

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

June 2011



Pro Loco Art Competition 2011



1st Prize – Alan Piggott

Young artists led the way in this year's 32nd Pro Loco Art Competition. The competition this year offered entrants a two-strand approach. The first strand enabled artists to produce a piece of work over an extended period of time. The second strand, the traditional way, invited entrants to produce a piece of work in one day. Although the format of the competition changed this year the stipulation of entry was still that the finished piece had to feature an aspect of Matlock Bath, its buildings or landscapes. This new format encouraged over 60 young people to enter. As a result of the increase in entrants, the categories were split into 3 age groups – 7 & Under, 8-10 and 11-16 as well as the adult category.

The entries were then shortlisted and put up on display in the Pump Room where members of the public chose the winners. For the first time, voting could be done on line or in person on Saturday 25th June.

Nearly 300 votes were cast by the public in all 4 categories.

In addition to all the shortlisted entries, it was decided to display all of the work entered to show residents and members of the public the high standard of work produced.

Sunday 26th June saw the presentation of the prizes. This event was well attended and due to the kind generosity of our sponsors, 13 prizes were awarded. The overall winner – Alan Piggott from Wirksworth said 'I am shocked. I have never won anything before'. His painting entitled 'A View from the Station Bridge' will be displayed with the previous 31 winners of the competition in the Conference Centre at Masson Mills.

There were 4 categories: Adult, Junior 11-16, Junior Aged 8-10, Young Artist 7 & Under. 1st prize in the Adult category was awarded to Alan Piggott with Lynda Turner being awarded 2nd prize. A prize was also given for the best local artist. This year it was won by Anne Wilderspin. Lynne Naylor took the prize for the best traditional 'one day' work. All adult winners were given cash prizes with the children receiving vouchers and art materials.

Our thanks must go to Mr Aram, custodian of the Sir Richard Arkwright Masson Mills, who very kindly agreed to open up the Mill complex for all entrants of the traditional strand and who has sponsored the Art and the Photography Competitions. Thanks must also go to our other sponsors - Derbyshire County Council, Heights of Abraham, Turners of Rowsley & Jackson's Art Supplies for their support with this competition.



**2nd Prize
Lynda Turner**



**1st Prize (One Day)
Lynne Naylor**



**'Best Villager'
Anne Wilderspin**



**1st Prize (7 & Under)
Khan Curran**



**1st Prize (11-16)
Albert Everitt**



Some of the children who entered and came to the presentation



**1st Prize (8-10)
Shelby Hirstwood**



Neil Dye from Masson Mills presenting the 1st Prize

Prizes in the children's categories were awarded as follows:

Junior 11-16	1 st – Albert Everitt	2 nd – Sophie Hamilton Cody	3 rd – Jessica Amis
Junior 8-10	1 st – Shelby Hirstwood	2 nd – Liam Wattrus	3 rd – Neo Bateman-Shane
Young 7 & Under	1 st – Khan Curran	2 nd – India Davies	3 rd Thomas Cutts-McKay

Congratulations to everyone who entered the competition and to the winners of the 2011 Pro Loco Art Competition

To see all of the entries and winners for this year's competition go to our website at www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Help Needed for Wapping Nature Reserve!



The Nature Reserve Committee is in desperate need of volunteers to help in the Reserve. They are looking for willing volunteers who can offer an hour or two on an ad-hoc basis or once or twice a month.

The Parish Council had applied for a grant to help pay for an all-weather pathway for disabled users from the Gateway on Clifton Road to the Cromford end of the reserve. Unfortunately the grant application had to be withdrawn due to not meeting the criteria. One of the stipulations of the grant is that we must recruit new volunteers to undertake the work.

It is very much hoped that we can recruit volunteers now in order for us to apply for the grant again next year. Could you spare an hour or two to help keep the reserve safe and tidy or help with the all-weather pathway? Could you help one evening? Volunteers can help for as much or as little time they can spare. Come on, get involved. If you think you can, contact Cllr Wilderspin or the Clerk.



