

# A View from the Bath

A Newsletter from

Matlock Bath Parish Council

Summer 2017



## Pro Loco Art Competition 2017 – Cllr Lorraine Keeble



1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2016, Jonathan Shepherd

There is still time to enter our annual Art Competition. This will be the 38<sup>th</sup> year of the competition and you have until **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August** to register your entry, with the main rule of the competition being that your work must feature a scene or artefact of Matlock Bath. The finished piece does not have to be a painting – you can use any media or mix of media, including textiles, 3D, embroidery, graphics and ceramics. If you would like to enter you can register by completing an entry form on line or by contacting the Clerk for an entry form. All finished work will need to be dropped off at a central location in Matlock Bath (to be confirmed) either before the closing date or no later than Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.

All entries will then be displayed on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in the Pump Room of the Pavilion where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite. There are lots of prizes on offer across the whole age range. For further details log on to [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Pro Loco Photography Competition 2017 – Cllr Lorraine Keeble



1<sup>st</sup> Prize 2016, Carl Harvey

There is also time to enter our Photography Competition. This year marks the 8<sup>th</sup> Pro Loco Photography Competition hosted by the Parish Council and we look forward to showcasing your photographs of our beautiful village. Entrants have until **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** to submit up to 4 photographs depicting a scene or artefact of Matlock Bath. To enter the competition you will need to upload your photographs via our website. The competition is open to all age groups, with 4 separate prize categories.

In addition to the usual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes, we will award prizes for Best Villager, Best Picture of 'The Heritage of Matlock Bath' – something which captures the rich and interesting history of the village, Best Picture of 'A Hidden Gem of Matlock Bath' as well as the Parish Council prize – this is for something 'different' which encapsulates the character and spirit of Matlock Bath.

With the help and support of sponsors, we are also awarding prizes for "Best Picture of Masson Mills", "Best Picture of Heights of Abraham", "Best Picture of Holy Trinity Church", "Best Picture of the Illuminations", "Best Picture of New Bath Hotel" – this is a new prize for this year and can be of the hotel itself or its splendid grounds.

Following the closing date, entries will be shortlisted and displayed on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 in the Pump Room of the Pavilion where members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourites.

To enter the competition and upload your photographs, log on to [www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk) We look forward to receiving your entries!

## Heritage Action Zone



Historic England

Matlock Bath is a village rich in heritage, much of which is lost and about which information is sparse. The University of Derby report highlighted this. We have been in contact with Historic England investigating the possibility of having the

village designated a Heritage Action Zone and we are hopeful of being able to make a joint application with Matlock Bath Development Association CIC, the Parish Council, DDDC and DCC. If successful, we will be the first in Derbyshire and the first village in England with this status. Previous awards have only been to cities and towns in the East Midlands (Leicester, Nottingham, Stamford, Grantham). It is not a quick process but we will keep you informed of our progress.

## ***The Illuminations, Fireworks & Access Only Roads***

Although Summer is well and truly on its way, our thoughts have to turn to that harbinger of autumn and darker evenings – 'The Illuminations'. If you live in a property on an 'access only' road or accessed from one of these roads you will receive with this Newsletter, a letter from Derbyshire Dales District Council along with two 'resident' car notices.

The most serious problems occur during the fireworks evenings and as there are to be seven this year, we felt that it was important to have in place the necessary safeguards to protect the village from parking gridlock. We have focused on the side roads which seem to become a target for visitor 'free parking' – Clifton Road, Temple Road, Waterloo Road, Holme Road (and all roads accessed via Holme Road). On 'Fireworks Evenings' – the seven Saturdays from **9th September** – all these roads will have a 'road closure enforcement' from as early as 2.00 pm. They will have a security officer from the illuminations stationed at the junction with the A6 (apart from Temple Road when they will be just past the entrance to Gullivers). Security Officers will only allow vehicles with the necessary permit to access these roads thus enforcing the 'access only' regulation. St Johns Road and the New Bath Road will also be closed but will not have an illuminations security officer.

Please read the enclosed letter carefully and put the notices in a safe place. We will put a reminder in the September Newsletter but cannot guarantee to get permits in time for the first 'fireworks' evening. As with everything the Parish Council does, we welcome feedback from residents – both positive and negative. We hope that these arrangements will make the side roads and properties much safer during these congested times for the village.

