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Stepping out, stepping up

The theme for this edition was to have been 'Looking beyond the Parish boundaries' and was to be a celebration of what we have available to enjoy just beyond our doorsteps. It doesn't require an explanation to say why we decided to 'tone down' the theme given the times we are living through.

That said, there is a lovely walk you can do that stretches out beyond our boundaries which is described in full on pages 19-21. There is also an interesting article about local railway history on pages 22-23 which includes details of nearby visitor attractions that you can put plans in place to visit next year! Another local attraction worthy of a visit is the Bentley Brook Brewery (pages 14-15) - particularly if you like a pint!

As the new term gets underway in whatever way works for pupils, parents and schools, it is interesting to read about how some of our schools work with the secondary schools locally to prepare children for that next big step (p32). You can also read about the work that teachers at Fritchley have been doing over the last six months to improve facilities there (pages 34-35).

The refurbishment theme is also in evidence at a couple of our local drinking establishments - the Black Swan and Crich Comrades Club. Read about what they have been up to while their doors have been closed on pages 10-13.

You will notice that the work got done at the pubs with thanks to members of the community coming forward to help. This strength in community spirit has been nowhere more in evidence than in the coordinated response of the Crich Area Mutual Aid volunteers. Read about what they have been doing and are continuing to do from page 6.

Who knows what will be happening in late November when our next edition comes out but in the meantime, keep up to date with changes and developments on crichstandard.org.

Keep well.

Andrew Auld

News in Brief



Surprise for Fritchley School leavers

By Esther Devonport - Year 5 & 6 class teacher

Each year we take our Year 6s up to The Loaf in Crich for their leavers' lunch. This year, they knew it couldn't happen and were gutted as another rite of passage, another memory, was taken away from them.

We reached out to The Loaf to ask if there was any way we could arrange a take away. They said they'd be happy to help.

We then received a message to say that not only would they provide us with a fantastic afternoon tea, but they would like to donate it to our Year 6 children who were having such a rubbish end of year. We really believe in community at our school and this act of kindness and community spirit left us speechless.

This is why it is so important to shop local, because these are the businesses that support us and deserve our support in return.

Full fibre broadband for Whatstandwell

Expressions of interest are being sought from Whatstandwell residents to ascertain if there is enough support /demand to pursue acquiring high speed full fibre broadband to village homes.

For more details go to www.crichstandard.org/whatstandwellbroadband email whatstandwell.fullfibre@gmail.com or alternatively get in touch with the Whatstandwell Social Club.

Crich Parish Council - chair's update

The Parish Council has had to change the way it operates since lockdown started and one of those changes is to the way we hold meetings. We are currently using Zoom and are still allowing the public to attend. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7th September, either at the Glebe or by Zoom and details of how to join will be on our website.

We had to close the Crich public toilets and we are not in a position to re-open them yet, because we do not have the resources to mitigate the risks of Covid-19. This was a very difficult decision to make but the Council cannot operate facilities that compromise public safety.

Similarly, we had to close the playground and the gym equipment on Crich Recreation Ground. Again, we are unable to re-open these yet. We do understand why parents want the playground equipment to be accessible over the summer, but we have to put the health of the community first.

I should like to pay tribute to our Parish Clerk, Carolyn Jennings, whose workload has increased considerably. She has kept up to date with all of the changes and made sure that the Council keeps in line with all of the government announcements.

I should also like to thank the volunteers in the Crich Area Covid-19 Mutual Aid Network for all of their great work in helping the elderly and vulnerable through the last few difficult months. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated. We are very lucky to live in a community where so many people are prepared to give up their time to help others.

Cllr. Margaret Lane
Chair of Crich Parish Council

Crich Ladies Group

Crich Ladies Group has decided to close and is dividing any monies between local charities. Crich Standard is very grateful for an £80 donation from the group.

News in Brief

Crich Heritage

By Corinne Clemson

We still have two events planned in the Autumn (see What's On on pages 24-26) although in these uncertain times it's difficult to plan ahead. One thing seems certain: that the virus will still be with us. The committee at Crich Heritage group have started to think through how we might be able to continue with our programme using social distancing and if it is possible, we will meet in October for our talk by Trevor Wragg.

Our village has an abundance of dry stone walls but I suspect that most of us know very little about them. Trevor is a champion dry stone waller and will be entertaining and educating us on the construction, history and the flora and fauna located within them.

We will be making every effort to keep people safe so please allow additional time for entry to the building in order that we can maintain social distancing. Please also bring the correct money if you pay by cash so that we don't need to give change. Face masks may be required.

We will email every member and put notices in all the usual places and on the Crich Standard website to ensure people are aware of what's happening.

In the meantime here are some links to speakers who were planned for our spring and summer talks, you might be able to get your history fix by accessing their websites and podcasts:

thehistoryjar.com/
bennerleyviaduct.org.uk/

It is a shame that we were not able to celebrate the centenary of Florence Nightingale's birth, but I am sure that as a champion of infection control she would have agreed with the current measures in place to protect public health.

Fortunately, we have been able to rebook all our speakers for next year and we will look forward to being able to meet again... one thing that history teaches us is that one day this will be over.

Giving thanks for water

By Sandra Maycock

With this year's musical themed well dressing celebration inevitably cancelled, I thought it would be interesting to find out a bit more about well dressings.

People in many parts of the world give thanks for water as all living things need it. An offering, usually of flowers, is often laid at water sources such as fountains, wells, streams or even taps. Some refer to well dressings as 'tap' dressings, which came about when water was first installed into houses, thus making wells redundant and water safer for humans to drink.

It is thought that water thanks-giving was started by the Celts. Many years later, Tissington was one of the first Derbyshire villages to make an elaborate well dressing and they still continue to make beautiful displays. Over the years, well dressing has become a prestigious event villages and towns and standards are very high. When I first applied to advertise Crich Parish in the online Derbyshire Well Dressing calendar, Glynn did add us, but also came to inspect each display and we welcome his visits each year.

Derbyshire has become famous for its elaborate, pictorial well dressings which must be made from natural materials. A wooden frame is filled with clay and decorated with items such as leaves, petals, stone, wood and wool etc. All participating groups in the Crich Parish take a pride in their work, choosing the best and freshest materials to depict their pictures making stunning well dressings that withstand the weather and last for the week leading up to Crich fete day.

The organising team would like to thank all those who support and take an active part in the event. Since it was started by Trish Howard, Cathy Bowness and friends, I can safely say Crich Parish Well Dressings have grown and grown and were missed this year. We hope to be able to bring everyone safely together again next year, including our Open Garden friends who share their beautiful gardens to enhance the well dressing weekend. Take care and stay safe everyone.



Love From Cleethorpes

By David Lane

Who doesn't enjoy receiving a letter or card through the post? And who isn't a romantic at heart?

During the latter part of August, postcards have been dropping through letter boxes in the Parish every couple of days.

Love From Cleethorpes is a specially commissioned love story spanning 30 years. It's told through a series of 6 postcards, with each revealing the next part of the story. This initiative, devised and produced by leading touring company New Perspectives Theatre, reaches out to those in the community who are isolated, and especially to those who don't have internet access. So, many thanks are due to Crich Luncheon Club and Crich Carline for their support, and to their members for being among those taking part.

We've encouraged the audience to KEEP THE SECRET. This is a pilot scheme which New Perspectives are hoping to repeat. We want people to keep and share the cards with friends and neighbours, but have asked them not to reveal the story, or share the postcard images on social media, so that more audiences can enjoy this at first hand, at a later date.

Also off-screen, New Perspective's 10-part audio series *'PlacePrints'* by playwright David Rudkin is available on podcast apps, www.newperspectives.co.uk The casts include some of the UK's leading actors: Josie Lawrence, Toby Jones, Juliet Stevenson, Michael Pennington, and Frances Tomelty, among others.

These are just two of the new ways creative practitioners are using to reach audiences, while live performance is restricted. We are very lucky to have such people developing new work for us, and to have an audience which is so prepared to embrace change.

New Perspectives Theatre is one of the UK's leading professional rural touring companies. Crich has enjoyed three sell-out performances of their theatre shows: *'The Man With The Red Hat'* (2015), *'Unforgettable'* (2015), and, most recently, *'The Man Without A Past'* (2019).



Crich Community Award 2020 - looking out for generations

By Geoff Brown

The Crich Community Award for 2020 has been presented to Sue Wetton, the school crossing patrol.

