

# A View from the Bath

*A Newsletter from*

*Matlock Bath Parish Council*

*Spring 2022*



## **Acoustic Camera**



You may remember that back in 2020 we held a series of meetings with the then Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on issues facing the village. One of the key issues we raised was that of noise from motor vehicles. In case anyone had forgotten about this, the recent good weather and the return of these noisy vehicles will have reminded us of the issue. The outcome of this meeting was that the possibility of the use of an acoustic camera – similar to a speed camera but measuring noise rather than speed – would be investigated. Unfortunately, this came to nothing due to the election of a new PCC.

Despite various e-mails to the new PCC to resume our meetings and further this issue, no response has been received. As a result, the Parish Council decided to continue to investigate and has had communication with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea who have successfully installed these and prosecuted motorists breaking the legal limit of 72dBs. Through the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) they are fining the offenders £100 with Councillors considering an increase to £400. After contacting the company who produce and install these cameras, the costings are around £3,000 per month or £24,500 for two years to install and maintain these cameras.

We have passed all of this information on to our County Councillor, Cllr Dermot Murphy, and asked him to set up a multi-agency meeting which DCC will lead as the highway's agency. We are hoping that some action on this will follow quickly.

If you would support this action, please contact your County Councillor – [dermot.murphy@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:dermot.murphy@derbyshire.gov.uk) You may wish to do some recording yourself. There are many noise measuring apps available. Regular recorded readings so far have been in excess of 80dBs. We would be pleased to receive your readings and any messages of support for the installation of an acoustic camera in the village.

## **Platinum Jubilee Village Street Party – Jubilee Party Committee**

Plans are moving ahead fast for the Matlock Bath Platinum Jubilee Village Street Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June between 3.00 pm-9.00 pm. We have venues pencilled in, sponsorship for tables, chairs, plates, tablecloths and a hog roast, local musicians to play for us and an entertainer to stilt walk, juggle and make balloon animals with the children. We're expecting a lot more developments, such as a bar and special Matlock Bath Jubilee souvenirs – and the aim is still to make this all free (or as near to free as possible) for villagers, any friends and family staying with them over the bank holiday weekend, and our hard-working business community. We're trying to build on the good things which came out of the lockdowns – the community spirit, helping each other, getting to know people you might never otherwise have. The heart of the idea is still therefore a street party where neighbours all bring food and drink to share with each other, while we sort out the tables, chairs, entertainment and the rest for you. Organising hundreds of villagers is too much for our small group, though – so we're looking for local champions to help. All you would have to do is knock on a few of your neighbours' doors to find out if they are coming (we need to have an idea of numbers very soon). Then, if they are coming, we need you to gather them into a little group who will work out who's going to bring what to share for your set of tables – perhaps one person on salads, another on cakes and so on. We think five or six households per champion would probably be enough – but if you think you can handle more, so much the better! When you arrive, we'll have your tables and chairs set up for you; but there will be a chance for you to win a prize in our "best decorated neighbourhood" or "best clothes" categories!

This will also hopefully help us to identify more isolated or less mobile villagers who might need assistance getting to the event and perhaps encourage shy newcomers to the village to come and meet the rest of us!

If you think you could help, or if you plan to come, please e-mail [bathjubilee@outlook.com](mailto:bathjubilee@outlook.com) We look forward to seeing you on this very special day.

## Walking in Derbyshire – John Harris

Time to get walking again! At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks.

Walking in Derbyshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/derbyshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all of the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

## Raft Event 2021 - DASAC



The event in 2021 was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. There were 17 rafts in the event with about 90 persons, 3 years ago we had 46 rafts.

The day was cold but sunny. The rafts started at 10.00, the river was flowing fast and covered the 3-mile course down the River Derwent in about 1.5 hours.

A street collection for the RNLI raised £1700. Gate money which is paid for by the rafters raised £1350. However, the medical cover cost £700 and the marshals £1300 so overall we lost about £650. We will need to think about future events and if they can continue. As we do not have funds for any shortfall, we cannot afford to lose money.

Medical cover was provided by Singletons from Lincoln, and we can report there were no incidents to treat for any rafter or spectator.

We would like to thank all spectators for not throwing eggs or flour thus making the event a success with no clear up operation. We would like to thank Matlock Bath Parish Council for their support and for also buying the coin counter – this saved a lot of time in counting out the street collection money.

