

A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

March 2012



Pro Loco Art Competition 2012



1st Prize 2011 – Alan Piggott

It's time to get out those paints, brushes and pencils for the Annual Pro Loco Art Competition! The competition opened on 6th February and will close on 25th May. If you wish to enter this year's competition you must register by completing an entry form. You can register by going to www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk for an entry form.

After the closing date all entrants will be contacted to arrange a day/time for the work to be 'dropped off'. An independent adjudicator will shortlist entries and these entries will be displayed on Monday 4th June 2012 in the Pump Room (Pavilion) where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites.

On Tuesday 5th June 2012 a presentation ceremony will be held again in the Pump Room where winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

The main rule of the competition is that the picture must be of a scene or artefact of Matlock Bath.

The Parish Council is grateful to its sponsors - Turners Art Materials Ltd of Rowsley, Heights of Abraham and Derbyshire County Council - who are supporting this event. The 1st prize and 2nd prize money has been kindly donated by Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills Working Textile Museum. All previous 32 winners of the competition are housed at the Masson Mills Working Textile Museum. If residents would like to view these pictures please contact the Clerk.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st Prize - £150, 2nd Prize - £100, Best Villager - £50. Prizes for Young Artist and Junior Artists will be awarded in the form of Gift Vouchers for various outlets.

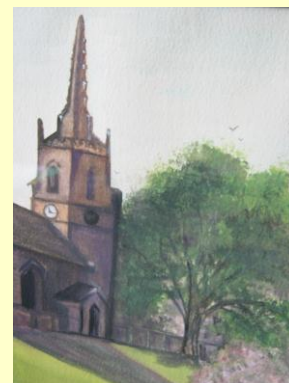
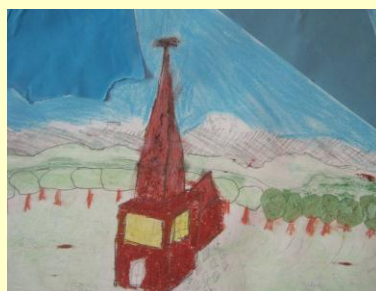
Remember you must register and have your artwork ready by 25th May 2012.

All pictures submitted will be on our website after the closing date.

For further information, a copy of the rules and an entry form for this year's competition go to our website at www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk.



1st Prize 2011 (One Day Event) – Lynne Naylor



Just a few of the other entries we received in 2011

A View From the Bath Chair – Cllr Peter Baranek



Is it really Spring? Have you seen some of the bulbs that the children from school and the Parish Council planted, brightening up parts of the village? The crocuses are out and the daffodils/narcissi are in bud. There are some along the A6 at the south end of the village and others are in the Memorial Gardens. We hope to plant more in the autumn. Maybe you can suggest some suitable sites or maybe even help with the planting.



A lot has happened since our last Newsletter. Before Christmas we had a very successful ' Singing around the Tree' when over 60 residents turned up to join us in the festivities. Thanks to John Philips for providing the musical support again. In February we met with the Cabinet Member for Highways at County Hall and our parking proposal was accepted in principle. We are now waiting to meet with the Councillors /Officials who will implement any scheme and after this will follow a formal period of consultation between DCC and the residents of the village. We hope to have more news of this shortly and will publish any information we have before the next Newsletter on our website. The renovations in the Community Centre continue with the installation of secondary glazing and we are hoping that over the Easter period that the Centre will be redecorated. We intend to have photographs of the completed work in our next Newsletter. Please remember it is your Community Centre, available for hire at very reasonable rates to people from the village. For full details contact the Clerk. The summer looks like being a busy time in the village. If you are planning an event and need to publicise it, do get in touch. If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, contact the Clerk. And finally, the Parish Council are pleased to say that despite our increased level of activity, we have managed to keep our precept exactly the same as 2011/12. The precept is a part of the council tax that comes to the Parish Council.

Diamond Jubilee Street Party – Sunday 3rd June 2012



This year's street party will be for the Queens Diamond Jubilee and will be held on Sunday 3rd June outside the Temple Hotel in conjunction with the big jubilee lunch that will be nationwide. Please note that Temple Walk will be closed from 8.00am until 10.00pm. As always this is a community event and not an event run by Temple Hotel Ltd. It will be held at this location due to space, flatness of the road and toilet facilities.