Sue has cheerfully ensured that generations of Crich children could safely cross the busy road through the Market Place and has manned the crossing twice a day for an incredible 41 years. As an ex-governor of Crich Junior School, Sue will have seen huge changes in the schools themselves and of course in traffic volumes.

Sue has also long been involved with Crich Brass, supporting them initially by selling raffle tickets and then joining the committee. Her support for the band has been unwavering.

The presentation of the award was delayed due to COVID-19, but finally took place before the end of the summer term, but even then it was felt a large gathering would not be appropriate. Tony Mills, the Chair of Crich Standard introduced the occasion in front of a small group of friends and supporters. It fell to Derek Swindell, the Chair of Crich Brass to present the inscribed glass plaque, whilst trying to remain suitably socially distanced!

Sue was characteristically taken aback by the unexpected attention but was delighted to receive the recognition for a job well done.

Congratulations Sue!

Photos by Geoff Brown

How the parishes of Crich and South Wingfield have been stepping up

It doesn't need anyone to say that the past six months have turned our world upside down. However, one thing is still true: this small corner of the world, these parishes of Crich and South Wingfield in which we live have really risen to the challenges that this upheaval has thrown at us.

When people and organisations came together to form Crich Area Mutual Aid, and when people volunteered in such mass numbers (200+ of you!) it really felt like we were going to make it through the uncertain and difficult times that lay ahead.

This work has not gone unnoticed. Crich Parish Council (who kindly funded the helpline) has written to us and ask us to thank all of the volunteers for the hard work you have done.

We have also received a very special thank you from the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire in recognition of the work being done across our communities.

Together, we have:

- answered over **650** Helpline calls
- delivered over **500** prescriptions
- made and delivered over **1000** meals
- walked **hundreds of miles** in supermarkets and local shops to buy food and supplies for shielding and self-isolating people
- supported Crich Careline in the vital work they do and made **many calls** to isolated people to have a supportive and cheering chat
- written **thousands of words** on websites and on social media to keep people informed
- **supported** the activities of local businesses as they adapted their services
- set up four **community pantries** to provide vital supplies for families in need
- established a brand new **Digital Friends project**, attracting significant grant funding, to help connect people who haven't used technology in this way before
- organised Summer Activities for Children to **help families** during the holidays
- **pulled together** to put on an art show to celebrate 'lock down art'
- **done so much** to keep our neighbours, friends and families safe and well



Winding down, but not winding up

As more and more people started to emerge from lockdown and many aspects of normal life re-established over the summer, some elements of the emergency response could be stopped. The helpline number 01773 447533 has become an answering service for now - giving the helpline volunteers a well-earned break from their 7 day a week cover. The prescriptions delivery and the meals delivery services provided by volunteers have been passed back to the pre-lockdown services.

Shopping volunteers have been continuing to support shielding people and in many cases lasting friendships have formed. What is important is that you our strong community is not disappearing just because the services are reverting to normal.

The Mutual Aid group will continue to monitor the national and local situation closely over the coming months and we are ready to re-introduce any of the services we have been offering if they become necessary again.

"We really appreciated your support with medicines, post office visits and shopping - it has enabled us to stay safe so far...So a big thank you from us"



"A huge thank you to all those who set up and kept this service running. You are all mega stars and have demonstrated what it means to be part of a caring community. Here's to a healthy rest of 2020"



Are there more jobs to be done?

There were so many volunteers that came forward that not every one of them was used perhaps as much as they were expecting.

It is testament to our community spirit that they did step up and we had many emails and messages of thanks from extremely grateful residents...just the knowledge that there were people out there willing to help was such a support for people.

It is also worth saying, that as we continue to navigate what is perhaps an even more uncertain phase of the pandemic, there will be other needs for people to come forward and get involved to support the community or join a community organisation. Keep a look out on the Crich Standard website for appeals from community organisations if they need new people to help out.

"Thank you for how quickly you got this group established and running efficiently too from the outset! So glad to have been a part of it"



"You were all brilliant, what amazing community spirit. Thank you so much"



Things you might have missed

We have been using the Crich Standard website and Facebook page to provide extra information and news between printed editions so you may have missed some of these stories:

- Celebrating 20 years of Toy Library
- Sewing scrubs for the NHS in Fritchley and beyond
- Local therapists and artists supporting community mental and physical health
- Gentle yoga videos for Crich Area Dementia Friends
- NHS stained glass tribute panel in Crich phone box joins others celebrating local organisations and businesses
- Coronavirus and CHIKS in Kenya
- Crich Area Digital Friends forms and starts to connect people

"A very big thank you to all involved. Ruth from S Wingfield was our contact who kept in touch and helped with monies to bank, bringing a hand made Easter card from her daughter and just the knowledge that she and you were there was a big mental boost"



Crich Area Mutual Aid was the coming together of a group of organisers who are already involved in the community which really helped in knowing who to talk to to 'get things done'. They are David Ashton, Andrea Kemp, Frances James, Steve Wood, Claire Teeling, Linda Philo, Margaret Lane, Phil Dolby, Cathy Bowness, Andy Harding, Kate Willis, Sarah McCarthy, Carol Brown, Kennedy Hunns, Ian Whitehead and Andrew Auld.

Village Pub Refurbs

Transforming the Black Swan garden

By Steve and Rachel Campbell

We had planned to refurbish the pub interior at the end of March, in fact the furniture should have been collected on the Tuesday after we went into lockdown.

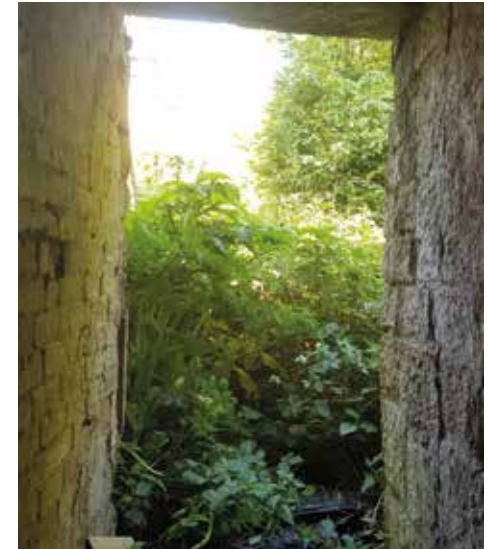
Instead, the decorators were the first in in May and all the furniture was collected at the start of June. Templates were made for new bench seating and during June we ordered new outdoor seating, including wheelchair friendly tables. We also started work on the side of the pub, which has now been paved. A set of gates were ordered from Art of Metal and we have to say Ricky has done an excellent job on those. Now the side of the pub is a lovely inviting tree and bush lined courtyard!

During lockdown we lost a lovely lady Diane Wright from the village and whilst we were talking to Norman, we got onto the fact that we had some very overgrown land to the side of the pub. All of his family popped up to see this overgrown wasteland and we talked about how we could try and make use of it. A couple of days later Norm pops around again and in his hand he has the smallest hand scythe and sets off into the undergrowth, he could have been an explorer heading out into one of the great rainforests! I also had a text from a mate that same night saying how bored he was and did I need a hand with anything. I replied with "fancy renovating a beer garden" and we began Project Beer Garden. Matt, Norm and myself soon realised that this was a bit of a bigger job than a quick go round with

a strimmer. By chance Rachel had spoken to Danny O'Keefe who also offered to help out, so we asked could he get a digger, which he could. Only problem was how do we get the digger over an 8ft wall? We then asked Danny if he could sort out a crane by any chance? Of course, he could. Within a week we had a digger up there and one week later and 36 tonnes of waste, we had cleared back the garden.

Into the second week of July we put a call out for volunteers to help rake and clear the area, thank you to everyone who turned up (if you are reading this you know who you are). Finally, we had 26 tonnes of Derbyshire stone and 6 tonnes of top soil delivered in 24 hours.

What the coming weeks and months will hold we do not know, but when we reopen, the whole of the interior will have been refurbished, new bench seating, tables, chairs and you may have even caught a glimpse of the wallpaper through the window.



Photos from the Black Swan

Crich comrades club – what’s been happening...

By Chairman - Kevin Oliver

By the time you are reading this it is hoped we are all returning to some form of normality and have come out of lockdown unscathed. Personally, I have been looking forward to seeing family again and meeting up with club members and friends for a chat over my favourite pint of Wainwright's Ale. The committee, in agreement with our staff, came up with a range of measures to ensure we could open safely and be Covid-19 secure. As well as carrying out a Coronavirus Risk Assessment we introduced safe distancing measures in line with the guidance. So when members walk back through the doors they noticed some changes that let them know social distancing and hygiene are as important to the Club, as seeing friendly faces again.

