

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

Autumn 2021



Art and Photography Competitions 2021



Dan Nightingale 2020

Photography Competition – Last call for entries into our 12th Annual Photography Competition. Although entries are coming in, we would love to see some entries from our residents. We also welcome entries from our younger members of the community. You know the village the best and where that good or unusual view is.

Loads of prizes are on offer – full details can be found on our website.

To enter, entrants need to log onto our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk and follow the link from the Competition Tab at the top of the page. Photographs can be uploaded straight onto our system.

In view of the new arrangements for the illuminations this year, we have decided to extend the closing date so anyone wishing to submit photographs of the illuminations can do so. The closing date has been changed to 17th October 2021.

Art Competition – Time is also ticking for entrants into our 42nd Art Competition. Again, we would welcome entries from our residents. Details of prize money can be found on our website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Each year we receive some wonderful work showcasing our beautiful village. Over the years we have seen different types of media submitted so it's not just drawing and painting we accept. As those of you who have followed our Art Competition over the years, usually the winning work is displayed in the Conference Suite at Masson Mills. This year we have decided to give the winner the choice of this or retain their own work. We will, of course, photograph it so we have a record of it.

The closing date for the Art Competition remains as 3rd October so you haven't got long.

We are very much hoping that both the Art and Photography work will be displayed in the Pump Room of the Pavilion on **Saturday 30th October and Sunday 31st October** between 11.00 am-4.00 pm when members of the public can vote for their favourites. Should there be any changes to Government guidance in the meantime, this will be reviewed.

For more information about the competition including prizes available and to submit an entry form log on to www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Fingers crossed that we will also be able to hold a Ceremony to award prizes. All prize winners will be notified that they have won a prize but the actual prize is not disclosed until the ceremony. We also take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who help the Parish Council in their work.

Memorial for Cllr Joyce Pawley

You will remember that in the last Newsletter, we raised the issue of a memorial for Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Joyce Pawley who worked tirelessly for the residents of Matlock Bath. She is sadly missed by not only the Parish and District Councils, but also many residents. We are aware that many of you have donated money towards a memorial arbour which we hope will be installed shortly in Derwent Gardens. There will be a full report on this in the next Newsletter and on our website.

Matlock Bath Activity Area



The renovation of the Matlock Bath Activity Area is now complete. We still have a couple of things to do but it is ready to be opened.

At their last meeting, our Facilities Committee discussed how the area can be managed. They all expressed concern that the area might be open to vandalism if left open. With this in mind, they agreed that the area should be locked and that residents wishing to use the area would need to contact the Parish Clerk beforehand.

Whilst we do not want to detract residents from using the area or make it difficult or complicated, we have spent a great deal of money on it and want to protect it as much as we can. Details of how residents can access the area can be found on our website. On their first visit, residents will need to complete the booking form on the website. This will release the code. On subsequent visits, they can either complete the booking form for an exclusive use of the area, for which a small charge would be made, or they can go and use the area for free provided it has not been booked out. A calendar showing when the area is booked out will be on the website. Confirmed bookings will take priority over those just wishing to use it on the 'off chance'. Groups and those users outside of Matlock Bath, will also pay a slightly higher charge. Invoices will need to be settled before the code is released. The code will, of course, be changed regularly.



We are currently waiting for netball hoops to be delivered and the football goals to be fitted. The above arrangements will be reviewed regularly.

News from Holy Trinity Church – Holy Trinity Church



Car Parking – Holy Trinity Church has always supported the local community and traders, allowing people to use their private Church car park.

We have recently spent a lot of money upgrading the car park but unfortunately this has been abused by visitors who are dumping everything from soiled nappies to half eaten take-away food.

The Church Council has therefore decided to barrier-off the car park. However, up to ten spaces will be made available for locals to use Monday to Saturday and after 1.00 pm on Sundays for just £245 per year paid in monthly instalments.

For more information on how to reserve one of the ten spaces please e-mail holytrinitymatlockbath@hotmail.com or telephone 01629 583924.

