

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

September 2013



Illuminations Village Evening



This year the village evening will be held on **Friday 27th September**. The evening will be a chance for residents and traders 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. Votes can be cast from 7.30 pm onwards in the Gardens. Once votes have been cast and counted a presentation ceremony will be held later in the illuminations season. Winners will be notified on the Parish Council's website and in the Christmas Newsletter. Photographs of the boats parading this year will be

posted on our website. Come down to Derwent Gardens and show your support for the boatbuilders who carry on this great tradition each year. As well as voting, the Halls have very kindly offered children of the village a free ride on the fair. Depending on the weather at around 7.30 pm the under 10s may also have the chance to have a boat ride along the Derwent, proceeds of which will go to charity.

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 the Parish Council.

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 High Tor Hotel. As a result we will be holding this year's Seniors Lunch again at the High Tor Hotel. The date for your diary is **Thursday 12th 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 coffee/tea. Menu selection will need to be made prior to the meal and the Clerk will circulate the choices nearer the time.

If you are interested in attending the Lunch, please contact the Clerk to reserve your place **no later than Friday 25th October 2013**. If you know of anyone who you think would like to attend that we could personally invite please contact the Clerk. E-mail Clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07914 420545.



Pro Loco Photography Competition 2013



With all that lovely warm weather over the summer, did you take any cracking photographs? 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! Don't forget the picture has to be an artefact or scene of Matlock Bath!

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 and the Heights of Abraham. The Parish Council is extremely grateful for the support of all its sponsors. It couldn't be easier - enter on line or send your photographs on disk to the Clerk. **We have decided to extend the closing date to Wednesday 9th October.** This will allow for any entrant who wishes to take a photograph of the fireworks and illuminations to enter them into the competition. The first fireworks evening is on Saturday 5th October. The competition is open to all age groups.

All short-listed photographs will be displayed in the Pump Room on **Saturday 19th 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 15th October and close at midnight on Friday 18th October. All votes cast will be counted and winners will be awarded prizes on Sunday 20th October.



Just a selection of the other entries we received in 2012

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 10th November 2013 at 2.00 pm.**

Wreathes will be laid on behalf of the Parish and also the young people of the village. The BM&W Training Band will again provide the music. A warm invitation goes out to all to attend.

Community Centre for Hire



The Community Centre is an ideal venue for a whole range of user groups as well as providing a good venue for a children's party. Over the past twelve months the Community Centre has undertaken a complete redecoration. The renovation started with the installation of a new blow air heating system, secondary glazing to the four large windows, new tiling in the kitchen and a complete re-paint giving the Centre a much needed new fresh look. Extra kitchen cupboards have also been fitted and a complete new washable flooring to the toilet area. The Parish Council licence the Community Centre at very reasonable rates (contact

the Clerk for further details) and local groups are offered a lower rate. 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.

District Council Report – Cllr Garry Purdy

I have been pressing for some years now for Derbyshire Dales District Council to take action on the massive overgrowth of self set trees and vegetation which frequently receives complaint, especially with regards to iconic views being blocked and/or of concern from a safety perspective.

The Authority, and/or Derbyshire County Council, if appropriate, will deal with tree issues if they are a safety issue, otherwise, I have had to realise that in today's difficult economic times that the two Derbyshire Authorities do not have the resources to deal with the mammoth task that faces us.

Many of our trees in the area were set in Victorian times, and then, given the self sets over this time we find the massive overgrowth of vegetation which really does need tackling at some stage.

I have therefore put an idea to Full Council at Derbyshire Dales, and had further discussion with Mrs Dorcas Brunton, Chief Executive, that we should look into raising a Volunteer Force that could be trained to deal with such issues.

The Council faces its most difficult time in its history. Cllr Lewis Rose, Leader, has recently put out a press release highlighting the economic difficulties that the Authority faces and that there are difficult decisions around the corner that have to be made.

Please be assured though that the work to Jubilee Bridge monies have been re circled and work will be carried out next year.

It is evident therefore that some lateral thinking will be required, and hence my idea on a Volunteer Force to work closely with Derbyshire Dales District Council. Of course this idea needs to be looked at closely with today's Health & Safety concerns, but it is being looked at seriously and I hope to be able to bring you further news on this matter in the near future.

Childrens Christmas Party 2013

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, please put in your diary where the party's at!

The Christmas party this year will be held on **Sunday 15th December 2013** at the Grand Pavilion, Matlock Bath.

Final details are yet to be arranged but invitations will be given to all children attending Matlock Holy Trinity Primary School, Playgroup or are minded by Christine Mckay.

