

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

June 2010



Pro Loco Art Competition - Councillor Daphne Collie



Patrick McLoughlin, MP with the 1st and 2nd Prize Winners – David Steeden and Kath Siddall

The 31st year of Matlock Bath's Pro Loco Art Competition was held on Saturday 5th June at Masson Mills. A painting of a great piece of engineering housed in the basement of Masson Mills won first prize.

The amateur Art competition which is held annually by Matlock Bath Parish Council in the wonderful Heritage Builds and site of Masson Mills, attracted 9 adult entries.

The Pro Loco Art competition involves delivering a blank canvass by 10.00 am on the day and returning at 3.00 pm with the completed, finished piece of art. The art has to feature an aspect of Matlock Bath, buildings or landscapes. Entrants then display their work in Masson Mills Shopping Village Restaurant. Over 75 votes were cast between 3.30-4.00 pm with the standard very high.

This year the amateur artists captured paintings of Heritage Engineering Machinery, water features and a Riverside Café venue. The finished result from each artist was amazing. Matlock Bath certainly has talent!

1st prize in the Adult category was awarded to David Steeden with Kath Siddall being awarded 2nd prize. A prize was also given for the best local artist. This year it was won by Melanie Atkinson. All adult winners were given cash prizes.

Following refreshments which were generously provided by Masson Mills, prizes were then awarded to winners by Patrick McLoughlin, MP.

A gift comprising of a set of canvasses were presented to every entrant by Neil Dye from Masson Mills.

Matlock Bath Parish Council would like to thank Patrick McLoughlin, MP who took time out of his busy schedule to present the prizes, Mr Arram, the owner of Masson Mills and his staff for their kind generosity and support for this event and Turners Art Supplies for providing the gifts.

Most of the work submitted in the Pro Loco competition went on display at the Pavilion Open Weekend on 12th and 13th June 2010 in the Pump Room.



**Village Favourite Winner
Melanie Atkinson**



**Bronte Russell
Junior Winner**

Junior and Young Artist Categories

Gifts of a sketchbook and drawing pencils were presented to all four entrants and further prizes of paint boxes were awarded to the 1st prizes in both categories.



**Bryony Holmes
Young Artist Winner**

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As a Council, we are always looking at ways of 'going green' and also making our money go further. We feel that this Newsletter is an important development in our contact with the people who live and work in Matlock Bath but it is expensive to produce and to circulate and is yet more paper dropping through our letter boxes. Now we have the Website up and running – I hope you have been there – we thought a far better way to distribute the Newsletter to those who have internet access would be through the website. To this end, for those who would prefer it in electronic form, we would like you to go onto the website and sign up. We need your name and address and, of course, your email address.

We will then for future issues just send you an email saying that the latest Newsletter is on the Website and you can read it there (or download it if you wish). The same exciting Newsletter – but cheaper to produce and more environmentally friendly. Go on – sign up **NOW!!** and read the rest on line.

District Council Report - Peter Hume

Following the go-ahead given earlier in the year by the District Council for the 2010 Illuminations, preparations are now well in hand for this event and these were outlined at a liaison meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th June. At this meeting Dave Brooks of DDDC advised that although there had been a good response from 30 of the Matlock Bath Traders, further support is necessary to ensure that the event breaks even. He emphasised that this is essential in the current economic climate so as to ensure the sustainability of the event for future years. Every little helps and the longer the list of supporting traders the better.

Representatives of the Boat Builders reported that they expect to have ten participating boats this year. It was agreed that, in addition to the regular nights, the boats will be on the river **on Wednesday 29th September at 7.30 pm for a "Traders' Viewing Evening"** which, in addition, will allow local residents and children to view the parade before voting for the Parish Council sponsored "Village Favourite" for which the prize will be presented on Saturday 9th October at 7.30 pm.

Please support the Illuminations in whatever way you can and encourage friends and relatives from further afield to visit the event.

Again every effort will be made to minimise the effects of traffic on the village. In particular some side roads will be closed using traffic cones. If, as a resident, you move these to gain access to your road PLEASE REPLACE THEM, otherwise it is an open invitation for unwanted parking.

The other matter occupying the time and thoughts of many local residents are the activities of the Matlock Bath Pavilion Group. I am sure that this is being well reported in this Newsletter by others. However, the Group and all involved in it are to be congratulated on their tremendous efforts to achieve the progress made to date and in particular on the very successful open days at the Pavilion on the 12th and 13th June.

Allotments

You will remember that in an earlier Newsletter, we asked if anyone was interested in an allotment to let us know. Many of you did, but unfortunately the Parish have no land and efforts to secure some failed. Well, the good news is that we may have found some. Although we are at an early stage and with a lot of work to be do (leasing, soil testing and then preparing the areas), we feel we are now in a position to move forward on this. We have set up an Allotments Committee and appointed Bob Grindrod and Nick Grayshon to it. They need to meet with interested parishioners to discuss ways forward and what the village would like. A meeting has been arranged for anyone interested **at The Temple Hotel on Sunday 11th July at 4.00 pm**. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like an allotment or be involved, please contact the Clerk.

Flowers and Planters



Have you noticed the flowers in the village? There are two planters displaying a lovely array of flowers. They really make the village look bright and attractive to both residents and visitors. The Parish Council have arranged once again the planting of the cattle trough which was given to the village over one hundred years ago and now sited on the A6 below the New Bath Hotel. Thanks to Barbara Newton for planting our cattle trough.

Pro Loco Photographic Competition

We are proud to announce the first ever Matlock Bath Parish Council Pro Loco Photographic Competition. The term 'pro loco' means 'in favour of the locality' – in our case the Parish of Matlock Bath.



