

VILLAGE PUMP

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Autumn colours in the millenium gardens

Bin Days

Blue bin/green bin:

2nd / 16th / 30th November

Grey bin:

9th / 23rd November 7th December

From April 2021 there will be a charge for Green Bin collections. Sign up before 31st January 2021 to pay £35 for the year, after then it will cost £50 per year per bin.

The crews will try to take recycling side waste where possible - please check how to present excess recycling at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/excessrecycling

Used batteries for recycling can be put in a bag on top of the Blue bin.

Climate Change Strategy Approved

Derbyshire Dales District Council has unanimously approved a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan designed to ensure the authority meets its target of being carbon neutral by 2030. The Action Plan sets out a potential pathway to achieving net zero in terms of the District Council's direct emissions, outlining in broad terms the level of investment - around £2.7-million - that would be required to meet net zero and the period over which that investment would need to be made.

The meeting also agreed that the council's carbon footprint be measured and reported on an annual basis and that the programme of works required to achieve net zero by 2030 is approved and built into the Capital Programme to be considered by council next month.

The pathway to net zero identified in the Strategy is listed as:

- Energy efficiency improvements to existing facilities;
- Installation of biomass heating at Matlock Town Hall;
- Electrification of heating at 3 key facilities;
- Installation of roof mounted solar PV at 2 key facilities;
- Development of 2MW ground mounted solar PV;
- Electrification of the Council's vehicle fleet.

Cllr Mike Ratcliffe, who originally took the Climate Emergency motion to the council, said: "This a very valuable piece of work. It gives us a concrete assessment of what we need to do and it gives us the associated costs. These are of course are never palatable in our money-saving environment, but we need to grasp this with both hands." (The debate at a full meeting of the council last week can be viewed again on the council's YouTube channel at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/videos)



September 2020 - Dry & Sunny, Colder Later

By day it was the warmest September since 2016 but, relative to average, the nights were cooler and the mean temperature for the month was exactly the same as September 2019. The maximum of 25.3c on the 15th was the 4th highest on record in September but at the other end of the temperature scale, the minimum of 2.9c on the night of the 26th was the lowest for the month since 2012 and the 5th lowest on record.

Rainfall was well below average and it was the driest September since 2014 and the 7th driest on record. The total rainfall for the first 9 months of the year is 792.7 mm, 107% of average, but 102 mm less than at the same time last year.

It was a sunny month, sunnier than June, July or August, but not quite as sunny as September 2019 which recorded one hour more sunshine.

Although it wasn't a particularly windy month there were some strong winds in the last week, with a gust of 56 mph recorded on the 25th.

September 2020		Diff' from, or % of, average	Date
Mean maximum temp	16.7 C	+0.6 C	
Mean minimum temp	9.2 C	+0.0 C	
Highest maximum	25.3 C		15th
Lowest minimum	2.9 C		26th
Total Rainfall	34.9 mm	44%	
Wettest Day	11.6 mm		2nd
Days with rain	11		
Total Sunshine	135.2 hrs	126%	
Sunniest Day	10.1 hrs		14th
Days with no sunshine	3		

New Faces on the Village Hall Committee

We are pleased to announce that following the letter circulation in the village we have 5 new willing volunteers on the Village Hall committee - Hooray. The committee now consists of 4 members and 5 Trustees. We also have a willing group of other volunteers who have agreed to take on tasks as and when required, so from our perspective a very positive outcome.

The Village Hall is now open, and some groups have returned and others starting to use it shortly. All groups have strict Covid rules and procedures to follow including socially distancing. It has taken a lot of hard work by all committee members to ensure the continuity of a safe building.

On another note, one of the Trustees - Jane Monaghan will be leaving the committee at the end of the year. Jane has been a member for at least 7 years and has been instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of the Village Hall, as well as supporting an improvement plan, resulting in the great building we have today. She has juggled many roles on the committee alongside the running of The Nelson; no easy task.

She will be missed, and so we would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of everybody who has used or been to a variety of events in the Village Hall for her hard work and commitment.