Village Survey – You will see that in this issue of A View from the Bath there is a survey inserted provided by our Church. We would like to hear your views on how the Church can better serve the community. Please send your completed forms by one of the methods suggested on the survey and thank you for your time in completing it.

Community Speed Watch



We are still looking for volunteers to join our existing Matlock Bath Community Speed Watch team.

Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through communities. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally.

Full online training will be given by the Police together with roadside training.

Contact the Clerk – clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk if you are interested in joining our team or if you would like further information.

The Upperwood Bench



When Trevor Bowmer re-joined the Parish Council in 2012, he raised the issue of a bench at the top of the hill in Upperwood for all those brave (and fit) walkers who reach the summit. There was always the issue of space, the highway, the grit bin and various other problems. Well, after nearly 10 years it is finally in place and what a wonderful bench it is, built on the existing dry-stone wall.

On the left section is engraved a poem.

*"If you have walked here
You deserve a rest
Have a seat
Be our guest"*

I am sure Trevor would be pleased and proud of the outcome after so many years of asking the question. Why not take a walk and see it for yourself and, of course, use it.

It might say "The Upperwood Bench" but to the Parish Council it will always be "The Bowmer's Bench".

Our thanks go to all those who made this happen.

Live Life Better Derbyshire Services



Hey – are you ready to live life better?

If so then a free, local health lifestyles service is here to help. Derbyshire County Council's Live Life Better Derbyshire service offers support to help you:

- Stop smoking
- Manage your weight
- Get more active
- Identify your health and wellbeing needs

An online self-assessment MOT can help you identify your health priorities and, if appropriate, refer you into the free service. Services are available to any Derbyshire residents. You'll need to be aged 18 and over to take part in the weight management and exercise services or 12 plus for the stop smoking service.

For more information, visit the website www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk or call 0800 085 2299.

Seniors Lunch

We reported in the Summer edition of "A View from the Bath" that the Seniors Lunch this year is booked for **Monday 6th December 2021 at The Fishpond**. We are still going ahead with this and would ask residents that if they wish to attend to contact the Clerk at clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07914 420545 to book a place. If you can let the Clerk know **no later than 1st November 2021** if you wish to attend. Meals will be pre-selected so those attending will be sent choices prior to the meal.

As in previous years we are asking residents for a £5 donation towards the meal.

The meal is open to anyone in the village aged 60 and above. If you want to bring someone with you who is either not a resident of Matlock Bath or perhaps isn't 60 yet, they can still come but would have to pay for the meal in full. Details will be given when your place is booked.

We very much appreciate that residents may be wary of attending but we are confident the Fishpond will make the area as safe as possible. Obviously should Government change their guidelines prior to the event, it will be cancelled.

Welcome Back Fund



HM Government



The Parish Council was extremely lucky to get a share of the Welcome Back Fund, provided by the European Regional Development and HM Government and facilitated by Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The scope of the funding was very limited but we have used it on a series of projects to assist the return of tourism the village. The main expenditure was 12 picnic tables, but we also have produced a leaflet and map, with leaflet dispenser boxes, tabards and bags for village ambassadors. These will all be explained in more detail in other articles below. In all, we hope the fund will provide financing at just short of £7000 and we can complete the project by the end of October.

Matlock Bath Leaflet

This DL size leaflet was produced to help visitors gain more information about the village and encourage them to explore the gardens and the walks around the river area. Its centrefold is a replica of the map displayed on the lecterns around the village and on the reverse is a written guide as to what there is to see and a little of the history and heritage of the village. It has been available in a number of shops along The Parades and in the Tourist Information Centre in the Mining Museum for a number of weeks now and has been very well received by those who have taken a copy. When they can be manufactured hopefully during October, there will be two stainless steel dispensers close to the map lecterns on The Parades so that visitors can help themselves to a copy 24/7.

A complete copy will be available on the Parish Council website shortly or from various outlets in the village. If any holiday let owners would like copies for their property, please get in touch with the Clerk.