## County Councillor Report – Cllr Dermot Murphy

**Drainage** – The recent flooding due to the storms that lashed Derbyshire Dales has played havoc with the lives of local people. Dale Road once again suffered particularly badly along with other village centre establishments. It's been known for some time there is a major issue with the drainage along the A6 and an improved drainage scheme is required in and around Matlock Bath. I have spoken to Officers at Derbyshire County Council who have assured me that they are fully aware of the situation and are looking to progress the development of a scheme. The demand for such schemes across Derbyshire is great as you can imagine. I will continue to pursue the DCC officers for our new drainage scheme.

**Upperwood Road** – The recent storms played havoc with trees that were weak or dying. One such tree fell in the high winds and ripped up part of the road surface of Upperwood Road. This meant the road was closed for a few days to vehicles coming in and out, 9 properties were cut off. On the Saturday and Sunday, a crew from DCC carried out temporary repairs to the road successfully. I was assured by Highways that they had contacted the emergency services and that schemes and support systems had been put in place to deal with any emergencies that arose as soon as they knew about the closure. Other vulnerable trees close to highways and water courses will be inspected as soon as possible. Not all trees will be the responsibility of the local authorities and may require local landowners to address trees that are failing.

**Excessive Vehicle Noise** - Contact has been made once again with authorities to see if there is anything that can be done to reduce this menace. I understand from conversations with people who have carried out more detailed research there have been successful schemes introduced in other parts of the country that have made a difference. I have asked questions and await further developments.



Tweeddale Pilates

**Mat Pilates Class  
Every Saturday  
8.30 am - 9.30 am**

Nuttall room, The Grand  
Pavilion, South Parade,  
Matlock Bath. DE4 3NR

Tweeddale  
pilates

Mixed ability class suitable for  
beginners. All mats and  
equipment provided. For more  
information, or to book a place,  
please call or text Ann-Marie on  
07705794164



## Pro Loco Art & Photography Competitions 2022

It's that time of year again ... and the Parish Council is pleased to announce that both the Art Competition and Photography Competition for 2022 are now open! Both competitions are open until **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**.

The **Art Competition**, now in its 43rd year is open to anyone over 14. The Parish Council made the decision to remove the younger children's categories because of lack of entries from this group. Full details of prize money can be found on our website – [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)

A reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will be able to choose whether to donate the work to the Parish Council to display with the previous winners or if they would prefer to retain their own work. If the work is retained by the winner, the Parish Council will arrange for a photographic record of it.

For more information about the competition including prizes available and to submit an entry form log on to [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The **Photography Competition**, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year is now open to all age groups. You can enter photographs which have been taken since last October so if you have some photographs taken since then, why not enter them?

Prizes will be awarded across all age ranges. We already have sponsorship from Heights of Abraham and Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills and hopefully we will be able to offer prizes in the "Best Picture of ...." Categories. For more information and how to enter, please log on to [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Ode to Matlock Bath! – John Gill



Last Spring Molly May and myself, two Matlock Bath songwriters, took part in an Arts Council funded 'Write a Folk Song for your Community' project. The idea was for us to research the issues/ideas that local residents would like to see in a folk song about the village and then produce a song that could be 'given away' to the community.

It was a lot of fun doing the research and we had a great response, with poems, song lyrics and subject matter ideas flooding in. A couple of lines from Gerry Kriebich made it into the chorus!

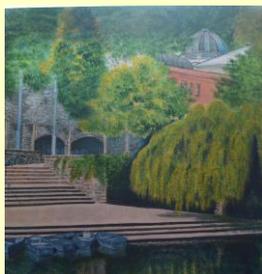
Now, with a bit of delay because of Covid 19, I am pleased to say we are ready to go with this! My own song is called 'Ode to Matlock Bath' and there are two versions for you to enjoy – a solo version and a band version.

There are several ways you can hear the song:

- Send me an e-mail ([john@johngillmusic.co.uk](mailto:john@johngillmusic.co.uk)) and I will send you links to 'Bandcamp' – a streaming site where you can listen to the tracks/and or download them or ...
- For a free download, please send me an e-mail and I will send you a MP3 of the two tracks or ...
- Call me on 07891 572000 or e-mail and I will burn you a CD which you can either collect or I can deliver to your door

For information on Molly's song (called "Ey-up!") contact her at [info@mollymercury.co.uk](mailto:info@mollymercury.co.uk) All of these options are free of course. I will include lyric sheets – and chord sheets for anyone who would like to perform the song themselves!

