £20 for their meal.

If you are interested in attending the Lunch, please contact the Clerk to reserve your place **no later than Friday 26th October 2012**.



Pro Loco Photography Competition 2012



Did you take any cracking photographs over the summer? If so, why not enter them in our Photography Competition? What have you got to lose? There are loads of cash prizes on offer. We would love to see more entries from local residents and children. Pick up your camera and take a photograph, you could be a winner!

Specialist prizes of £30 each will be awarded for the "Best Picture of" Category. These include the best picture of Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills, Illuminations, Pavilion, Mining Museum, Holy Trinity Church, Heights of Abraham, Wildlife & the retail outlets. The Parish Council is grateful for the support of all its sponsors.

Enter on line or send your photographs on disk to the Clerk. Don't forget the competition closes on Sunday 7th October. The competition is open to all age groups.

All short-listed photographs will be displayed in the Pump Room on Saturday 13th October and members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites between 2.00 pm-8.00 pm. On line voting will open on Wednesday 10th October and close at midnight on Friday 12th October. All votes cast will be counted and winners will be awarded prizes on Sunday 14th October.



Just a selection of the other entries we received in 2011

For more details about the competition together with the terms and conditions of entering, please log on to our website www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Remembrance



The Remembrance Ceremony this year will take place in the Memorial Gardens **on Sunday 11th November 2012 at 2.00 pm.**

Wreathes will be laid on behalf of the Parish and also the young people of the village. The Wirksworth Orchestra will again provide the music. The service will be led by Nick Grayshon, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church.

A warm invitation goes out to all to attend.

Holy Trinity School Book Fair – PTFA

Holy Trinity School will be holding their annual Book Fair on **Saturday 13th October 2012** at the Pavilion. The Book Fair is open from 12.00 noon to 7.00 pm.

Donations of books, CDs, computer games and DVDs would be gratefully received. (No videos please). Contact Jo Hoon (01629 258598) or Debbie Hirstwood (01629 56421) to arrange collection.

The Book Fair will raise funds for Holy Trinity School.



Advertisements in the Newsletter

Would you like to advertise your activity, business or service in the Newsletter?

The advertisement will appear in one of our quarterly Newsletters and on our website. For this, we charge a small fee which goes towards the printing of the Newsletter. Depending on space, we may also put it on the Parish Council Noticeboard. For more information please contact the Clerk.

County Council Report – Cllr Garry Purdy

I hope you have, over the summer, been able to enjoy the Olympics. I have enjoyed a quiet August recess and it has been rather nice bathing in the glory of our Olympians and, more recently, the Paralympians.

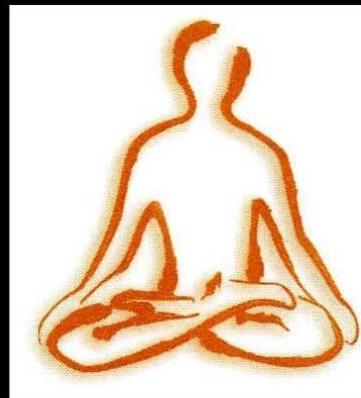
In this article I thought I would give you a snapshot of what we are trying to achieve of late at County Hall. If you wish to know anything further under the separate headings then please do not hesitate to contact me and/or visit our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk and type in the appropriate heading:

- **The Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board**, currently in shadow form, has recently consulted with 400 residents of Derbyshire to establish priorities with regard to healthy lifestyles, mental health, wellbeing in early years and people with long term conditions. This is all part of the strategy to ensure that their comments and other research we are carrying out will be used to draw up the final Derby Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2015 which will be published in the Autumn.
- **Free nursery education** for disadvantaged two year olds has been agreed. Some families of two year olds are eligible to receive 15 hours of free education and care for their child and Cabinet has agreed to an hourly rate of £4.85.
- **School meal price** is to remain the same. We are keeping the price of school meals the same despite rising costs. Healthy nutritional meals will still be available for £1.90 for primary and nursery schools, £2 for secondary and special schools and £2.00 for adults.
- **Funding for School improvements.** A sum of £2.5 million has been set aside to help schools joint fund improvement schemes. The Authority will put 50% into the projects, with schools contributing the rest to undertake refurbishment including roofing, windows and toilets.
- **Carbon reduction.** We have set aside £500,000 for projects to help meet our targets reducing carbon emissions by 25% on 2010/11 figures by 31 March 2015.
- **The potential for water (hydro) generated power** in Derbyshire took a step forward recently following a report by the Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet which enables information on water generated power being provided by the Council and its partners. But, living in Cromford we might advise the Authority that they are just a few years behind a man called Arkwright. Still, it is an appropriate and correct step to take.

Locally, the proposal to implement Pay & Display car parking along the Parade has been put on hold. Following a very negative news item on the television and radio, in which certain views expressed appeared to contradict their original views on this matter, we have decided to gather more information before a final decision is made.

