

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

Spring 2019



Matlock Bath Green Man Trail – Joyce Pawley (MBDA)



Calling children of all ages! Are you ready for the Green Man Trail?

From the Easter holidays you will be able to find hidden heads in twelve of the trees along Lovers Walk and in Derwent Gardens. Some will be easy to spot and others not so simple to see. The trail starts by Jubilee Bridge and ends near the Pavilion.

Pick up a question sheet, a badge to say you have done the trail, a pencil to fill in the answers all for £1 at the Pavilion Café, The Whistlestop and the Mining Museum. All the questions have been prepared by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust as they will help you to learn more about trees and the environment. Remember to always keep safe by the river and do not go too close. All the heads can be seen safely from the footpaths.

The main thing is to have fun as you learn more about this wonderful world. So go on, give it a go!

A little more information for mums and dads – the Trail has been prepared by Matlock Bath Development Association and funded by Foundation Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales District Council's Local Project Fund, Matlock Bath Parish Council and the Friends of Matlock Bath. Derbyshire Dales District Council has allowed the Development Association to use Lovers Walk and Derwent Gardens for the project. Our thanks go to all our sponsors and to Paul Casson-Yardley, the sculptor, who has created and put in place these amazing pieces of art that will offer a great new experience in Matlock Bath.

The Matlock Bath Accessible Trail – Matlock Bath Development Association



The leaflet for the Accessible Trail around Lovers Walk and Derwent Gardens has now been published. Copies are available from the Tourist Information in the Mining Museum, Restoration Café and Whistlestop. We have a supply of the leaflets for businesses which can be delivered on request.

The leaflet includes a map and description of the trail. It will become an integral part of promoting the village as an accessible destination and another activity for visitors and residents.

Our circular 1¼ mile Accessible Sensory Trail has been created to bring the Matlock Bath experience to all. This picturesque, yet easy route, along riverside paths and the Parades, passing features historic and modern, is accessible for all. It can be joined at any point along its route. Also look out for the **Green Man Trail** once off the road.

Shortly, we will add an accessible page to the Matlock Bath Development Association website and all the information, leaflet, map and much more will be available there. We even hope to add a virtual tour of the trail for those who need to familiarise themselves with it before visiting.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 6.00 pm**. All residents of the village are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is for residents to receive the annual report which consists of a written report on the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months. The report will be published in the summer edition of 'A View from the Bath' as well as on our website. This meeting is a chance for you to tell the Parish Council what we are doing right and where we can improve what we do for the village.

Pro Loco Art and Photography Competitions 2019

It's that time of year again ... and the Parish Council is excited to announce that both the Art and Photography Competitions for 2019 are now open! The days are starting to lengthen and the daffodils are peeping through so it really is the time to get creative. Following on from the success of last year's competitions, we now look forward to receiving your entries for this year. You have until 11th October 2019 to submit so plenty of time to create your masterpieces! The competitions are open to all ages, we welcome entries from villagers and visitors alike and there are some great cash prizes to be won. Without the support of sponsors, the Parish Council would not be able to host the Pro Loco Competitions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors of both competitions, in particular **Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills** and **Heights of Abraham**.



Entry by Anne Holmes 2018

Pro Loco Art 2019 – This will be the 40th year of our Pro Loco Art Competition and you have until **Friday 11th October 2019** to register your entry, with the main rule of the competition being that your work must feature a scene or artefact of Matlock Bath. The finished piece does not have to be a painting – you can use any media or mix of media, including textiles, 3D, embroidery, ceramics and graphics. If you would like to enter you need to register by completing an entry form either on line or by contacting the Clerk for a form. All finished work should be dropped off at a central location in Matlock Bath (to be confirmed) either before the closing date or no later than **Sunday 13th October 2019**. All entries will be displayed on **Saturday 19th October 2019** in the Pump Room of the Pavilion where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite.

Prizes are awarded across all age ranges as well as prizes for Best Villager, Most Artistic and Innovative Design, Highly Commended and the Parish Council prize. For further details log on to our website.

For inspiration, take a look at our previous entries on our website.

