

# Concerto Grosso

On the evening of Sunday 16th of July at 7.30pm, after the Fell Race, there is to be a concert in the Charles Peach Hall at the Nightingale Centre given by 'Concerto Grosso'. This is a group of around a dozen young string instrument players from the Sheffield and North Derbyshire areas.

Concerto Grosso has been in existence for many years under the Direction of Nina Martin, the membership changing as younger players take the place of older ones who move on to further their careers in music academies or Higher Education; many ex members of the group are now full time musicians with orchestras and music groups not only in this country but around the world.

The standard of playing is always very high with a programme of varied and contrasting music. We are very lucky to have them visiting Great Hucklow to perform their summer concert. Come and hear

them in our village BEFORE they become famous.

Proceeds from the evening will be in aid of 'Send a Child to Great Hucklow' and 'Highly Strung', an organisation which helps to foster and encourage music making with young people.

Admission is £4; tickets in advance from 01298 871385, or 01298 871234



## Community Spirit Committee:

Chairman: Patricia Miles (01298 871385)  
Secretary: Peter Miles  
Treasurer: Richard Johnson  
Minutes Secretary: Eunice Jennings  
100 Club Secretary: Anna Whatley

## Committee Members:

Dinah Johnson, Anne Butcher, Audrey Abdi, Janet Persey, Roy Walker, Hester Messom

## Next Meetings

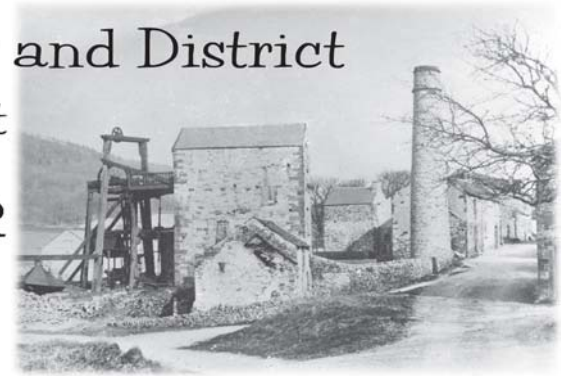
**21st June**

**17th July**

Old Chapel Schoolroom  
8.15pm  
All welcome

# Great Hucklow and District Community Spirit NEWSLETTER

June 2006



## The Great Hucklow Fell Race, 2006

Last year saw the inauguration of the Great Hucklow Fell Race – attracting almost 150 runners - and was judged by those taking part to have been a very successful event, so much so that it is being held again this year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

Its success last year was due in no small part to the energy and enthusiasm of the chief organiser of the event, Pete Tapping, helped also by a wonderful army of volunteers who manned the registration, marshalled the course, were gate monitors, mobile radio operators, water providers etc.

Again, we shall be looking for volunteers for all the various jobs to be done on the day; many of you have already kindly offered to help for which we are very grateful. If you haven't done so yet and want to be of assistance to the event then please contact Peter Tapping.

Last year the funds raised were shared by the Old Chapel and

Community Spirit; this year we hope to be able to make donations to the local Air Ambulance Service as well as the Cave Rescue Association who are giving us First Aid cover for the event this year.

We are also very grateful to the sponsors of the event, to the prize givers and to the Foundry Adventure Centre for allowing us to use their premises for the start and finish of the event.

The race begins at 11am, is just over 6 miles in length and the winner last year completed the course in a little under 45 minutes. So if you think you're hard enough get you kit ready for Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

# On Snow and Scrub-Bashing

## - some observations from Gillian Beer

Remember:

*The best laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft a-gley,*

We pulled back the curtains on Saturday 4 March to see a white world greeting us. Several of us had signed up to go out scrub-bashing with the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). We had an appointment in the Nightingale Centre's fields above where the Great Hucklow holiday homes used to be. Could this take place, with 2-3 inches of snow on the ground?

These fields are being managed through an agri-environment scheme to conserve the unimproved grasslands. They are important for wild flowers including knapweed, ox-eye daisy, sedges and rushes. To the east, specialised metalliferous vegetation is found including leadwort – a Derbyshire speciality. Hawthorn scrub can spread rapidly, reducing the diversity of wild flowers. Cutting back the scrub on this site aims to enable the mix of wildflowers to flourish.