## Previous Art Competition Winners



As some residents may be aware, our annual Pro Loco Art Competition has been running since 1980. Up until last year, first prize winners donated their artwork to the Parish Council all of which have been displayed in the Conference Suite at Masson Mills. Due to the uncertainty of the Mill, we were asked to remove the paintings due to safety. They are now currently in storage.

The Pavilion Group has very kindly offered to look after the paintings for us and they will be displayed in the Pavilion. We are currently cleaning frames and photographing them all so we have a permanent record of all the winners. We hope that this arrangement will give people the chance to see the winning work.

We have contacted the authors of the paintings to ask their permission. Whilst the paintings will be looked after by the Pavilion Group, the Parish Council remains custodians for them. As soon as we have any further information, we will let you know.

## ***District Councillor Report – Cllr Garry Purdy***

At last Spring is around the corner and I am sure more welcome than ever following a very wet and dreary winter with many people still suffering from Covid infections. I am sorry to inform you but infections are on the rise again, so do please be careful. There is no doubt that we have to learn to live with Covid but do take safe measures.

At our Budget Council Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 all present paid their respects to the poor people of Ukraine under siege from the terror being inflicted by President Putin. We held a minute's silence and one of our councillors, Cllr Michelle Morley, spoke eloquently but emotionally over the war due to having relatives in that area and her father being a refugee from the second world war and having to flee from the Russians. On our Facebook page you will see the Ukrainian colours, and the Town Hall has been lit up at night in blue and yellow.

On the subject of the budget, as Leader of the Council I suggested a modest increase in Council Tax of 1.94% in consideration of the known financial pressures facing all of us with inflation and the fact that to be able to continue to serve our public and improve life in Derbyshire Dales, it is necessary to bring some monies into the authority. I am pleased, therefore, that this met with approval on the night of the Budget meeting. Our authority will be writing to all residents in order to explain not only where your Council Tax monies are spent, but to also explain the Government inflation grant of £150 due to be paid out in April. Ideally, you need to be on a direct debit with our authority, but all will be explained in the leaflet.

As Leader I recently suggested to the Chief Executive, on behalf of my Conservative Group that we should find extra monies to ensure the completion of our plans to provide a cinema in Matlock. I am grateful that this was approved and voted for in a recent Council meeting. Costs have gone up with regard to the project as a consequence of the pandemic but fortunately the cinema owner is still on board and has also met his share of the extra costs. With a fair wind we hope to open the new cinema and retail units in the old inner Market Place next to the Bus Station in early 2023. I am sure residents of Matlock Bath will look forward to a night out in this new facility.

The recent floods have plagued Matlock and Matlock Bath once again. Climate change is having its raw effect on old Victorian plumbing under our streets and main A6 road and significant monies are required to provide flood alleviation measures. We are putting very strong pressure on all appropriate agencies such as Derbyshire County Council, our MP, Severn Trent and especially the Environment Agency to find a solution.

The Matlock Bath Illuminations Group have met to plan for this year's event. Having taken the gamble to open up again last year after the pandemic it was really pleasing to witness what a huge success it was but tinged with an element of sadness regarding the official opening of the Arbour in Derwent Gardens dedicated to former Councillor, Joyce Pawley who sadly passed away suddenly following major surgery. Her husband, Chris and family were very touched by the fantastic generosity of the people of Matlock Bath, the Parish Council and our own authority who laid the foundations for the Arbour free of charge. Thank you once again for giving and helping to erect Arbour, which is a lovely place to sit and contemplate.

Finally, a plea on behalf of the boat builders.

Without the illuminated boats on the river, it is a great concern that without this major attraction, not only would the visitor numbers drop, but without them it could even place the event in jeopardy.

The boatbuilders are looking for new recruits to help keep the number of boats up on the river. If you know anyone that is interested either speak to Paul Henshall (Matlock Bath Boat Hire), the Parish Council or myself and we can put you in touch with the right people.