To register your entry and further details please see the website –

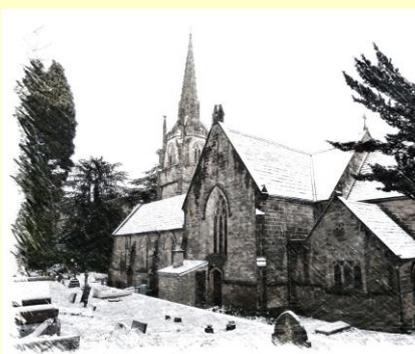
www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk –

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If you have any queries please contact the clerk.



Winner, Sam Kirkland 2018



Entry by Richard Mason 2018

Pro Loco Photography Competition 2019 - This year marks the 10th Pro Loco Photography Competition hosted by Matlock Bath Parish Council and we look forward to showcasing your photographs of our beautiful village. Entrants have until **Friday 11th October 2019** to submit up to 4 photographs depicting a scene or artefact of Matlock Bath. To enter the competition you will need to upload your photographs via our website.

Prizes are awarded across all age ranges as well as prizes for Best Villager, Best Picture of 'The Heritage of Matlock Bath', Best Picture of 'A Hidden Gem' and the Parish Council Prize. There will also be prizes for "Best Picture of the Illuminations", 'Best Picture of Masson Mills', 'Best Picture of the Heights of Abraham', 'Best Picture of Holy Trinity Church', 'Best Picture of the Pavilion'. As these categories depend on sponsorship, further prizes may be on offer – please keep an eye on the website for updates.

After the closing date, entries will be shortlisted and displayed on **Sunday 20th October 2019** in the Pump Room of the Pavilion where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites.

To upload your photographs and for further details please see our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your entries!

To see all of the entries in both competitions, including the winning entries, log on to our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow the links from the home page.

A View from the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



It is that time of year when too many bills drop through the letterbox. I feel that part of your Council Tax bill needs a little explanation from the Parish Council. The funding of the Parish Council comes only from the residential properties in the village. The process starts with the Parish Council setting its budget for the coming year. We then inform the District Council of this amount - £28,000 both for the current year and coming year – 2019/2020. To raise this funding the amount is shared among the residential properties in the village according to their Council Tax band. Even though the amount requested by the Parish

Council is the same as the current year, the number of properties paying Council Tax in the village has fallen therefore the amount each residence has to pay has increased slightly (4%). We hope you feel that for the very limited budget that the Parish Council has, we provide a good service and value for money.

We are still working with the contractors involved to get the winter lighting finished and working properly. You may have noticed that some of the lights trip out regularly and there is still another river crossing to install and 300 metres of festoons. The festoons will be installed in a temporary position on Lovers Walk from the bandstand and past the play area shortly. Once installed and all working correctly, the lights will be switched off until the 2019 Illuminations season begins on Saturday 7th September.

Important reminder: for those who live on the access only roads, these will be 'marshalled' again on Saturday nights for the 2019 illuminations season. Full details and your resident permits will be delivered in your June copy of 'A View from The Bath'.

Maps and Fingerpost project - This is the last remaining part of the grant we received from LEADER for the development of tourism in Matlock Bath. There will be map lecterns installed in the Station and Temple Road car parks and on the A6 near Memorial Gardens and by the Pavilion. We will install fingerposts by Memorial Gardens and Jubilee Bridge. We are currently awaiting permissions and licenses from both Derbyshire Dales Planning and Derbyshire County Council, Highways. Once we have received these, we can order the lecterns and fingerposts and arrange for them to be installed. We are still pursuing Derbyshire Dales District Council to re-instate the fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road by Hodgkinsons Hotel. It was removed in November as it was deemed unsafe.

As I finish writing this article, it is expected that the travellers on the coach park will be served with a court order to leave. However, this could not be the end of the problem and it could re-occur at any time resulting in visitors being turned away from the village, antisocial behaviour etc. It is important that we all keep up the pressure on DDDC to find a long term solution to the issue on both the Station and Temple Road car parks by providing a permanent site within the Derbyshire Dales for the travellers. The Parish Council will continue lobbying but it needs all of us as individuals to do the same. Only with a concerted effort can we resolve this long-running issue.