If you do not fall into these categories but would like your child to attend please contact Christine on 07985 989050 or Mel 01629 583911 or enquiries@templehotel.co.uk.

Wreath Making

How would you like to make your own Christmas wreath with expert tuition from award winning florist Tineke in Matlock for less than you can buy one? This year we have two dates available to make this event accessible to more people, Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 5th December.

These events will be held in the Panorama Room at the Temple Hotel at 7.30pm with light refreshments. The cost will be £7.00 and you will need to bring a selection of greenery and any decoration you wish to add in and good scissors or secateurs.

The wreaths produced over the last two years have been better than anything I have seen in the shops. Places will be limited and will be given on a first come first served basis so please book your place with Val Grayshon on 07891 532642 or 01629 583924 alternatively you can email on valgrayshon@yahoo.co.uk.

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Book Fair – Holy Trinity School



Book Fair - The PTFA will be holding the annual book sale to raise much needed funds for Holy Trinity Primary School.

The event will take place on **Saturday 19th October** at the old tourist information office at the Pavilion in Matlock Bath. The Book Fair will open at 11.00 am until late.

Matlock Bath Bowls Club – Richard Evans



Wednesday Club Members

Matlock Bath Bowls Club would like to thank the Parish Council for the grant received in June to cover the purchase of two wooden benches.

The new seats have been installed in a recently completed covered area used by players and spectators which provides much needed shelter from rain or sun!



Many members from visiting bowls clubs have commented on our greatly improved facilities. Once again thank you for your continued support of the club.

Matlock Bath General Store – Robin Flewitt



The new Matlock Bath General Store opened for business on Saturday 31st August 2013 to provide the village with grocery and household products, newspapers, tobacco and wines and spirits. We are looking to extend our grocery supplies to include local growers and suppliers of fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese, sandwiches and bread.

The store is located on North Parade and has a floor area of approximately 80 sq metres providing scope to stock a wide range of products.

We have had a lot of positive comments from many locals since opening and look to build on that support going forward in building the business to serve the local community.

If anyone has suggestions on stock items for the future, then we will consider all requests and try to accommodate the needs of the local populace.

Street Party – Mel Heane



What a beautifully warm summer's day we had this year for the annual street party in July, unlike 2012 when the heavens opened and stayed open!

Mick Jones and his merry band entertained us with a Ceilidh and many of you showed how agile you actually are. Many thanks must go to the Heights of Abraham for once again supplying us with a wonderful hog roast. My apologies to you all for having to wait for your lunch – although the roaster had arrived, been left in the shed, no one told me but in the end we all got fed and thank you for the wonderful food you all brought.

The Parish Council must be thanked for the supply of wonderful ice-cream that we all enjoyed, some more than others I noticed, and to Gerry Kriebich for his ability to turn serving ice cream on Temple Walk into an Italian experience! I almost believed I was there. Trish King and Lorraine Hanlon spent most of their day doing crafty things with the children until the children abandoned them to get the sweets out of the piñatas which Christine had made for them. Many thanks go all of you for spending your time doing this, it is very much appreciated.

I personally always enjoy the street party, even though it is hard work, I love to see you all working as a community and making new friends. Onwards and upwards to 2014!

For more pictures from the Street Party log on to our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk If you have some photographs of the party, please contact the Clerk who will add them to the website. Alternatively, why not enter them into our Photography Competition!

Friends of Cromford Canal – John Guyler



As you may know on the 27th July this year, the Friends of the Cromford Canal achieved a historical return to the Cromford basin of a working narrow boat.

At present members of the FCC are training to be masters and crew, but it will need further volunteers to enlarge the numbers of people authorized to operate the boat next year if the project is to be a success.

The Friends of the Cromford Canal aim to encourage local people to participate in a training scheme to achieve the operational numbers, which would be regarded

as a future development of the canal. We want any groups or individuals who wish to take part in this project, such as youth groups, college groups, older community groups who may be able to give some time and have an experience of working on a narrow boat. It is anticipated that the groups of trainees would range in age from the late teens to older age groups.

This is an opportunity for local people to be able to take pride in their canal and for the trainee masters to achieve a certificate of competence from the Maritime & Coastguard Service which is recognized all over the UK.

There are two types of volunteers required. The first is to train to be a boat master and the second is for general crew. The training for the master involves a medical report by the trainee masters GP and training for emergency situations, boat handling and other areas involving handling a passenger carrying boat. Obviously we do ask that you are prepared to make a commitment to the boat operational rota on a regular basis.

