

# KNIVETON NEWS

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KNIVETON'S ONLY PAPER

April– May 2007

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## FROM KNIVETON TO WELLINGARA



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**APRIL DIARY**

1. (Palm Sunday) 10 30 a.m. United Procession and Eucharist at Atlow.  
Starting at Atlow Village Hall, where all will receive palm crosses, and then walk in procession, singing, down to the church following a donkey. Children are particularly welcome, and are invited to come dressed as disciples, with branches to wave. Do come and join us!  
Church – No service today - It is hoped that all will go Atlow
5. Green Waste Collection
5. (Maundy Thursday) 7 30 p.m. United Holy Communion at Hulland
6. (Good Friday) 10 30 a.m. United Service at Bradley
- 8 Church - EASTER DAY **11 00 a.m.** Holy Communion (note time change)
8. Chapel - 2.30 p.m. Sister Merle
11. Whist Drive in aid of Church Yard Fund
11. Blue Box collection
12. Get together club 2.00p.m.Village Hall – Demonstration - Chocolates
18. W.I. Mr Hack talks about the Great Wall of China
19. Green Waste Collection
22. Church Family Service and Baptism
22. Chapel – Joint Church and Chapel service 11.00 a.m.  
Preacher Miss Diana Whitmill Prepared with Children in mind
25. Village Hall A.G.M 7.30 in the Village Hall
25. Blue Box Collection
29. Church – United benefice Communion at Hognaston 10.30 a.m.

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**MAY DIARY**

3. Parish and District Council elections. **CAST YOUR VOTES.**
3. Green Waste Collections
6. Church Family Communion at 10.30 a.m.  
Flowers -
8. Parish Council A.G.M. a 7.30 p.m. Come and welcome your new councillors.
9. Whist Drive in aid of Church Yard Fund.
9. Blue Box Collection
13. Chapel - 2.30 p.m. Rev Chris Eddy
16. W.I. Peak Waste – Meet at Peak Waste at 7.00p.m.
17. Green Waste collection
17. Get Together Club (Trip to Amerton Farm and Craft Centre 11am)
20. Church – Family Service at 10.30 a.m.
23. Blue Box Collection
27. Joint Chapel and Church service at 11.00 a.m. in the Chapel.with Sister Merle  
This is a service especially for children and families. Everyone made very welcome.
31. Green Waste delayed till tomorrow 1<sup>st</sup> June

**WELLDRESSING 2007**

The Well dressing this year will officially open on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> with the official opening at 10.30a.m and the Wells will be blessed on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. This years theme is Patron Saints with the four wells being dressed in the four main saints of the UK namely St George, St Andrew, St David and St Patrick. Incorporated in the celebrations will be the traditional Scarecrow and Fancy Dress competitions. There will of course be the usual Teas and Tombola and other activities. It is hoped that this will serve as a timely reminder and a full programme of events and details of the activities will be included in the June/July issue of the Kniveton News

# WIND TURBINE THOUGHTS

Helen Krasner

I never planned to be an expert on wind turbines. But before I moved to Kniveton I lived in North Wales, and as those of you who read my recent letter to the Ashbourne News Telegraph will know, a few years previously we had had a long campaign to prevent several turbines being built above our beautiful valley. As an area representative of the Ceiriog Valley Action Group I was quite involved, and eventually I knew rather more about wind turbines than I really wanted to. But I didn't expect to have to use that knowledge again so soon!

As everyone in Kniveton probably knows, there is a proposal to build four wind turbine generators at Carsington Pastures, only a few miles from our village. If this goes through, what will it mean for the area, and particularly for Kniveton?

Firstly, let's get one thing straight. Modern turbines are not "windmills" in the traditional sense. They are not small, picturesque buildings with attractive sails, fitting in appropriately with a rural landscape. These are turbines – 300 ft tall, industrial-sized structures, with massive sails. Whatever you may feel about wind technology, building these machines would mean changing our rural landscape to an industrial one – make no mistake about this. The fact is that such buildings will drastically affect this area. They will be visible over a wide area – they're 300 ft high! People close by will hear them – how can they not? And they are likely to affect wildlife, tourism, and local traffic; if you read about any previous turbine developments, you will find that this has been the case, whatever the developers now say. In North Wales we quickly realised that those who stood to profit financially from the proposed turbines were likely to gloss over the disadvantages for local people; that, unfortunately, is human nature.