## ***Village Florals***



Have you noticed the flowers in the village? This year we have once again arranged for four three tier planters displaying a lovely array of colour. We think this makes the village look bright and attractive and each year we receive really positive feedback about the difference they make.



In addition to the planters we also have arranged for the cattle trough and three barrels to be planted. Our thanks go to Cathy Cresswell and David & Pat Russell for organising this for us.



You may have noticed our Rose Garden in Memorial Gardens is looking lovely again following the work to the Memorial Shelter. Thanks again go to Cathy for undertaking the major work with this.

Meanwhile at the station, adopters have been busy planting up the barrels and hayracks with some beautiful florals. A Community Day was held at the station in June when adopters of other stations are invited to come and help with work at Matlock Bath. Work included the repainting of the benches and general tidying up.

## ***The Great War – Life in the Bath***



This two-year project is now entering its final phase towards the end of its third year! The delays to completion were due to the renovations at the Memorial Shelter. Now the work has been completed and we can gain access to the refurbished display area, work is well underway designing the final display items. Currently the area looks rather sparse with only the half-painted display boards and some of the older display in place.

When completed by the end of July, there will be new exhibits taken from the previous exhibitions and work produced as part of the project plus an updated roll of honour. Painted on the wooden doors will be the crest of the Matlock Bath Urban District Council which oversaw the village during the years of WW1. The display will be floodlit and we hope will educate and inform both the residents and visitors of what life was like in the village 100 years ago.

There will be exhibition in the Pump Room of the Grand Pavilion this summer running from 15<sup>th</sup> July until 3<sup>rd</sup> September daily from 10am until 5pm.



We have teamed up with Derbyshire Lives through the First World War for a joint exhibition covering not just Matlock Bath but the whole of Derbyshire. It allows us to see what other towns and villages in the county have been doing as part of the centenary. Grateful thanks again to the Mining Museum for facilitating this. As always admission is free.

## More Trains on Sundays on the Derwent Valley Line

Four extra Sunday train services have been introduced on the Derwent Valley Line from Sunday 21 May by East Midlands Trains.

The new early morning services will provide passengers with more options for getting to work on a Sunday morning or to make an earlier start to Sunday shopping in Derby and Nottingham. These services will also provide the option of making earlier train connections at Derby enabling morning coffee to be enjoyed in Birmingham or Sunday lunch in London.

Additional afternoon services will provide extra journey options to return from the shops on Sunday or after a day out in the Derwent Valley.

These extra services will be part of a total of 18 trains operating on the Derwent Valley Line on Sundays serving all stations between Derby and Matlock with all but 2 trains running to and from Nottingham.

Full details of the improved Sunday train service are featured in the new Derwent Valley Line leaflet produced by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership. The leaflet has many ideas for days out in the Derwent Valley and includes discounts for train passengers at attractions along the line. The Derwent Valley Line leaflet is available from Tourist Information Centres, local staffed stations, by phoning 01629 538062 or is available at [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/derwentvalleyline)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MATLOCK BATH

invites you to

## MATLOCK BATH LUNCH CLUB

*12 noon to 2pm at the church  
The first Thursday of every month*

SOUP and SANDWICHES

No charge, donations welcome.

We would be delighted  
if you would join us!



## Ashgate Hospicecare



Are you outgoing, community –minded and passionate about the work of Ashgate Hospicecare? We are looking for people in the Matlock Bath & Matlock areas to set up a local fundraising group. The group doesn't have to be large; it can be you and a group of friends. Every penny you raise or hour you give volunteering will make a BIG difference to the lives of local people living with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Your group will be supported by our Community Fundraising team, who are on hand to help with planning your events

throughout the year, provide Ashgate Hospicecare branded promotional material, advice about holding collections and raffles, and help with promoting your events to the local community. The hospice provides care and support to patients with life limiting illnesses and their families across North Derbyshire. Our range of services includes a 21 bed In-Patient Unit, Day Hospice and Hospice at Home. All services are provided free of charge, aiming to give patients the best possible care.