Matlock Bath



Welcoming visitors since 1698



The Matlock Bath Ambassadors

Matlock Bath Ambassador

Many tourist destinations around the world have volunteer ambassadors to welcome visitors and to answer the many questions they may have. When the Welcome Back Funding came simultaneously with an offer from Holy Trinity Church to be more involved in village life, the idea for Matlock Bath Ambassadors became a possibility. With the funding we purchased some fetching lime green tabards and lemon bags – not hi viz but highly visible

We produced a briefing sheet with all the answers to the many questions that needed answering and some leaflets for some of the attractions in the village plus, of course, our newly produced guide and sent them out to do their 'ambassadoring'. We are extremely grateful to members of Holy Trinity Church for doing this but we would like to see more residents joining the small group.

How may I help?

It is just a case of being seen on the Parades and in the Gardens for an hour or so whenever you have the time to give. You will receive all of the information and support from the group you need and you can liaise with others in the group if you feel more comfortable doing it in pairs rather than on your own. Get in touch and discuss how you can become involved. We hope this will be a long term project operating at busy times during the year.

Denis Harvey

The Parish Council was saddened to hear about the passing of Denis Harvey. Denis was such a character and known throughout the village. Denis undertook work for the Parish Council over a number of years doing whatever he could to help the village. He will be sadly missed by us and the community.

In memory of Denis, the Parish Council has purchased a memorial plaque to go on one of the benches on North Parade.

View from the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



Let me start with a catch-up on some of the issues I wrote about in the last edition.

The re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund is now closed but two outstanding issues remain. Firstly, we have still not had a satisfactory explanation from the County Council as to why they took over £2,000 of our allocation of the funding yet provided us with virtually nothing. We will continue to pursue this and hold them accountable for their claim.

Secondly, I reported that the perpetrator of the vandalism to the signage had been identified. The Police have now informed us that an arrest has been made following a search of a property where other incriminating evidence was found. The case is ongoing.

Part of the lower end of West Bank has been tarmacked. This is, of course, the historic footway to The Heights of Abraham. Derbyshire County Council spent a large amount of money a few years ago re-laying the section of cobbles from Temple Walk to Orchard Road. We have made investigations with the Highways Authority who have said the tarmac repair is a temporary safety measure until resources are available. We will keep monitoring it and ensure that the cobbles are reinstated to a satisfactory standard as soon as possible.

On the subject of reporting, it is important that residents report issues to both the County Council and District Council. Both have interactive sections on their websites for reporting everything from potholes, faulty street lighting, grit bins, footpaths (all DCC) and litter bin issues, graffiti, refuse, dog fouling, noise (all DDDC). The Clerk can report on behalf of the Parish Council but that is just one voice. The more voices that shout, the louder the noise and the swifter the reaction. You can always copy the Parish Council into your report so that we can monitor what is happening in the village and see if there are patterns of problems. In addition, we can always chase outstanding issues.

A reminder that any vegetation on your property that overhangs onto paths, pavements or other properties is your responsibility. This also includes trees. Now that the growing season is over and we start to clear for the winter, please check that you have no overhanging vegetation. Remember you are liable for any injury or damage your vegetation may cause.

Speaking of winter, it is time to check the grit bins near you to ensure they are full in readiness for any snowfall. Although DCC is supposed to check all bins, sometimes this does not happen. If a bin near you needs attention – including repair, report it now. Every bin has a number on the lid.

Finally, I was privileged to go to "Remembering Trevor Bowmer" at the Fishpond on 25th September. Trevor passed away in April 2020 during the first lockdown and the village was only able to attend at a distance as the cortege proceeded out of the village. The Ballroom and Raft were packed with family and friends to hear about his life and share their thoughts and reminiscences. It was great that so many of his friends in the village were able to contribute. This event and the funeral of Joyce Pawley earlier this year has made me realise that we know so little about the lives of those around us until they are no longer here.