For the sharp eyed amongst you, you will have noticed a few comings and goings at the Comrades. Throughout lockdown, various tradesmen and committee members have been busy, beaver away, fitting new ceiling tiles and lights in the main room, bar and pool room. Thanks to Scott Bates (Chief) for his project managing and diplomatic skills. When you enter the Club, in the words of the song you will be "Blinded by the light", it really has made a massive impact on the internal appearance.

Another noticeable improvement in the main room, thanks to Ade Smith's magic paint



Photos from the Comrades Club

brush: he's managed to change the black to white, make our lovely border disappear, and the walls are now his favourite shade of Magnolia. It really has brightened the room immensely and according to Chief, "the room looks mint".

Our own Chuckle Brothers (Bob and Stew) have been busy cleaning, and painting the cellar, which now has bright white walls - if they couldn't paint it, they cleaned it and wow what a difference. They must enjoy painting and cleaning (Sarah and Morag take note) because there was no stopping them, they went on to paint the Gents' toilet and didn't stop until they had finished the Foyer.

The end of last year saw the start of improvements outside, with the Club getting a much-needed makeover, cladding for the walls, new windows and entrance door and roof repairs. The end wall is now rendered, so no more damp. We are currently waiting for new fire doors to be fitted, most of which was paid for from funds raised through



the Joker Game. Now you can enjoy your favourite tipples in nice warm, cosy and dry surroundings; no more stiff necks from the draughts and no fear of tripping over buckets catching rain water dripping off the ceiling. The beer garden (courtesy of Crich Junior School) at the back of the Club is slowly coming together, with outdoor seating area and a small area for our smoking members.

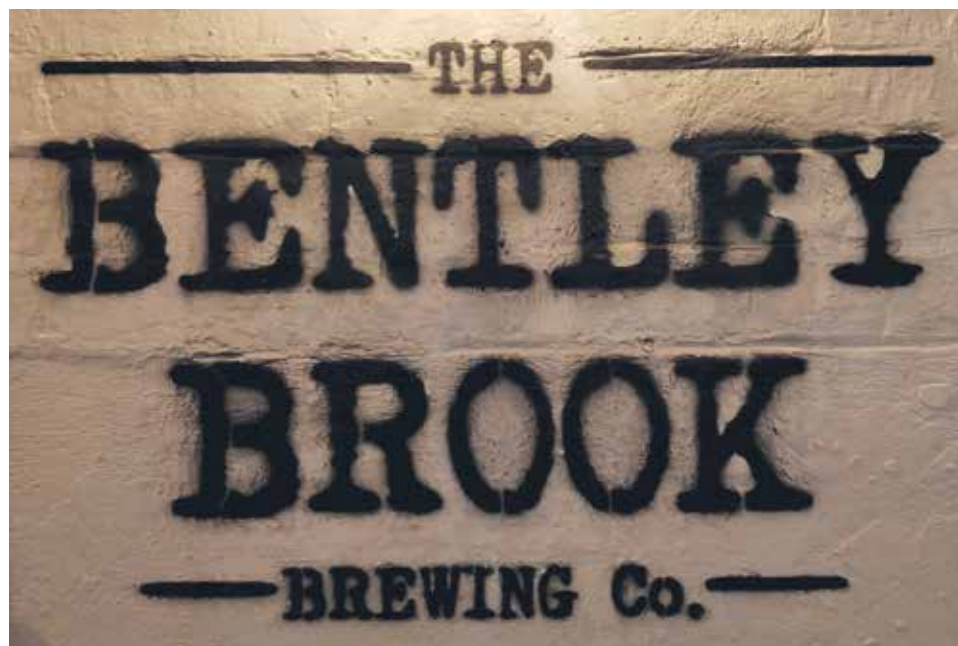
The committee are not resting on their laurels and, funds permitting, will begin focusing on further repairs and improvements on the internal fixtures and fittings (no rest for the wicked). We are also keen to see the start of our new Youth Membership Scheme; allowing teenagers of sixteen years or over to come and enjoy a game of snooker or pool in safe surroundings, unfortunately this had to be suspended due to Coronavirus but hopefully will be available later in the year.

Our regular members and guests will be aware it is the Club's centenary next year, the building will be one hundred years old, (maybe we will get a letter from the Queen) - the official opening was held in September 1921. If anyone has any stories to tell or old photographs they would like to share with us regarding the Club's history, then we would

like to hear from you. If you have any ideas on how we should mark this momentous occasion and would be willing to assist organising any celebratory events then please make contact, you know where we are.

As we are slowly getting back to normal living (I have washed my hands to Happy Birthday so many times I am now 700 years old) we are hoping to return to playing in the local snooker and pool leagues, re-start the popular Joker Game, provide quality live entertainment and hopefully increase membership. Why not come and give us a visit, don't be shy, you never know you might enjoy it and become a member! Stay safe.





What's brewing in Bentley Brook?

by Essie Prosser

If you don't know your wort from your sparge arm I know a guy who would be only too willing to put you straight. On the morning I met up with Kurt (Kurtis) Baker at the Bentley Brook Brewery in Lumsdale he was taking delivery of outside tables in readiness for reopening his taproom after lockdown.

Kurt is the owner of Bentley Brook Brewery and also head brewer, chief bottler, head of marketing and delivery man and was also turning his hand to varnishing old cable drums to provide a fairly unique service for his customers.

The tables will eventually have a cask of beer underneath them and a tap on the top so that customers can serve themselves and their consumption will be relayed to Kurt via an app on his phone. Clever stuff!

But then I think Kurt is a fairly ingenious chap anyway. He is a draftsman by trade but runs the brewery in his 'spare' time

Photos from the Bentley Brook Brewing Co.

and has seen his love of home brewing develop from early attempts at making elderflower champagne in his mum's kitchen (a fairly explosive experience from what I can gather) to setting up his own microbrewery at the bottom of the historical and beautiful Lumsdale, near Tansley.

He says the idea of brewing beer was conceived on an 8 month trip to New Zealand where he was inspired by a friend who had started brewing. When he came back home Kurt acquired some home brew kits and began to pursue what has

obviously now become a passion. He originally began selling his home brew to Matlock Town football club and was just producing about 30 bottles a batch. This was his first brew, called March of the Gladiators as a nod to his favourite football team. He moved into his current premises about 18 months ago and was then able to set up some proper brewing equipment which he bought second hand. He has recently replaced this with larger tanks increasing his brewing capacity to 300 litres at a time. Kurt's compact premises have a taproom attached from which, until lockdown, he sold his trademark Falls lager, All Together a pale ale and Mic. Hop, a dry hopped pale ale (this means the hops are added after the wort has cooled down). In celebration of VE day Kurt also produced 'The 45, a dark bitter, dedicated to those manning Bailey's Tump air defence site at the top of Lumsdale, from which soldiers defended Sheffield's steel industry. During lockdown Kurt was kept busy delivering his bottles locally, and is now looking to expand to supply more cask and keg beers to local bars and pubs.

He made the brewing process sound very easy (probably for my benefit!) but then I got the impression that nothing is ever too complicated for Kurt: first the water is heated before being transferred into the mash tun where grain is added (what sort of grain depends on the beer type). It is heated to 100 degrees where hops are boiled to add flavour. This is where the sparge arm comes in: this is what washes more clean,

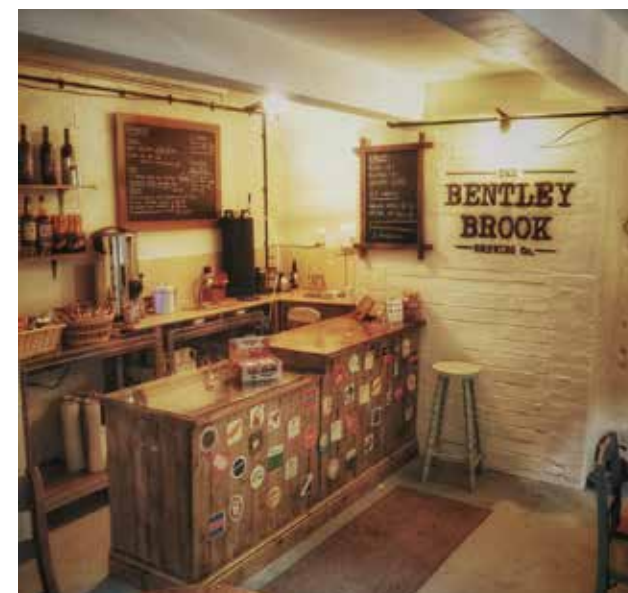
hot water over the grains as the wort (i.e. the sticky liquid resulting from the hot water grain mix) drains from the mash tun into the kettle. A cooling process then allows the yeast (and hops in a dry hop ale) to be added and fermentation starts.