Floral Displays



Have you noticed the flowers in the village? There are four planters displaying a lovely array of flowers. They really make the village look bright and attractive and already we have received positive feedback from residents and visitors.

The Parish Council have arranged once again the planting of the cattle trough which was given to the village over one hundred years ago and is now sited on the A6 below the New Bath Hotel. Thanks to Barbara Newton for planting our cattle trough.



Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership, Cllr Michael Wilderspin

Ambergate and Whatstandwell station car parks are now pay and display which is being enforced by East Midland Trains who send their parking wardens by train to each station on the line to check cars. The partnership has arranged a survey to see what effects the new charges are having on usage. There has been a noticeable drop in the number of cars using each station where charges have been introduced. At present there is no information on charges in station usage.

Cromford is soon to join Matlock Bath and Matlock in having a pay and display system but the Partnership is requesting that due to its remoteness and full usage of the parking spaces, other implications should be considered before imposing charges.

Pro Loco Photography Competition 2011

We are pleased to announce that the Photography Competition for 2011 opened on 1st April and have already received some great entries. So have you got some cracking pictures of the illuminations, the snow, some beautiful Spring views or a picture of the Royal Wedding Street Party? Log on to the website and enter now – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk The standard of photography last year was high and very varied and we were pleased with the response we got to the competition. This year we are looking forward to receiving even more entries depicting our beautiful village.



This year we are able to offer more prizes due to the generosity of our sponsors – Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills, Heights of Abraham, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales District Council (Illuminations), Pavilion Group, Holy Trinity Church, Peak District Mining Museum and matlockbathtraders.co.uk Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Adults - 1st Prize - £75, 2nd Prize - £50, 3rd Prize - £30, Best Picture by a Resident - £50
Young Photographer (Aged 11-16) – 1st Prize & 2nd Prize
Junior Photographer (Aged 10 & Under) – 1st Prize & 2nd Prize

Prizes for the children will be in the form of gift vouchers.

Specialist prizes of £30 each for the best picture of Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills, Illuminations, Pavilion, Mining Museum, Holy Trinity Church & the retail outlets. For more details about the competition together with the terms and conditions of entering please log onto the website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk If you do not have access to the website but would like further details and an entry form for the competition, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The competition will close on 7th October 2011. You could be a winner! Entrants can submit up to 4 photographs.



Royal Wedding Street Party, Mel Heane



What a fantastic day was had on 29th April for the wedding of William and Kate. Thankfully the weather stayed nice, if a little chilly, and we were all able to sit outside and eat. The food was plentiful and varied and extra praise must go to Mick Hirstwood for looking after the hog roast all day and then carving and serving it in the evening for us all. The entertainers did a fantastic job and we had such a varied selection from Fahrenheit, Matt Hanlon, Gerry Kribeich, John Gill and many other people who joined in without being asked which made for a delightful mix.

The children had a tremendous time with craft activities, games and singing and then released any leftover energy on King Henry VIII and his 6 wives. These were piñatas made by Christine McKay and even the adults couldn't help having a go.

Many pictures were taken on the day which we couldn't possibly include in this article but some can be viewed by logging on to www.matlockpeople.co.uk.