The hospice also needs people to give two hours to help with occasional street and store collections. If you can help with occasional collections or would like to be part of a Fundraising group please contact the Fundraising Hub on 01246 233404. The hospice has a variety of volunteering roles so if fundraising is not for you but you would like to volunteer in a different role, please visit [www.ashgatehospicecare.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.ashgatehospicecare.org.uk/volunteer) or contact Jane Briggs, Voluntary Services Manager on 01246 568801

## Wapping Nature Reserve



We have had two important visitors to the reserve since the last newsletter – both from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Firstly, Dave Savage came to look at the possibility of bringing his woodland maintenance team to do some work and then Oliver Foulds spent a whole day surveying and cataloguing the flora of our 7-acre site. We hope to have this information available very soon on the Parish Council website and the Facebook page.

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

I hope you are enjoying the current hot weather. I am sure it will not last long!

As a Member of the Police Crime Panel, I will be attending a meeting on 13th July 2017 at County Hall, when we will hold the Police & Crime Commissioner to account. I will be pressing him on the lack of visible police presence on our streets, and including a Roads Policing presence in the village especially on Sundays and Bank Holidays with the hundreds of motor-bikes that regularly attend. The recent fatal motor bike accident gives me cause for concern for the safety of all road users. One other issue is the constant complaint from members of the public, as witnessed by a recent meeting at Cromford Institute, when the PCC received many complaints from those attending that as and when a crime is suffered, there is either no attendance nor any contact from the Police! If you have any issues you wish to raise with the PCC, either positive or negative, please do get in touch with me.

Unfortunately we have received a number of complaints that the new car park machines in the village have not been working properly, especially in the Station Car Park, I am led to understand by our Car Parks Manager that this issue should now be resolved.

On the opening night of this years Matlock Bath Illuminations, following meetings with Officers connected with the event at the Town Hall and DCC County Hall, I can inform you that a 'sting' operation will be carried out by Trading Standards Officers, assisted by other Officers, against any illegal traders or illegal Pedlars attending the event  
Have a nice Summer

## ***Boxing Day Raft Event 2017 - DASAC***

Our annual Matlock Raft Event will take place on Boxing Day, 26<sup>th</sup> December at Matlock to Cromford Meadows. This year's theme is best dressed rafts/rafters. Our goal is to raise awareness that we desperately need people to **help us organise the event**. In order to meet this goal, we are asking for **individuals such as yourselves to ask anybody that may be interested in coming along** to help out at our meetings which are only held every three months unless needed. We meet at the George Pub, Lower Hartsay. **We are in serious danger of losing the Boxing Day Raft Event** as at the moment we are very few in people to help this year on the Committee and the event itself.

**We are also in desperate need for marshals for the event on the day for which we pay £35. Without support and sponsorship the event may close; all sponsors are listed in our advertising.**

By asking interested parties to help at this year's annual event, you will be helping the event to remain in Matlock and helping us to provide assistance to those in your community. We ask that you consider this and ask others for their time. This helps the event in several ways. As a Committee member you help to keep a charity event in Matlock and the event to continue running. Every year this has been announced at the event itself and its time to take it seriously before closing the event due to lack of help.

We do hope we can count on you to help support our/your local fundraising event as all street collections go to the RNLI. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to contact us on the numbers below:

Secretary to DASAC - [Jennifer.julian.69@outlook.com](mailto:Jennifer.julian.69@outlook.com)  
DASAC Chairman – [mceyre@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mceyre@hotmail.co.uk)  
DASAC Treasurer – Stephen Eyre

### **Matlock Bath Heritage Talks - Autumn 2017**

**12 September**—Geology of Matlock Bath with Lynn Willies

**10 October**— Images of Matlock Bath, Matlock & Cromford with Glynn Waite

**14 November**—The role Derbyshire played in the National Commemoration of WW1 with Charles Beresford

**5 December**—Matlock Bath as a Spa with Doreen Buxton

**9 January**—The Quarries of Wirksworth with Tony Holmes

All talks are at the Peak District Lead Mining Museum in Matlock Bath at 7.30pm

Tickets are £6 (£5 PDMHS or Friends of Pav) available in advance from the museum or on the night

Price includes Tea & Cake in the interval!