'Spend a Penny'

Work on the 'Spend a Penny' project continues. The consortium consists of the Grand Pavilion, the Parish Council, Matlock Bath Development Association, Accessible Derbyshire, the Town Team and the Mining Museum.

The current situation is that plans for the £180,000 build project adjoining the Pavilion at the entrance to Derwent Gardens have been submitted to the planning authority. It will include a changing places toilet facility, 2 individual unisex toilet units open 24/7, further washing/toilet facilities for use by the Mining Museum and Pavilion and open during events in Derwent Gardens, a state-of-the-art tourist information point and a community office/room. Applications for funding include a grant from RDPE rural tourism for £144,000 (80% of the funding). Accessible Derbyshire have applied to the Star Trust for a donation of £36,000 and an application for an interest free loan of £50,000 from the Co-op Foundation for working capital is being made. We need working capital as the grant is paid AFTER the work has been completed and paid for in 3 stages.

It is hoped that all applications will be successful – all are integral to the project – and the building work can start in the autumn of this year. Then the project could be complete early in the 2020 season. We feel that this project is essential to the future well being of the village as a successful tourist destination. If you have not already done so, please go on line and give your support on the change.org website. Please contact any member of the consortium for more details.

Holy Trinity Easter Church Services

Good Friday	11.00 am	Service in Church followed by a light lunch and a Walk of Witness
Easter Day	10.45 am	Holy Communion

Trees in Conservation Areas & Trees Subject to TPO

Works Requiring Permission – Owners of trees (ie the owner of the land they are growing on) which are protected because they are subject to a Tree Preservation Order or because they are located within a Conservation Area must **not** carry out, or cause or permit the carrying out of:

- Cutting down
- Topping
- Lopping
- Uprooting
- Wilful damage or Wilful destruction

without the written consent of DDDC.

Tree Owner's Responsibilities – Owners of protected trees remain responsible for maintaining them in such a condition that they do not present an unacceptable level of risk to the public or property. It is important that trees are inspected regularly and necessary works carried out to make sure they remain safe and healthy.

Trees in Conservation Areas – When a landowner wishes to fell or prune a tree located in a Conservation Area (Matlock Bath is in a Conservation Area), they should complete the notification form and submit it to DDDC at least 6 weeks before any works are undertaken. Once the notification has been validated, the Tree Officer will visit the site and consider whether the proposed works are likely to have a detrimental effect on the character of the Conservation Area.

Trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders –

When a landowner wishes to fell or prune a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order, they should complete the application form and submit to DDDC. Once the application has been validated, DDDC has 8 weeks to make a decision regarding the proposed works. During the 8 weeks the Tree Officer will visit the site and consider whether the proposed works will have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the tree(s). Amenity is a loosely defined concept, relating to the 'services' that the tree provides, and includes consideration of its positive visual impact, biodiversity/ecological benefits, historical/cultural associations, contribution to landscape character etc. Consideration will also be made as to whether the proposed works have the potential to negatively affect the tree's health and stability.

DDDC's decision can be one of:

- Grant consent for the proposed works
- Negotiate with the applicant or their agent to secure modification to the proposals to reduce their impact to an acceptable level
- Refuse consent for the proposed works

Consequences of failing to notify/apply to DDDC – Trees in Conservation Areas and trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders are protected by law in Part VIII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended and in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012.

Failure to follow the correct procedures is a criminal offence. DDDC can prosecute both those responsible for instructing works and those who execute the works, with an unlimited fine upon conviction.

Further information regarding protected trees – Detailed information is available on the government website – www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas Alternatively you can contact the Tree Officer for DDDC at chris.payne@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

It is clearly in everybody's interest that the correct procedures are followed to ensure the law is not broken.

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Every Day is Different – Derbyshire County Council

If you've ever thought about a job in adult care, but never acted on it, then now is the time.

A new national campaign – Every Day is Different – is launching this month and it aims to encourage more people to take up a career in care.