The whole process takes between 2 to 6 weeks after which it is ready to be transferred into casks, kegs and bottles. Kurt does this himself, by hand, including labelling and packaging. There are no big bottling machines which put the tops and labels on, just Kurt with a small steriliser and a manually operated bottle capper. Fortunately for him, Kurt seems to have a very helpful family who I am sure lend a hand when necessary.

When I visited the Bentley Brook Brewery, various changes were being made to comply with social distancing but the appeal of the tap room was instant: rustic, welcoming and with bottled,

cask and keg beers on sale, from other local breweries as well as Kurt's own, along with wines and snacks - what more could you wish for after a stroll through some of Derbyshire's prettiest countryside? By the time this edition of the Standard is published Kurt will have his beer garden complete with self-service cask beer tables up and running and will no doubt be dreaming up his next beer-centred scheme which, combined with his enthusiasm and hard work ethic, is bound to be a success.

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Crich Area Digital Friends

By Phil Dolby

Yes we have a new name and new ideas! We are a small group of local people who recognised just how useful the internet was during lockdown, particularly for the senior members of our community. Some people discovered for the first time how to do internet shopping,

follow news items, 'connect digitally' with family and friends by video. Also, how to have a doctor's consultation from home. They have learnt that the internet gives you access to the biggest store of information in the world.



However, a significant number of people have no access to the internet or to a Smartphone. It all seems too difficult, too technical. This is where we come in. With a little guidance and support most people will benefit from access to the internet and see how useful and easy it can be.

Initially we intended to buy some smartphones for demonstration purposes and then to lend them to people to try for themselves. This proved technically difficult as mobile phones are designed to be personalised (and not shared) which caused all sorts of problems.

So we live and learn and moved onto Plan B!

Our new idea is to use tablets. No, not the ones from Lloyd's Pharmacy! We are buying hand-held devices with an easy to read touch screen and access to the internet. They will be preloaded with interesting apps and volunteers will give a demonstration and will lend them to people to try for themselves (no internet required).

Do you realise if you've had a BT line and telephone for years, you can probably get broadband (access to the internet) and free phone calls for the same price as you are paying just for a phone line?

Our attempts at connecting people together using WhatsApp has proved successful with an increasing number of people participating. Some have already bought their own mobile phone.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our project or would like our help and advice, please contact us for further information.

Call. 07838 190692

Leave your name and contact details at Crich Post Office.

Email: crichdigital@outlook.com

See us on Facebook :
Crich Area Digital Friends

Just a thought

Not just a leaky roof - proving the faithfulness of God

By Chris Hand

**Can you remember Friday
December 21st 2018? No?
Then let me help you.**

It was the day after 'Carols around the Tree' and it was a proper wet and grey winter's day. The shortest day in terms of daylight and there was hardly much daylight to begin with. So much then for the weather that day.

For us at the Baptist Church, there was a bit more to this particular December 21st. It was the day we had a building survey done, when we learnt that our nearly 150 year old roof was now life expired and that all the pointing work also needed to be done again. Doing nothing was simply not an option. And the cost of it? Well beyond the resources we had to hand. Life would never be the same for us again.

So began an interesting journey, lasting nearly a year and a half, bringing us to the time when the scaffolding went up and the builders are now at work. What made it interesting? Because we, as a Fellowship, saw God turn around a 'Mission Impossible' to make it, firstly, a 'Mission Possible' and then make it, lastly, a 'Mission (nearly!) Accomplished'.

I have been a Christian a fair few years, but this has been a truly remarkable time with remarkable answers to prayer. We, as a church, have seen God prove His faithfulness to the cause here. We prayed

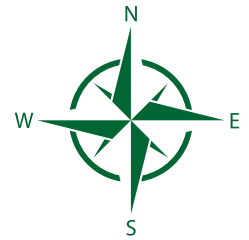
much. We had a lot to do. We raised resources within our fellowship. Christian friends up and down the country gave generously and sacrificially. We sold some church assets, including The Manse, which meant a little upheaval for us all. The onset of the pandemic created a little turbulence (note classic piece of understatement) but we have reached the point when the builders are on the job. We praise God.

What of the future? Firstly, sorry to one and all for the disruption and noise that a project of this size inevitably causes. Hopefully it will not have to happen again for another 150 years (unless the Lord has returned in the meantime). Looking further ahead, it means a continuing resource for the Lord's people where they can meet for worship, hear the Word of God preached, and testify to the Lord's saving power and grace. In doing this, we look well beyond ourselves to future generations, yet unborn, who might for themselves taste and see that the Lord is good and find this re-roofed and re-pointed building fit for God's purpose in their own day. We are but God's servants. And our service today may have more relevance when we are long since gone.

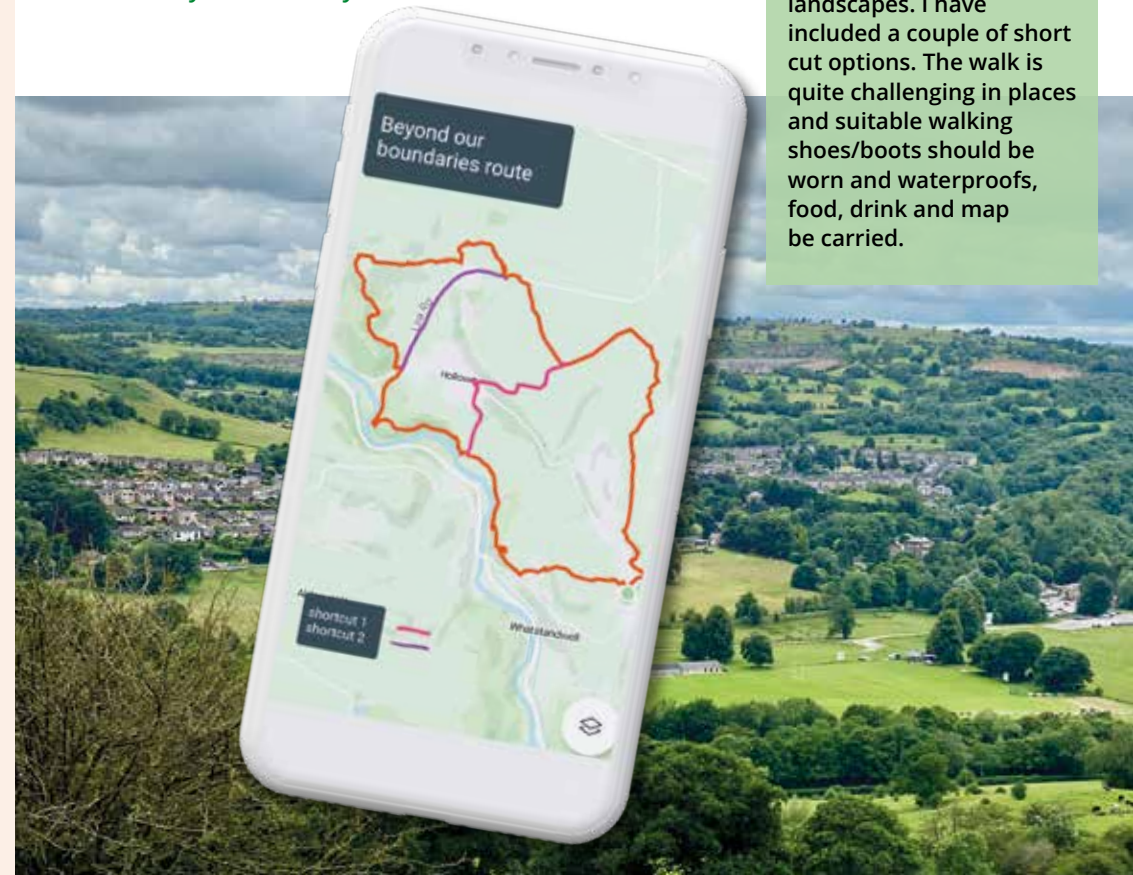
Beyond our boundaries – walking around our Parish

By Stuart Humphries

So, what did you do during lockdown Grandad? Well, actually I did an awful lot of walking and managed to discover some new and exciting paths. Having covered every path within 5 miles of home I can fully appreciate how lucky we are to live in this beautiful Derbyshire countryside.