Illuminations and Access Only Roads

Just a reminder that if you live in a property on an 'access only' road or accessed from one of these roads, you will have received in your Summer edition of "A View from the Bath", a letter from Derbyshire Dales District Council along with two 'resident' car notices. On fireworks evenings starting on 9th October – Clifton Road, Temple Road, Waterloo Road, Holme Road (and all roads accessed via Holme Road), St Johns Road and the New Bath Road will be closed. Roads will be closed from 2.00 pm and a security officer will be stationed at the junction with the A6 (apart from Temple Road when they will be just past the entrance to Gullivers). Please ensure your pass is in your vehicle if you go out on fireworks evenings. If you are unable to locate your car notices please contact the Clerk.

Halloween Treasure Hunt – Matlock Rotary Club

In the Summer edition of "A View from the Bath" Matlock Rotary Club outlined their Halloween Treasure Hunt. It's all systems go and the trail will start on **Monday 18th October and finish on All Hallows Eve, Sunday 31st October** when all the correct entries will be placed in a draw which will take place in Derwent Gardens on the final night of this year's illuminations. The premise of the trail is that participating businesses will place a Halloween object in their outside window, which they will name. Residents and visitors will follow the trail and record the objects and names on their entry sheet which will be posted at the Mining Museum or Balti Restaurant. All proceeds will go to the Rotary Club Charities.

Any queries please contact Terry Fox via terry.matlockrotary@gmail.com

Paddle Peak Cromford Adventure Weekend



This year celebrates 250 years of Cromford Mills, the World's first water powered mill that was built by Sir Richard Arkwright within the Derwent Valley. As part of the celebrations over the three day bank holiday in August Paddle Peak took more than 250 local youngsters kayaking on the Cromford Canal at Cromford Wharf.

30 minute back-to-back taster sessions, ten paddlers at a time were given free of charge to young people, giving them the chance to experience kayaking in the wonderful outdoor space Derbyshire has to offer.

Every lunchtime awe inspiring paddlesports demonstrations were performed by several world leading canoeists and kayakers to show the variety of different and exciting disciplines paddlesports has to offer.

On Saturday Team GB Canoe Slalom team members, Chris Bowers and Olympian Adam Burgess, just back from Tokyo showed the crowd the ins and outs and ups and downs of canoe slalom including a demonstration of the wiggle test, a tricky canoe slalom training route from the 1970s.

On Sunday visitors saw the Viking Canoe Polo Team from Belper put on a display of action and impressed everyone highly with their amazing ball and paddle skills. Viking are looking for new Derbyshire members to join their team. Check out their website for more details – vikingcanoepolo.com Sprint kayaker, Liam Heath MBE, put on an amazing show by speeding past the Cromford Canal boat Birdwood in his carbon fibre racing kayak.

On Bank Holiday Monday, GB Freestyle Kayak team members including World and British Champions James Bebbington, Gav Barker and Rob Crowe wowed the onlookers with an impressive display of acrobatic kayaking moves. They demonstrated a menu of moves and entertained the crowd with horizontal spins through vertical cartwheels and front flips. The guys then took local children out on the water and started to teach them the wonders of freestyle kayaking.

Other events took place in the yard and on the canal throughout the weekend including open canoe and canal boat trips, rock climbing, orienteering and more.

Paddle Peak hope to soon get some regular sessions going for the kids around Cromford and Matlock Bath. Check their website for details - www.paddlepeak.org or [email: info@paddlepeak.org](mailto:info@paddlepeak.org)

Remembrance



Providing there are no Government guidelines in place in November, our Remembrance Ceremony this year will be held on **Sunday 14th November 2021 at 10.45 am.**

As usual the ceremony will be held in Memorial Gardens where wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish Council and also the young people of the village.

The congregation at Holy Trinity Church will be invited to join us as they have done in the last few years and a representative from the Church will lead the prayers.

A warm invitation goes out to all to attend.

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Matlock Bath Holy Trinity

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WHEN?
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