These are a joint fundraiser for the Peak District Lead Mining Museum and The Matlock Bath Heritage Group

Telephone: 0759 4369329  
Telephone: 0744 6022704  
Telephone: 0781 3207944

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



I am always amazed when writing the Chairman's Annual Report for the village AGM in May how much has been done in the village over a 12 month period. We have included a precis of the report in this Newsletter but the full version can be found on the website. We are not a sleepy backwater, as many villages, due to our position geographically and the number of visitors we attract. This is a key part of the unique character of the village. The geography also makes a sense of community difficult to achieve with residential properties spreading over a wide area from Cromford Court in the South to St Johns Road in the North then up the hillside via Holme Road to Upperwood with smaller branches on Clifton Road, Temple/Orchard

Road and Masson Road. Hopefully "A View from the Bath" every 3 months helps bring together these diverse smaller, and sometimes difficult to reach pocket communities with news from around the village. If you have something happening in your part of the village, let us know and we can include it.

The Parish Council organizes a few community events throughout the year. Details are always given well in advance in this Newsletter. We encourage you to participate in these events whenever you can. It is one way that the village can come together.

Perhaps you would like something to happen where you live. Another way of coming together is being involved. There are various ways you can do this. You can be at the heart of what we do by becoming a Parish Councillor. We currently have a vacancy. Alternatively you can join one of our Committees bringing an expertise or just an interest. Not into meetings? No problem. Get involved in the many things we do around the village. It could be anything from enjoying walking the footpaths to gardening, wildlife to a bit of litter picking. You tell us what you would like to do to help the village and we will see if we can arrange it. No time for anything – become a supporter of the CIC. Be part of the village where you live or work and help us continue to move forward. For further information on anything, contact the Clerk.

## ***Invitation to the New Bath Hotel & Spa***

The management team at the New Bath Hotel and Spa are keen to make the hotel an integral part of village life. The newly appointed Manager and his team would like to invite the residents of the village to come to the hotel and see all the refurbishments that have been taking place. The event will be on **Friday 29th September from 7.00 pm**. If fine the event will take place in the Ballroom garden and pool area. The event will be in the Ballroom if wet. Refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. The management team looks forward to welcoming you on this evening. This is an event where the whole village community can come together and see what the hotel can offer the village.

## ***District Councillor Report – Cllr Joyce Pawley***

In this Newsletter, I would like to share with you some of the projects that are on offer in the area which are designed to help us start on the road to a new healthier way of living.

**Walking for Health** – A programme of led walks across the Derbyshire Dales, supporting local communities to maintain active lifestyles and improve the health and wellbeing of local people. To find out more go to Derbyshire Dales District Council website or contact the Walking for Health Officer, Howard Griffin on 01629 761194.

**Cycling for Health** – There are many dedicated cycle routes across the Derbyshire Dales which allow you to cycle for pleasure, shopping or just to get fitter. The Council provides coaching courses for children aged 5-11 to encourage more people to take up cycling.

**Healthy Hearts Club** – Derbyshire Dales run Health Hearts Clubs at leisure facilities in Ashbourne, Bakewell, Matlock and Wirksworth. These are run by qualified BACR Phase IV Gym Instructors where you can exercise under supervision to improve your health. Contact details are [healthpromotion@derbyshiredales.gov.uk](mailto:healthpromotion@derbyshiredales.gov.uk) Telephone 01629 761212.

**Live Life Better Derbyshire – Weight Loss Support** - Live Life Better Derbyshire offers FREE weight management support. We support you to set and achieve your own weight loss targets and to maintain this weight loss long term. We are different to other weight loss programmes as we focus on what's happening in both the body and the mind to help you achieve long-term weight loss and wellbeing. They have a group running at the Arc which I attend at the moment and find really supportive. To find out more or to enrol simply go to their Website.

These are just a few of the Healthy Living options that are being supported by your District Council, and there are many more especially when it comes to sport. You only have to search and you will find something that suits your needs.

## ***Seniors Christmas Lunch 2017***

This year's Seniors Christmas Lunch will be held on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**. The venue for the lunch has yet to be confirmed.