## ***Ash Dieback in the Nature Reserve***



As reported in the December edition of 'A View from the Bath' we were applying for a felling licence to take down the trees suffering from ash dieback. The Forestry Commission Officer visited the reserve and advised on how we should proceed and how to modify our application. We have done this and subject to any issues raised by interested parties during the current consultation period, the licence will be granted with a series of acceptable conditions. It will give the Parish Council until 2027 to fell diseased trees at the end of which we need to replant under the conditions of the

licence. We will endeavour to make as many trees as possible safe but during this time notices will remain in place warning visitors not to visit the reserve during periods of high winds.

## ***The Parish Precept***



This is the amount of money that the Parish Council needs for the next financial year. It is suggested as a cash amount each year in January by the Finance Committee and then discussed and approved by the Full Council. In everything we do we consider value for money while using local contractors and suppliers whenever possible. We try to gain financial support through alternative sources such as grants and other funding sources. However, the work that we do and the facilities we provide continues to grow and we need the finance to support this.

In 2016, the precept was £27,000. This was the first year that the Government stopped giving financial support directly to Parish Councils. In the current year, the precept was £28,000 so in a six-year period, it has increased by 3.5% - just over one half of a percent a year. Keeping the increase as small as possible has depleted our small reserves so this year we had to rely on an increased precept to cover all the extra costs. This resulted in a precept set at £29,000 – an increase of 3.45%. Many of you may have read your Council Tax document and will see a different percentage increase listed. The Parish sets a total amount as mentioned above. However, to work out how much each household then has to pay, this amount is divided by the number of residential properties paying the precept. This varies every year. Firstly, some properties do not pay the full council charge – single occupancy and for other reasons. Businesses do not pay the parish precept and many holiday lets are classed as businesses. There are now more of these in residential buildings. Over the past six years the number sharing the precept has been between 300 and 306. This year the number paying has fallen to just 287 so all properties will have to pay more – hence the percentage increase of 7.8%. The Parish Council will still only receive the £29,000 we have requested. Being a very small village these fluctuations in the number of properties paying make larger changes to the amount paid. The Parish Council still feels that the service we provide for the village for less than £2 per week per household in Band D (less than a cup of coffee) is good value for money. As ever we would be pleased to hear your point of view.

## ***A View from the Bath Chair***



With all this fine warm weather and many tasks to complete around the village, writing this article has taken a back seat until the final deadline. Along with all the other news we have reported in the newsletter, it still leaves quite a lot to report.

We mentioned earlier in the newsletter about our meetings during 2020/21 with the previous Police and Crime Commissioner. One of the many areas we covered was accessibility on the pavements of the Parades but, unfortunately, we were not at that time able to get action from the Highways Authority. As with many things, the issue has many facets involving different agencies. Firstly, there is the parking of vehicles on the pavement. In most cases this is a parking enforcer issue. The enforcers are employed by DCC, and the hours allocated to Matlock Bath are limited. They can only enforce when present. We have lobbied for more hours and hopefully stronger action will commence this Sunday. Feel free to report issues directly to DCC or via the Parish Council. The first seems to carry far more weight. The next complication comes at the north end of North Parade between Derwent Amusements and Holme Road as these shops have curtilage designated by the metal studs on the pavement. This is historic going back to Victorian times allowing them to trade from this area. However, it does not cover vehicles so parking there is illegal. No other trader has the right to use the pavement to trade without permission of the Highways Authority.

At the end of the first lockdown, Government allowed local authorities – in our case DDDC – to issue pavement licences for tables and chairs. DDDC decided to grant this licence free of charge. No business in Matlock Bath has yet applied for such a licence. This arrangement will end at the end of September. We understand the powers to manage this will at the end of September pass permanently to DDDC. We also understand that DDDC is already visiting businesses who put tables and chairs on the highway and advising them accordingly. We hope that a clear policy and the necessary enforcement can be drawn up as soon as possible and we will be lobbying for such. The Parish Council wish to encourage the café culture but not at the expense of making the pavements inaccessible for all residents and visitors that use them especially at peak visitor times.

We have been lobbied by residents and users of Temple Road about speeding cars especially exiting the A6. We will be lobbying DCC for the introduction of measures as soon as possible to protect pedestrians along this road, most of which does not have a pavement. We also hope that after lobbying, the wooden fence along this road will be repaired or replaced as necessary before it falls down completely.