So what about the effects on Kniveton? I can't be sure – and actually, neither can anyone else – but I think we are far enough away for effects to be minimal. Being a few miles from the turbines, with hills in between, it is unlikely we will be able to see them from the village – although I have been assured by a neighbour who owns some

land on the outskirts of the village that they will be visible from her property. And the noise? This will depend to a large extent on wind direction. The turbines are to the north-east of us, and easterly winds are quite rare. The prevailing westerly winds mean the noise will tend to be heard in Carsington, and quite possibly Wirksworth. We should be OK; in fact, we may be able to ignore the fact that they are there at all...so long as we never leave the village! At least...I hope so.

As for other questions – will they affect wildlife, is this the thin end of the wedge and will there be more turbines in the area, will they affect the tourist industry? Who knows? It is impossible to say. Personally, I feel that all such industrial developments should be built much further from dwellings, and preferably offshore. This is what I have told the Council, and if you agree, you can still send letters to the District Council stating your views – we did this in North Wales, and it worked! But in case this goes through...I'm just so, so glad that I moved to our lovely village, and not to Carsington or Wirksworth.

### **Post script to WIND TURBINES article**

Helen has advised that should you wish to make your views known to the appropriate authorities you can contact them on the following -  
Write to:

Mr Jon Bradbury, Development Control Officer  
Derbyshire Dales District Council  
Town Hall  
Matlock  
DE4 3NN

Ref: Planning Application 07/00083/FUL

Erection of four wind turbine generators at Carsington Pastures  
Or

Log on to [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

navigate through 'environment', then 'planning', then 'submit representations on planning application'

Enter application number 07/00083/FUL and check you've got the right one!

Click on the application number, then click on 'send comments'.

p.s. when I tried to do it on line but it wouldn't work. In the end I had to copy and paste my comments and send them by post!

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Annual Vestry and Parish meetings**

These meetings were held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, and were followed immediately by a short meeting of the newly formed PCC. It was very encouraging to the old hands to have new faces at the Annual Meeting and even more so when they volunteered for things and made suggestions. We now have two new PCC members, June Lomas and David Holman. A big welcome is extended to them both, and also to Paul and Jean Thorne who swelled the ranks at the Annual meeting. I should also extend the PCC's grateful thanks to Mollie Armstrong for all she does so tirelessly as a stalwart supporter of the Church, and I am glad this year that she had some company as a congregational member at these meetings.

The rector thanked all who had helped in many capacities throughout the past year, and pointed out that the congregation bucked the current trend much vaunted in the national press, and were infact increasing quietly but steadily. The regular pattern of services still stands at two per

month, with a Holy Communion held on the first Sunday and family service on the third. In addition to these, there is a regular ecumenical service for families and children held at the Methodists invitation in the Chapel on the fourth Sunday.

The church has been involved in a number of activities during the year in addition to Sunday services. The Procession and service for Blessing the Wells is increasingly well attended, as is the Band Concert in December. Both these events will be repeated in 2007.

The major focus during the last year has been the proposed improvements to the interior of the West end of the Church which the Rector wrote about in the last edition of Kniveton News. The detailed plan will now be submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee the DAC to apply for a faculty. This procedure, as the Rector reminded us, is the equivalent of planning permission; no other formal planning approval is necessary if a faculty is granted. Once that happens various funding bodies will be approached and a big fund-raising effort will be launched. In the meantime the Church improvement Fund has already been opened.

The Proposed Nature reserve and Tree planting area is also going ahead, and there will be more to report on this subject in the next Kniveton News. Jane Methuen. Details of all the Easter Services are given in the April and May

Newsletter Diaries. As one of the most important services in the Church's calendar it is hoped that many families will find time to attend.

## NOTICE BOARD

**At last! The old roadside notice board finally gave up the ghost last summer; surprisingly, - a victim in the end to drought rather than wet. Our grateful thanks to Barry Gooch whose firm has supplied and built the new board. Also to Mike Armstrong who designed it, and to David Holman, Paul Thorne and John Bradbury who helped dig out the old posts and put up the new structure. Thanks, again to Mike, it now has wire fixings so drawing pins are things of the past and the glass windows should protect the notices in all weathers .**

## LOCAL CONCERN

Concerns have been expressed over the two very old and attractive milestones about 400 yards outside the village at each end on the main road, both are leaning, but one of them especially. The concern is if the ground gets very wet or disturbed in some way then they will topple into the ditch and be lost.

Having reported to DCC highways they have agreed to look at them and put them safely upright.

Councillor Irene Ratcliffe

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At the Parish Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March a progress report was presented by Councillor Lewis Rose on the Village Car Park. Discussions are ongoing but after consultation with the Architect it was proposed by Councillor Rose that an initial commitment of an expenditure of £2800 be undertaken by the council to enable the architect to progress the plans for the village car park.

Little progress has been made on the proposed Playing Field but it was stated by Councillor McConnachie efforts are being made to raise extra Finance.