As we reported in our March edition of a "View from the Bath", we are extremely delighted that the numbers attending our Christmas Lunches each year have continued to grow but inevitably we struggle to increase our budget. So for the 2017 lunch we will be asking all villagers who would like to attend the Seniors Christmas Lunch to contribute £5 each towards their meal. We very much hope that this will not prevent anybody from coming.

If you would like to attend the Seniors Lunch, aged 60 or over and live in Matlock Bath, please contact the Clerk on 07914 420545 or [clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## ***Matlock Bath Development Association CIC***

In the Spring Edition of "A View from the Bath" we reported that the Matlock Bath Development Association CIC had been formed. Since then the "Into the Future" Steering Group have all agreed to become Members of the CIC together with the addition of four new Members – all of whom either live or work in the village or have an association with the village. 'Supporters' of 'Into the Future' Project have agreed to become 'supporters' of the CIC.

We are pleased to report that a new website has been set up – [www.matlockbathda.co.uk](http://www.matlockbathda.co.uk) The website is still in its development stages but as more information is available regarding the work the CIC is undertaking, it will grow. The CIC has a dedicated e-mail address – [info@matlockbathda.co.uk](mailto:info@matlockbathda.co.uk) so if you have any queries or comments to make please use this contact. All Agendas and Minutes of meetings of the CIC are on the website.

Unfortunately our first grant bid for funding to provide an audio/visual internet guide to the existing Matlock Bath Heritage Trail was not successful. Paper copies of the trail are however available from the Mining Museum. We have received a Community Priorities Grant of £1000 from DCC to help with basic set up administration needs of the CIC. We are submitting a bid for a grant to provide funds for Accessible Derbyshire to do an accessibility audit of the village, provide action points but also a guide to accessibility to the village for both visitors and residents. This will be published and available free of charge and electronically from the website.

We are developing our vision for the village based on the findings of the University of Derby report and are continually looking for funding streams to enable to do this work. If you are not yet a 'supporter' of the CIC, please email us and we will add you to the ever growing list. You will then receive information and updates via email. We will also keep all residents up to date with our activity through a report in the Parish Council's "A View from the Bath".

The Matlock Bath Development Association CIC has created two Committees – Heritage Committee and the Communications Committee. Both Committees have Members from the Development Association but will draw upon expertise and advice from others.

**Heritage Committee** – The Committee is working towards a plan to show the history and heritage of Matlock Bath with strategically placed Interpretation Boards throughout the village which will not only carry certain information, maps etc, but will also be able to facilitate Audio/Visual representation via an App already downloaded in to the Visitors/Villagers mobile phone.

A media Company from this field (Oakley CV in Basildon, Essex), are advising and helping with this project but we really need your help in bringing to life any old photographs, stories, memorabilia etc to add to what we already have with the help of the Mining Museum and local Historians such as Doreen Buxton and Charles Beresford.

The project is dependent on raising monies from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We think if successful, it would not only greatly add to the Visitor experience and thereby increase business and trade in the Village but also enhance the residents knowledge and enjoyment of the village. If you can help in any way with old photographs, film, experiences and anecdotes then please either contact the Development Association at [info@matlockbathda.co.uk](mailto:info@matlockbathda.co.uk) or Clare at the Mining Museum.

**Communications Committee** – The Committee is currently looking at branding focusing on the heritage and history of the village, taking in the Victorian/Edwardian/Little Switzerland themes. They are looking at possible brochures for the short term visitor outlining what the village has to offer in terms of attractions, things to do and local businesses. A Facebook page will be set up as well.

## The Shuffle News – Jonathan Keay

Thanks to those of you who have got in touch since April. Marathon update – I did it, just about! The White Peak Marathon was a great event – really well organized and lots of feed stations. I got round in just under four hours. We experienced some interesting weather up there. I felt like I was an extra in the Wizard of Oz at one point .... But, all's well that ends well. I have been recovering for a little while and keeping to the canals. One of my two featured runs in this Newsletter takes in the last 10 miles of the marathon. I'll be running the 'Minninglow 10' on 10<sup>th</sup> September if anyone wants to join me. Also thought I'd let you know about the new running café in Matlock – 'Run Forest' (next to Greggs) – closest place I've found run a gait analysis and a coffee so far ....