Finally, on a positive note, it is great to see a group of residents forming the Jubilee Committee and getting activities organised for this important anniversary. We encourage all to help and participate in whatever way you can. We wish them well in their endeavours.

## Matlock Bath Activity Area



It has been both encouraging and pleasing to see so many enquiries regarding the use of the activity area. It is good to see enquiries from local groups and groups of residents wishing to book it.

As a reminder, anyone wishing to use the area should complete a booking form via the website. If you are a **group** and wish to use the area on a regular basis, you will be charged £2 per hour. This ensures that you get exclusive use of the area when you want it.

**Groups** outside of Matlock Bath will have to pay £10 per hour but again would need to book it via the website.

**Residents** will need to book through the website on the first occasion. This is so we have a record of users. We will also be changing the code on a regular basis so can contact residents to inform them of this. Once bookings have all been approved and payment has been made (where applicable), the code to the gate will be released. Once **residents** have this code, they are free to use the area whenever they wish. It is advisable however that they check the calendar on the Activity Area page on the website to ensure that it has not been booked out already by anyone else. Should any **resident** wish to have exclusive use of the area, they should book through the website on every occasion. A £2 charge per hour will be made.

There is a notice of 'do's and don'ts' on the gate to the area and we would stress the need to follow these for the safety of all users. We also request that once you have been supplied with the code you do not share this with anyone else. We also ask that when you leave the area you lock the gate and do not let anyone in who might ask. Please ensure that you give about 72 hours' notice if you are booking especially over the weekend. We sometimes can approve bookings quicker but as the Clerk is part time, it is not always possible.

The Parish Council has arranged the renovation of this area for residents, and we wish to protect it as much as we can from vandalism hence why the gate is locked.

Full details can be found on our website – [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk) Any queries please contact the Clerk.

## Residents Christmas Lunch



Residents will be aware that each year the Parish Council arranges a 'Seniors' Christmas Lunch for those over 60 years of age. This year our Activities Committee recommended to Full Council that this year's Christmas Meal is opened up to all residents regardless of their age. This was agreed.

Residents who are not aged 60 would be required to pay full price of the meal; those aged 60 and above would pay £5 as in previous years.

Depending on take-up we may be able to waive the £5 contribution for our 'seniors' as we did in 2021.

We have contacted a local restaurant and currently awaiting prices for the meal. The meal is booked for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Further details will be given in the June newsletter as well as on our website.

## News in Brief .....

**Grants** – The Parish Council is proud to support the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party organised by the village by awarding a grant of £500.

In addition, the Parish Council has applied for a grant from the Jubilee Grant Scheme operated by Derbyshire Dales District Council for the sum of £500 on behalf of the Platinum Jubilee Street Party Committee.

**Duke of Edinburgh Scheme** – The Parish Council is grateful to Alex Brown who has undertaken his DofE Gold Award by litterpicking round the village.

**Illuminations 2022** – Dates are confirmed as 10<sup>th</sup> September-30<sup>th</sup> October. 2022 is the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Illuminations. Further details can be found on [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

**Litterpicking** – The Parish Council will provide a litterpick to anyone wishing to litterpick around the village. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

## **Highways Issues**

We all rely on the roads and footpaths every day for safe egress and access to our homes. They may not always be as we would wish and when incidents happen the Parish Council is available if residents need to know how to react to problems. Routine problems can be reported to [highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk) or call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. It was great, however, when our County Councillor contacted us wanting to know issues that could be included in 2024/5 capital programme. So let's be proactive and try to put right many of the issues we have.

We have major concerns about the quantity of traffic now using the A6. We have asked for a survey of usage to inform us going forward as well as pollution levels monitored. We will keep you posted on how this evolves. Then specifics. We feel that on many parts of the A6 through the village a 40mph limit is excessive so to look at more parts being made a 30mph limit. When traffic levels allow, many vehicles drive too quickly along the parades. Speed bumps could not be considered but other traffic calming measures could be. Although there are two crossings at either end of the village, crossing elsewhere can be hazardous so possibly more refuges would help pedestrians and also act as traffic calming.

We then considered dangerous junctions. Both the junctions with Holme Road and Temple Road are dangerous for motor vehicles and pedestrians. We have asked for the possibility of traffic lights to allow safe egress from Holme Road onto the A6. Traffic lights would also assist the entrance/exit to the station approach. Temple Road junction (by the obelisk) is a very complex problem for both vehicles and pedestrians, but action needs to be taken before a serious accident happens here. These projects have a high capital cost hence the forward planning.