Here I share with you a circular walk of around 10 miles taking you beyond our parish boundaries, including opportunities to enjoy vistas across our local countryside and to sample diverse walking landscapes. I have included a couple of short cut options. The walk is quite challenging in places and suitable walking shoes/boots should be worn and waterproofs, food, drink and map be carried.



1. Crich Glebe Field Centre notice board

Go up Coasthill and left onto Stones Lane. Follow footpaths across fields enjoying views over the valley to Alderwasley and Cromford parishes. Continue over a track and down steep steps. Turn right onto the road and left down the footpath opposite a stone water trough. Follow roads downhill and join Hindersitch Lane. Turn right opposite Middle Lane, through gate and straight on into woods passing allotments on your right.

2. Duke's Quarry

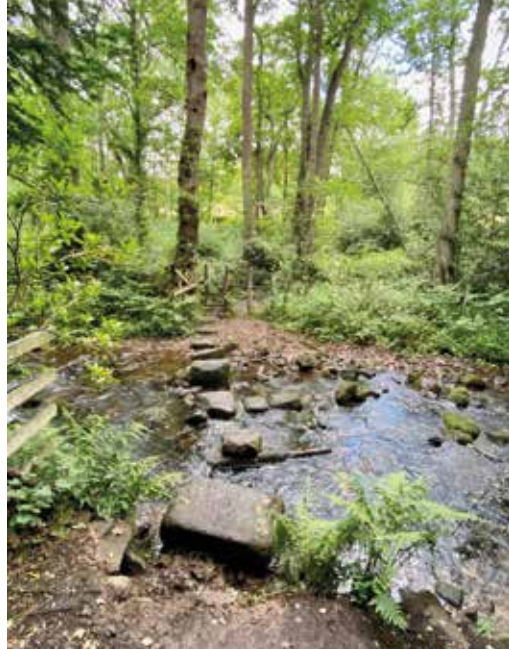
Follow the main path snaking through the quarry and onto Robin Hood road. Cross the road and go down to Cromford Canal, follow the towpath towards Cromford. Go under a small bridge where you enter the parish of Dethick, Lea and Holloway. Go through Gregory Tunnel. After the tunnel turn left at the signpost and then left again to cross over the canal and into Lea Wood by the nature reserve sign. Follow main path through woods with the canal to the left and below you. After passing through gateposts and into a field of bracken and grasses fork left in the centre of this field and carry on meandering down to Aquaduct cottage.

**Short cut option 1: Just before the Gregory tunnel entrance fork to the left and take the path, through a metal gate signed to Holloway. Go across the road and up to Upper Holloway, onto High Lane and rejoin the route at point 6.*

3. Aquaduct cottage

Turn right, away from the canal and follow the old water course to Lea Wharf and onto Lea Bridge. Cross the road and follow the signs towards the camping site, going behind the garage and Smedley's Mill, where fine knitwear has been made for over 200 years. At the drive to the camp site, turn left at the footpath sign into Bow Wood.

**Short cut option 2: From Lea Bridge follow the road into Lea and join route at point 5.*

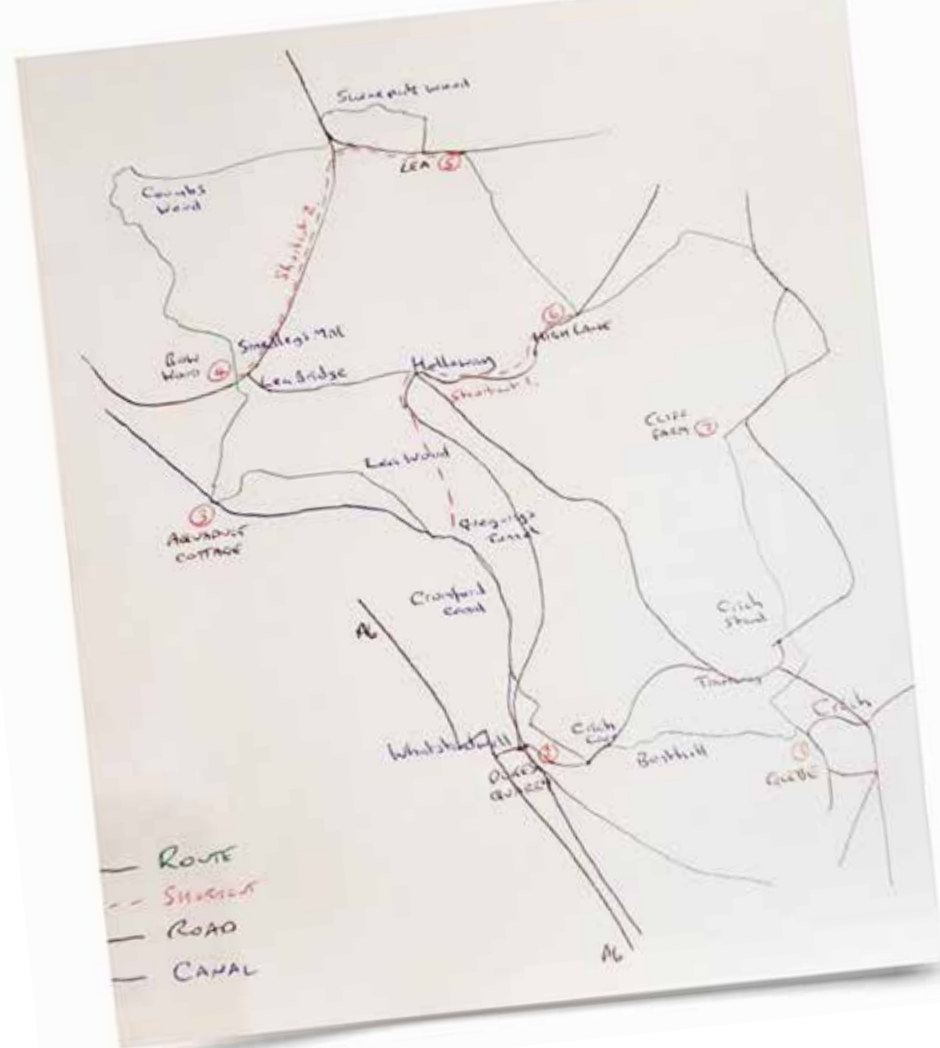


4. Bow Wood

Carry on uphill on the main path for nearly a mile, steep and slippery in parts. Take a moment at the top to take in great views across to Cromford and Matlock. At a crossroads of paths take the stile up above you to the right. Follow path across fields and down into trees. Enjoy the views across the valley to the churches of Dethick and Holloway. Follow the path over the stepping stones and onto the path leading to the road. Turn left and just before the bridge turn right onto a track into Swinepark Woods. Follow the main path close to the stream and cross the stream at a suitable place, the best of which is further on in the woods. After crossing the stream, follow the main path uphill to join a path crossing yours. Turn right and follow the path and go up the steps onto the road in Lea.

5. Lea

Turn left on road and go uphill. Cross the road by the phone box and take the footpath signposted Wakebridge. Follow the path until it drops into a hollow, almost immediately turn left out of the hollow, opposite the Upper Holloway signpost. Follow the footpaths across the fields to High Lane.



All of the land to the south of this point as far as the canal is in the parish of Dethick, Lea and Holloway. However, prior to 1897 this was Crich parish land. It was annexed by DLH, chiefly because Crich failed to maintain the Leashaw road adequately.

Apparently a significant Crich boundary stone is still in the DLH parish.

6. High Lane

Turn left on road and then right onto footpath. Go through path crossroads and then turn right on path to join the road (Shuckstone Lane). This marks your return

to Crich Parish. Go right along the road for about 200 yards then turn right onto a footpath. Re-join the road, turn right and at the corner follow the track towards Cliff Farm.

7. Cliff Farm

Follow path and then turn left at path junction and go across fields to the road. Go straight over road and follow path again across fields. At path crossroads go right and join the road by Crich church. Go down the road to the cross and turn right into Jeffries Lane and return to your start point.

On the rails Crich and beyond

By Claire Ganthony

During the late 18th and early 19th Centuries, tram and railway lines began to snake their way across the landscape. These tracks drew villages like ours into a wider network, as industry and transport developed, changing the face of both the countryside and the country.