Alone of the Hucklow volunteers, I had spent an energetic day scrub-bashing in January on Longstone Edge with the PDNPA. The aim there was to encourage biodiversity by creating 'corridors' to link areas of high wildlife value. We had to saw down hawthorn and remove brambles to join up areas of unimproved grassland – rich in wildflowers and important regionally for butterflies. Tiny snow flakes were falling early in the day – an

occupational hazard as scrub-bashing is confined to the winter months. Tree work must take place when the sap is not rising and before the birds start to nest. The undergrowth has died back too, and the chance of disturbing small creatures is minimised. We soon warmed up with the vigorous sawing. As the cut hawthorns rolled down the hill to hungry bonfires, we drew close in anticipation of the baked potatoes buried deep within.

Sadly, due to the snow, the Great Hucklow scrub bash was cancelled, and work will have to wait until next winter. Also, as part of the Village Plan, the village may be organising a working party next winter, on the uncultivated land near Windmill. Here, the thinning out of brambles and other invasive species will help encourage biodiversity in the heart of the Hucklow villages.

*Note: the Great Hucklow and Longstone Edge scrub bashes were arranged by the PDNPA, as part of the Vision Project. This government-funded project aims to monitor and encourage biodiversity in designated areas, including land in Hucklow parish. For more information on the Vision Project and how you can get involved, contact Louise Valentine at the PDNPA, tel. 01629 816397*

Gillian Beer

*With thanks to Louise Valentine for additional material*

# Diary Dates for 2006

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| Sun 16th July    | : | Great Hucklow Fell Race                                 |
|                  | : | Concerto Grosso, 7.30 Nightingale Centre                |
| Sat 29th July    | : | 'Dazed and Confused' at the Queen Anne                  |
| 6th-13th August  | : | Wakes Week  |
| Thu 10th August  | : | Well Blessing   |
| Sat 12th August  | : | Gala Day  |
| Sun 13th Aug     | : | Gala Wind-up Social Evening at the Nightingale Centre   |
| Sun 29th October | : | Provisional Parish Party date at the Nightingale Centre |

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## Coffee Mornings at the Queen Anne

The coffee mornings will now be held once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 11.00am starting on 7th June. Hopefully, this will mean that more people will get together and enjoy Bill's piano playing.

## Sunday Newspapers

It has been suggested that a number of people would appreciate the delivery of Sunday newspapers to the village to be collected from the Queen Anne during opening hours. Before we investigate further the possibility of arranging this it is necessary to know how many people would like to participate in the scheme. Anyone interested please contact Audrey Abdi on 872499.

## Dazed and Confused at the Queen Anne - Sat 29th July

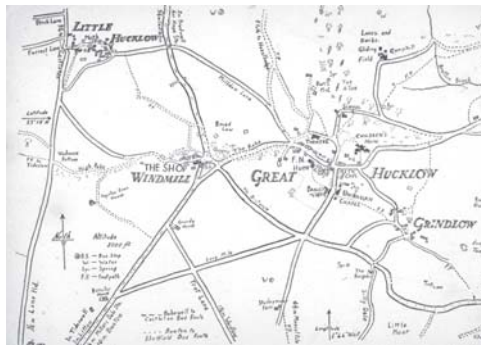
A welcome return to the Queen Anne of the Macclesfield band *Dazed and Confused*. Those of you who have been to one of their previous visits will know that they give a fantastic evening of entertainment - and Malcolm and Stella are providing this for you FREE! - with the proviso that you purchase glasses of liquid refreshment at the bar from time to time. Support your local pub!

## 'She Stoops to Conquer' at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester

We have made a group booking of tickets for a performance of Goldsmith's classic play on the evening of Wednesday 28th June for the discount price of £13 each. Anyone wishing to take advantage of the offer please contact Peter Miles, 01298 871385. Car sharing for the trip will be organised near the date, and a meal in Manchester before the performance could also be arranged if required.



# Great Hucklow Parish Plan



We are pleased to say that the Parish Plan has now gone through its final draft. The text has been formatted and enhanced with diagrams and photographs and is now in the process of being printed by Hammer Design of Hathersage.

The Parish Council would like to express its grateful thanks to all who helped with the consultation process, in compiling the outcomes of the consultation, producing the eventual text and in the writing of the final draft. Special thanks to Hester Messom who has worked tirelessly to complete the Plan and also to secure grant aid for its printing.

