

## Diary Dates for 2007- 8

\*Note our new series of Autumn and Winter Talks

Sunday 13 October. A walk with John Beck looking at the surface evidence of lead mining on Hucklow Edge. 2pm at the troughs.

\*Sunday 21 October: Peter Miles will give an illustrated talk on the history of the Great Hucklow Playhouse and the Village Players. 8pm, Nightingale Centre.

Saturday 27-Sunday 28 October: Hucklow Hobble.

\*Friday 16 November. An illustrated talk by Jeff Hand about his recent journey around the world under sail.

Friday 23 November: John Barnatt (Senior Survey Archaeologist at the Peak District National Park Authority) talks about his proposed project in the area of Silence Mine. Burdekin Hall, Foolow, 8pm.

Saturday 8 December: Christmas Lights switch-on. 7pm on the Green, carols led by a local folk band (Cressbrook Band unavailable)

\*Sunday 20 January: Nick Williams talks about his caving trip to Mulau (Indonesia); 8pm, Nightingale Centre.

\*Sunday 17 February: Hester Messom talks about her recent six months of working in Kenya. Nightingale Centre, 8pm.

### New Brooms at the Anne

A sincere welcome to Angela and Glynn, the new owners and occupants of the Queen Anne; we wish them every success in their venture and feel sure that villagers will give them encouragement and support.

In a recent letter to Community Spirit, Malcolm Hutton, the previous landlord, wished us to pass on his sincere thanks to his customers not only for drinking his beer but also for their company and warm friendship during his 5 year stay here. He also pointed out that in Norfolk, where he is now living, it seems that property prices in villages who still have a pub are some 10% higher than those who have lost theirs. Must surely be a moral there somewhere.

### Future meetings of Community Spirit Committee:

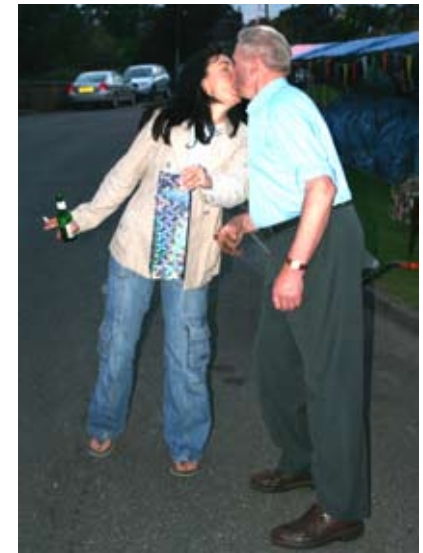
Wed 10 October (AGM); Wed 7 November, both at 8.15pm at Conformance. All welcome.

### Community Spirit Committee Members:

Audrey Abdi (01298 872399), Peter Miles, Richard Johnson, Dinah Johnson, Eunice Jennings, Anne Butcher, Patricia Miles, Janet Persey, Roy Walker, Hester Messom, Gillian Beer, Anna Whatley

# Great Hucklow Community Spirit NewsLetter September 2007

NB: Thinner edition than usual - lack of copy from contributors! Get your pens working for next time!



What some will do to bribe a potato judge!



Wakes  
Week Pics



## A Chairman's Lot

Some thoughts from Audrey Abdi, the Chair of our Community Spirit Committee  
As well as being a woman I have two qualifications for the post of Chair(man) of Great Hucklow and District Community Spirit Committee.

1. I live in the middle of the village
  2. I am bi-lingual, ie I can speak both 'broad' Derbyshire and 'posh' Derbyshire.
- The year since my election to the post has taught me that although future candidates for the job might very well manage it without these qualifications, I would recommend that they might also have, in addition to youth and energy, the following attributes:
1. computer literacy
  2. oratorical skills
  3. a loud voice - necessary for quelling unruly members of the committee
  4. artistic ability - for well-dressing, the creation of posters etc
  5. photographic skills - to record all village events
  6. a knowledge of local history and of the flora, fauna and geology of the area
  7. a head for heights - for climbing ladders to erect bunting, Christmas lights etc
  8. a strong back, shoulders and hands - for opening The Container, carrying and erecting marquees, stalls etc
  9. a good memory in order to know what you are to do when, where and how
  10. the duck-like ability to appear calm and unruffled on the surface but to be paddling furiously underneath

Fortunately my lack of all these qualifications may not have been too detrimental as other members of the committee and of the village not only possess them in abundance but are ever anxious and willing to put them into practice, for which I am truly grateful. Also, I hope that it might give comfort to potential future Chairmen that you don't have to be a high flying multi-tasker to do the job.

Thank-you to everyone who has given me support and help during this past year - I certainly could not have managed it without you.

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### Great Hucklow and District Community Spirit AGM

This takes place on 10th October in the 'conference room' of the offices of Conformance (the old Great Hucklow Methodist chapel building on the corner of Dyrte Lane and Main Road) at 8.15pm. Elections will take place for membership of the Committee and of its Officers. If you would like to be nominated yourself as a member of the Committee or know someone who you think could be persuaded, then please get in touch with Peter Miles (current Hon Secretary, tel. 871385) preferably before the meeting. Amendments to the Constitution will be considered by the new Committee.

There will also be opportunity to discuss the work of Community Spirit and any future projects or activities that the community members would like to see us promote.

Just to remind everyone that the Committees remit is for all the communities within the civil parish of Great Hucklow, ie Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow, Grindlow, Windmill and Coplodale.

Please come along to the meeting - all are welcome.

## Recent Events

### Fell Race 2007

Congratulations to our superb organiser Pete Tapping, to the marshalls, time-keepers, clerks, catering and safety team for another very successful event. Our hopes that it would not be as hot as the previous two years were answered, but not quite in the way we intended – a little less rain would have been more pleasant for the marshalls and bystanders, although I am told that the runners didn't mind – the wet keeps them cooler.

### Concerto Grosso

The second visit to the Nightingale Centre of this highly talented group of young musicians gave us another superb evening of beautiful music – very soothing after our day of the Fell Race. Hopefully they will be with us again next year – so don't miss them.

From the above two events we were able to donate over £300 to 'The Willow Foundation', our chosen charity this year, as well as to make a donation to the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Service who provided us with First Aid cover for the Fell Race.

### Wakes Week, Well Dressing and Gala Day

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make all the events and projects such a success this year. We are particularly indebted to Clive Lee and his work detail for erecting and dismantling the bunting, to Roland Butcher for organising and erecting the stalls on the Green, to our fantastic bands of well-dressers for two more wonderful floral pictures, and to Roy Walker and his band who gave our Gala Day that special additional musical 'joi de vivre'.

Particular thanks once more to Peter Eyre plus his magnificent Shire Horse and crew for helping the entertainment, and to Bradwell Firefighters for attending again with their pump.

The Great Potato Race again attracted many entries in spite of a poor potato growing summer, and this year was won by someone from outside the village, and the sister of our Chief Judge no less!

The new event of the Garden Gate Sale seemed to prove so popular and successful that we hope to repeat it again next year.

It was particularly good to have our Gala Day officially opened by representatives from the original Community Spirit Committee who, as young members of the villages, set up the initiative to help to heal a certain amount of social rift in the community engendered by the issue of the development of Mill Dam Mine. We hope they could see that their initiative has been built upon and that 20 years later has indeed become the very epitome of a true community spirit in all that it has achieved and continues to do so.

### !!HURRAH!!

The more observant of you will have noticed that at last the third and final Great Hucklow village marker stone – the limestone one – has been erected at the junction of Dyrte Lane and the Foolow-Windmill Road. Many thanks to John Whatley for supplying the stone and to Neil Walker and his magic machine for so expertly and delicately putting it in its place.

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### Christmas Lights

It won't be long before the trees and lights will be in process of being erected around the village. We shall be looking for volunteers to make up working parties to achieve this before the great switch-on – Saturday 8th December.