The earliest tramway in the area was the Butterley Company's Fritchley Mineral Line. Built in 1793, it brought limestone down from Old Hilt's Quarry, also known as Newts Pond Quarry, to the lime kilns at Bullbridge. At first, the line was operated by horses pulling trams, but later two self-acting inclines were in use. One ran from the quarry to the Old Hat Factory and the second from there down to the canal wharf and kilns at Bullbridge. In 1813, a new design of 'steam horse' created by Braunton, was tested on the line. This proved successful and replaced the horses from that point onwards. A tunnel at Fritchley Green and the old engine house near the Old Hat Factory still evidence the line today.

The Clay Cross Company's Crich Quarry Railway was built in 1841 by George Stevenson. It was also originally a horse drawn route, transporting materials from Church Quarry by St Mary's Church, and later from Cliff Quarry at Townend, to the Limekilns at Bullbridge. These now lay alongside The North Midland Railway, which had opened the year before and ran between Leeds, Sheffield and Derby. As well as being a partner in the Clay Cross Company, who were developing mining and iron works in the area at that time, Stevenson was also the engineer of that main line. Several bridges and tunnels from the route can still be seen today and an information board at the bottom of Bowns Hill in Crich, details many features to look out for around our villages.

The rail heritage that surrounds us can be further explored at several visitor attractions in our local area.

Peak Rail operates steam and heritage diesel trains along the line from Matlock to Rowsley South. This is part of the line built in 1849 running from Ambergate to Rowsley. The intention was for it to extend to Manchester, at Cheadle, however it ran out of money. It wasn't until 1860 that the line to Manchester was opened. Today, Peak Rail offer events throughout the year ranging from Murder Mystery evenings, 'Santa Specials' and steam experience courses to children's parties.

The **Midland Railway - Butterley** provides heritage train rides along the line from

Butterley to Swanwick Junction. This was originally part of the Ambergate-Pye Bridge Line, which connected the Midland Mainline to the Erewash Valley Line. It is now home to two railway museums documenting the railway history of the Midlands. There are also narrow gauge, miniature and model railways, as well as a demonstration signal box, Victorian railwayman's church, shops, a café, children's play area and a country park.

The **Steeple Grange Light Railway** near Wirksworth was opened in 1985. It is built along a branch of the Cromford and High Peak railway. It provides a 20-minute ride through the limestone scenery near the National Stone Centre in a National Coalboard manrider pulled by heritage diesel, battery-electric and petrol locomotives.

At 9 miles, **Ecclesbourne Valley Railway** is Derbyshire's longest heritage line. It operates from Wirksworth to Duffield on the Wirksworth branch. This was originally built with the intention of potentially extending to Rowsley in order to avoid Ambergate, (which Midland Railway shared with the rival London and North Western Railway) in a route to Manchester. They have a large fleet of heritage diesels and visiting steam trains. They also offer driving experiences, afternoon teas and musical events such as the popular 'Jazz and Chips' nights.

Please note, all of these attractions remain closed (Ecclesbourne Valley is running a restricted timetable) due to Covid-19 but further information can be found on their websites:

www.peakrail.co.uk/

www.midlandrailway-butterley.co.uk/

www.steeplegrange.co.uk/

www.e-v-r.com/



Photo by Chris Baker

What's On



Photo by Geoff Brown

Live and Local thanks to David Lane

David has been supervising the Live and Local performances at the Glebe for the past 8 years. In that time there have been 51 performances watched by 5,000 people most of whom lived within 2 miles of the Glebe.

We have been entertained by 300 artists from 13 different countries, including 6 dance performances, 24 music gigs and 20 theatre performances.

These performances have resulted in £25,500 being raised for the Glebe - funds which have been most welcome.

We are sad that David has decided to step down from this role, but are extremely grateful for all that he has achieved.

David has been supported in this work by many other volunteers and it is our hope that the 'show will go on' as others step forward. If you have any interest in being involved in helping to keep live music and performance in the heart of our community, please get in touch (office@crichglebefieldcentre.org).

Management Committee and Trustees of Glebe Field Centre

What's On



Photo by Daria Shevtsova from Pexels

OCTOBER 2020

CRICH HERITAGE TALKS

DRY STONE WALLS

Talk by Trevor Wragg

Thursday 29 October, 7:30 pm, Crich Glebe Field Centre

NOVEMBER 2020

CRICH HERITAGE TALKS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 26 November

FRITCHLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GROW OUTSIDE CIC'S CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING SESSIONS

Saturday 28 November

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DECEMBER 2020

FRITCHLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GROW OUTSIDE CIC'S CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING SESSIONS

Friday 4 December

FRITCHLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FRITCHLEY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Thursday 10 December, 7:00 pm, Fritchley

FRITCHLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(MAYBE) CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET

Saturday 12 December

CRICH CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Thursday 17 December, Crich

FRITCHLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 20 December, Fritchley Congregational Church



Photo by Geoff Brown

Would you like your event listed here?

Contact: editor@crichstandard.org

... and get your community event noticed.

Community Round-up



Crich Area Community Art Sharing project needs you!

By Clare Limb

Over recent months the people of the Crich Parish have found ways to express themselves and our lived-experience of lockdown through personal and collective art making, inspired by the Parish in which we reside.

Facebook groups such as Crich Area Photography Lockdown Project were created and thrived on themes that related to 'A view from your window'. People have transformed into non-professional artists through this process and have begun to view the world through a new lens: a lens of appreciating the world around us differently, such as the intricate beauty of the surrounding area, or the key workers on the frontline fighting the pandemic.

This has led us to produce individual and collective creative outputs unique to this moment in time. This has been one of the key ways by which we have all been able to get through this period of restricted movement and substantial anxiety and also a way to create a living history of our community's response to the pandemic.

It is this creativity that we wish to celebrate in a community art sharing during Autumn 2020. This sharing aims to lift the spirits of the whole community as we head into the darker days of winter, reminding us of the creativity within us all. The idea is that the sharing will be presented at a local venue and be accompanied by a series of webinars led by members of the community. We also plan for the sharing to be digitised so that it can have a greater reach, providing access for those who cannot, or do not wish to, attend it in person.

The sharing is by, with and for the people of the Crich area and is open to anyone to enter. We would like you to submit the art that you have created in lockdown (entries limited to one per person).

If you would like to put forward an artwork please take a photograph or recording of it and email it to Clare Limb at the following email address: clarelimb68@gmail.com including your name and contact number, as well as a short paragraph which tells the story behind the work.

Deadline for entries is 11 September 2020.

If you would like to be involved in helping put the sharing together then please get in touch with me at this email address
clarelimb68@gmail.com

We are currently seeking funds for this project. If you would like to help us fundraise for it or would like to make a donation to the project please contact
Andrea Kemp

andrea@shift-together.co.uk

Crich Patients' Participation Group (CPPG): positive changes to emerge from the crisis

By David Ashton

More flexibility in the delivery of health care: nationally and at the local practice

We normally meet four times a year at the Crich surgery but given the crisis, we had to adapt and held our last quarterly meeting via Zoom. This revealed two important changes in the delivery of our health services that are important for us all. One of our members, who holds senior positions in two NHS trusts, informed us that the NHS had learnt a great deal during the crisis and that they have found ways to be far more flexible, a bit of good news to come out of the crisis. He also stressed that the message was loud and clear that the NHS is "open for business" and that strict measures had been put in place to protect patients from Covid-19.

The second, that will affect us all locally, is the that the practice had also learnt a lot and had adapted to the situation by making more use of the telephone and videos. Simon, the Practice Manager, reported that using the new system 99% of patients had been able to contact a doctor on the same day they made the enquiry. Given this success they would be continuing to use a system like this in the future.



Priorities for next year

As we come out of the immediate crisis, members of the group felt that mental health and children's health should be our priorities for next year. Of course, we always welcome your suggestions for additional priorities that we could be pursuing on behalf of patients and the community.

Response to the crisis

The CPPG have been proactive in helping set up the Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group and members are continuing to help deliver the various services. This has involved the CPPG building closer links with other groups that are active in improving the health and wellbeing of the communities we are a part of. It is the intention of the CPPG to foster and sustain those links going forward, to help create a network capable of responding more effectively to health-related issues that face us in the future. Of course, we will have to be flexible in order to respond any future community needs. However, membership is open to all patients of the Crich Medical Practice and if you would like to join us you will be assured a of a warm welcome. We can be contacted at ppgcrich@gmail.com or via the Practice website: crichmedicalpractice.co.uk

Fritchley and District OAPs

By Janet Swindell

In March we had to cancel all our meetings thinking we may be back in September. But unfortunately this pandemic carries on. I have been in contact by telephone with all our members concerning their health and well being knowing that it is very difficult to be isolated for such a long time.

At the time of writing I have discussed with members of the committee about the seriousness of this illness, considering the ages of our group and the measures we would have to take to arrange the meeting and we have decided to delay until we consider it is safe to begin. We are hoping to be up and running again before Christmas. I have asked the committee for suggestions of what we can arrange to come up with: a free meal for members or pie, pea and pudding supper. Also all subscriptions will be free next year. We are looking forward to 2021 when we can have our trips out once again.

Also I personally would like to give a massive thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time generously collecting prescriptions, shopping and helping the community in every way and special thanks to Dawn Harper for cooking all those low cost dinners. I know a lot of our members have enjoyed them.

Thank you to all.

I will notify all members of the next meeting as soon as possible hoping they will understand and support us in the coming months and years to come.



Photo by Roger Phipp

Community Round-up

Update from Crich Fete Committee

By Geoff Brown

You will be aware that the Fete Committee had to cancel this year's event on 11th July due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Also scheduled was the biennial Barn Dance, on the recreation ground on Saturday 5th September. It was decided some time ago that this wouldn't work either, since barn dances and social distancing are somewhat incompatible!

Instead, we were hoping to hold a 'Party on the Park' event on the day, to celebrate what we hoped would be a significant reduction in the lockdown measures by then! This was to have included a live band, bar, barbeque and children's entertainment. Whilst the rules were easing slowly, we needed to make a decision in good time to be able to confirm the arrangements with all involved and obtain the necessary permissions and insurances.

At the time of writing, larger outdoor gatherings were still not permitted, and any event would need to be 'Covid-Secure', involving controls on numbers attending, social distancing, hygiene measures etc. Unfortunately, because the recreation ground is 'free access' it would have been virtually impossible to comply with these requirements.

With localised outbreaks still occurring and the potential for an upswing in viral infection again in the autumn, the committee reluctantly took the view that we could not safely run this event. The last thing we wanted was to create problems for the local residents who have so magnificently responded to the restrictions of the last few months.

And so, where next?

We remain hopeful that the bonfire and fireworks can go ahead as usual at Townend on Thursday 5th November, so make a note for your diaries. However, again we will have to be guided by the official advice nearer the time.

Whatever happens, here's to a full programme of events in 2021!

Keep up to date with what's happening on the Crich Fete Facebook page

www.facebook.com/Crich-Village-Fete-850972878314338/

Or contact us on crichfete@gmail.com

We will also keep you up to date via the Crich Standard website or Facebook pages.

It's like herding cats...

Andy Harding on caring for forgotten felines in Fritchley

Cats In Need is a Fritchley-based charity dedicated to the care and re-homing of abandoned cats in our local area. Founded in 2001, the charity is run by a small committee of volunteers and relies on the efforts of local foster carers to keep our moggies safe and well until they can find their forever home.

Take Piglet, for instance. He was found abandoned at just a few weeks old, dumped outside in the cold with his litter mates. He had no mother to feed him or keep him warm and he'd become dangerously thin. In fact, he was so poorly that he had trouble regulating his own temperature. Cats In Need took Piglet and his siblings to a foster family in Crich, who gave him a warm bed, food and water and lots of toys to play with. The vet fashioned a special jacket out of bubble wrap to help keep him snug – you can see him wearing it below.



Piglet (in bubble wrap jacket) having dinner with his siblings

As his name suggests, Piglet was rather enthusiastic about his food. He liked to stick his whole head in the bowl and needed a thorough wipe down once he was done.

Fast forward six months, and Piglet is a healthy, happy young cat in his new adoptive home. He and his brother were re-homed to the same family so they could continue playing together.

All our cats have different personalities – from Tiger, an affectionate old gentleman who loves human attention, to Gretel the tiny kitten who climbs up Christmas trees to hide amongst the baubles and likes perching on people's shoulders. Piglet's other brother Blondie had a real paternal streak – he stayed with his foster carers a little longer while Cats In Need tried to find him a permanent home, and in that time a second litter of abandoned kittens was brought in off the streets. Blondie was smitten! He took them under his wing, sharing his toys and even grooming them when they needed a clean.

It's been a busy time for Cats In Need, with over 15 cats re-homed in the last year. We take great care to ensure all homes are suitable and owners are equipped to look after the new addition to their family.



Piglet now, sitting on a dinner plate

If you are interested in fostering, joining our committee or potentially re-homing a 'cat in need' we would love to hear from you – please contact Celia Peat (Secretary) on 01773 853428.

Schools working together

By Claire Ganthony

Working together as a community and reaching out to others has been an important part of many people's experiences in 2020, and this is also the case with the schools in our community.

Crich Carr CoFE Primary School and Crich CoFE Infant School are both part of CoGS (Cluster of Gell Schools). This is made up of 13 schools, which have worked together for a number of years to improve outcomes for all children within the cluster schools. They aim to work in partnership to provide a range of educational opportunities, improve transition between schools and network to provide training opportunities and share expertise. This close partnership and collaboration has also helped the schools during the lockdown period.

"We met virtually each week, offering each other support and sharing ideas, which has been incredible", said Julie Kirk, Head of Crich CoFE Infant School "It also helped with communication to families as it meant that all the schools were giving the same message to shared parents and carers."

Crich Junior School is involved with another cluster of schools in the Matlock area and Headteacher Phil Mallon also stressed how helpful working together has been recently. "Throughout this whole period of time, we have been in contact frequently, bouncing ideas off each other or asking for a second opinion. Working together is an implicit part of working in a school. There are important relationships



*Julie Kirk, Head of Crich CoFE Infant School
Phil Mallon, Headteacher of Crich Junior School*

everywhere – between staff, pupils, governors, the community - and the success of these relationships often underpins how effective a school can be. It is also really important that schools work together with other schools and settings, both within and beyond their immediate community. The benefits that schools get from this type of collaborative approach can be vital in sharing good practice, innovating and providing support to each other amongst other things."

This has proved to be especially the case during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Relationships with other schools have become even more vital as we were tasked with making sense of a tsunami of ever-changing and sometimes contradictory guidance. My own experience has taught me to believe that a we-are-in-it-together approach is often the most beneficial to all involved. The technology available today means that the 'we' is no longer limited by geography and it is now easy to work with those beyond our boundaries, as well as those in our closer community."

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Schools Round-up

Sprucing up at Fritchley School

By Karin Baker

Staff at Fritchley Primary & Nursery School have been very busy during lock down. Not only have they been teaching our Year 6s and looking after Vulnerable and Key workers' children, but have also taken on some considerable projects to improve the learning environment for all our children when they return to school in September. A big tidy and clean-up operation has taken place with a huge effort from everyone - great team work!

Mrs Shaw our Assistant Head (ably assisted by Mr Shaw our I.T. Technician) has been especially busy revamping our Computing suite. It is now clear, clean and fresh with enough computers installed (24) so each child will have access to their own computer when their class visits for computing, English, Maths or Topic sessions - a great asset to the children's learning facilities.

Another huge asset to our children's learning in school is our library, which was looking a little dark and uninviting before lock down but has had the same Fritchley Team treatment as the computing suite and is now bright, clean, fresh and inviting - ready for lots of reading to take place in September. Every book has been cleaned, categorised and labelled and the children can choose from an extensive range of non-fiction and age specific fiction books. We are sure that our children are going to love visiting their new look library, which is definitely going to enhance anyone's love of reading.



Photos provided by Fritchley School



A Scout movement in lockdown – the hut may be closed but we're still active!

By Di Fretwell

By the time you see this article, 1st Crich Scouts might be meeting once again in the Scout hut, or may still be meeting in the virtual Scout hut named 'Zoom'. The Scout movement has continued to be active (worldwide) right through the lockdown months.



Photos provided by the Scouts



It has been a time of skills development for all – different and unanticipated skills, but so very valuable for their futures.

There was however disappointment for our local youngsters, with the cancellation of so many of their summer activities; including Peak 20, a huge international camp held once every five years at the Chatsworth Estate. For some of our young people this may have been the only opportunity to attend an International Camp. So, in August we held 'Crich Camp' instead with Scouts camping at home, see the pictures below.

In early June, we began to meet as 'virtual 1st Crich Scouts' with Beavers on Mondays, Cubs on Tuesdays and Scouts on Wednesdays. As leaders, we were cautious and quite nervous initially, we needed huge parental involvement to log the children into Zoom and to be nearby throughout because of our safeguarding rules. We are hugely grateful to the support we have had from parents in this new venture and for putting up with a few technical hitches as we all learnt how to use the new technology.

All the youngsters are working towards The Great Indoors Badge, and also collecting evidence for other badges as directed by their section leaders. Some of the Zoom-based activities have included:

- Growing crystals
- Making nature windows
- Origami dinosaurs, frogs and fortune tellers
- Artwork for village challenges – rainbow pictures in windows; alternative well-dressing designs in July, painted stones for the Crich caterpillar
- Applauding NHS key workers in uniforms on St George's Day
- Quizzes using the share screen facility on Zoom
- Cake in a cup made during the on-line meeting by Beavers – I'm told they were delicious!

What has thrilled me particularly during on-line Scouting is the confidence growing in some of the young people to create and run Zoom activities themselves. As I write, we have had a quiz and an origami project and we have also seen the photos of their at-home projects. So, lockdown has been a time of skills development for all – different and unanticipated skills, but so very valuable for their futures.

I cannot thank the section leaders enough for the work they have put in to keep our Scouts open until we can meet once again in the Scout hut. I also want to thank Andrew Penson for checking on the hut and maintaining and upgrading some of the toilet and kitchen facilities. The community groups - as well as our Scouts - who use the hut will find it a better venue than before!



Camp at Home

Nothing stops 1st Crich Scouts from enjoying camping and over the first weekend in August the whole group took part in a Camp at Home, which saw the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts setting up tents, cooking their meals, taking part in challenges and sharing their activities via regular Zoom meetings. Rhona McCarthy (Cub Section) and Fin McCarthy (Scout Section) share their experience of Camp at Home.

1st Crich Scout Group virtual camp – Our experience

We had a great virtual camp in our garden. We put up tents in our garden and decorated them. Some of the Beavers made dens in their homes instead, but we had a little tent and our Mum who is the Beaver Scout leader had a tent too. We had lots of bunting and flags in our garden.

To open the camp we all had a Zoom meeting with lots of the other Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and there were three more Zoom meetings where we could see our friends and share our camping fun.

In between meetings we had challenges to complete, a Pioneering Challenge to practice knots to make a washtand and a flag and flagpole for our camp. It was a lot of fun but also a little bit hard.

After our lunch we started our Nature Challenge, we went for a walk with our families, identifying trees and drawing maps. Then after we got back home, we started our BBQ for our Cook Challenge. Some of the Scouts made pizzas, but we cooked burgers and kebabs outside which we had with salad.



We all met in another Zoom call where we shared our campfires. We took turns entertaining everyone, we showed some circus skills and read a limerick we had written about one of the Scout Leaders. One of the Scout Leaders told a funny story about a cat and a pill.

On Sunday morning we cooked breakfast on our camp stove which was very tasty! In our last Zoom meeting we shared photos of our challenges, then we took part in a quiz about cartoon films and characters before we took the flag down to finish camp.

Our favourite part of the weekend was cooking sausage and bacon for breakfast in our garden and making burgers for our BBQ. Most of all we had lots of FUN!



Getting out and about and beyond the Parish, let's see what you know about destinations nearby...even if we can't currently visit them all!

compiled by Roger Bode

QUICKQUIZ

1. What year was East Midlands Airport opened? a) 1960 b) 1965 c) 1970
2. Where is Britain's only known Ice Age cave art?
3. In 1932 the mass trespass of which Derbyshire peak was seen as a precursor to the creation of the National Parks?
4. Which semi precious mineral is only found in the mines around the Derbyshire town of Castleton?
5. How long is the Cromford Canal a) 14.5 miles b) 25 miles c) 10 miles
6. Films of 'Mary Queen of Scots', 'Pride and Prejudice', and 'Jane Eyre', all used which Derbyshire house as a location?
7. What links Pride Park stadium, the Cathedral Centre in Derby and Carsington Water?
8. Miller's Dale station was the last station in England to have on its platform a) a post office b) a working windmill c) a bicycle rack for Penny Farthings

7 All opened by Her Majesty the Queen. 8 a. 4 Blue John. 5 a. 6 Haddon Hall. 1 b. 2 Cresswell Crag. 3 Kinder Scout.

Answers

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP

Keep it clean!

A wise old man used a phrase once in conversation that I've since realised can apply in a number of situations: 'The standard you walk by is the standard you live by'. In other words, the things we choose to ignore we end up seeing as acceptable. It's probably something we've all been guilty of at some point.

In recent months lockdown has changed the way people socialise; more people are doing more outside and using more disposable items – picnics and BBQs have become the safest way of meeting up. This unfortunately has had a knock-on effect to amounts of rubbish produced. There has been much in the news and on social media about rubbish and waste that left at beauty spots, beaches and other open spaces. The perennial issue of dog mess also seems to have increased.

However, rather than littering always being deliberately wilful, some put it down to people not realising the impact of their behaviour. There's a psychological phenomenon known as 'social proof' – essentially copying what others do – so if you see a place that's full of litter, you're more likely to think it doesn't matter.

But who's responsible for clearing up? We're lucky enough to live in a lovely area. Of course we should all be individually responsible and take pride in our Parish. Some might think it's the local council's job, but they're an already stretched resource. Ideally we all need to be accountable, not only for ourselves, but maybe for others too.

This September, Keep Britain Tidy is asking us all to pledge some time from 11-27 September to take part in the Great British Clean. Whether that's picking up litter whilst walking the dog, taking the kids to school or organising a group clean-up with friends and family, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

So rather than just 'walking by' and accepting what we see, maybe we can all do something to help change the world around us, even in a small way.

If you want to get involved and pledge your support for the Great British Clean, you can sign up at: keepbritaintidy.org

The last word

Business (something like) as usual

Crich has stood up and carried on in these past few, strange and uncharted months.

As residents we have all been helped enormously by the rapid reactions and positive attitudes that groups and businesses made back in March - yes March. So while the coming winter may still threaten a return to some of the problems we have faced, it is time for some 'thank you's'.

Firstly to the community in general where giving and receiving support is not always easy and for which we can be truly grateful. The Covid-19 Mutual Aid group was the heartbeat of shopping, prescription collection, meal delivery and plain and simple human support that led us through the darker times at the beginning. The leaders of that Group and the many volunteers served us well and were ably supported by quieter activity by many others involving simple acts of kindness for neighbours and friends.

Crich is a thriving community - the very reason why people want to live here. That's why the reaction of the retail community has been both impressive and inspiring in keeping Crich local and with it, safer and more secure. The shops all took some very tough decisions very quickly regarding how to operate, to reduce or extend services, to retain or furlough staff. These are business decisions, but it has been obvious from the results that each one, butcher, baker, supermarket, pharmacy and Post Office really acted first and foremost in the interests of the community.

'A thriving community'

It is difficult to realise how hard it must have been to maintain decent and ever-improving stocks at Nisa, to turn Crich Butchers into a greengrocer overnight and for the Loaf to balance the daily bread with more indulgent treats, while keeping pizza night as an added bonus. We have enjoyed them all!

How often have we been thanked for our support? Every day in some form or other. So here, let us send a collective message of appreciation to the owners, managers, workers and support crew of the Crich retail community. Long may the support that you have received continue and new or more loyal customers will hopefully use the village more.

Meanwhile Jeera and Cardale Fish Bar have returned to our menu options and we wish them well in helping us all get back to something we can call normal.

And how much joy has there been with the reopening of Crich Hair and Beauty? Probably the sector with the most rules and constraints to follow so the return is very much appreciated by many, along with the reopening of hairdressing and optician services at the Glebe.

Perhaps hardest hit have been the pubs with only limited off-sale and takeaway activity possible until July. Fingers crossed for a dry and sunny autumn to make a walk out for a drink the choice of many.

Sadly that won't include the Kings Arms where Esme Wooley the landlady has decided that this is the right moment to retire. Esme has been one of the biggest supporters of all aspects of Crich life and we look forward to seeing her community commitment continue.

Finally, and as reported in these pages, it was a pleasure to present our school crossing patrol person, Sue Wetton, with this year's Crich Community Award. We have seen lots of commitment across the village during the recent months of crisis, but Sue has kept our children safe for 41 years. Congratulations are richly deserved!

Tony Mills
Chair, Crich Standard



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