Photographs must be taken either in the Parish or be of the Parish. All entries must be in digital format and submitted electronically. The **closing date for entries is the 30th September** so it gives you all summer to take some wonderful shots of our village and its activities. There



will be overall winners in the categories of Adult (over 16), Young Photographer (11-16) and Junior (10 and under). There will be a special prize for the best photograph submitted by a villager. As well as these groups, there will be prizes awarded for photographs of specific places or events. See the website for full details where you will also find the entry form.

Each person can enter up to 4 photographs and from all the entries, a list of finalist will be drawn up by the Organising Committee. These photographs will then be displayed in the Pavilion on Saturday 16th October for members of the public to judge.

For full details go to www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Come on, get your cameras out and start snapping this summer.



Spring Spree – Councillor Dave Mowle



Despite heavy rain, a group of Matlock Bath children set out on an animal hunt in the Wapping Nature Reserve on the Saturday morning of the May Bank Holiday weekend. The animals had escaped from school and were now hiding in the woodland. The task for the children was to secretly photograph them in their new homes to make sure they were OK. Perhaps I should explain. The children at Matlock Bath had created 54 marvellous pictures of wild animals during the previous week.

The pictures had been discretely pinned up in the woods. It will come as no surprise that each child was looking for their own picture but had to work quite hard to hunt them out. Over the weekend as the rain allowed, approximately 40 other children went on their own hunt. All agreed the animals were doing fine but needed another check in a few days time.



Hopefully we will have better luck next year with the weather and get to do a few more activities.



Parish Councillors' Contact Details

Below are the up-to-date contact details for your Parish Councillors. A new Information Sheet with all contact details on will be published in the September issue of the Newsletter. Alternatively, all contact details can be found at www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman) – 01629 56831
Cllr Daphne Collie – 01629 583887
Cllr Nick Grayshon – 01629 583924
Cllr Bob Grindrod – 01629 56741

Cllr Michael Wilderspin (Vice Chairman) – 01629 583190
Cllr Dave Mowle – 01629 584387
Cllr Nick Whitehead – 01629 580752
Acting Clerk, Julie Baranek – 07914 420545

A View From the Bath Chair – Councillor Peter Baranek



The floral displays are now on the Parades so summer must really be here. As you can see from the articles in the newsletter, it has been a busy time for the Council. The Pro Loco Art competition, the first ever Spring Spree in the Nature Reserve, planning for the autumn and our first ever Pro Loco Photographic Competition and the Illuminations was even on the agenda of the last meeting. Your 'Resident's Parking Permit' for the Illuminations period on 'access only' roads is included where appropriate with this Newsletter.

The Parish Council has amended slightly its way of working. Because of the diversity and amount of work we are now doing as a Council, we have set up seven committees to oversee the day to day running of various areas. Full details of these committees can be found on the website but they are: Finance, Planning, Facilities, Communications, Wapping Nature Reserve, Activities and Allotments. These committees have Parish Councillors and ordinary parishioners sitting on them. By involving parishioners in this way, it is not only spreading the workload but also allows parishioners who would normally not be able to commit the time to being a Councillor, the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Council. If you would like to offer your services to one of these committees, please contact the Clerk. To allow these committees to function fully, we are trialling bi-monthly full council meetings.



We are pleased to welcome two new Councillors. They have been co-opted since the Annual Parish Council meeting. Daphne Collie and Nick Whitehead have agreed to join the Council. Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to Liz Holmes, our longest standing Councillor who has had to stand down due to work commitments. We thank her for her many years hard work on the Council. We still have vacancies for Councillors – our full complement is nine, so if you are interested in joining us, speak to one of the current Councillors or contact the Clerk.

Bill McCartney, who joined us as Clerk in September, has resigned and we will be advertising the post of Clerk in the next couple of weeks. As well as the advert being in the local press, full details of the post will be on the Website.

The Council decided earlier this year to produce a Parish plan, laying out our aims for the next five years. Before we do this, however, we felt it important to get a broad picture of what the people who live and work in Matlock Bath would like. To this end, in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter, we will be including details of a survey we would like every resident to complete. So start thinking what do you want to see happening in Matlock Bath?

We hope you have a wonderful summer – whether you are spending it here in Matlock Bath or further afield.

Please Help ...

Matlock Bath Holy Trinity Primary School has a new school garden which is thriving; they have lots of fruit and vegetables growing which the children have planted. The children have held a plant sale which is funding the Gardening Club and they are looking forward to eating the produce in the school later in the year.

If anyone has any plants, seeds, pots or any other gardening equipment which they do not use, the school would be grateful of any donations. They are particularly in need of a wheel barrow.

The school is also in the process of developing a sensory garden. If you have any plants that would be suitable for this type of garden, they would be very grateful to receive them.

The school are holding a Book Fair on Saturday 16th October 2010 in the Community Centre. They desperately need books, DVDs, CDs, computer games so please have a sort out and donate the items to the school. In the September Newsletter we will give you details about drop off points. All details will be on the website.

Mobile Library & Saturday Morning Refuse Dates

The mobile library will visit Matlock Bath every alternate Thursday on the following dates:

1 st July	26 th August
29 th July	9 th September
12 th August	23 rd September

The library comes to the station car park arriving at 9.30 am and leaving at 9.35 am.

The Saturday morning refuse collection service is available in the Station Car Park Matlock Bath between 7.45 am and 9.00 am and on the Market Place car park Cromford between 9.15 and 9.45 on the following dates:

10 th July	11 th September
14 th August	9 th October