The on going condition of the Footpaths were discussed at length. It was stated by the secretary that he had received two enquiries from the advertisement in the last issue of the Newsletter on the post for Footpath warden. The Secretary was still hopeful that something will come of these enquiries but wish it be known that he would still like to hear from other persons who could be interested in the position of footpath warden. Details and Information can be obtained from the Secretary Mike Severn on 372801. It was felt that a full survey and the compilation of a data base on each individual footpath would be of great assistance. Mrs Rhoda Barnet who has recently moved into the village has experience in footpath management expressed a willingness to be involved with the compilation of a Data Base.

An invitation has been received to enter the Calor Derbyshire Village of the year. The general consensus was that there was insufficient interest and it was therefore agreed not to take part.

A resident of Standlow Lane complained that Standlow Lane was being used as a short cut between Wood Lane and the main road. As there is no speed restriction signs it is also being used as a race track.

The school wish to erect a metal cabin for extra storage. There was concern as to its location. The Councillors who are also School Governors will consult with the school and report back.

P.C. Cooper was in attendance and he advised the Council that Mr Graham Lawrie The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had resigned as he was moving to Cromford. The Police send out e mail and Telephone warning of possible and actual criminal activities in the area. Only a few people in Kniveton actually receive these e mails and phone calls. It would be more beneficial if more people in the village received these messages. If you would like to receive these message contact Ray Frampton on [ray@frampton1234.fsife.co.uk](mailto:ray@frampton1234.fsife.co.uk) or 346280 and he will arrange for you to be added to the list.



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The Chairman wish to remind Councillors and the General Public that there is a Parish and District Council Election in the Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. This will be the Annual General Meeting starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

## *The Get Together Club Programme for 2007*

- 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Village Hall – Demonstration - Chocolates
- 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Trip to Amerton Farm and Craft Centre (11am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Trip to Berkeley Park (11am)
- 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Village Hall - Angie
- 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Village Hall – Natural Choice
- 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Harvest Meal (Venue to be agreed)
- 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Village Hall – David Tideswell (Robins)
- 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Trip – Chatsworth House Shop & Farm Shop (11am)  
Afternoon Tea
- 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Meal (Venue to be agreed)

All start at 2pm in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated  
For details contact: Liz – 01335-346078 - Margaret 01335-344064

## ACT TO END SLAVERY.

Abolition of the Slave Trade Act; Bi-Centenary 2007

By the end of the 18th century the slave trade had become the bedrock of the world economy. But the trade was brutal and inhuman, and as the abolition campaign developed, the public became more widely informed of its terrors. 1787 was the year that 12 Christians formed a committee for the Abolition of the Slave trade, including Thomas Clarkson, Granville Sharp, the Prime Minister of the day William Pitt suggested that William Wilberforce champion a movement against the slave trade in Parliament. 1791 Wilberforce's first Bill to abolish the slave trade is defeated by 163 votes to 88. The bill is defeated a further 10 times. 1807 The Abolition Bill, marking the end of the slave trade is finally passed in Parliament. 1833 Slavery is outlawed throughout the British Empire, three days before Wilberforce died,

MODERN SLAVERY - We tend to think of slavery as part of our history rather than our present. The reality is that slavery continues to-day. Millions of men women and children are forced to lead lives as slaves- The exploitation is often not called slavery, but the conditions are the same. Women from eastern Europe are bonded into prostitution, children are trafficked between West African countries and men are forced to work as slaves on Brazilian estates.

CHILD LABOUR. - Child labour is a big issue for developing countries. Growing businesses are forced to manufacture products for export at the cheap prices demanded by people living in the rest of the world, leading to factories employing children at very low wages. 8.4 million children are in slavery, trafficking, debt bondage and other forms of forced labour. The International Labour organisation estimates that there are 246 million working children aged between 5 and 17. Slavery is in our back yard. Criminal gangs operate global networks, the U.K is one of their destinations.

LOCAL EVENTS.

THURSDAY MARCH 29th, 7pm-8pm "Are we not Brethren?" A lecture, Council Chambers, Council House, Derby. Contact 01332 255393  
Film, "Amazing Grace" now on general release in cinemas.

Sister Merle Wilde

## COURTESY OF GAZ

To my darling husband,

Before you return from your overseas trip I just want to let you know about the small accident I had with the car when I turned into the driveway. Fortunately not too bad and I really didn't get hurt, so please don't worry too much about me.

I was coming home from Tesco, and when I turned into the driveway I accidentally pushed down on the accelerator instead of the brake. The garage door is slightly bent but the pick up fortunately came to a halt when it bumped into your car.

I am really sorry, but I know with your kind -hearted personality you will forgive me. You know how much I love you and care for you my sweetheart. I am enclosing a picture for you.

I cannot wait to hold you in my arms again.

Your loving wife. XXX

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## P.S. Your girlfriend called.....



### **NEWS FROM ABROAD**

I HAVE settled in fine and have made many friends in the short time I have been here.

Everyone is so friendly and good natured and the lifestyle is so relaxed!

During the week I have been helping out at the CIS nursery school in Wellingara where I have been aiding in the teaching of oral English, (as they speak several native languages and learn English from an early age) addition, and a subject known as 'jolly phonics' which is all about how to pronounce letters of the alphabet and also how to write them.

During the evenings, at around 5pm, I have been doing football training which I set up with the help of two teachers from the school who identified around 25 kids ranging from 10 to 13-years-old.

We have been working on all aspects, but mainly on passing and movement as most of the children are extremely talented and skilful but lack awareness in actual game situations.

We have already seen a massive improvement in there performance. This has also been shown as the kids play small games at the weekend with other local kids and have been winning by good margins.

It is very hard however for them to find space to play as there is only one pitch in the area to support a large amount of people, so it is usually the older boys who get on the pitch.

In the near future, we plan to arrange a match with a local academy with kids of the same age; this will be a good test for the children and will give them a chance to play on a proper pitch! (No grass though)

As for me, I have been joining in and playing in matches with the boys I have met here who are my age. Everyone puts a little money in (about £4 altogether) and the winning team takes the money.

It has been very enjoyable, but has taken a while for me to get used to playing on a sandy surface and in this heat!



## *The Get Together Club*

The owners of The Crystal Fountain shop in Matlock visited our February meeting and I think everyone enjoyed a very different afternoon. For the March meeting we went to Dimmingsdale again, one of our favourite places!! we had a fantastic meal and a lovely walk up the dale.

Please see our amended programme. We have had to alter dates around as the chocolate man would not come in August if the weather was warm, he now comes for our April meeting. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in.

Thank you to John and Nancy for donating the proceeds of their February Whist Drive. We would also like to thank Rural Solutions for the grant they have sent to us.

We have a number of members who are sick at this moment in time, we hope you will all feel well soon and be able to join us again at the next meeting. A warm welcome is given to all the new members who joined us recently.

Our new list of events for 2007 is available should you like to join us, just contact Liz (346078) or Margaret (344064) for a copy.

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall committee will be holding the Annual General Meeting on the 25th April at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. It is the Hall of the villagers and it is important that it is managed in accordance with the wishes of the villagers. To the management committee the villagers views are important.

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## Kniveton racing driver, Richard Marsh

has unveiled his stunning Alfa Romeo 156 that he will drive in the 2007 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car.

The 39-year-old has pulled off a sizeable coup to secure one of the 2007-specification machines that has been built by Alfa Romeo at its headquarters in Turin, Italy.

The car is one of only two factory-sanctioned Alfas that will be racing in Great Britain this season. The other will be piloted by Richard's team-mate, David Pinkney.

The brand-new cars will be run under the banner of a newly-formed team, A-Tech Racing, that has been created after Richard and David pooled the considerable resources they have accumulated during their respective motor racing careers spanning more than 100 BTCC starts.

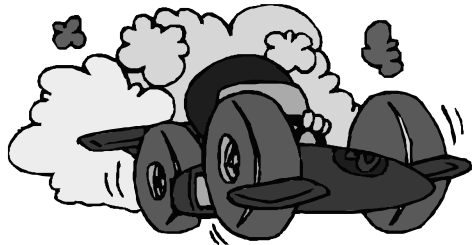
Richard, who took part in selected rounds of last year's BTCC in a Peugeot 307, is delighted that he will be behind the wheel of a car that is expected to be extremely competitive this season.

He said: <sup>3</sup>This is an extremely exciting deal for everyone associated with A-Tech Racing and I can't wait to get the job started.

<sup>3</sup>It was my objective to step up to a car that will offer more of a competitive edge for this season but to get hold of a car that has a proven track record at the highest level of touring car racing in the world championship- is a massive coup and certainly gives me a great chance of making a serious impact this season.<sup>2</sup>

The opening round of the BTCC gets underway at Brands Hatch in Kent on March 31 and April 1 and Richard is expected to race in front of a crowd of 30,000 people.

Both of his races will be screened live on ITV1.



## EARLY MORNING BUS FARE HIKE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Around 180,000 older people in Derbyshire look set to see early morning bus fares double in price next month as local bus operators press ahead with claims for more cash to cover the cost of free trips.

It means half price fares for Gold Card holders using the bus before 9.30 am on weekdays will disappear. Instead, from 1 April they will be charged the full fare to help meet a possible huge bill from the county's bus operators. **Trips after 9.30am will remain free of charge.**

The hugely popular Gold Card travel and discount scheme is jointly run by Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the county's eight district councils. It currently costs local council tax payers around £13.1 million a year – cash paid to bus operators for free trips made by Gold Card holders.

In a bid to extend the scheme for another 12 months – until a national scheme is introduced in April 2008 - the councils offered bus companies a cash increase of 8%. In addition, the councils agreed to full fare charges before 9.30am which bus operators will keep – making the deal worth around 11% (£1.5m a year).

But, two of Derbyshire largest bus operators – Trent/Barton and Stagecoach East Midlands/Yorkshire - insist they are being short changed. And they are appealing to the Government to make Derbyshire coun-



cils pay them up to £1.3 million more for the free travel scheme. The council's Cabinet will be asked to approve the changes to the Gold Card concessionary travel scheme for older and disabled people when it meets on Tuesday 20 March at 10.30am.

“We are desperately disappointed that bus companies will be charging Gold Card holders the full fare before 9.30am,” said Councillor Brian Lucas, Derbyshire County Council's cabinet member for sustainable communities. “We wanted to keep half fare travel for our Gold Card holders because we know how important it is to them. “Our £300,000 cash increase was the most we could afford on top of the £13.1 million bill we already pay. Unfortunately, the two big operators Trent/Barton and Stagecoach say they need more to cover their costs.”

The new fare increase will apply throughout Derbyshire from 1 April 2007 for all Gold Card holders. **Free travel at all times for disabled people with a purple-striped Gold Card is not affected**

Councillor Lucas added: “Although it's up to the city and district councils to provide free and half-price travel for older people, the county council spends £2.1 million to ensure it is the best possible countywide scheme.

“We know how important it is for local people to get out and about on public transport. That's why we put in more than £5.5 million to subsidise and support the bus network and spend a further £11.6 million with bus, coach and taxi operators to provide free school transport. Councillor Irene Ratcliffe

**LOCAL BEAT OFFICER UPDATE –April / May 2007**

This past couple of months we've been hit hard with a number of burglaries of outbuildings, some vehicles broken into, and thefts of tools. Two of our villages have been hit badly, and there is the chance they may come back to look at other villages. We've had good calls from the public about suspicious vehicles and people. We do need you to keep ringing in, reporting anything you have any doubts about.

In the last newsletter I mentioned we'd had some metal gates stolen from fields in the Bradbourne area. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007, the wooden gate next to the cattle grid at Tissington Ford, was stolen.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007, between 1200 and 1330 hours, a Land Rover Discovery was broken into whilst parked outside a Pub in Fenny Bentley. The offenders used a knife to cut a rubber window seal, removed the window, and then took items from inside. They stole a DVD player, clothing and binoculars.

Between 1130 and 1430 hrs, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007, a baler was stolen from a farm at Kniveton. Across the Stations area we are having the odd daytime theft from agricultural premises. I know its difficult but try and lock down or disable items that may tempt thieves.

Land Rover thefts are still occurring. During the night of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007, a Land Rover was stolen from Middleton by Wirksworth. It was found abandoned not too far away, mainly because it already had a problem / defect with it. If you own a Land Rover please consider its security, where you park it, and whether you want to add additional security items.

Between Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007, an insecure barn was entered in the Tissington to Bradbourne area, and Power Tools taken. During the night of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, a number of outbuildings were broken into around Tissington Village, along with a garage at a Farm near Dovedale. Bolt croppers were used at most to gain access to the yards or buildings. Most of the items taken were Power Tools. A few days later, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007, again at Tissington, 2 further outbuilding burglaries occurred.

A number of similar offences occurred around Kniveton Village during the night of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007. As well as outbuildings being entered, some vehicles were also broken into and mainly tools taken.

During the night of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007, a number of Copping Stones were taken from a dry stone wall at Newton Grange. Also during that weekend, someone tried to steal a Range Rover from Tissington Village.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 we had reports of a car parked at the roadside on the A515, and a foreign male flagging cars down, offering to sell jewellery, stating he needed cash for petrol. We have had similar reports on other areas of Ashbourne Section. These people seem to move on quickly and we are keen to check them out.

During late February 2007, we had a number of reports concerning 'Red Fox' Courier vans. They have been spoken to and are all in order. They are new in the area, setting up a new Courier service, and have been given advice.

We've had many reports of suspicious vehicles, around many of the villages, following the burglaries. Some have been checked and were in order. These people didn't mind being checked. We are very keen to check a Blue/Green Ford Transit van, regd no begins UDZ 2---, that has been seen around the area in the day-time. We are also interested in a White Ford Transit Van, regd no begins with 'R'. Its very important that you report any suspicious vehicles / persons / incidents, if possible at the time, so we can try and speak to these people. By contacting us you are helping your village and neighbours, and may prevent them from committing more crime. Next time it may be your shed damaged, and your tools taken. Its also important that you report any burglaries / thefts. I appreciate you're not obliged to, but if you don't tell us what is happening we don't know. We do not have a lot of staff, and so we try and target problem areas. If nothing is reported, other areas reporting problems and crimes will be given priority. Scientific Support attended most of the outbuilding burglaries in an effort to get any forensic evidence that may help. They can only try and find evidence though, if you tell us about the crimes.

We appreciate any help from the public, including the efforts of villagers at Tissington, who have been looking around the area during the early hours of the morning. The Command Team at Buxton also noted and appreciated your efforts. Police patrols have been targeting the area, during Night shifts, and will continue to do so. In order to spend more time around the area, at the most appropriate time for our current problem, I'm changing some shifts from days to half nights.

We have got some crime prevention items for sale at Ashbourne Police Station. They include –

Tamper proof Tax disc holders – Free

Personal attacks alarms - £1

UV Marker pens – Free

Dawn to Dusk energy saving light bulbs - £6.50 (RRP £14)

UV light keyring - £2.50

SmartWater - £17.50 includes lifetime registration, no additional fees (RRP £34, plus an annual registration fee).

SmartWater is a forensic coding system. A unique code is contained within a clear liquid solution, which can be used to code all kinds of property, including jewellery, sentimental items, tools and electrical goods. The clear mark can only be seen under a UV light. Property recovered by Police is checked using UV lights, and if coded property is found it can be reunited with its owner.

We do not always have the items available, all the time.

**Ian COOPER Police Constable 1525**

**20th March 2007**



## WHIST DRIVES

The February Whist Drive raised £52.25 for the Get together Club. The March Whist Drive raised £74.20 donated to the Church Yard Fund. The April and May Whist Drives will also be donated. The monthly Whist Drives are held on the second Tuesday of every month. A good evenings entertainment and a very genuine greeting to all is guaranteed

## BOB'S BIT

No doubt some people have wondered why a large patch of sand has appeared on the Bank opposite Docksey's Cottage. The culprit is a Badger. Eighteen months ago a Badger started burrowing and then for some reason the hole was abandoned. Last Autumn digging resumed and it was continuous. Every night more sand was excavated and levelled. By now the tunnel must have been several yards long. I assume there is only one Badger and I don't know if it is male or female. Badgers are nocturnal and I have only seen it twice. On one of the hottest days last summer it came out of the hole. It lay on its back with its legs in the air soaking up the sun. After a while it ambled off and spent the rest of the day out in the open looking for worms. People in the village, including a young mother with children, were treated to a rare sight, a real Badger in broad daylight. I have seen it again more recently. It was pouring with rain. It came from under the Lime Tree, shook itself like a dog, and disappeared.

Badgers are under threat. It is claimed that they spread Bovine Tuberculosis in dairy cattle. Herds are tested and even one reactor causes disruption and financial loss to the farmer. Most farmers agree that a reduction in the number of Badgers is necessary, some claim in certain areas only total extermination will remove the risk of infection. The problem has yet to be resolved. A badger sett in the middle of a village is unusual, if not unique, but if the Kniveton Badger only makes one unscheduled appearance once a year it can hardly be classed as a tourist attraction. It is just an interesting feature.

Bob Goodall

### **Person wanted to mow lawn in Kniveton Village**

**Must be strong and fit**

**Please contact  
Dick Marsh  
01335 344481**



## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

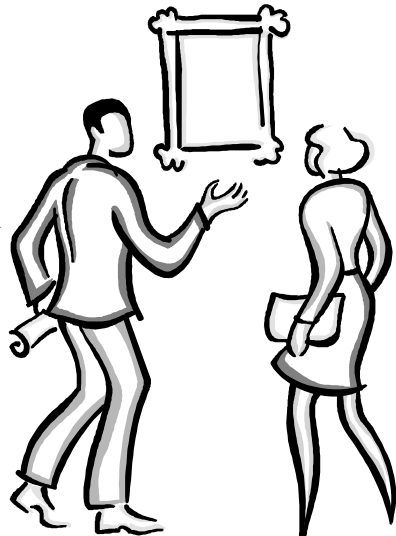
Many people seem unaware that a branch of the University of The Third age, or U3A as it is known, has been established in Ashbourne. The Third Age refers to the period of time after the First Age (childhood and dependence) and the Second Age (full-time employment and responsibility). Anyone in the Third Age may join – all you need is interest, enthusiasm and a desire to contribute. The U3A has members, not students. No qualifications are required and none are given. The knowledge, experience and skills of members are drawn on to organise study and activity groups.

Every branch is completely autonomous but there is a central office in London which offers help, advice and the loan of resources.

Ashbourne is still in the embryonic stage. The annual subscription is £10 and members are charged £1 per monthly meeting to include refreshments and rent of St. Oswald's church hall. Meetings are at 2.30 pm on the first Friday of the month.

Ideally there is a speaker, reports on the varied group activities followed by tea and chat. So far a number of the monthly activities have mainly stressed the social side and the individual groups decide whether to concentrate more on study, social activities or a mixture of both. Already groups are many and varied. Examples cover art and/or musical appreciation, bridge for beginners, poetry, natural history, gardening and digital photography. Future plans include a book club, walking club, general discussion group and French conversation. Day trips and holidays are all possibilities. The whole point of U3A is that it is run by members for members. New members with ideas and expertise are more than welcome.

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KIDS



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**PRAYERS**

Class 2 and 3 have been writing prayers after learning the story of Sadako, a little girl in Hiroshima, who was exposed to the atom bomb and developed leukemia. She heard the legend that if you make a thousand paper cranes she would be granted a wish. Sadly she died before she managed it.

We have made paper cranes. Children from all over the world make them and send them to the Hiroshima peace monument in Japan. If you want to have a go at making them the website, with details and instructions, is:

<http://www.sadako.org>

Dear God,  
People are dying every second  
We need to stop war!  
Children are living in fear and  
worrying about being bombed.  
Consider people who are being killed.  
Every little one of us matters to God.  
Amen  
By Annie Smail.

Dear World,  
Children are dying all over our  
planet because of war.  
Humans are killing other humans for a silly reason.  
All people should have a reason for peace.  
Wars are making people live in terror.  
Why do people fight all over the world?  
So, tell them to stop.  
Even babies are dying.  
So, please, STOP!  
Amen  
By Thomas McHugh

Dear World,  
Children are being killed.  
People are shooting each other.  
It does not matter where we live.  
On our planet we should have peace.  
Amen, By Kathryn Martin

#### GAMBIA

Thank you to all the people who donated items for us to take out to our friends in Gambia. They were all overwhelmed with your generosity. We were able to connect our family to electricity, which will transform their lives. Thank you to Lewis and Janet Rose for getting that money for us.

The many sheets and pillowcases you kindly gave us have gone to the clinic which is being built. There will be a labour ward, an ante natal ward and a general ward. This project is stunning. They have also dug a bore hole for the clinic which the villagers are able to use, saving them from having to walk miles to the nearest stand pipe.

The school children were extremely pleased with the pens and pencils etc. We had great fun teaching them for several days. It was interesting to find out that they have never had a story read to them or done any art work.

The toothpaste and soap were welcomed by our family. They will keep the Fatou, the young girl who does all the washing occupied for months! We were also able to buy them 9 bags of rice which will last them 9 months.

So, thank you everyone.

We are actually going out again, to do some teacher training, in April!

Lynn Board.

Thoughts on Spring -

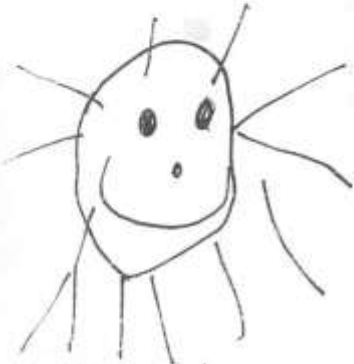
class 1.

Spring  
is my  
favourite  
time of  
the year.

Laura, 7



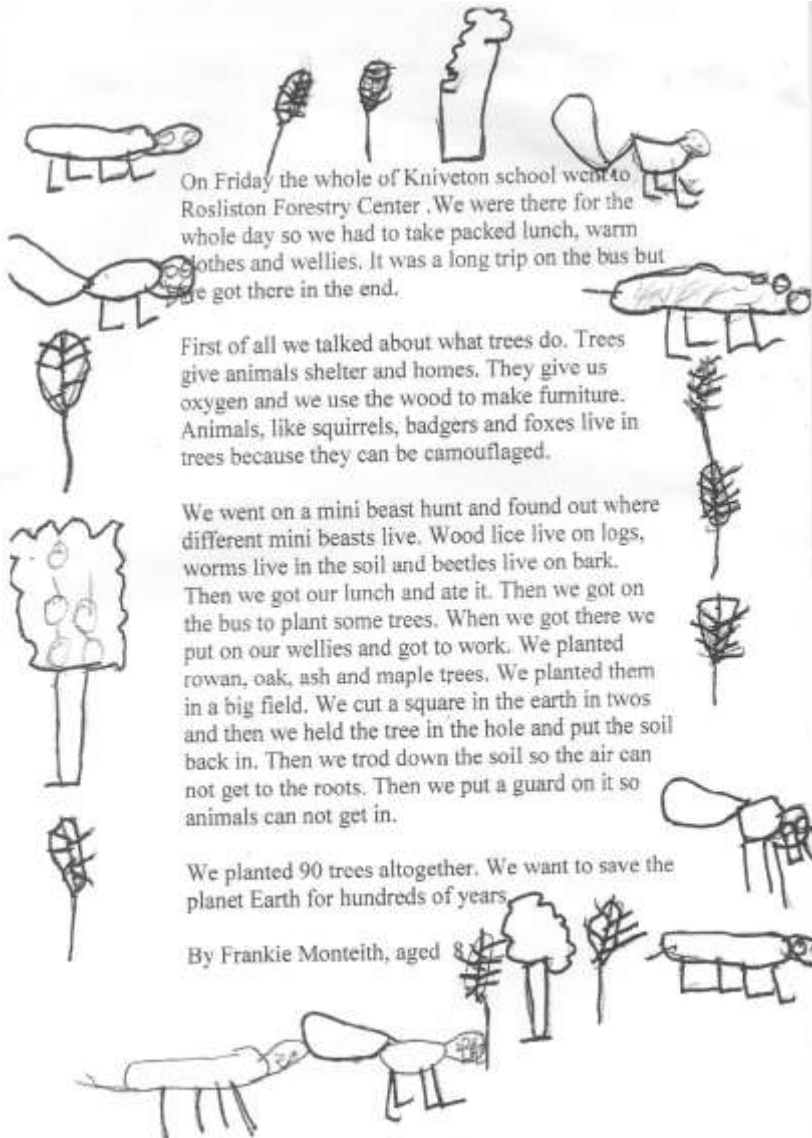
GABRIELLE  
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By Tom w, 6

Spring is warm  
Danielle, 5





On Friday the whole of Kniveton school went to Rosliston Forestry Center. We were there for the whole day so we had to take packed lunch, warm clothes and wellies. It was a long trip on the bus but we got there in the end.

First of all we talked about what trees do. Trees give animals shelter and homes. They give us oxygen and we use the wood to make furniture. Animals, like squirrels, badgers and foxes live in trees because they can be camouflaged.

We went on a mini beast hunt and found out where different mini beasts live. Wood lice live on logs, worms live in the soil and beetles live on bark. Then we got our lunch and ate it. Then we got on the bus to plant some trees. When we got there we put on our wellies and got to work. We planted rowan, oak, ash and maple trees. We planted them in a big field. We cut a square in the earth in twos and then we held the tree in the hole and put the soil back in. Then we trod down the soil so the air can not get to the roots. Then we put a guard on it so animals can not get in.

We planted 90 trees altogether. We want to save the planet Earth for hundreds of years.

By Frankie Monteith, aged 8

Pictures by Sam Hollins .

# KNIVETON WI

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We have had 2 really enjoyable meetings.

In February we had a great talk from the owner of a Lavender Farm in Hilton near Derby. She brought examples of all the different colours and varieties of Lavender. She explained how she set up the enterprise in a part of their farm. Also we saw examples of the products that can be made from Lavender and were given advice about which varieties to grow and how to pick and dry it. The Lavender Garden is open from June 13th until August 31st Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 5pm.

The Meeting in March was Pat Hall from Ashbourne WI. She recited some of her wonderful anecdotes in rhyme and had most of the Members in tears of laughter.

We are pleased to say we have 3 new members we hope they will enjoy WI and make the most of the Group, County and National Activities.

Our speaker in April is Mr Hack who will be telling us about the Great Wall of China.

Why not come along and try us out.

Mary Vaughan  
President  
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# THE RED LION KNIVETON

At the Red Lion we are pleased to announce our new menu starting on Friday 5th April. Chef Helen, has carefully incorporated a healthy option section and an improved children's menu to encourage the little ones to eat a healthier meal during their visit to the pub.

Bed and breakfast accommodation will also be available by the end of April.

A St George's Day Party is taking place on Friday 20th April, a complementary English supper will be served and live entertainment will be playing at the Red Lion from 8.30pm.

Friday 11th May– A welcome return visit from the Irish band. I know many of you enjoyed the last Irish Night. Starting at 8.30pm with a raffle in aid of the Well Dressing Fund.

Skittles is once again back in play and anyone wishing to sign up please do.

We are considering starting a service supplying basic groceries for the village available for sale at the pub. Anyone with any ideas as to which products we should stock please pop in.

A big thank you to all the locals who continue to support us at the Red Lion.

Graeme

