

Our Country Paths in Grave Danger of Becoming the Sole Domain of Off-rovers

Many of you will have enjoyed a walk down Silly Dale in the past years (old English meaning of Silly = pretty). The path begins at 'The Bungalow' at a place properly known locally as 'Salty Butter Bottom', and continues down the dale to join eventually the Foolow/Trot lane track.

What most of you will not know is that the County Council is intending to re-classify these tracks as Bridle Ways in an attempt to limit access to them by off-road motor vehicles. As a result of a challenge to this intention from the off-road vehicle organisations there was a two-day Public Enquiry held in Tideswell at the end of June. Evidence was given by the County Council representatives as well as appellants in support of and against the proposal, and in three months time the appointed Planning Inspector will give a judgement based on this evidence.

It is perhaps very unfortunate that so few residents of the parish were aware that this challenge and enquiry was taking place. The off-road interests were represented very strongly and were very well organised in their arguments and evidence to support their continued use of these tracks; it is on the cards that the motoring interest will win the argument because other parties in support of the County Council's proposal were so poorly represented.

We should be very grateful that at least Dr Karen Hinckley of the British Horse Society and in particular to Mr Henry Folkard (resident of 'The Bungalow' at Silly Dale) for putting up a valiant and well argued case in support of the County's proposal.

One of the important elements of evidence was the 'Evidence of Use' forms which could be filled in by any user of the tracks and submitted to the enquiry. The off-road interest had at least a hundred of these forms completed purporting to prove that they had been using the tracks for over 20 years and in greater numbers than any other users. If this is accepted by the Inspector then the County's case may fall and the off-rovers could claim primary use of the tracks.

Apart from a few completed Evidence of Use forms from the British Horse Society there were none from any other interested group. Walkers and cyclists were not represented, mainly, we think, because they were unaware of the importance of their evidence in countering the claims of the off-road vehicle interests.

There were some seven members of Great Hucklow parish in attendance at the enquiry representing various interests, but this hardly compared with the representation of the off-road vehicle users.

If you wish to express your views on the matter then you might contact your Parish Council representative, or the County Rights of Way Officer (Mr Peter Jackson) at the County Offices.

It will be a pity if the motoring interest wins by default as our country paths will become even more the private domain of off-road motor cyclists and 4-wheel drivers. Be aware that there may be further public enquiries of a similar nature and it is up to us to make sure a case for local use is made strongly and effectively. PJM

Great Hucklow and District Community Spirit Committee

Future Meetings 2008: Wednesday July 16th.

All meetings at 8.15pm in the Old Chapel Schoolroom; everyone welcome

Current Committee Members: Audrey Abdi (Chair), Peter Miles (Hon. Secretary) Richard Johnson (Hon. Treasurer) Anna Whatley (100 Club Hon. Treasurer/Secretary), Eunice Jennings (Minutes Secretary), Dinah Johnson, Lesley Shaw, Hester Messom, Patricia Miles, Roy Walker, Janet Persey, Gillian Beer

Great Hucklow Community Spirit NewsLetter July 2008



Wakes Week and Gala Day is almost upon us once more, and details of the programme as arranged at the moment can be found on the centre pages. But firstly, a word from Chairman Audrey about our Gala Day opener this year:

Our Gala Day this year is to be opened by Kanchha Babu Sherpa and although we ran a brief article about him in the previous NewsLetter some of you may still not be aware of who he is.

For several years we have enjoyed the stall on Gala Day which sells items from Nepal. In 2003 the ladies who run the stall, together with other friends, formed the Nepalese Children's Trust which now supports two orphanages in Nepal. The Trust is also sponsoring Kanchha to study medicine at Manchester University.

Kanchha was brought up in a remote village in Nepal where no doctor is available and where few

people have any concept of what a medical doctor actually is. It is Kanchha's intention to return to Nepal as a qualified doctor and to practise in those remote areas of his homeland.

He could not have secured a place at Manchester without the financial support of the Trust. His personal achievement against all the odds is remarkable and is due to his vision, intelligence, perseverance, hard work and commitment. He is an outstanding example to everyone and I am confident you will all enjoy meeting him on our Gala Day -16th August.

Audrey Abdi



The Work'us kids and the Widow Corney



The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Bet and Nancy

A few pics of
'Oliver'
taken at the Dress Rehearsal by Simon Bull



Fagin and a few of the urchins

Great Hucklow School 'Oliver' leaves audiences asking for more

A condensed musical version of the story of 'Oliver Twist' was presented by pupils of Great Hucklow Church of England Primary School at the Nightingale Centre during the first week of June – and what a presentation! Such a range of talent and energy on show should make us all very proud of the pupils and the staff of the school.

The script of the play was skilfully adapted from the original Dickens story by Colin Greenland, and in fact Mr Charles Dickens himself narrated the story for us to excellent effect in the person of Chay Johnson.

