

Diary Dates for 2006

Book Club 9 October, 6 November, 4 December, all at 7.30 PM at Rowan House.

Calver Marshes Vision Project walks, meeting at New Bridge, Calver:

Sept 23 at 8.30 PM (Moths),

Oct. 1st at 11 AM (Fungi), Oct. 8th at 9.30-12.00 (Mosses)

Nov. 28th at 11 AM (Looking for Harvest Mice Nests).

Contact Vision Project on 01629 816397 for details.

Old Chapel Coffee Mornings 20th Sept, 27th Sept at 10.30 AM in the Old Chapel.

Darts and Dominoes in the Queen Anne and other local pubs on Wednesdays - contact Malcolm Hutton (Queen Anne landlord) for details

Sunday 22nd October - Village 'Harvest' Party at the Nightingale Centre, 7.30pm - £4 includes excellent 'Pea and Pie' supper - bring your own drinks. Tickets from Audrey Abdi

29th October - Live music with Jim Scott's band at the Queen Anne.

Folk Duo at the Queen Anne, starting Nov 9th and then every second Thursday, 7.30pm

Great Hucklow Community Spirit Committee

The village events and projects organised by the Committee rely very much for their success on the time and effort put in by members of the committee and those co-opted to take charge of particular tasks.

But, like everyone else, there is only so much time which Committee members and others can devote to these voluntary tasks, but we think that most would agree that our village life would be so much the poorer if these things were not done, or not done to the standard to which we have become accustomed

over the many years of the Committee's existence.

It will soon be AGM time, and we are always looking for new membership, and new blood and new ideas are what keeps a village organisation such as ours going.

If you would like to get involved - don't hesitate - just ask.

And please note - after 5 years in office, Patricia Miles will be retiring from chairing the Committee at the next AGM - so we will need someone to take her place. Nominations please!

Community Spirit Committee:

Chairman: Patricia Miles (01298 871385)

Secretary: Peter Miles

Treasurer: Richard Johnson

Minutes Secretary: Eunice Jennings

100 Club Secretary: Anna Whatley

Next Meetings

Wednesday 11th October (AGM)

Monday 20th November

Old Chapel Schoolroom

8.15pm

All welcome

Committee Members:

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

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Wakes Week and Well Dressing

Wakes Week has come and gone, and this year with not much inclement weather, although it might have been tempting providence to choose 'Water Aid' as the theme for the main village well. However, whatever influence David Shaw might have in the right places, it seemed to have worked this year.

August certainly provided plenty of water from the skies at other times, which was a good thing for the theme celebrated by the Children's Well - the new School garden.

All the planned events happened and Gala Day seemed to have been a great success, and thanks to everyone who helped to make it so.

We were grateful also to Tom Levitt, our MP, for opening Gala Day and officially launching our Parish Plan; both he and our County Councillor, Mrs Judith Twigg, who also attended, said how impressive they thought it to be. It was also good that both of them spent much of the afternoon with us, seeing what a small village can do with time and effort from willing people.



The exhibition in the Old Chapel of artifacts from around the world was certainly impressive, and a credit to all who had put time into creating such a varied and interesting display.

Thanks also to David Shaw for conducting our 'Well Blessings', and for choosing exactly the right words and appropriate sentiments for the occasion.

The Great Potato Race, Buggy Run, Quiz Night, and Children's Games were all enjoyed by participants and onlookers alike. The only 'downer' for the week was that we lost our first Cricket match against our new team of opponents, 'The Crispin' at Great Longstone. But there is always next year.

More from Wakes Week and Gala Day . . .



The main purpose of Wakes Week and Gala Day is for us as a community to have a bit of fun and to provide a relaxed social occasion for families, for friends and visitors - an occasion where we can show the world that our village life is not stuck in some Miss Marple type of fantasy.

Not only do we hope to bring enjoyment but it is also our main fund raising event of the year - principally to cover the expense of our Christmas Lights.

We also are very happy that other organisations should benefit from the week and many do so such as cancer charities, St Luke's Hospice, The Old Chapel and the village school.