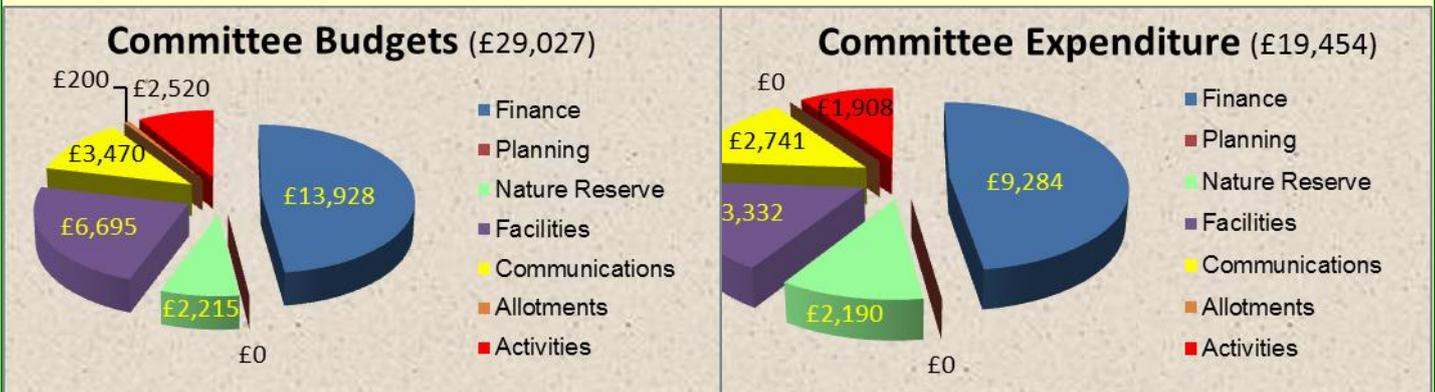
This was a fantastic community event and it could not have happened without you. Many new relationships have been forged and new residents to the village welcomed into the community. Thank you to all of you that grasped the idea and helped bring it to a successful conclusion. I look forward to helping arrange the street party for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in June 2012.

A View from the Bath Chair



Let's start with the bad news – as I have been elected chair again, you are stuck with my ramblings from the comfort of my bath chair again this year. I am actually very disappointed – not with being re-elected chair of the Parish Council as that is a great honour and I hope I can continue to lead the team working for the village. My disappointment is that for the NINE council seats, we only have five councillors. This means that we all have to work twice as hard. It also means that the number of voices representing the village is halved and worst of all, the councillors are all male. So come on all you prospective female councillors – where are you? How can the council have a balanced view of life in the village when we are so unrepresentative? I am also disappointed that we do not have more people from the village helping on the various committees. Apart from the Planning Committee which is working hard and meets regularly, we have vacancies on all the other committees – Finance, Facilities, Communications, Nature Reserve and Activities. The Activities Committee is desperate for more help as it is very active!! The Pro Loco Art Competition relied completely on the Clerk and Councillors to organise, man, set up, take down. We don't mind mucking in but we need the help of others in the village. In the autumn, we have the Pro Loco Photography and the Illumination Village Evening so come on – volunteers please. All we ask is that you give as much time – or as little - as you can in the area which interests you.

With the setting up of the committees, each with its own budget, the way that the Parish finances were organised had to change. The council would like to move towards a far more open management of the village finances with an emphasis on value for money, flexible needs led finance responses and to bring in sponsorship and grants whenever possible. The budget for 2010/11 was set at £29,027. With reserves in place, this resulted in a precept of £17,675. The following pie charts show the budgets set at the beginning of the year and the actual expenditure at 31st March.



The full annual report is on the website and a complete breakdown of the financial figures with full explanation can be found there. It's your money – see how we spend it. It also explains what the Parish Council has done over the last year.

Thanks to those who completed the Parish survey. The various committees are currently looking at your responses and putting together an action plan that will be collated into a full blown Parish Plan for the next five years. This will be published hopefully in the autumn.

Situations Vacant

Role	Role specification
Parish Councillor (4 vacancies)	Be willing to attend up to 6 full council meetings a year (maximum of 2 hours each)
Committee members	Be prepared to contribute to the working of one of the committees with occasional meetings but with most work being done by email
Occasional volunteers	Be prepared to give an hour or so to help with a particular event / project
However, the over riding requirement is to work as part of the parish team to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in Matlock Bath.	

I am sure that working together, we can all make Matlock Bath a community of which we can be proud.

Information Sheet



Parish Council

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Mobile Library

The **Mobile Library** will visit Matlock Bath on the following dates:

14 th July	25 th August
28 th July	8 th September
11 th August	22 nd September

The library comes to the station car park arriving at 9.30 am and leaving at 9.35 am.

Skip Dates

The Saturday morning refuse collection service is available in the Station Car Park Matlock Bath between 7.45 am and 9.00 am and on the Market Place car park Cromford between 9.15 and 9.45 on the following dates:

9th July 13th August 10th September

Home Library Service

Home Library Service (Derbyshire County Council)

If you are unable to get into the library, get in touch to find out if we can bring books to you.