In adult social care, no two days are the same – you could be supporting people of all ages, with different abilities and needs but whatever the role you'll be making a real difference to people's lives.

The Every Day is Different Campaign offers lots of information about the types of jobs available in care, the skills you'll need and links to job opportunities in your local area.

You can find out more about the campaign at www.everydayisdifferent.com or by visiting the Facebook page – www.facebook.com/everydayisdifferent

You can also search for Derbyshire care jobs on the Joined up Care Derbyshire website – www.joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/jobs-and-careers

For information about care jobs with Derbyshire County Council visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/makeadifference

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Sports Area

This year the Parish Council will be leasing out again the sports area to raise further funding for a renovation project. The area will be used for a temporary young persons' Activity area which will open at the Easter holidays and run through until November. Times of opening differ during the rental period.

The Parish Council is currently seeking quotations for the work to renovate the area into a MUGA. It is hoped that work will commence in the early part of 2020, depending on the availability of contractors. Once opened, residents will have full use of the area.

Matlock Bath Development Association CIC



We have a series of projects currently running and are looking for interested volunteers to assist us in our wide-ranging work to improve the village as a tourist destination. Currently the main areas of focus are developing the communication of the heritage of the village and developing accessibility following an accessibility audit carried out by Access for All UK.

Uncovering the Past, Improving the Present, Building the Future

We are also working as part of the consortium in the village to apply for funding to build a new facility by the Pavilion to include a modern tourist information point, a changing places toilet, two individual 24 hour unisex toilets, extra toilet/washing facilities and a community office and storage. Specifically, we need volunteers with either experience or an enthusiasm and desire to assist with:

- The preparation and creation of a sensory trail in the village.
- The formation of an 'Accessible Matlock Bath' group to promote accessibility in the village.
- The communication of the unique history of the village to all using traditional means and using 21st century technology. This will be through Interpretation boards, sound recording, film, archive pictures and written word.
- The managing of our website, Facebook account, Twitter and other PR promotions (press, newsletters)
- The organisation of the short story competition
- The sourcing of funding /completion of grant applications
- Organising a fund-raising gala dinner
- Fundraising and publicity for the new village facility by the Pavilion (tourist information, toilets, community room)

We know that there are many people out there with a great love of our wonderful village who hopefully can give a little of their time and support to assist us in our aims for the village. Please get in touch and talk to us about becoming part of our enthusiastic team and how you may think you can help to take our projects forward. Email us: info@matlockbathda.co.uk or call 07914 420545

Sensory Trail – We are through the first stages of applying for a LEADER grant to develop the accessible trail into a sensory trail. We have held meetings with the landowners (mostly Derbyshire Dales District Council) and the planners to share what we would like to do with them. Much of the work involves improvements and developments to existing structures in the area (bandstand, tufa shelters) but also some new work. The next phase will be to get quotations for the work and then complete the LEADER grant application. We expect this project to be on-going over a number of years, but it will be kick started by the LEADER grant application. For more information on this or any other MBDA matter get in touch at info@matlockbathda.co.uk or call 07914 420545.

Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution is currently one of the biggest environmental concerns. It might seem like large amounts of plastic waste are inevitable in the world we live in, but you can help with the issue by being aware of its dangers and taking steps to reduce waste. The pollution in the sea mostly comes from plastic and has a terrible impact on marine life. Plastic can hurt tiny organisms like plankton, which larger animals rely on for food. If small organisms are poisoned from ingesting plastic, the animals that eat them will also consume toxins. Not only does plastic cause damage to the ocean, but it can also damage groundwater sources. On land, wind can carry plastic waste or litter throughout the environment.

It is estimated that more than 8 million tonnes of plastic goes into the sea each year. It is further estimated that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish and 99% of all seabirds will have consumed some.

30 countries have now joined the UN's CleanSeas campaign, including the UK. All residents and businesses should be encouraged to look at ways to 'ditch' the plastic and save money.

The MoneySavingExpert website has published a list of useful ways the public can reduce their plastic use. Log on to <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/team-blog/2018/01/13-ways-use-less-plastic-save-cash/> for more details.