### Run#3 – 'The Minninglow 10'

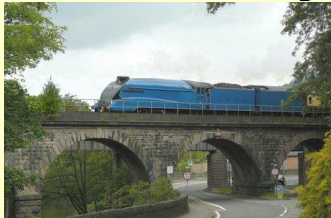


**Distance: 10 miles / Time: 90 mins approx**  
**Difficulty: Great route but sharp descent**

**Route:** Car to Minninglow High Peak Trail  
Middleton Top Down Sheep Pasture Incline  
High Peak Junction Cromford Canal

This is a great 10 mile run but I find the downhill bits (3 of them) tricky. The first 5 miles takes you along the High Peak Trail with some stunning scenery. I think the descent is about 800 feet (according to my running app). The last mile along the canal is a welcome relief but takes some adjustment after Sheep Pasture Incline.

### Run #4 – 'Train to Ambergate'



**Distance: 6 miles / Time: 60 mins approx.**  
**Difficulty: Flat and cool until the Castle**

**Route:** Matlock Bath Station  
Ambergate Station Cromford Canal  
Willersley Castle Derwent Gardens  
Jubilee Bridge Holy Trinity

This is a bit of a change .... I sometimes get the train out to Belper or closer and run back. From Ambergate you can jump straight onto the canal and run all the way into Matlock Bath. Train costs £3.70 to Ambergate. Run is flat until the Castle. Nice and shady for 5 miles along the canal on a hot day.

For more information please contact me by email: [jonathanjameskeay@googlemail.com](mailto:jonathanjameskeay@googlemail.com)



NEW BATH HOTEL & SPA  
MATLOCK BATH, MATLOCK

New Bath Hotel & Spa

Traditional Sunday Lunch

Join us on Sundays for lunch at the New Bath Hotel & Spa  
Served from 12-8 pm

Choose from Roast Lamb, Roast Beef, Roast Turkey

2 courses - £19.50

3 courses - £24.95

**3 courses for the price of 2**  
(offer for Matlock Bath residents only)

This offer is only valid until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017  
(must mention the 3 for 2 offer when booking)

For reservations contact New Bath Hotel & Spa on  
01629 340340 or [reservations@newbathhotelandspa.com](mailto:reservations@newbathhotelandspa.com)

### Fancy coming running

Would you like to run the 'Minninglow 10'?  
I'll be heading out on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – meet outside Holy Trinity School at 8.00 am.

I normally drive up there (takes about 20 minutes) and collect the car at a later point. I have 3 spaces for anyone who wants to join me.

## **"Feel the Buzz" - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust**



The lazy buzzing of the bumble bee is part and parcel of the Great British countryside. But it might not be for much longer. Did you know that our bees are in trouble? Already 20 of our native species of bee are extinct, having a detrimental impact on our economy and the entire food chain.

You can help. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has launched a new campaign called "Feel the Buzz"! which focuses on encouraging the Derbyshire community to get involved, do something for bees and raise some funds to help Derbyshire Wildlife Trust do even more.

What can you do to help?

- Get online – [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feelthebuzz](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feelthebuzz) to find out more what is happening to the UK bee population and what steps you can take to encourage more bees to thrive in your local area. You can also find us on social media and use the hashtag #feelthebuzz to spread awareness.
- Order a Buzz Box – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has worked with experts to develop a really innovative 'Buzz Box' to help everyone feel the buzz. Each buzz box is adult and child friendly, fun and educational and best of all, enables people to quickly do something to help bees.

Each box contains a pack of wildflower seeds, a wildflower I Spy Book, information about how you can help, a bee ID poster, a children's game and a fundraising challenge. By providing the buzz boxes, you are directly helping us towards our target of planting 1 million flowers across Derbyshire.