As part of this road safety, one of our Councillors is attending meetings of a Derbyshire action group – '20s Plenty'. He will keep us posted on their attempts to encourage DCC to introduce more such areas in the county and if appropriate we too will ask for such action.

As always there is a major issue of overhanging trees as they often block street lights and signage.

The Parish Council would welcome your thoughts on all these and any other highways issues you may wish us to follow up with Derbyshire County Council.

## **Joyce Pawley Arbour**



As you are aware the Joyce Pawley Arbour was officially opened last October. With the generosity of residents, businesses and our local authorities, we were able to purchase an arbour which we hope will be a constant reminder of Joyce who worked tirelessly for the village during her time as our District Councillor.

As well as the arbour we have used remaining funds to purchase some plants, a name plaque and a plaque bearing a poem which Joyce herself penned.

We still have a small amount of money left from the donations which we will use to build a rockery and purchase any other plants we need. Joyce's husband and family are so grateful for the generosity and kindness given to a lovely lady by the village.

## **Woollies for Wartime – Annie Bryan**

My name is Annie, wife to Dean and mummy to Vivien. Seeing the news from the East of Europe is heart-breaking and I can't stop thinking about the poor people of Ukraine. I have donated money but looking at Vivi, I wanted to do more for those children who now have nothing – no home, no possessions and for some – no parents.

Then I had an idea – I decided to create the campaign "Woollies for Wartime". The idea is to raise money to buy the children of Ukraine knitted items from the local Derby Children's Charity Friends of the Baby Unit. This means I can help two good causes at once – and so can you!

As I have contacts, including my brother, currently helping out on the Polish border and at a hospital in Ukraine, I will be able to send these items directly to them. This way I know that the money will be helping FOBU and these much-needed knitted items will get to the child refugees quickly and directly. It may not be a massive fundraising initiative, but I know that if we can help both a local charity and refugees, the lives of these children and their parents in both countries maybe just a little brighter – even for just a moment ... and that to me is a good thing.

If anyone wishes to knit children's garments for the cause – all sizes needed from toddlers to teens – please feel free! To donate (garments or money) and to contact me directly, please visit my Go Fund Me page at [www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com) and search for Woollies for Wartime. Thank You.

# Welcome Back Fund

You may remember that in the December 2021 newsletter we reported that further funds had become available under the Welcome Back Fund. We applied for, and were successful, in obtaining a further £1600 from this fund. The funding had a very short life, so we had to spend it quickly.

With it we have planted nearly 60 kilos of spring bulbs and are planting shrubs and other spring and summer plants in various locations around the village. Some are planted in new locations, but most have supplemented what we already have on the A6, in Derwent Gardens, Memorial Gardens and in the Water Garden by the Joyce Pawley Memorial Arbour. We are also changing how we plant the floral towers, barrels and cattle trough. After discussion with the volunteers who do the work, we are moving to planting mostly perennial plants and bulbs. This will take away the need for changing the plants twice a year meaning a more environmental approach and also less work for the volunteers. Thanks to all those who have helped to plant and make the village look that bit brighter this Spring.



Financed by the Welcome Back



As a second part of the latest project, we decided to use some of the wonderful photographs that have been entered in the Pro Loco Photography competition and make them into postcards. We have

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included some of the 5 cards in this article. These cards will be available free of charge, 1 per visitor, in local holiday accommodation. Then if the visitor takes the completed card to businesses in the village volunteering to join the project, the business will provide a second-class stamp – also free of charge – for the card. This will encourage the holidaymakers to visit the businesses in the village supporting them by spending in the village. Any business wishing to be part of the project, please contact the Clerk for details, support materials and stamps.



Derwent Gardens - photograph by Alex Barton



The Grand Pavilion - photograph by Peter Crosswell



Jubilee Bridge in Autumn - photograph by Sam Devonport



Looking North - photograph by Mike Swain



Mason Mills from Lovess Walk

Photograph by Carl Harvey

## Annual Meeting of Matlock Bath Parish Council



The Annual Meeting of Matlock Bath Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. It will begin at 6.00 pm at the New Bath Hotel. This will be followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

Agenda and accompanying papers will be posted on our website one week prior to the meeting.

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