The crew will be trained to operate under the directions of the boat master to provide a safe and enjoyable trip on a narrow boat. All positions are volunteer based and therefore are not paid positions. The aim is to train through the winter or spring to run a regular boat service next year mainly at weekends and Wednesdays. The main emphasis is on local area volunteers which will hopefully lead to their greater pride in their own community and possibly create economic benefits as well through increased number of visitors. For more information contact john_guyler@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07717 010830

Off to La Paz!- Emma Nutt



I have been busy in the past two years at Holy Trinity church; the biggest thing being the youth group and building relationships with each young person that comes but I have always known that God's plan for me has never been to go straight to university; but to get out of my comfort zone in some way, be it in this country or another. Hence why I have chosen to make a commitment and go to Bolivia for this next year.

Why Bolivia? I don't know. Originally it was all about Africa. I had no idea where Bolivia was a year ago. I finally chose Bolivia because I began to feel full of compassion and love when I read the little section on poverty, need and enthusiasm for people to work in the nursery, with youth, students and to teach English.

To go to Bolivia will cost a lot. I have done a sponsored walk which raised over £700, car boot sales, cake sales and a coffee morning and I did use all the wages I saved during the two years I worked. A lot of the money I have now raised (almost £5,000) has come from donations given to me by family members, individuals and families in my church and friends. I cannot thank everyone enough.

In Church Cristo El Salvador I will be doing a lot of nursery work. I am also going to be teaching English to 5-6 year olds as well as working with youth and students. There is an opportunity to spend time in Santa Cruz to work in a centre that has been set up by English people with many things happening there such as youth work, women's refuge counselling etc.

Whilst I am away I am hoping to get everyone on an e-mailing group so I can send updates on there, I will also be updating my blog, Facebook with friends. I will also go to internet cafes and pray there is an available computer.

For the full article on Emma's trip to Bolivia, log on to our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Adoption of Matlock Bath Railway Station



As reported in the June Newsletter, the Parish Council has adopted Matlock Bath Station. The aim is to make the station more attractive and appealing to visitors and residents using the railway system. Adoptees of the station report any problems which are of concern, litter bins which need emptying etc. Over the past few months adoptees of the station have planted up 10 barrels. The plants have been grown by the children of Holy Trinity School.

Pictures created by the children of Holy Trinity School have been enlarged and laminated and have been put up in the waiting shelter and around the station. The pictures are fantastic.

Benches have been re-painted and the station is a more welcoming sight for those using it. A number of 'hayrack' planters have also been planted up. As a result the station was entered into the "Most Improved Station" category for the East Midlands Train Best Station Awards. Matlock was the winner in this category with Matlock Bath coming runner up. This prize recognises the brighter station environment brought about by the new artwork produced by the school children and the planting work by the adoptees of the station. The station has also benefited from the installation of a new disabled access ramp.

Matlock came runner up in Best Small Station and received a highly commended award in the Community Partnership category with Belper coming runner up. The award ceremony saw a total of five awards coming to the East Midlands. Belper was awarded runner up in Community Partnership category.



Children of Holy Trinity School



*L-R Paul Mobbs (Customer Service Manager Derby)
Matty Materaghan, Station Service Team
Cllr Michael Wilderspin (representing the adoptees & village)
Alastair Morley, Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership
Emma Knight, Group Head of Media & Public Affairs Stagecoach
Group who presented the award*

We are extremely proud to have been awarded 2nd prize, recognition for the hard work which has been put in by the adoptees of the station. Parish Council would like to thank Alastair Morley, Community Rail Officer at Derbyshire County Council and Matty Materaghan for all of their help and support with this project.

East Midlands Best Station Awards celebrate the best of the company's 89 stations and were made by a panel of judges comprising East Midlands Trains' directors and senior managers and representation from Passenger Focus.

For more pictures of the station and the wonderful array of flowers, log onto our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you would be interested in adopting the station along with the other adoptees, please contact the Clerk – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Knowing Matlock Bath ... The Answers!

In the June edition of the Newsletter we asked three questions. Answers are below.

1 **How many steps are there on Jacob's Ladder?**

Answer: 269

2 **Where is Green Lane?**

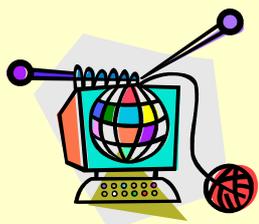
Answer: Otherwise known as footpath number 2, goes from South Parade by crossing to Temple Road opposite the Temple Hotel. Not so green though since DCC re-surfaced it!