The story was augmented by songs from the musical 'Oliver' delivered with energy and panache by soloists and chorus alike. Jacob McAdie made a splendidly sinister Fagin, and I wouldn't have liked to meet Bill Sykes on a dark night as portayed by Sam Day, although it was his dog Bull's-eye who probably stole the show! Hannah Harrison and Hazel Watson took it in turns to play the saucy Nancy and sang their solo song to great effect.

There could be no cheekier version of the Artful Dodger as given to us by Matthew Simpson, and William Hulme's Oliver was as gentle and vulnerable as he should be. Jake Revell's Mr Bumble bumbled wonderfully and Emma Furness as

the Widow Corney accompanied him beautifully in their duet. Toby Bower as Mr Brownlow looked very impressive and all the other characters were played with spirit and sparkle. The chorus girls and the those playing the Workhouse Children and Pickpockets gave the performance a real energy and enthusiasm, especially in the songs.

The evening began with a 'prelude' from the School Orchestra – spirited and entirely enjoyable versions of 'The Wallis and Grommit Theme' and 'Oom-Pah-Pah', both arranged for the orchestra by their musical director, Janet Chandley.

Our sincere thanks to the Headteacher, Jan Harrison, and all those involved for giving us all such a wonderful evening of real entertainment.

Thanks also to parents and friends for helping with all the preparation and 'back-stage' work, and grateful thanks to Julie Dadson and the Nightingale Centre for being such helpful and understanding hosts.

Good things come in small packages, and on the evidence of this performance it is more than true about our village school; we should perhaps remember this if there is any attempt in the future to amalgamate our great little school into something bigger and 'better(?)'

PJM

Great Hucklow School Trip To Castleton

Every Year, Years 3 & 4 go on a residential trip; this year we went to Castleton. We had a really fun time, when we got there we had our packed lunches, after about 15 minutes we were ready to go on a history walk with David, we learned a lot about lime stone and sand stone!

When we finished our history walk we made our way to Peveril Castle, our teacher sorted us into groups of 4 or 5 then she gave us a leader we had to stay with our whole time at Peveril Castle.

When we got into the castle we started exploring we found a very smelly old fashioned toilet and some stairs that lead into what looked like a dining hall or the dungeons.

We got back to the youth hostel and did some archery with someone who worked at the youth hostel called Rob. We pretended to be Anglo-Saxons and the targets were the Normans; the targets had points for everything you hit, if you hit the eye you get 10 points, if you get the rest of the face you get 5 points, if you hit the body you got 1 point and if you hit the shield or the sword you got no points, it was great fun. After the archery we had team work challenges, we played

a game called Minesweeper and we had to guide each other through to get to the other side without getting blown up.

We had our tea at 6pm and by this time we were all very hungry we had a delicious dinner and then went to do gem panning. Gem panning was really great, we each had a tray and a bag of sand with hidden gems in it and when we put it in the tray and then in the water we could find the gems and got to keep them.

Next we did the camera challenge we split into teams and tried to find everything that was on a list. We had a story in the common room and then went to bed (we had to switch the lights out at 9pm.) We had breakfast and sorted out our rooms at 8am, ie made our beds.

At 9:30am we went on the Three Rocks Walk; we walked all the way from Castleton youth hostel to Treak Cliff cavern!!! We had a packed lunch at Treak cliff cavern and went into the shop, then we went into the cavern we saw lots of different rocks – Blue John, Calcite and lots more – we even saw the 7 dwarves!

After Treak cliff cavern we left to come home.

Francesca Butcher

Great Hucklow

Well Dressing, Wakes Week & Gala Day 2008

Programme as planned to date

Sunday Aug 10th

The dressing of the Well begins - all helpers are welcome

!!! Garden Gate Sale – 2.00pm !!!

Residents of the parish are invited to join in this event and offer for sale to the public: produce, craft work, bric-a-brac, or a range of items surplus to their requirements etc.

Stalls will be available on The Green on a first come basis, or do your own thing outside your house. If you wish to take part please contact Audrey Abdi on 01298 872399 (£5 per stall)

Thursday Aug 14th

6.00: Judging of Best Dressed House or 'Figure at your Gate'

7.00: Blessing of the two Wells by David Shaw, with music from the Cressbrook Band

8.00: Judging of the 'Great Potato Race' on The Green by Mr Gerald Binks. Prize for heaviest crop, plus Judge's discretionary prize for quality.

Teas and Exhibition in the Old Chapel: 10.30 - 5.30

Friday Aug 15th

The Great Great Hucklow Buggy Run

('Rules' will be displayed on village notice board a month before the run)

6.30: *Concourse d'elegance* and judging of entries at the **Queen Anne** car park

7.00: Run begins. The course will start at the Queen Anne, along the Main Road to Hucklow Hall, back along the Main Road, down to and around the 'triangle', then back to the finish at the Queen Anne.

