

# A View from the Bath

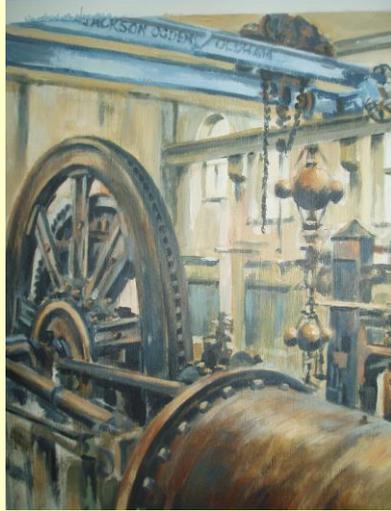
A Newsletter from

## Matlock Bath Parish Council

March 2011



### Pro Loco Art Competition 2011



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2010**

Time to get out those paints, brushes and pencils for the Annual Pro Loco Art Competition! This year, we have introduced a two-strand approach to the competition giving more scope for artists to produce a piece of work in different types of media.

The first strand of the competition is the **traditional 'one day'** event whereby artists can produce a piece of artwork within a 5 hour period.

Entrants can either register on line or just turn up on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011** at Masson Mills between 9.30-10.00 am. As in previous years, canvasses will be signed and then entrants can spend the day capturing the magnificent scenery of Matlock Bath.

Alternatively, entrants can register on line to follow the **extended time** event. Entry is open until 12<sup>th</sup> June. This format will enable those who cannot attend on the 4<sup>th</sup> June to enter work which can be in a much wider variety of media. Entrants will be required to 'drop off' work at a central point in the village on a weekend in June.

Once again, Mr Aram, custodian of the Sir Richard Arkwright Masson Mills, has very kindly agreed to open up the Mill complex for all entrants. So whether you are following the traditional or extended strand, you can come down to Masson Mills and have unlimited access to exciting industrial artefacts and aspects of the River Derwent including a spectacular view of the Weir **on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.

All entries will go forward for shortlisting and these entries will then be exhibited on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June in the Pump Room (in the Pavilion) where both residents and members of the public visiting Matlock Bath will be able to vote for their favourites. On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June there will a presentation ceremony to announce the winners.

In addition to the change in format, we are pleased to be able to offer more prizes. The Parish Council is grateful to Sir Richard Arkwright Masson Mills for sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £150, Heights of Abraham, Turners of Rowsley and Jackson's Art Supplies. There is also a separate 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the best traditional one day picture.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 2010**

For further information and a copy of the rules for this year's competition go to our website at [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)



*Just a few of the other entries we received in 2010*

## **County Council Report – Cllr Garry Purdy**

**NHS White Paper on Public Health** - The Government has proposed that the commissioning of patient care be transferred from PCT's to General Practice Surgeries. Derbyshire currently has a total of five separate GP Clusters that have set themselves up to deal with the commissioning issue. I sit on the relevant DCC committee which is taking advice from all relevant areas. It is important that we receive as much public opinion on this matter and I would ask that if anyone has any concerns or comments then they contact me by email: [garry.purdy@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:garry.purdy@derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **Flood Issues**

You may have seen on the television recently that a national exercise on flood, entitled Operation Watermark has been carried out. Derbyshire County Council has been involved and a mapping operation of all known flood areas has been completed. I am extremely grateful for the contribution from Matlock Bath Parish Council, who have plotted all known sources of flooding in the parish, whether it be the river that have burst its banks, water off of hillsides or caused by blocked gullies. As a Member of the Scrutiny Committee working with the other agencies, I feel confident that the work will result in a much greater understanding of the awful problems we face with regard to flooding.

## **District Council Report – Cllr Peter Hume**

As you will already know, DDDC has granted a lease to the Grand Pavilion Group. I offer my congratulations to the local community on this achievement and the thanks of all of us must go to the volunteers who have worked so hard to research and undertake preliminary design, produce the feasibility study and then negotiate the agreement now reached. Well done! This is only the first step and very much more needs to be done.

The main item of Derbyshire Dales District Community Forum in February was how the District Council is setting a balanced budget for this year with a reduction in funding from central government of at least £1.25 million over the next two years. Detailed notes of that meeting, including presentations by both the County Council and the Fire & Rescue Service, are on the website at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk) The funding from central government per head in Derbyshire Dales is £50.79, the average in Derbyshire is £64.10 and for all District Councils is £59.90. Officers are now reviewing spending levels as well as fees and charges with the objective of maintaining existing services where ever possible.