River Derwent Clean Up – Peak UK Kayaking Co Ltd



A local team of local Derbyshire Paddlers headed up by local kayaking equipment company, Peak UK in January cleaned the River Derwent from the Matlock Slalom Course (beneath the Cable Car) down to Cromford Bridge.

They fished out all sorts of waste including a gas canister, several road cones, a road barrier, tons of plastic bottles, poly bags of flour from the raft race, heavy scaffolding pole broken rafts, chairs, a lap top computer, a chandelier, many wet wipes, sanitary towels and worse!! All the waste had been thrown in by fellow human beings and destined for the sea.

Pete Astles from Peak UK commented "We really need to stop visitors to Matlock Bath throwing rubbish into the river. We need more promenade waste bins and signs educating people that their discarded waste ultimately ends up in the sea and affects the health of fish they are eating!!"

Derbyshire Paddlers and Peak UK will carry out regular clear ups as part of British Canoeing's Clear Access to Clear Waters Campaign.

Thanks go to Derbyshire Dales District Council for collecting the rubbish, Willersley Castle Hotel and Masson Mills for letting us come through.

Waste and Recycling Contract

The specification for a new waste and recycling contract for the Derbyshire Dales was approved unanimously by Councillors on 14th March. The approved specification seeks a new 8 year contract, with an option to extend for a further 8 years and that, for the benefit of residents, the new contract will be required to ensure properties continue to have their bins collected on the same day each week, although this may be a different day to the current collection schedule.

A chargeable garden waste service will be introduced soon after the start of the new contract, with the fee for this service being determined once the overall cost of the contract has been established.

Funds received from the chargeable garden waste service will be used to help offset the overall cost of the new contract, which, the Council believes, could be significantly more expensive than the current arrangement, which was tendered at a time when the market was more buoyant.

Spring Craft Classes @ NOOCH

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29th January: How do I...use my sewing machine?

5th February: How do I... Crochet?

19th February: Mini terrariums

26th February: Heart shaped bunting

5th March: 3d Felt decorations

12th March: Crochet mug cosy or basket

19th March: Veggie plot rocks

26th March: Rag rug

2nd April: How do I...knit cable?

9th April: Have a go at pyrography

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Boxing Day Raft Event 2018 – Stephen Eyre (DASAC)

This was the 57th year of the event run by the Derbyshire Association of Sub Aqua Clubs for divers and their guests to have some fun down the River Derwent on Boxing Day.

The event started at Matlock – about 3 miles down the River Derwent to Cromford Meadows. 26 rafts started with only one or two minor medical problems. The weather was good and was, as always, very well attended.

The Mayor of Matlock presented the prizes this year at the Fishpond following the event.

£1,760 was raised for RNLI.

DASAC would like to thank all of their sponsors as without them, the event could not be held.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

- 1st Prize – The Tank
- 2nd Prize – Queen
- 3rd Prize – Red Mini
- 4th Prize – Yellow Banana

In addition, special mention for Raft 4 – one of the crew members – Superman – nothing spectacular at all but they did provide lots of fun.

Many other rafts were well made and decorative, eg Royal Mail, Starship Enterprise, The Three Ladies (multi coloured outfits), the Death Raft and the Blue Mini.

All in all an enjoyable event.

Plans for the 2019 event are underway and DASAC are appealing for marshals and for help with the clear up afterwards. If you can help please contact Stephen.eyre@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 07813207944.

The Great British Spring Clean

Derbyshire Dales District Council is once again supporting this year's Great British Spring Clean, run by environmental charity, Keep Britain Tidy.

The campaign runs from 22nd March until 23rd April and it aims to bring together individuals, community organisations, businesses and councils to make a difference to the environment on our doorstep.

Derbyshire Dales District Council is encouraging groups and individuals who want to 'do their bit' to help clear up the litter that blights our streets and parks. DDDC can offer support by providing equipment such as bags and litter pickers and collection of the bags of rubbish afterwards. Contact 01629 761302/761176 for more information.

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