The Home Library Service is **free** and is **tailored** to you. Benefits include: **free audio book** loans; and someone to renew your books.

Interested?

Just call Matlock library on 01629 582480 and ...

Someone will visit you to discuss what you like to read, and whether you prefer standard print, large print or audio and arrange your first delivery date.

Our volunteers will visit you every 4 weeks with a selection of books, and will collect those you have finished with.

Parking in Matlock Bath

This subject is the one issue guaranteed to get most parishioners talking. For the last 50 years it has been a problem in the village. Imagine the panic that hit the Parish Council when they heard before Easter in a very roundabout route that the County Council were proposing to introduce 'pay and display' on the Parades and Dale Road. We of course responded quickly and managed to get the County Council to put the plan on hold pending further consultation with us.

I am pleased to report that on 20th June, we met at County Hall with the Cabinet Member for Highways Councillor Simon Spencer and two of the Highways Committee and the Parish Councillors were accompanied by Councillor Garry Purdy, our ward member on the County Council. The meeting was very positive and Councillor Spencer appreciated all the problems that exist in Matlock Bath with parking. We explained the nature of the current problems – the lack of parking for residents on the side roads, the non-enforcement of the access only limitations, the issues with motor bikes and scooters parking on the pavements and the seeming inability of the enforcers to adequately ensure compliance with the current waiting restrictions on the Parades and Dale Road. We also pointed out that generally the village has little confidence in the ability of the parking officers to act effectively and were they to be responsible for future enforcement, the current perceived shortcomings would have to be addressed.

Councillor Spencer agreed to our request to have a holistic approach to parking in Matlock Bath and also agreed that nothing would be done until the Parish Council had consulted with the village. He suggested that we may wish to consider a residents parking scheme but pointed out that this would have cost implications to DCC and would take a period of time to implement. We agreed to consult with the village and report back our findings to DCC. The Parish Council would like to thank our County Councillor, Garry Purdy for being so proactive in helping us achieve this outcome with the County Council.

This article is the first stage of the consultation. We hope after reading this, you will respond to us and we can start to get a picture of the way forward for the village. The second stage in the late summer (we have no intention of doing anything while the village is on holiday) will be to hold a public meeting where we put some meat on the bones of the initial thoughts we receive. We also do not intend to suggest a 'one size fits all' solution for the whole village so there could be scope for variations in different areas.

Rather than do a blanket suggestion in this article, we intend to add inserts in the newsletters for the areas affected most by the parking issues. If however, you are not in an area directly affected, it does NOT stop you responding. We would love to receive 400 responses one from every property in the village!! We have highlighted the areas most affected as:

- 1 The Parades & Dale Road
- 2 Holme Road, Brunswood Road & Hope Terrace
- 3 Temple Road/Walk & Waterloo Road
- 4 Masson Road
- 5 Clifton Road
- 6 South End
- 7 St John's Road.

If you think we have missed anywhere off the list, please let us know.

Please send your responses via the website link or in writing to the Clerk by 1st August.

Seniors Christmas Lunch

Although Christmas is a long way off, the Parish Council this year are organising a Seniors Christmas Lunch. The lunch will be held at the New Bath Hotel on Monday 5th December and will be paid for by the Parish Council. You must be 60 or over to qualify and you must be able to make your own way to the Hotel. If you are interested in attending this event, or know someone who would be, please contact the Clerk so a place can be reserved for you. More details and menu selection will be available nearer the time.

Book Fair

There will be a Book Fair to raise funds for Matlock Bath Holy Trinity School on Saturday 15th October (12.00 noon-6.00 pm) and Sunday 16th October (11.00 am-3.00 pm). The Book Fair will be held in the Community Centre (rear of the Pavilion). If you have any unwanted books, CDs, computer games and DVDs (no videos please), please contact Jo Hoon on 581595 or Debbie Hirstwood on 56421 to arrange a collection.