A competition has been held for the children of the village to design the invitation. Please look out for it coming through your door.

If you or anyone you know that lives in Matlock Bath does not receive an invitation please let us know. All residents of the village are invited. Some of the children in the village will parade their "flotilla" on Temple Walk from 12.30pm and your support of this would be very welcome. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm and as last year we would ask that each adult brings a salad or a dessert, you do not need to bring anything for the children. We are offering a separate option this year for people who do not wish to provide food but would like to contribute. Each adult will be able to donate £5.00 in advance of the event and this will go towards paying for the meat that will accompany the salads. If you would like to donate in this way please contact Mel at The Temple Hotel.

There will be things for the children to do, entertainment throughout the day and hopefully sunshine. If you would like to offer you musical talents or feel you could do something to entertain the children or help in any way with this event please get in touch.

Until 5.00pm there will be a chance for you to visit the church and join in some of the activities that are going on as part of the 170th anniversary with tea and cakes available.

If you would like to be more involved in this year's event we welcome your input and any ideas will be considered. Please check the Parish Council website regularly for dates of the meetings, you will be very welcome.

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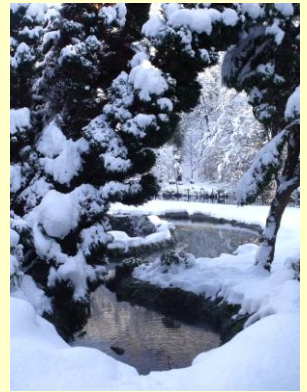
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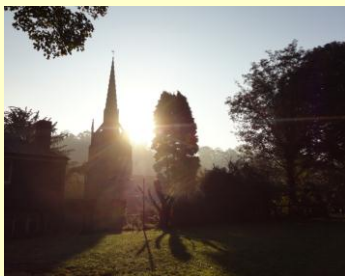
Pro Loco Photography Competition 2012

Following the very successful Pro Loco Photography Competitions in 2010 and 2011, the Parish Council has decided to repeat the event again in 2012. The competition this year opened on 13th February and runs until 8th October. Photographs submitted must be of a scene or artefact from the Matlock Bath parish and must have been taken since 1st October 2011. All entries will be presented to a Shortlisting Panel where the finalists will be chosen. The shortlisted entries will then be displayed in the Pump Room on Saturday 13th October when residents and members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites. Entrants can submit up to 4 photographs which should be entered on line at www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk



Adult 1st Prize 2011

Following the judging of the photographs on 13th October, there will be a presentation ceremony on 14th October again in the Pump Room.



1st Prize Junior 2011

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 District Council, The Pavilion Group, Holy Trinity Church, Peak Mines, Sir Richard Arkwright Masson Mills, Derbyshire Wildlife.

Prizes for the "Best Picture of ..." will be awarded for the Illuminations, Pavilion, Holy Trinity Church, Peak Mines (Mining Museum), Masson Mills, Wildlife categories.

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

Raft Event 2011 – Stuart Bird, The Derbyshire Association of Sub Aqua Clubs

Do you know there are two 4.30's on Boxing Day? I can assure you there are because that's the time the day starts for the organisers of the Raft Event. After erecting the gazebo in the quarry, the first raft turned up closely by the burger van and St Johns Ambulance. By 6.30 am, still dark, more rafts arrive. By 9.00 am spectators arrive trying to find the best point to watch the event. Spectators come from miles to watch the event, some coming every year. At 10.30 am a telephone call confirms that all rafts have left the start point and making their way down the river. At 11.35 am the rafts start to arrive at the finish line. Everyone is laughing, joking and generally having a good time. All competitors have to be checked out of the water or accounted for by their team mates and have their picture taken. The very last craft to complete the course is always the rescue boat. The rescue boat ensures that the river is clear – picking up anyone who needs assistance and ensuring all the rafts and rafters have completed the course. This information is then passed on to the event co-ordinator and St Johns Ambulance station. Any debris left in the river is cleaned up. A total of 192 competitors entered the event in 2011 on 39 rafts travelling 4 miles down the River Derwent. Below are pictures from the event. All of the photographs taken at the event are on the Parish Council's website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk 2011 saw the 49th raft event and the winners were:

1st – Beach Boys, 2nd – Hogwarts Express, 3rd – Thunderbirds 2

The total money raised on the day was £8,914.92, proceeds of which go to the RNLI.