Sue Stockwell, on behalf of the Village Hall committee

Church News


As David Truby mentioned last month, my wife and I are about to move house and I shall be leaving Holy Trinity church and my connections with Wirksworth Ministry Team. Moving house is rarely a smooth process and doing so during a pandemic is proving even harder. But we had decided last Christmas that we should live closer to our grandchildren and be more involved in their lives. The events of this last year have, if anything, underlined the importance of that. All of us have been reminded of the importance of neighbours, families and friends over recent months and the residents of Middleton have, as usual, shown a strong sense of community and care for one another during this crisis. Rereading last month's Village Pump has just reminded me of how much has been done to make sure each family, each person living on their own, has the support they need. And it looks like we will be in this for the long haul and must renew our support for one another over the winter. I am sure the village will dig deep into its sense of community to find the strength to get through.

I've just reached the 34th anniversary of becoming a lay minister in the Church of England and, approaching yet another significant birthday, I proposed to stand down from my role this winter in any case. But being part of Holy Trinity Church and sharing in so many Middleton community events has been a privilege over the last five years. I have learnt a lot from you all. I had previously been attached to a large suburban church in Nottingham, with a busy and extensive role there. But it was clear that the role of a church in a small village community is rather different. I have learnt to do new things, as well as to do familiar things in different ways. The sense of community, which I mentioned earlier in this letter, is something which shapes the mission of the church in a small village. I have been impressed by the support there is across the wider community both for the church building itself and for the role of the church in celebrating the big festivals and turning points of the year. Your care for the building is annually expressed in the Friends of Holy Trinity Patronage Appeal (which is underway right now) and by your support for the bigger services of the year. One of the difficulties of the present time is how we can adjust to doing things like Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas in ways that fit the requirements of these difficult times. We are finding new ways of being church locally. As someone who has been self-isolating since March for health reasons, it has been a joyful surprise to find a role in making possible the weekly services on Zoom and on the Team Website.

My memories of Middleton include varied aspects of community life. It was an honour to be involved in the plans and events of the Middleton Remembers Project and I hope that can be built on further in more "normal" times. Working on the churchyard project with the school children and others to win a Bronze Award in the Eco Church scheme was a great experience too. I hope the school will continue to inspire its pupils to connect with nature, care for the environment and even to nag us adults to get more active in combatting the climate crisis. It is their world we need to recover and restore!

I have also enjoyed various aspects of working with the younger families in Middleton. We pioneered the Children's Storytelling sessions in the church basement, extended the range of Family Services on offer, and developed activities like the Posada with puppets in the lead up to Christmas. Celebrating baptisms with young families was a special privilege and watching those children move through play groups to school and enjoy the company of others at Middleton School just underlined the importance of community for youngsters growing up. And even an oldie like me could have a role in supporting all that – indeed we all do, whatever our age. Perhaps that's the lesson of these last five years for me and the meaning of these last few months for all of us: each of us can make our contribution, however small or different it might seem, to building up the community and making Middleton a great place to be part of. Thank you for letting me share in all that!

Peter Lewis
Reader, Holy Trinity Church



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Middleton Community Primary – October School News

We are continuing our busy and productive first term, and the children are as fantastic as ever. The staff are working incredibly hard and finding new and creative ways of working. One example of this is that normally at this time of year we hold face to face parent/teacher meetings, but this time we have spoken over the phone or set Teams meetings to share the latest news about our children. These have proved very successful and we have spoken to all (100%) of our parents – a real success in these strange times!

Young Minds Day – We continue to support our children to have healthy minds and bodies. We celebrated Young Minds Day by sharing positive messages and giving children strategies to cope and flourish at this challenging time, and for the future.

Especially now, we feel it is more important than ever to share as much as we can with each other, so that our communities are safe and well. Therefore, for our Harvest Festival we asked families to donate tins or packets of food to the Jigsaw Food Bank (Church in the Peak) at Matlock. We were overwhelmed by our

family's generosity and kindness, as you can see from the pictures. Our community never fails in its care and support for one another.