As Chairman of the Derwent Valley Rail Community Partnership, I have tasked the Officer responsible to carry out a passenger survey as a consequence of the recent introduction of Pay and Display Car Parking outside the stations on the Derwent Valley line. If you wish to add to this debate please either contact me or Alistair Morley at alistair.morley@derbyshire.gov.uk

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Starting **Tuesday 25th September 2012 at 7.30pm** for ten weeks at The Fishpond in Matlock Bath
Hosts and helpers from Holy Trinity Church. Delicious refreshments available.

Contact Kevin Nutt on 01629 583849 for further details.

A View From the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



The summer is often considered a quiet time for the Parish Council – long, lazy summer days, holidays – and the full Council do not meet in either July or August. It is, in fact, as busy as any other time of the year. The majority of the work that the Parish Council does is on-going. Yes we do have events at specific times – more of these in a moment but through the parishioners, we are the eyes and ears of the village and the Council act as a monitor for the larger District and County Councils.

Issues that we have been dealing with since the last Newsletter include part night lighting, travellers, bus shelter maintenance, road subsidence, the wishing well in the Memorial Gardens and, of course, the parking on the Parades and Dale Road. Although none of these issues fall specifically under our control, we are able to liaise with the relevant bodies and ensure that the necessary action is taken. It is important that you, as residents, report issues to us as well as to DCC, DDDC, police etc so that we can lobby on behalf of the village to get things done as quickly as possible.

There are articles in this Newsletter about various activities we are organising as a Council or in conjunction with others. It is important that as a village we help and support these activities whenever we can. For Matlock Bath this is often difficult. We are a village two miles long, spread over a beautiful hillside and without a focal point. We have a mixture of residential properties, holiday homes and businesses which mostly cater for visitors not residents. Although we are a strange set of bedfellows, it should mean that when there is a village focused activity we should all make an extra effort to participate. Such an event is the Illuminations Village evening. Originally set up as 'The Traders Evening', it is an event in which the entire village can come together. For the Traders to see the boats, and for all the residents both permanent and holiday to come and vote for their favourite boat, something in the past only the children at the school and at playgroup have been able to do. We have arranged it for a Friday night – no school the next day kids, and hopefully many of our 'holiday' residents will be in the village as well. After it is over in the Gardens there is a barbeque at the Temple Hotel. I do hope we will see many of you there – if someone will wheel me down in my transport (seen above)!!

Finally, the Council can only operate with the help and support of Councillors and other volunteers who work on the various committees. We are very grateful for all the hard work that those already involved put in. However, we have vacancies for three Councillors meaning currently six Councillors are having to do the work of nine. We also have some vacancies on our committees: Activities; Communications; Facilities; Finance; Nature Reserve. If you are interested in helping us in our work in any way, please do get in touch with the Clerk or talk to one of the Councillors. No previous experience necessary – just the enthusiasm to make the village a better place to live and work.

Community Centre for Hire



As many of you are aware, the Community Centre at the rear of the Pavilion is managed by the Parish Council and is rented out to various user groups. The Parish Council recently undertook a redecoration of the Community Centre with a view to making it a more attractive venue for hire. A new blow air heating system has been installed in the room itself, corridor and toilet area, secondary glazing has been fitted to the four large windows and the whole area re-painted giving the Centre a much needed new fresh look. Over the summer, more kitchen cupboards have been fitted into the kitchen and in September we will re-tile the area followed by a complete decoration of the kitchen.

The Community Centre is ideal for a whole range of user groups as well as providing a good venue for a children's party. The charges for hiring of the Community Centre are very reasonable (contact the Clerk for further details). Included in the hire charge are heating and lighting and use of tables and chairs. The kitchen is fitted out with a cooker, fridge, plenty of storage and a hot drinking water tap to accommodate refreshments for larger groups.

For group bookings (long term), storage can be provided in the kitchen and the main room. Noticeboards and display areas are available for groups wishing to display or advertise their group.



For further information please contact the Clerk. We welcome potential users to have a look around beforehand.

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Love Food Hate Waste - Derbyshire County Council

Food lovers are being urged to visit a website which features tasty tips for using leftover food when having get-togethers.

Derbyshire County Council is urging families to make use of tasty food or leftovers already stocked in cupboards, fridges or freezers.

Councillor John Allsop, Cabinet Member for Technology and Recycling, said: "We're urging people to check out our website full of great ideas on how to prepare meals using leftover food."

Some of the recipes you'll find include:

- A Quick Use-Up Pizza using leftover cheese and any favourite toppings you might have in the fridge.
- Olive Tapenade Toasts which turns leftover bread into something more interesting.
- Crispy Chicken Skewers which use a crispy coating made from leftover cheese and breadcrumbs made from slightly old bread.

For full recipes – and other great ideas for cutting down on food waste – go to the Love Food Hate Waste page of Derbyshire Council's website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/lovefoodhatewaste The recipes are in the "related documents" section near the bottom of the page under the title "recipes for special get-togethers".

For lots more recipes for all occasions visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

Every month UK households each throw away an average £50 worth of food that could have been eaten. Wasting food also harms the environment and contributes to climate change.

TinyTalk - Jemma Lambe



TinyTalk Baby Signing is launching new classes in Matlock, at the Arc Leisure Centre on Friday afternoons for little ones from Newborn to 2 years. TinyTalk have been running award-winning baby signing classes for many years, in fact this year TinyTalk celebrated their 10th birthday...