The Derbyshire Association of Sub Aqua Clubs, who organise the annual event, would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part or helped in any way with the event.

This year it is the 50th anniversary and hopefully will be an even bigger and better event and raise more money for the RNLI.



County Council Report – Cllr Garry Purdy

Having previously met with the Chairman of the Friends of Cromford Canal, Mr Patrick Morris, at one of their Open Days last year, I went away determined to try and do something to help raise monies for the upkeep and maintenance of Cromford Canal.

I am more than delighted to report that on 1st February 2012, at the Full Council meeting at County Offices, Matlock, the Capital Work programme for this next financial year includes a sum of £300,000 approved towards the dredging of the canal. This has been an area of real concern for the Friends of Cromford Canal, and those of us that walk the canal towpath and have witnessed the Canal's decline in depth these past few years due to the overgrowth of vegetations etc.

Naturally this work will be carried out in an environmentally sensitive manner to cater for the wildlife that enjoys the benefit of the Canal.

As Chairman of the Derwent Valley Community Rail Partnership I will be attending a two day seminar in Sheffield in March, when discussions will take place with East Midlands Trains and Network Rail Senior Management on the Partnership Rail schemes in the East Midlands, of which the Derwent Line is one, and the forthcoming renewal of the franchise for this line, and onward to St Pancras by East Midlands Trains.

EMT have contributed so much not only to the Partnership, but also to the viability and reliability of the line and timekeeping which has resulted in significant increases in passenger numbers using the line. This we must continue to maintain and I hope to play my part in bringing that message forward.

The line is of vital importance to the Dales and in particular the villages that sit on the line such as Matlock Bath, providing a vital link for business and tourism. I also note with interest the business plan for the Whistlestop Centre as provided recently by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and I wish them every success with the venture.

Finally, I would just like to add that I am working with our Officers at Derbyshire Dales and the Police with regard to the visit by Travellers to the Coach Park at Matlock Bath. It is a sensitive issue and one governed by Government policy which we have to adhere to. If anyone has any concerns with regard to this matter then do please contact me.

Help our Pavilion by Using the Cash Machine – Gregor Macgregor

With the 3-year lease, which The Grand Pavilion Ltd has now taken, comes the income from the Cash Machine outside the Pavilion. The rent that we receive from this machine depends on the number of transactions. This number is counted irrespective of how much you withdraw, we will get between 0p and 20p per transaction. So 33 transactions per day give us nothing, but 83 transactions will give us £1,500 per quarter.

All this money will help us to keep the building in good repair. So help us by using the machine often for smaller amounts. If you want £60, do three transactions for £20.

It costs you nothing; but the Grand Pavilion benefits! This money will be put towards catching up on the backlog of maintenance, left by the council. Once we have caught up with maintenance, the income will be put towards the "Roof Fund". This fund will eventually be large enough to carry out any major repairs, which may be necessary to the roof or other parts of the building.

The membership of our Friends' Group has now reached 1,000. If you have not already joined, please let us know or use the websites below to join. Help us to get up to 2,000!

Annual Assembly 2011

The Annual Assembly of the Parish will be held on Wednesday 16th May at 6.00 pm in the Community Centre. The agenda will include the Financial Statement and the Chairman's Annual Report. It will be followed at 6.30 pm by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. You are welcome to attend both meetings.

The Chairman's Report will be published in the Summer Newsletter and on the website.



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Fell Race - John Middleton

On the 24th April 2012 at 7pm, a fell race has been organised in Matlock Bath. Registration is at the New Bath Hotel, parking for competitors on Temple Walk Car Park, with the start on Clifton Road.

This is a new fell race of four miles with 1100 feet of ascent being run under the auspices of the national Fell Runners Association and it has been given an 'A' rating. This refers to the steepness of the course. We think this is the only race in the immediate area with this FRA rating. Fell running is a popular Peak District sport and it is to be hoped that a race of this calibre will attract the top runners.