Preparations are now well in hand for this year's Illuminations with four firework's nights. Full details of the dates are on the Derbyshire Dales website.

## **Renovations!**



Where?? This is the question people kept asking. So we put up a sign. Have you seen it?

The Parish Council took over the lease of the area at the back of the Pavilion in 2002 to use as a Community Centre. It had previously been leased by the Playgroup for many years.

It consists of a large room with a kitchen attached and toilets all linked by a long corridor which also doubles up as the fire escape for the Mining Museum. Although a lot of work has been done over the years to improve the facilities, it is in need of a major renovation to bring it up to the standard that we feel the people of Matlock Bath deserve. When the development of the Grand Pavilion takes place some alterations will have to be carried out. Bearing all of this in mind, the Parish Council are devising plans for the development of the whole area that we currently lease.

At the December Parish Council meeting, it was resolved *'to develop the Matlock Bath Community Centre as a resource for the village. It will become a multi-purpose facility with full DDA compliance to include a welcoming entrance area, an enlarged small community hall, a refurbished kitchen and new toilet areas. We will develop a multi-functional community office, improve and increase the storage for the benefit of all users and exploit a unique outside area to create a versatile provision. All internal areas will be upgraded to have energy efficient heating and lighting and decoration of the facility, while remaining practical, will be made attractively inviting'*.

The Parish Council from its limited funds cannot afford these developments without grant aid so we have already started applying for grants towards the costs. It is also envisaged that some of the work will be carried out on a self-help basis so will be calling on parishioners to get involved in this project. In the survey delivered with this Newsletter are some questions about the Community Centre. In view of the need to make improvements, it is currently under-used even though it can be hired from as little as £3 per hour. Once all the plans are firmed up, we shall be consulting with the whole village as to their suitability. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Community Centre development or just wish to book it for an event, contact the Clerk.

## Pro Loco Photography Competition 2011

Following the very successful 1<sup>st</sup> Pro Loco Photography Competition last year, the Parish Council has decided to repeat the event again in 2011. The competition this year will open on 1<sup>st</sup> April and close on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Photographs submitted must be of a scene or artefact from the Matlock Bath parish and must have been taken since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010. All entries will be presented to a Shortlisting Panel where the finalists will be chosen. All shortlisted entries will then be displayed in the Pump Room on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October when residents and members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites. Entrants can submit up to 4 photographs which must be entered on line at [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**Adult 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2010**



This year it is hoped the competition will be bigger and better with more prize money on offer thanks to the wonderful support of our sponsors – Derbyshire County Council, Heights of Abraham, Derbyshire Dales District Council (Illuminations), Pavilion Group and Holy Trinity Church. Category of prizes include Adults, Young Photographer (aged 11-16) and Junior (10 and under), Best Villager.

Following the judging of the photographs on 15<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a presentation ceremony on 16<sup>th</sup> October again in the Pump Room.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Junior 2010**

*For full details about this year's competition please go to the website or contact the Clerk.*

As with the Art Competition, Mr Aram, Custodian of the Richard Arkwright Masson Mills, has very kindly agreed to allow entrants to the Photography Competition to have unlimited access to the Masson Mills complex on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011**. Entrants must have registered before 4<sup>th</sup> June so a pass can be sent to gain access.

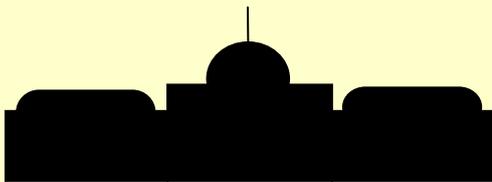


**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Young Photographer 2010**

## Annual Assembly 2011

The Annual Assembly of the Parish will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00 pm in the Community Centre. The agenda will include the Financial Statement and the Chairman's Annual Report. At 6.30 pm, it will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. You are welcome to attend both meetings.

## Pavilion Group AGM



Come and see inside the Grand Pavilion.

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm in the Community Centre there will be a short AGM of the Grand Pavilion followed by tours inside the Grand Pavilion so you can see for yourself how our plans may work out. Visits will be accompanied and at your own risk but you will find it interesting. Why not come along, see, enjoy and get involved.