It is worth pointing out that although we received over £1500 from our Gala Day more than half of this went out on the expenses of actually mounting the events of Gala Day and Wakes Week, leaving Community Spirit with an over-all profit of less than £700.



Audrey's Antiques - who could resist such an offer



Just enough cooks at the BBQ - and we even get visitors from as far away as Litton - see how he looks on with amazement.

The Great Potato Race

Run for the second time this year again proved a popular event with many entries from both young and not so young.

Gerald Binks was once more our excellent judge for the occasion and we must salute his stamina in sorting and judging the contents of some 60 bags of potatoes - of varying size and quality. And just to show us how it should be done he emptied his own crop at the end of the evening and put us all to shame!

The evening had to be one of the coldest ever in August!



The competition was won by Gillian Beer - here receiving her prize of a spade presented by Gerald Binks

A consolation prize for Izzy Knowles - her entire output is being held by Gerald



FREE INTRODUCTORY INTERNET TUITION

For women in Hucklow Parish

Are you a woman living in Hucklow Parish?

Have you never used the Internet before?

Would you like to use the Internet for:

- Home shopping?
- To find out information?
- To view our village website?
- To keep in contact with younger relatives?

If so, you are eligible for FREE introductory training. The training will be one-to-one with the tutor, or if you would like to learn with a friend, then the tutor can train you both together. The training can be in your home, or anywhere else in Hucklow Parish - just talk to the tutor to agree a location. You don't need a PC or anything else, as everything will be provided.

Contact Gillian Beer on 01298 872809 to find out more and to arrange training. We can only train a limited number of women, so don't delay!

The Derbyshire Dales CVS Leader+ Access scheme has generously provided funding. The Leader+ Access scheme is targeted at women and young people. Our grant is specifically for training women who have not had the benefit of Internet training at work or at school.

Village Directory

Community Spirit has achieved funding for printing the Village Directory. Every household in the Parish will receive a free copy this winter. As well as information about local societies and social groups, the Directory will list a wide range of services, from the nearest Accident and Emergency to Play Groups, Plumbers

and Window Cleaners, and a lot more besides.

If you can provide a service to people in the Hucklow area and would like to be listed in the Directory, please contact Gillian Beer on 01298 872809 with your details before 30 September 2006.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits the area every two weeks on a Thursday, and has a good range of books which are refreshed with new ones from time to time. It is

important that we support this service, to ensure its future. The Mobile Library visits Windmill at 1.15 PM and Great Hucklow at 1.20 PM.

Hucklow (r)Amblers

Would you be interested in joining a new group for leisurely walks admiring the scenery and wildlife? If so, please contact Gillian Beer on 01298 872809, and we can arrange to meet to talk about dates and places.

ZIP UP AND ENGAGE: PILATES RETURNS



the initial courses of 6 weeks' duration catering for all levels of experience. Pilates is suitable for men and women, and for all ages.

Additionally, and again in response to demand from a number of residents, it is hoped to run a body conditioning class at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays (BCON). This 45-minute class will involve low-impact moves as well as strengthening and toning exercises.

The costs are £37.50 for the PLT1 and PLT2 Pilates courses, and £34.50 for the BCON body conditioning course, in all cases payable in advance (cheques payable to "The Nightingale Centre").

To reserve your place on any or all of these courses, please telephone Janet on 07795 418718 or 01298 871593 (answering machine), or e-mail westend@hucklow.net or info@great-hucklow.org, using the course codes (PLT1, PLT2 or BCON) to identify your requirements.

After breaking for the summer, Pilates is set to return to the Nightingale Centre in the week beginning 11th September. John O'Donnell will again be guiding participants through a series of slow and measured movements aimed at building awareness of (and, where necessary, correcting) body alignment, to improve posture and flexibility, and to prevent injury.

In response to demand, there will be two 60-minute Pilates classes a week, one on Tuesdays (PLT1) and the other on Thursdays (PLT2), at 8.30 p.m., with

Great Hucklow Parish Plan

The Plan is published, and we hope has been delivered to all households in the Parish.

If by any chance you haven't received a copy or would like more copies please contact any of the Community Spirit Committee Members or Parish Councillors.

Some of its recommendations have already been put into place and it is hoped that other will come to fruition in the near future. If you want to be involved in any of the initiatives please contact Hester Messom or Patricia Miles.

Concerto Grosso

Grateful thanks to the Nightingale Centre for allowing us to stage the event in the Charles Peach Hall. It was a really fantastic evening with twelve young musicians showing us what hard work and dedication to their instrument and music can do - and gives the lie to the view that all teenagers are useless layabouts.

The evening raised enough to donate £100 to the 'Send a Child to Hucklow' charity and a further £100 was donated to work with young musicians in the area.

Don't miss it if they come again next year.



Crew of the Black Pearl



The Bower Boys, Run Winners



Trapped Mice

The Buggy Run

Another excellent turn-out for the Buggy Run - but the most unusual vehicle of the evening had to be the giant Gloucester Old Spot Pig which travelled all the way from Gloucestershire on the roof rack of a car! The run itself was won by Andy and Toby Bower, and congratulations once more to Roland Butcher and his team for the best turned out - and winner of the new Trophy presented and sponsored by Gilders - thanks to Peter Williams.

Gala Day



Tom Levitt MP and Cllr Judith Twigg are introduced to the Gloucester Old Spot by Community Spirit members



Bill Salt takes charge of the cart ride.



Sitting and watching is all part of the fun

Well Dressing

Congratulations to this year's 'well dressers' - the design by Eunice Jennings had all the right elements and the eventual effect of the completed picture by our team of petallers was quite stunning.

The finished article is the product of many hands and many hours of time. Firstly the clay is fetched out of store and 'puddled' in a bathtub with water and left to soak for several days; the wooden frames are prepared and the clay is smoothed into them.

Meanwhile the design has been 'enlarged' onto large pieces of paper at the size required and each colour block is 'outlined' - the resulting 'cartoons' look a little like a 'painting by numbers' design. These are placed over the clay panels and the outlines are 'pounced', ie needle points are pricked along the pattern of lines so that the design is transferred to the clay beneath.

The paper is removed and the colour blocks filled with appropriate petals, leaves, seeds or other bits of 'natural' material. This 'petalling' process usually begins on the Sunday of Gala Week and will take the team three days of full-time working to complete the picture



The well picture (better in colour!) and petallers at work. We have some colour prints of the well; if anyone would like a copy contact Peter Miles



Blessing of the Children's Well

The Children's Well was another spectacular picture - this year a collage of images suggested by the new kitchen garden venture at the school. If you haven't seen the new garden yet then do visit the site and be amazed at what they have achieved in so short a time.

Not only 'Jamie Oliver' style meals, but they grow the ingredients themselves at Great Hucklow School

The Great Hucklow Fell Race, 2006



Peter and Clive - first local lads at the finish



Leading runners pass the gliding field



- first local lady at the finish



The back-office gang



A selection of our better looking Marshalls

Apart from the weather (we seemed to have picked the hottest Sunday in the year again!) the day was an acclaimed success by participants, organisers and onlookers.

That undoubted success was in no small way thanks to the extraordinary efforts and dedication of one man - Peter Tapping. Without Peter a lot more people would have to do a lot more work to make the day happen so seamlessly.

We were very grateful also to our sponsors and to the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Team for providing a sartorially elegant and relaxed First Aid and Emergency backup.

Thanks also to all who helped on the day, marshals, timekeepers, clerks -

and particularly to Anna Whatley and the flap-jack makers - a highlight of the event for the runners.

From the entry fees, after expenses were deducted, we were able to give donations of £150 to both the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Team and to the County Air Ambulance Service.

Perhaps next year we could swap the weather with Gala Day.

Again, our sincere thanks to Peter Tapping, to the landowners who allowed the race to cross their land, and not least to all the runners who did the run in such difficult conditions - and they all said they will be here again next year. Wow! It's good that they find it pleasurable!