The route goes up the Wapping path to Upperwood. From there, it passes Ember Farm, goes close to Bonsall before ascending Masson Hill. From Masson, the runners descend to the Limestone Way path before skirting round to the Heights of Abraham and back through the woods to Ember Farm. The descent from Ember Farm gradually steepens; hill runners will love the final half mile. To run freely downhill is one of the joys of fell running. The race finishes at the New Bath Hotel.

The race would not be going ahead without the support of local people. Thanks are due to Chris Lugg at the New Bath, David and Edward Ironmonger, David Abbott, Philip Boam, Roger Bostock, Michael Wilderspin and neighbour and the residents of Clifton Road.

The monies raised from the race will go towards the Grand Pavilion Fund. Please come and support on the night; if anyone would like to help as a marshal on the course, contact me on 07773742711. For further details log on to www.massonhillrace.org.uk

"Open Doors" at the Old Methodist Church

Many residents have shown an interest in the refurbishment work (nearing completion) at the Old Methodist Church, 50 North Parade (formerly Morris of Matlock).

Julia Dale and Nathan Davies, owners of the property will be opening the doors for local residents and other interested parties to drop in anytime between 4.00 pm-7.00 pm on Wednesday 28th March 2012. All welcome!

Holy Trinity School – Amanda Mee, Headteacher

Recycling & Fundraising - For the past few months teachers and pupils at Matlock Bath Holy Trinity School have been involved in the Eco School's campaign to raise awareness of and improve the ecological impact that our school has on the environment. Much of our work has been based around recycling and how we can reduce our waste within school. As part of this recycling campaign, we have arranged to take part in the "Bags2School" scheme. This involves anyone involved with the school or within the community collecting good quality clothing, handbags, belts, shoes, soft toys, curtains and bed linen (NOT pillows or duvets) to full sacks supplied by Bags2School. These are returned to school and collected by the company, then sorted and resold in Eastern European countries, thus re-using every item donated. School are then paid 50pence for every kilo collected! More information can be found at www.bags2school.com Special sacks will be delivered to the school after the Easter holidays and will be available for you to collect (children at school will be sent home with sacks). Sacks can then be filled and must be returned to school by **FRIDAY 4TH MAY**.

So, take the opportunity for a spring sort out, get involved in our recycling campaign, and earn money for our school at the same time! Any money you help raise for school funds to assist the education of the children is always greatly appreciated.

Sainsbury's Vouchers – Holy Trinity School are collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsburys which can be exchanged for equipment to use in school. So if you shop at Sainsburys, please collect the tokens for us and drop them into school.

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Contact Details

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www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively contact the Parish Council Clerk on

clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Mobile Library Dates

There are 11 mobile libraries in the area serving communities where there is no library building. The service for Matlock Bath is visited once a fortnight.

The mobile library stops in the Station Car Park every alternate Thursday from 9.30 am-9.35 am on the following dates:

5 th April 2012	31 st May 2012
19 th April 2012	14 th June 2012
3 rd May 2012	28 th June 2012
17 th May 2012	

2012 Flower Festival - Barbara Newton

Holy Trinity Church Matlock Bath and St Mary's Church Cromford are joining this year in a Churches Together initiative of Flower Festivals to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Six churches in the Matlock area are taking part and will be opening their doors over the weekend of **June 2nd, 3rd and 4th** with displays of flowers and depictions of local historical interest. Holy Trinity church will also be displaying work by Matlock Bath Primary School pupils and will be including creative family activities and competitions as well as providing light refreshments for visitors over the weekend.

Entry to the church is free and all are welcome. Doors open from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Monday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday.

For further details log on to www.holytrinitymatlockbath.org.uk Or www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Why not come along and take a look!

Pictures of the Flower Festival will appear in the summer issue of "A View from the Bath".

Coming soon

Seniors Christmas Lunch – This year's Seniors Lunch will be held at the New Bath Hotel on Monday 3rd December. Further details and menu choices will be available nearer the date. If you would like to attend this Lunch, please contact the Clerk. Those attending in 2011 will be automatically contacted.

Presentations/Workshops – This year the Parish Council are hoping to arrange some presentations/workshops. Further details will be in future issues of the Newsletter and on our website.

Check the website – www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk for up-to-date information on all of the Parish Council activities.

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