We would stress that this is very much a document of 'ideals' submitted by groups and individuals within our community – it reflects the feelings of the community as a whole and in no way is a policy document dictated by a few. Not everyone agrees with all that it contains or suggests as ways forward, but it should be seen as a document recording views and

feelings about the future of our community from as wide a consultation as possible. It is also evidence to outside bodies that there is a consensus, though a wide one, within our community about our identity and the ways in which we feel our community should maintain and sustain its undoubted vibrancy.

Any decisions which may be taken in the future affecting the whole community which spring from suggestions in the plan will be the result of further consultation and on the basis of agreement by the community before anything can happen.

It should be said that there is a view in the community that nothing needs to be done to improve the environment or amenity of our parish; it is one view among many views and will be respected as much as any other.

Peter Miles  
Vice Chairman,  
Great Hucklow Parish Council

## The Lead Legacy Project

This project is progressing well with many of the sub groups already compiling material.

The tour of the excavations at High Rake Mine given by John Barnatt was most enjoyable and informative and gave us an insight concerning the risks of leadmining in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries, both physical and financial.

John Beck and Doug Nash of Eyam have very kindly copied their entire archive of information on the lead mines in the Eyam area for us on to a CD-Rom for use as a research resource. This consists of a vast number documents about the mines, recollections, records of court cases, disputed mineral rights, maps and diagrams – a veritable treasure trove of information for which we are most grateful.

As part of the project we have now acquired a top quality digital camera which will be available for anyone in the community to use for work connected with any of our current projects. If you want to borrow it, even just for a practise session, then contact Peter Miles. Tuition in its use may also be available.

On the same basis we will shortly have possession of a digital audio recorder which we hope to use to collect 'aural history' or to compile a sound archive of the area; again, if anyone is interested in borrowing and using this equipment contact Peter.



A fascinating tour of the lead mine sites from Jack Binks



John Barnatt conducts us around the diggings at High Rake Mine

## Silence Mine

Negotiations are still in progress for the acquisition of the Silence Mine site into the combined ownership of Great Hucklow Parish Council and the Foolow Parish Meeting. Grant applications are currently in hand



to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of the site and its subsequent fencing and securing as well as the preliminary clearing of scrub etc. It should be emphasised that no Parish Council funds are being used for this project but under the terms of the acquisition the ownership of the site must rest with a local elected body and Trustees appointed to oversee its management.

## Great Hucklow Wakes Week and Gala Day

Again our annual big village event will be soon upon us and will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: Children's games and picnic on the school playing field

Thu 10<sup>th</sup>: The Blessing of the Wells with Cressbrook Band in attendance

The Great Potato Race judging – this year two First Prizes – one for total weight, one for quality.

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>: The Buggy Run (home-made human powered vehicles)

Judging of Best Dressed House/Figure at your Gate

Quiz Night

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>: Gala Day

There will be the usual array of stalls, games, competitions, demonstrations and rides from 2.00 to 5.00pm

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: Village Service in the Old Chapel, 10.30am

Annual Cricket Match – 'The Battle of the Greats'. We are hoping to have as opponents a team from The Crispin Inn at Great Longstone this year. John Hilton and Winston Knowles will be organising this event, so if you want to help or take part please make contact with them.

Social Evening at the Nightingale Centre, 8.00pm. This will be a very informal occasion – a 'post Gala Week Chill-out Evening'. Bring your own liquid refreshment – it is hoped to provide some music and perhaps a little entertainment.

### Well Dressing - Designers wanted!!!

The work of setting out and 'petalling' the well dressing pictures commences the week before Wakes. The theme for the village well this year is to be 'Water' and we would like to invite anyone to submit a possible design for this. Time is short so please get cracking if you want to have a go and submit your design to any member of the committee and the final design will be chosen from those submitted. A good bold design with well differentiated shapes and blocks of colour is best – not too much fiddly detail.

### Bunting

We are in urgent need of some volunteer bunting putter-uppers, and someone to take charge of the job. We hope that the bunting can be strung the weekend before Wakes Week begins, ie the last weekend in July. Any volunteers? Please contact Peter Miles who is no longer allowed to climb ladders.

## Easter

Our Easter celebrations included a competition held at school for designing an Easter card.

Easter Sunday saw an excellent turn out at the Queen Anne for our 'Bird's Nest' competition. Many superb entries – hats, models, drawings – and a successful social event for all.