So what is baby signing? Baby Signing can be defined as 'using signs and gestures to help pre-verbal babies communicate before they can speak', encouraging their communication skills and giving them a means to express themselves way before they have the vocabulary to do so. By giving babies a variety of signs, it allows frustrations to be reduced, raises self-esteem and gives parents a 'window' in their babies world and way of thinking which is incredibly empowering for little ones. Babies can understand signs from around 4 months and begin to sign back from as young as 6 months, often beginning with common signs such as milk, nappy and more!

TinyTalk uses British Sign Language (BSL), a recognised language and signing system used by thousands of individuals across the UK. Across the year or 3 terms of TinyTalk classes, we teach 150 Core signs and many extra signs through well-known nursery rhymes, actions songs, props and puppets to engage and stimulate learning and encourage communication. Many settings, including pre-schools, nurseries, children's centres and schools use sign language in their day to day school life and routines, so the earlier babies and little ones can understand and use sign the better, giving greater access to language and learning.

All TinyTalk classes are friendly, relaxed and most of all fun! Each class lasts an hour and has a special 'theme' such as animals, time for food, let's go to the park along with exciting lessons at special times of the year such as Halloween, Christmas and Easter! The first 30 minutes is spent singing and signing a range of songs related to the weekly theme, using props, musical instruments, bubbles and quality books each third week in signed story time. Each week a new set of signs are demonstrated and there is lots of repetition to help everybody acquire the signs quickly and accurately; there are even weekly handouts to take home so parents, grandparents, childminders all can practise each week! The second 30 minutes is refreshments, social and play time; parents can meet new people, chat together over a hot drink and biscuits, while the babies play with a wide range of interesting toys and meet new friends themselves; we even provide snacks for the little ones too! At the end of the lesson, certificates and stickers are awarded, and 'good news' is shared along with celebrating any birthdays or new signs made!

Baby Signing is an amazing experience to share as a family. Come along and see for yourself how baby signing can encourage your little one's communication skills and watch their speech flourish!

Contact Jemma Lambe on 07866 518300 jemmal@tinytalk.co.uk Website: www.tinytalk.co.uk/jemmal

Whistlestop Centre – Heather Turley



Situated in the old railway station buildings in Matlock Bath, the Whistlestop Centre is one of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's three environmental education centres. With its own wildlife garden and pond, easy access to the River Derwent and High Tor Woods, as well as an indoor classroom, the Centre makes learning about nature fun and interactive.

In addition to hosting school groups, the Whistlestop Centre is also available for local groups and community use. It has a jam packed calendar of family friendly activities everyone can enjoy; from Nature Tots, a popular playgroup for pre-school children and their adults, to art classes for older children and adults.

Just like wildlife sometimes needs a helping hand, so does the Trust. It relies on the help of volunteers in every aspect of its work, and the Whistlestop Centre is no exception. The Trust is always looking for volunteers to help with the wildlife garden, and if you have any other skills or interests that you'd like to offer, they'd love to hear from you.

For details of upcoming events at the Whistlestop Centre or to find out more about volunteering at the Trust, just go to www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk or call **01773 881188**

Matlock Bath Railway Station



Matlock Bath Parish Council was recently approached to see whether they would like to adopt Matlock Bath Railway Station. This was considered at a Parish Council meeting and it was decided that we would proceed with this.

Four Councillors plus the Clerk agreed to be the Parish Council's representatives. Over the coming months we will be working with East Midlands Trains and the Community Rail Officer

at DCC to look at ideas to improve the station platform to make it welcoming to visitors. There are currently two flower tubs on the platform and our first job will be to plant these up with winter plants.



The Grand Pavilion – Gregor Macgregor

Usage of the Cash machine in the Grand Pavilion in Matlock Bath has shot up. In August, for the first time ever the use of the cash machine has topped the 7,500 target. In August alone the use was up 71% on the previous year.

A big campaign has been run to get people to use the machine more and we are succeeding. In August we earned £464 in rent from the machine and, for the first time, got the use up to 7,500 transactions, so we will receive the top rate of 15.4p for every additional transaction.

The more people use the machine, the more rent we get to help to preserve our Grand Pavilion. In August, if you had drawn out £40 in one transaction, we would have got 15.4p on that transaction, however if you had drawn out £20 twice, we would have gained 30.8p! And what is great is that it costs the user nothing.....the banks pay!

We want to encourage everyone to use this machine as often as they can as this will help us to double the £1,300 that Derbyshire Dales District Council received when it was managing the machine.

Membership of The Friends of the Grand Pavilion is up to 1,370, after signing up no less than 40 new members at the Wirksworth Festival.

Breakfast at The Temple Hotel – Holy Trinity Church



Saturday, 13th October at 9.15 am — 11.00 am

With: Sheila Bridge

(writes on how to love the body you've got) check her website out www.sheilabridge.com

For more information or to book a place telephone: 01629 583924 and leave a message

Price: £7.00, to include: fruit juice, croissant and bacon rolls; tea or coffee.

Event arranged by Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath