

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

December 2011



Singing Round the Christmas Tree

Why not take a break from the hectic run up to Christmas and come and join us for an hour or so for a traditional pre-Christmas celebration with fellow villagers. This year our Christmas celebrations will take place on **Tuesday 20th at 7.00 pm.**

We will be singing by the Village Christmas Tree in the Memorial Gardens with music provided by John Phillips. Afterwards refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council in the Midland Hotel. The tree and other illuminations in the village for Christmas have been provided again this year by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to thank Donald Sturt of Intake Lane, Cromford for not only supplying the tree but erecting it in the Memorial Gardens. Thanks must also go to the children and staff of Holy Trinity School for decorating the area around the tree.



Working for a Brighter Future



Some of the children planting bulbs

Year 5 pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School have been planting spring bulbs to brighten up the verges of the A6 near their school. The pupils spent part of the morning working on the bulb planting near the New Bath Road. Although cold and windy, the children enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the 'blooming of their labours' in the spring.

As the cold wind and occasional rain started to dampen spirits, the manager and staff from The New Bath Hotel arrived with much appreciated hot chocolate and warm mince pies. The project, organised by the Parish Council will also include bulb planting in the Memorial Gardens and other public areas of the village.

Special thanks go to The Brook New Bath Hotel who is sponsoring some of the project and, of course, to the Year 5 children.

Seniors Lunch



On 5th December, a group of 'seniors' from the village gathered at the New Bath Hotel for the first ever 'Parish Council Senior's Lunch'. We all enjoyed a three course Christmas fayre with coffee and mince pies afterwards. We were also entertained by the children from Bonsall Primary School singing a selection of Christmas songs and carols. A great time was had by all!!



Police and 101

The Police are asking that all residents be extra vigilant over the Christmas period. They are urging residents to ensure that doors and windows are secure and should they see anyone acting suspiciously, to contact the Police on the new 101 telephone number. You should call 101 to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers.

Contact Details

Check out our website for all Parish Council matters including Councillors' contact details, dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings, Minutes of all Committee and Parish Council meetings, news and forthcoming events in the village by logging on to:

www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively contact the Parish Council Clerk on

clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

District Councillor Report – Cllr Bob Cartwright

The District Council has adopted a new Corporate Plan for 2011-2015. It retains the values and aim of previous plans, though reduced resources mean it focuses on a smaller number of priorities and targets:

- Housing which meets local needs, especially affordable housing and improved housing for vulnerable people
- A clean, green and prosperous Dales, with increased recycling, the enabling of development and business growth
- Safe and healthy communities through active and healthy lifestyles and a continuing reduction of alcohol related crime.

A new contract for Waste Collection in the District will operate for eight years from next August. Full details will be announced shortly and it will save the Council a staggering £380,000. The new collection procedures will provide for recycling of plastics, batteries, and food waste in addition to the garden waste, paper and cardboard previously recycled. This will enable a 63% recycling target over the next few years, which is considerably better than the Government target of 53% by 2020.

Christmas Services

Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath

18th December – 10.45 am – Children's & Youth Carol Service
6.00 pm – Candlelit Carol Service

22nd December – 11.00 am – Book of Common Prayer Service
24th December – 7.30 pm – Carol Singing, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
25th December – 10.00 am – Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Cromford

24th December – 2.00 pm – Christingle Service
11.00 pm – Holy Communion
25th December – 10.00 am services will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath and Cromford Methodist Church, Cromford

Raft Event 2011

Matlock Bath Parish Council is proud to be one of the sponsors of this year's Raft Event. The event will be held on Boxing Day, 26th December starting at 10.00 am. The event finishes at approximately 13.30 pm at Cromford Meadows. The Mayor will present prizes at the Fishpond pub and announce the winners and the collection for the day.

Derwent Valley Rail Partnership – Cllr Michael Wilderspin

Timetable Improvements - Besides great improvement in the connections to Nottingham and London over the past year, there are other initiatives in the pipeline. The Network Rail Capital Plan for 2014-2019 CP5 includes the upgrade of line speeds to Nottingham Sheffield from London by improved track layout. We'll then get there quicker!

Derby Station train access to platforms is to be improved by segregating London and Nottingham trains to platforms near to Platform 6 and Birmingham and similar areas to Platform 1/2. Possibly a new platform 7 will be constructed to ease the bottleneck just south of Derby.

Olympic Service Plans - Late night trains are planned for the Olympics next year. National Teams are to be based at Loughborough and Corby and the easiest way to get them to the Stadium in East London is by train. Olympic ticket holders only can book these trains **now** - even from Matlock - and all comers will be able to use these trains when the Olympic demand has been satisfied, by booking nearer the time.

Electrification beckons - More importantly, though, the line from Bedford to Nottingham Derby and Sheffield is likely to be Electrified beginning in the same period. This will probably mean better disabled access at Duffield Station as well as the possibility of including the Matlock Branch in the electrification scheme.

NOW WHY has all this become a distinct possibility? It's because of the need of the Country to hit Carbon Reduction Targets in the next 2 decades. Electric power is much more Carbon Friendly and we may even beat our continental neighbours in the future Global Warming stakes.

The Temple Hotel Bar Menus

Evening Menu

Monday to Saturday 6 - 9pm
Sunday 5 - 8pm

December **Special Offer**
2 courses for £10.00 per person

Sunday Lunch

12noon – 4pm
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Pie Tuesday

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A View from the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



Here I sit, comfortably in the bath-chair, to 'pen' my thoughts, the snow is falling and Masson Hillside is white. Life on the Parish Council is as hectic as ever - a strange mixture of mundane and pleasure!! Things are moving a pace at the Community Centre with the users now benefiting from the installation of the new fan radiators which blow hot air. We have two in the main room, a smaller one in the corridor and another in the toilets. All are very effective and heat the centre very quickly. Soon to be fitted to the four large windows in the room is secondary glazing. This, with the new heaters, will not only improve comfort levels but the efficiency of the room.

It is at this time of the year that our thoughts must turn 'to finance'. By mid-January, we are required to set our budget for the next financial year. All the committees have been meeting to set out their spending plans for 2012/3. Given the amount of new work and projects we have undertaken recently, the underlying theme of this year's budget planning is consolidation rather than development. We are hoping to build on the successes of the last couple of years and continue in similar vein. Although there are specific issues we will deal with, these will be the exception rather than the rule. We hope to be able to recommend a standstill budget for this year. Of course we will provide full details in the annual report in May.

To help us in our work, we still need councillors as we do not have a full complement. We also need interested people to serve on the committees. If you can consider such a role, please contact the clerk for more information. We have included adverts from local businesses in this edition of the newsletter. Please tell us what you think. It only remains for me, on behalf of the Parish Council to wish you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"!

County Council Report – Cllr Garry Purdy

Why do I feel a bit like Scrooge this year? Perhaps it is something to do with having to help make decisions at both District and County Council level on budgets, where we have to make further savings in the next financial year.

However, this is being done in the context of maintaining front line services and looking to cut out waste. It all sounds a bit like Christmas in a way – many of us spend too much at this time of year, then we have the waste to deal with, and of course, we start out the New Year with our resolutions.

In the New Year I hope to be able to give you more detail, but for the moment it should be a time of enjoyment and family, so do enjoy.

On a local level it has been fairly quiet in Matlock Bath. Next year I really do hope to bring you some good news with regard to Jubilee Bridge (I assure you that this issue has not been forgotten), and we hope above hope that the Save the Pavilion Group can be successful with their bid for monies.

My resolution is to continue working hard for you all and it leaves me to simply wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remembrance



On Remembrance Sunday, the village gathered around our wonderful marble memorial to remember those who lost their lives while serving their country. Over fifty attended to join the musicians of The Wirksworth Orchestra and David Green who led the service. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish, with Cllr Dave Mowle laying the Parish Council wreath of poppies and Libby and Alfie Mowle on behalf of the young people of the village. Libby said afterwards 'It's sad that so many families lost their dads. We cannot imagine how it was during the war, the mums were doing



all the jobs the dads used to do because the dads were at war. The families must have found it hard missing each other. The Role of Honour was read by Charles Beresford and Mike Greenan. Charles has written an interesting book called 'The Bath at War' – full details are on his website – www.thebathatwar.co.uk

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Photography Competition 2011

This year saw the Parish Council host its 2nd Photography Competition. Over 110 photographs were submitted showcasing some stunning views of our lovely village. These were then shortlisted to 60 and displayed in the Pump Room of the Pavilion on a fireworks evening. Over 1650 votes were cast between 3.00 pm-9.00 pm and on line. Votes were counted overnight and prizes awarded at a ceremony on Sunday 16th October. Prizes were awarded by Andrew Pugh from the Heights of Abraham, who sponsored the 1st and 2nd prizes.



1st Prize – Deborah Judd



2nd Prize – Peter Keeble



3rd Prize – Mark Fairman



Young Photographer – Harry Glass



Best Villager Picture – Jo Walton



Junior – Betty Hoon

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the sponsors for their support with this competition. Special thanks go to Derbyshire County Council and the Heights of Abraham.

Specialise prizes were awarded for the "Best of ... " categories as follows:

Best Picture of Pavilion – won by Noah Whitehead – sponsored by Pavilion Group

Best Picture of Illuminations – won by Charlotte Deane – sponsored by DDDC Illuminations

Best Picture of Holy Trinity Church – won by Kevin Butterfield – sponsored by Holy Trinity Church

Best Picture of Masson Mills – won by Jayne Thompson – sponsored by Masson Mills

Best Picture of Peak Mines – won by Lynn Wood – sponsored by Peak Mines

Best Traders Picture – won by Barry Knapper – sponsored by www.matlockbathtraders.co.uk

All photographs submitted and the winning pictures can be found on www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

The 2012 Photography Competition will be launched in the New Year – check out the website for the details.

Book Fair – Holy Trinity School PTA

This year we held our third annual school book fair at the Community Centre on one of the firework nights in the hope of drawing in lots of visitors. We raised an amazing £510.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who helped out by either donating books, coming along and buying books or helping us to set up and run the event. Special thanks go to Julie Baranek, Dave Mowle and Val Grayshon.

We will be holding the book fair again next year to help raise much needed funds for the school so please hang on to your old books and DVD's for us if you can.

Chanted prayers to welcome in the New Year at Heart Jewel Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Matlock Bath.

We will be welcoming in 2012 with beautiful candle-lit prayers to the Buddha of Compassion, Buddha Avalokiteshvara. This is an opportunity to welcome in the New Year with increased compassion and peace in our own hearts.

Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for this event. We begin at 10.45 pm on Saturday 31st December 2011.

For further information please call the Centre on 01629 581585 or see our website www.heartjewel.org.uk

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