## A View from the Parishioners

We need your views! You get my 'view' as Chairman in every Newsletter – now it is your turn. We cannot provide what you want unless you tell us! This is not a gimmick.

The Parish Councillors have taken a conscious decision to develop a plan for the future based on what the parishioners of Matlock Bath – those who live and work here – would like to see. Of course, there will be compromise. Things we will not be able to afford, some things are out of our control and there will be a diverse opinion on the issues. If, however, in our plan we can get most of what the majority of respondents want, we will have achieved our aim.

If you do not get involved, you cannot expect to complain about the outcome. So put your views into our survey – either on line or by completing the paper copy delivered with this Newsletter. We hope to publish some of the outcomes in our June Newsletter and have our Parish Plan ready for the autumn.



## ***A View From the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek***



The sun is out and it is warmer. The bluebells and the ramsons are appearing in the woods. Can it really be Spring? The last Newsletter was written during the worst snowfall for at least 30 years so I do hope so.

There is much to report since our last Newsletter. We had great Christmas celebrations with many of you coming to 'sing around the tree' and enjoy welcome food and drink in The Midland afterwards.

Thanks to Cllr Dave Mowle and all the other volunteers who got the tree collected and erected, despite the snow. We had to close the Community Centre in December for when the snow melted, it damaged the roof of the Pavilion and the water that leaked in above brought down the ceiling. However, with willing volunteers, it was repaired over the Christmas break and was back in action for early January.

Before Christmas, the Council met to set the precept for 2011/2012. The precept is the amount of money we need to run the Parish. Over the last couple of years, we have spent more than the precept set and have relied on reserves to cover this shortfall. During the current year, our level of activity, and consequently the money we spent, has increased and reserves have been depleted. As we now operate a Committee system, we have developed our financial management to reflect this. This new system will hopefully be more responsive to the needs of the village. A full financial statement will be presented, as usual, at the Annual Assembly of the Parish.

With this Newsletter, you have also received the first issue of 'Trains from the Bath' produced by the Derwent Valley Rail Partnership. You will receive a special quarterly Newsletter from them, delivered with 'A View from the Bath'. The Derwent Valley Rail Partnership is contributing to the delivery costs meaning a saving to the Parish Council.

This year is election year for the District and Parish Councils and there is also a referendum on 5<sup>th</sup> May on electoral reform. Please use your democratic right and take part in these important votes.

It looks like being a busy summer and I am sure we will meet many of you at some of the many events listed in this Newsletter and on our website.

## ***Royal Wedding Street Party – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011***



As a resident of Matlock Bath you will have received your invitation to the Community Street Party in celebration of the Royal Wedding on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011. It is imperative that you confirm your attendance as we need to make sure that enough food is provided. All children under the age of 16 will be given a souvenir mug celebrating the wedding and we are grateful to the Heights of Abraham for donating these.

To make this Community Street Party happen we all need to pull our resources together and contribute in some way. We are asking everyone who is attending to either bring

some food, provide some form of entertainment, help with setting up and packing away or help to entertain the younger children. We already have in place some fabulous volunteers who are co-ordinating each of these groups and you will be contacted by one of them upon letting us know of your attendance. During the evening we will be having a hog roast to allow all the people who had to work or were unable to attend during the day to enjoy this community event, this will however for adults only and we would ask all attending to respect this. The hog roast will be provided by the Parish Council for your enjoyment along with a vegetarian option. Sorry, but we ask that all dogs be left at home. Don't forget to bring your chair!

Please note this is not an event being run by the Temple Hotel - it is **your** community event and everyone is welcome to come and join in. The next meeting will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in the bar at The Temple Hotel. If you would like to come and join us for the party or even ask questions about the event please contact Melanie Heane or Rachael Wheeler on 01629 583911 or email us at [enquiries@templehotel.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@templehotel.co.uk)

## ***Holy Trinity School – Amanda Mee***

Holy Trinity School are collecting vouchers from Sainsburys and Tesco which can be exchanged for equipment to use in school. Sainsburys vouchers are valid up to the 31<sup>st</sup> May and Tesco the 8<sup>th</sup> May. So if you shop at either of these stores, please collect the tokens for us and drop them into school.