Holy Trinity Church also provides an all year-round collection point for the Jigsaw Food Bank, so if this something you are interested in continuing to donate to, you can leave donations in the church porch.

Black History Month – Children have been taking part in discussions and assemblies to celebrate Black History Month. Our older children have watched an inspiring film called Hidden Figures and our younger children enjoyed Coming to England, the story of a Windrush generation girl who came to Britain in 1960 from the Caribbean, adapted from the book of the same title. We feel it is so important for our children to gain an understanding of cultural changes and diversity in our society.

- Alison Dugdale – Head teacher

Harvest festival – Many thanks also go to Rev. David Truby and Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior who led our virtual Harvest Service, which was greatly enjoyed by our children.



Middleton Remembers

Sadly, we are having to scale down our commemorations on Remembrance Sunday this year. We have felt that the numbers that we could accommodate in church would be too small to make a church service a meaningful occasion. Instead with the permission and cooperation of the Parish Council we shall be gathering at the Green for a brief service of Remembrance and Commemoration at 3:00 pm on Remembrance Sunday. Please do bear in mind that social distancing guidelines will apply so keep to your bubbles or just keep spaced apart.

This is too important an occasion in the life of our nation for us to simply omit it in the calendar. We shall remember all of the names and we shall give thanks to God for the peace that we have enjoyed and pray for stability and hope in these difficult times.

- Canon David Truby

Badger Culling Banned on Council Land

At a meeting of the council last month, a motion brought by Hathersage & Eyam councillor Claire Raw to ban the culling of badgers on land owned by Derbyshire Dales District Council was supported by 16 votes to nine, with eight abstentions. However, the ban does not extend to land the council doesn't own - farmland for example.

The meeting also resolved to support the protection of Derbyshire wildlife and seek support from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to install clear signage designating protected areas on the council's land and information on the council's website about where to report any unlawful killing of badgers.

Poetry Corner

To Autumn 1st Stanza – John Keats (1795 to 1821).
Written aged 23.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.



Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub

Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub is a newly-established sub-group of the Derbyshire Climate Coalition. The Hub is made up of Dales residents who have come together specifically to offer help and support to Derbyshire Dales District Council, who aim to become neutral by 2030. <https://derbyshiredalesclimatehub.wordpress.com/> Help shape the future environment of the Derbyshire Dales.

This week, a new survey gives residents an opportunity to have their say about caring for the Derbyshire Dales environment into the future.

The pandemic has changed our lives in a way we never imagined possible; everyday routines are being disrupted. When the crisis is over, do we want to go back to the way it was, or are there things we would like to see changed?

Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub is a newly formed environmental group. We have designed a questionnaire in order to find out what changes local people would like to see, and also what they might care to do to improve our local environment for themselves and for generations to come. What changes could the District and County Councils implement to positively improve the local economy, residents' health and their wellbeing? How might we limit the damaging effects of climate change and help nature recover.

Please fill in the questionnaire, it will only take ten minutes to do. <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/HMgZ4FfR>

If you would prefer, we can arrange a simple off-line way of completing the questionnaire.

Please email us at thedaleshub@gmail.com We have already invited MP Sarah Dines, the Town, District and County Councillors to complete the short questionnaire and publicise it through their networks. We now seek your views. For the results to carry weight with policy makers at local and county levels, we need over 1,000 residents to complete it. So please fill it in, pass it on to all your members, the people in your household and ask your neighbours to complete it too.

Read more about us and find the survey on our website <https://derbyshiredalesclimatehub.wordpress.com/>

Signed by the Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub members: George Harris, Hilary Hebron, Hugh Ellis, Dr Jamie Bird, John Tresadern, Kate Gard Cooke, Laura Stevens, Lor Bird, Lucy Bird, Mary Ann Hooper, Sally Dixie, Dr Sheila Evans, Prof Steve Martin, Wendy Bullar

Dry Seasoned Logs For Sale

Bulk bag of hard wood : £70.00
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Parish Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings will be held at 6.30pm on the second Monday of each month (except August) in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and to raise concerns or make representations to the Council during the Public Participation section of the meeting.

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