8.30 (or soon after): Team Quiz in the Queen Anne

Teas and Exhibition in the Old Chapel: 10.30 - 5.30

Gala Day : Saturday Aug 16th

Official Opening at 2.00pm by **Kanchha Babu Sherpa**

Along the Village Street:

Well Dressing and Stalls - Cakes and Home Produce, Bric-a-Brac, Aromatherapy and Soaps, Fair Trade, Cards, Nepalese Textiles

Roy Walker's Jazz Band

also, Tombola and Raffle, Face Painting, Fire Engine, Children's games, Competitions, Train Rides

BBQ and Ice Cream sales throughout the afternoon

4.00: Raffle Draw 4.30 Doris Dancers

Teas and Exhibition in the Old Chapel: 10.30 - 5.30

Sunday Aug 17th

10.30: Village Service in the Old Chapel to celebrate our community - all are welcome

2.30: Annual Cricket Match (The Queen Anne v The Crispin)

Teas and Exhibition in the Old Chapel: 12.00 - 5.30

'Buggy Run', 'Decorated House', 'Figure at Your Gate'

Don't forget these three Wakes Week events.

1. Decorate your house, or
2. Construct an interesting 'figure' standing outside.
3. The 'Buggy Run' is also an opportunity to construct some kind of human propelled buggy for a race along the village street. Vehicles must have at least one passenger/driver and no less than three road wheels. There is a *Concourse d'elegance* prior to the run itself, so if you don't want to build for speed then build for beauty!

Well Dressing

The making of the Well Dressing panel begins on Sunday 10th August and it will be put in place on the evening of Wednesday 13th. Anyone wishing to take part in the process of petalling will be welcome – just come along to the 'petalling place' – Roland Butcher's garage.

The frame and clay bed will have to be prepared beforehand and this year Mrs Nicola Hilton is in charge of this process and she will welcome any offers of help – otherwise she may press-gang you into service!

The Children's Well will also be in construction – parents will be approached!

Concerto Grosso – Sunday 13th July Nightingale Centre 7.30pm

Once more we are delighted to welcome Concerto Grosso to Great Hucklow and look forward to another evening of beautiful string music from this energetic group of young musicians from the Sheffield and Derbyshire areas.

If you have been unable to attend their previous concerts then do try to catch this one – you won't be disappointed.

The group is in a state of constant evolution as new young players are introduced and the older ones



move on. Some ex-players are now professionals in their own right and many of those playing tonight will no doubt become leading musicians of the future, and thanks very largely to their dedicated and inspiring leader and mentor, Nina Martin.

A feast of beautiful music – do come and enjoy the opportunity.

Admission – £3.50 at the door

Refreshments will be available.

Fell Race – Sunday 20th July 11am at the Foundry Adventure Centre

For various reasons the Great Hucklow Fell Race date had to be changed to 20th July – sorry if this has upset anyone's training regime.

It will follow the usual format and Pete Tapping has everything in hand, he tells us.

What we shall need on the day is our

usual small army of volunteers to man the marshalling points, timekeepers, clerks and runners, refreshment providers and general dogs-bodies.

There is a meeting for all who would like to give assistance on 9th July at the Nightingale Centre at 8pm

100 Club Winners

April 2008:			May 2008:			June 2008		
43	J Hilton	£20	36	K Wilkinson	£20	58	P Tapping	£20
24	J Persey	£10	64	A Butcher	£10	40	P Williams	£10
10	S Tanner	£10	40	P Williams	£10	06	J Sweeting	£10
99	A Whatley	£5	09	B Walker	£5	47	H Johnson	£5
57	D Johnson	£5	67	V Sellers	£5	65	R Furness	£5



confronted by the blinking eyes of a large and indignant owl. With great care he managed to envelop it in a towel and took it outside. After posing for the above photograph, and ascertaining that it was hale and hearty, the bird was released to freedom.

John thinks it was most probably a Tawny Owl – perhaps someone might be able to identify it positively from the photo.

John's 'owl' of Protest

A few weeks ago John and Angela Whatley were somewhat taken aback by mysterious sounds which appeared to be coming from the inside of a large iron stove in their dining room – something live was trapped in there and was doing its best to get out.

They assumed that it was some kind of bird which had somehow found its way down the chimney and into the stove, which was fortunately not lit at the time.

After carefully arranging sheets and towels around the stove, John very carefully opened its doors and was

Silence Mine Diggings

If you are a 'Time Team' fan then you should make your way to the Silence Mine site and see how much the Peak District Mines Historical Society have already revealed of the original mine buildings after only two days of excavation work.

If you would like to see them actually doing the digging, then be at the site after 10pm on the first Saturday of every month and they are always pleased to give you a guided tour.

Better still, arrive with your own digging tools and give them a little of your time and labour! A really worthwhile Saturday pastime.

Most Recent Hucklowvian

Congratulations to Clive and Jackie Lee/Fee on the addition of a girl to their current family. Named Isobel, she will bring much joy to her brothers James and Elliot; and with such parentage she will no doubt grow into a young lady of grace, elegance and charm, as her mother before her.

Get Well, Bill and Brian

Some of you may be aware that Bill Hughes is in a Nursing Home in Cheshire recovering from a brief illness. We look forward to seeing him well and back home soon walking the village roads again.

Brian Warriner is also in hospital after an operation; we wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will soon be able to resume the village patrol with Janice and the dogs.