For more information log on to [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feelthebuzz](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feelthebuzz)

## **LEADER Grant Funding**



As you will be aware from reading previous articles in "A View from the Bath", the Parish Council has been attempting to make various improvements to the village. Using the results of the report from the University of Derby last year, we now have the evidence we need to apply for grant funding to help us take these projects forward. We entered the first round of applications to the LEADER fund in the Spring and were successful. We are currently putting together our bid to the second round and, if we can repeat our success, will receive a substantial grant towards various projects in the village. Two of the main purposes of the grant are to increase employment opportunities and develop rural communities. The work that is planned is as follows:

- The refurbishment of the sports area as a multi-use community activity area including football, tennis and basketball infrastructure but the possibility for use for many other activities both for the residents and the visitors.
- The provision of winter lighting including lights across the river both above and below the bridge, festoon lighting on the riverside of the road from the memorial shelter to opposite Waterloo Road, the provision of column lights on the street lighting posts and lights in a tree at the southern entrance to Memorial Gardens.
- The provision of information boards at four key points in the village with a map of the Parades and Gardens.
- Supplementary signage for pedestrians at the northern end of the village and Memorial Gardens.
- The development of part of Memorial Gardens as a multi-use community and event use area.

The Parish Council must contribute 25% of the funding with the rest coming from the LEADER grant with the total cost of the work amounting to over £70,000. We will know the outcome of our bid in mid-October. We are hoping that if successful, this will be the first of many infrastructure and support investments made in the village in the coming months and years.

## **Childrens' Fun Activity Park**

We are happy to announce that there will be a childrens fun exercise park operating in the sports area during the summer holidays. It will be open daily from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 10.00 am-6.00 pm (weather dependent).

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# Annual Report 2016/2017 - Summary

The Parish Council continues to take a high-profile role in the village. As you will see from the list below, we have been involved in a variety of activities that hopefully will have brought an improvement to both the environment of the village and quality of life in Matlock Bath.

Florals in the villages	Bench Maintenance	WW1 Information Display
Website management	Station adoption	Facebook & Twitter
Nature Reserve	Rose Garden	Litter picking, Clean for the Queen
Newsletters	Pro Loco Art Competition	Awarding Grants
Photography Competition	Planning issues	Footpath maintenance
Advice/support for residents	Winter Service Scheme	Remembrance
Liaising & Lobbying	Singing Round the Tree	Into the Future Project
Sports area clearance/renovation	Village Evening/Village Favourite	Matlock Bath Development Association
Bus Shelter maintenance	Signage maintenance	Seniors Lunch
Peak Leader Grant	Bench plaques	WW1 exhibition

We currently have eight Councillors serving, just one short of our full complement of nine. We encourage volunteers to help with the work of the Parish Council on a casual basis as well as serving on our Committees. Copies of all Committee notes and Parish Council Minutes can be found on our website. The Parish Council's thanks go to all our volunteers for the hard work they put into the work of the Parish Council for the benefit of the village.

**Parish Council Budget** – The budget for 2016/2017 was set by Full Council in November 2015 based on recommendations on spending needs from each of the Committees. The budget set was £48,615 (£10,900 ringfenced) with a precept of £27,000. The difference was met from the carry forward from 2015/2016. The budget set for 2017/2018 with a precept of £27,500.

**Finance & General Purposes** – This Committee oversees the *finances* of the Parish Council and also deals with *employee and personnel issues*. As well as managing its own budget, the Finance Committee oversees the budgets of all the other Committees and the financial planning of the Council. Details of the Income and Expenditure for each financial year can be found on our website.

**Planning Committee** – The Parish Council has only an *advisory role* on planning issues.

**Environment & Conservation Committee** – This Committee deals with anything to do with the environment and conservation in the village including work in the *Nature Reserve, florals around the village – the barrels, cattle trough and three tier planters, footpaths* and any other issues.

**Facilities Committee** – The Committee oversees the *sports area, bus shelters, benches, signage* and the *war memorial*.

**Communications Committee** – The *website* continues to be a popular way of communicating. The website contains a vast amount of information enabling us to keep residents up to date with village life and some of this information is mirrored on our *Facebook* page. Both are updated on a regular basis and are extremely reactive tools. Our main vehicle of regular communication continues to be the *Newsletter* which is delivered to every resident and business in the village as well as being published on the website.

**Activities Committee** – The Pro Loco Art and Photography Competitions attract many entries over the years with the entry in 2016 being the highest since inception. Both competitions attract sponsorship from various sources including Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills and the Heights of Abraham.