3 **When was Masson Mills established?**

Answer: 1769

Another Knowing Matlock Bath in the next issue. Do you have any questions you think would be of interest to the village? If so, contact the Clerk at clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk



Check out the website for information about Parish Council meetings, agendas, Minutes, items of interest together with a full list of contact details for the Parish Councillors.

The website is regularly updated to include latest news, full details of all competitions and events in the village. There are sections about the local community, the Nature Reserve and how we deal with planning applications. Links to other websites can also found.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the website please contact the Clerk.

Grit Bins

We never like to think of the onset of winter but must prepare for the worst. As ever, we would ask you to check any yellow grit bins in your area. If they are damaged or need replenishing, please contact Derbyshire County Council. All bins are numbered and you will need to quote this number when you report it. If you have any problems in reporting an empty grit bin, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Grit provided in grit bins across the county is for use on public pavements, paths and roads only and should **not** be used on private property. Last year we received reports that grit bins were empty and that grit from these bins had been used on private driveways. If you are caught taking grit or salt for use on private property you may be prosecuted.

Although no further grit bins can be provided by the County Council if you know of a grit bin which is under-used on a certain part of a road but would be better re-located somewhere else in the location, please contact the Clerk.

Follow these simple steps set out in the Government's Snow Code:

- Start early - clear the snow or ice early in the day and cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.
- Use salt or sand - not water. Help prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. Use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Sand or ash won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.
- Take care where you throw the snow so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.
- Be a good neighbour. If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well – especially if they're elderly or disabled and depend on social care services which need to reach them.
- Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.



When clearing ice and snow from private driveways, please consider others and try to avoid piling it on the pavements. These piles of ice and snow can make the pavements impassable for pedestrians forcing them to walk in the road. This in turn puts their safety and the safety of other road users at risk.

Dates for the Diary At a Glance!

Wednesday 25th September – Parish Council Meeting – 7.00 pm in the Community Centre
Friday 27th September – Illuminations Village Evening 7.30 pm followed by BBQ at The Temple at 8.45 pm
Wednesday 9th October – Closing Date for Photography Competition
Saturday 19th October – Display and voting for Photography Competition
Sunday 20th October – Presentation of Prizes for Photography Competition
Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at 2.00 pm
Wednesday 27th November – Parish Council Meeting – 7.00 pm in the Community Centre
Thursday 12th December – Seniors Christmas Lunch at High Tor Hotel
Tuesday 17th December – Singing Round the Christmas Tree

Future Articles for the Newsletter

If you have a story to tell about the history of Matlock Bath or something which you think other residents will find interesting, please contact the Clerk so this can be included in a future edition of "A View from the Bath".

A View From the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



During a small village festa in rural Italy, the Padre gave the microphone to the Mayor. Even though my Italian is basic, the message was clear 'we live in difficult financial times.' We could not even escape the political message here. It is a situation we all encounter almost on a daily basis. As a Parish Council, we try to be positive and help in the village whenever we can. You will have read in this and previous newsletters about some of the ways in which we can try to alleviate financial shortfalls. We do this through grants to groups and organisations, working with the other higher tier councils (DDDC and DCC) and by taking on small projects ourselves. We plant bulbs and have flower tubs around the village and on the station, we work with DCC on footpath maintenance and renovation. We also help and support residents when issues arise. A recent example of this was a parking problem at the bottom of Holme Road when some residents had been ticketed. Both residents and the PC clerk worked together writing and speaking to DCC about the issue and the outcome is a sensible one for all – the 1 hour waiting restriction is to be removed as it is anomalous to an access only road. The Parish Council surveyed street lighting in the village as part of the part night lighting project and because we had identified problems with trees obscuring the lights, action was taken by DCC. As residents, please remember that you are responsible for trees / shrubs / hedges on your property. Do not let them obscure lights or overhang any part of the highway.

When the Environment and Conservation Committee meet later this month, they will be looking at ways in which we can develop this partnership working – with agencies, with local organisations and with residents to improve the village. We welcome the move by DDDC to look at the issue of self set trees and hope some of the residents can get involved. We already have a high level of commitment from many residents to many projects around the village – the pavilion, the school, the Church and many more plus the Parish Council activities – the Nature Reserve, planters, Newsletter, Photography Competition, Art Competition But hopefully with further commitment from the residents, we can continue to develop this work and make Matlock Bath a better place to live and work.

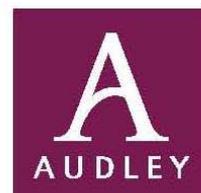
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