The Parish Council is very proud to work with representatives of the British Legion to facilitate *Remembrance* at the war memorial. Our Christmas event – *Singing Round the Tree* – again proved popular and it was good to see so many residents coming together at this time of year. Music was provided by Johns Phillips on guitar and Gerry Kreibich on keyboards. The event was then followed by a tasty jacket potato buffet hosted by the Fishpond, funded by the Parish Council.

2016 saw the 5<sup>th</sup> **Illuminations Village Evening**. The weather was perfect and the boatbuilders were able to row to give residents and traders a chance to view the illuminated boats without the weekend crowds. The Temple very kindly hosted a BBQ afterwards, funded by the Parish Council. Another village tradition – *the village favourite* – was held with prizes being awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. These prizes were sponsored by New Bath Hotel, High Tor Hotel, Matlock Bath Balti and China Rose Restaurant.

December saw the sixth **Seniors Lunch** held at the New Bath Hotel. It was enjoyed by 46 residents. The food was outstanding and it was good to see so many 'senior' residents attending.

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**Heritage Lottery Grant Funding** – The Great War – Life in the Bath project, in partnership with Peak District Mining Museum, Holy Trinity Primary School and local residents continued with an information board containing information about the war memorial being erected in Memorial Gardens.

**Into the Future Project** – The project continued through spring and summer 2016. Focus groups for stakeholders met and their views were recorded. Visitors were surveyed and in the autumn the University produced their 28 page report with recommendations.

**Matlock Bath Development Association CIC** – A key recommendation of the report was for the setting up of a community interest company to take the recommendations forward. Five members of the Steering Group agreed to be Directors and the company was formally constituted in February. A website has been set up and all the latest information can be found there. There is a link from the Parish Council website.

As well as the work of the Committees, we have representatives on various bodies including Derwent Valley Rail Partnership, footpaths and the DDDC Illuminations Liaison Committee. We lobby the higher tier of local government (County and District Councils) on a regular basis on behalf of residents and on general issues of concern in Matlock Bath.

Once again our adopters of Matlock Bath Station work tirelessly to plant up and maintain the planters, barrels and the bed in front of the platform with plants all year round.

## ***The Whistlestop Centre - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust***



The old booking hall has been standing empty for some years now but Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has just given it a new lease of life and is re-opening its doors to the public this month. Relunched as the Whistlestop Discovery Centre, the building is to be a multi-functional visitor hub which will be used to highlight the work of the Trust, provide information about the local area and create a community space. There is also a small shop selling refreshments, gifts

and a great range of wildlife inspired products, including Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's own beef boxes from their conservation farm at Woodside nr Ilkeston. There are also picnic benches and wildlife garden for visitors to feast their eyes on while enjoying a cuppa or an ice cream. As a registered charity, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is entirely dependent upon donations, legacies, grant funding and the support of its 14,000 members. Volunteers are also a vital part of the Trust's work. If you would like to be part of the volunteer team call into the Whistlestop Centre, visit the website – [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk) – or call 01773 881188 to find out more. You don't need any experience – we just need your help for a few hours each month. Full training and support will be provided.

The Whistlestop Discovery Centre opens to the public on weekends from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and then on weekdays over the summer school holidays from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Opening hours are 11.00 am-4.30 pm.

## ***Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Modifications***

Modifications to the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan have been made and are now out for consultation from **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 until 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017**. Although this is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted plan that have already been considered by the Inspector, it gives members of the public an opportunity to comment on the modifications which affect Matlock Bath specifically.

Details of the proposed modifications can be seen at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mainmods](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/mainmods) along with details of how to make representations using the online questionnaire. Hard copies of the documents are also available at the Town Hall and at the libraries in Matlock, Ashbourne and Wirksworth.

## ***Parish Council Meetings***

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting where views and concerns may be brought to Councillors' attention. Agendas for all our meetings will be posted on our website at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. Minutes of meetings will be posted usually within 3 days on our website.

For your information, meetings of full Council for the forthcoming year are as follows:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September    Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November    Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March    Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

The Venue for our future meetings will be announced on the website prior to the September meeting