

HOGNASTON NEWS



September 2015

Aviva Tour of Britain almost comes to Hognaston

Stage 6 of The Aviva Tour of Britain, British Cycling's premier road race and the UK's biggest professional bicycle race, will be passing through the Derbyshire Dales on Friday 11th September. The route comes very close to Hognaston – along the dam wall road – on its way from Stoke-on-Trent to Nottingham; estimated timings for this bit of the route are between 1350 and 1430. Spectating is completely free of charge and the dam wall should provide the perfect vantage point (and is within easy walking distance for most).

More details at <http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/events/tour-of-britain-2015.aspx> or [http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/files/documents/Stage_6_Stoke-on-Trent -
_Nottingham ETA v4.pdf](http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/files/documents/Stage_6_Stoke-on-Trent_-_Nottingham ETA v4.pdf)

If you want to follow the race it will be broadcast live on ITV4 with an early evening highlights package from 6th to 13th September.

Hognaston Parish Council from Dave Jackson, Hognaston Parish Council Clerk

The redevelopment of the Play Area is now well under way. The Multi-Use Games Area (a fenced and surfaced area suitable for ball-play) has now been completed and is in use. The next phase will see the replacement of the current swings with a cradle-swing for small children and a saucer-swing for those up to age 14; a multiplay unit for small children will also be erected in the lower part of the Play Area. This work should take place within the next two months. [Unfortunately the current cradle-swing has had to be removed from use owing to deterioration of one of the wooden supports.]

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7th September in the Village Hall, starting at 8.00PM. All are welcome to attend; as always there will be an opportunity for residents to speak at the outset of the Meeting.

St Bartholomew's Church, Hognaston from Wendy Steeples

Services

Our Sunday services in September are: 6th at 10.30AM, Morning Worship; 13th at 10.30AM, Holy Communion; and 27th at 9.00AM, a said Holy Communion.

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Saturday 19th; donations of produce would be most welcome. Dried and tinned goods are always very useful. Our special Harvest Service is on the 20th starting at 10.30AM.

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Coffee mornings

Our next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 12th September (10.00AM to 12Noon). Tea, coffee, bring and buy and great company. Money raised will go towards Church funds.

Flower Festival

The administration of the annual Flower Festival has become increasingly difficult, as has getting enough arrangers and people to staff the steward and refreshment rotas.

Following a lot of discussion, the Parochial Church Council has taken the decision that May 2015's Flower Festival will be our last. We are very grateful to everyone over the past twenty-one years who has played any part in any of the Flower Festivals.

There will be another Church/village event around May 2016; more information to follow when we have decided what we are going to do.

Puzzling Questions

A new initiative is being set up to which everyone is very welcome. This is a Benefice-wide set of meetings under the title of "Puzzling Questions". The meetings will take place on the first and third Mondays during September, October and November at the Black Horse public house in Hulland Ward, from 7.30PM to 9.30PM. You can get more information about this from Phil Michell, our Rector on 01335 371947.

Village Hall update from Tony Clarke

Village Fete

Possibly not in time for non-email subscribers to HN, but don't forget the Village Fete on Sunday 6th September from 2.00PM. We would welcome donations for the tombola, bottle stall and produce stall, and any cakes for refreshments on or by the morning of the fete. Please bring them to the Village Hall, or give to a committee member. Thank you in anticipation.

We would also welcome help on the stalls from anyone who has some time to spare so that our stall holders can take a break during the afternoon. This year in addition to the Osmaston wind band, we have entertainment from the Beggar's Oak clog dancers and by request a bouncy castle.

Litebites

A reminder that Litebites will take place as usual at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month (i.e. the Tuesday following the fete). The menu is ever expanding. All welcome.

Indoor bowls

The bowling club is looking for new members. They will start meeting again at the end of September on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. If you are interested, contact Audrey Bunting, or come along during the evening.

Fish & Chip supper

Advance notice of our Fish and Chip supper with games on Saturday 14th November. Please put the date in your diary – more details next month.

More cycling

And finally, a warning that on 20th September you will see extra cyclists passing through the village. They are riding from Staffordshire and the Village Hall is their final staging post.

Bulk Oil Buy from Chris Stait

Thanks to the twenty-one households in the village who joined in with this year's bulk oil purchase. We saved about eighteen lorry trips to the village and 9.5% over the Boiler Juice prices at the time of order – the cheapest oil buy since 2005. In the end I ran out of nerve
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hanging on for yet more price drops (lower summer prices do not normally last this long) and some people were running short. Even so people ordering individually now will still not be getting their oil cheaper than the bulk order price. Looking forward to next year and even more villagers joining in.

Hognaston Harvest Horkey from Dave Jackson

The Hognaston Harvest Horkey returns on Saturday 26th September (7.15PM at the Village Hall). As on previous occasions this will be a Barn Dance, with top-notch music and calling provided by Rachel's Celebration Band. The ticket price includes food (which takes the form of sausages-in-buns and puds from Angie's Pudding Room) and as much dosey-doeing as age and state of health allow. Drinks available (but not in the ticket price) include beer (Hartington IPA while stocks last), wine and soft drinks.

As this is a 'community event' ticket sales will be for village residents only until 19th September, and can be acquired on production of cash or cheque (made payable to Hognaston PCC) at the Fete on 6th September or from Tony (372748) or Jean (372001). Tickets are priced as before at £8 (£5 for those under 16).

Hognaston Play Association from Janet Thornhill

easyfundraising.org.uk

A reminder that the HPA has set up a page on the easyfundraising website. There are more than 2,500 businesses linked to easyfundraising – including some of the major on-line outlets (Amazon; Tesco; Sainsbury; M&S; John Lewis etc.). The way it works is that, if you register as a supporter of the HPA at easyfundraising and then go through easyfundraising to get to the retailer's site whenever you want to place an order on-line, a small percentage of the amount you spend will be donated to us at no extra cost to you. It's as simple as that. To make it even simpler there's a toolbar you can download from easyfundraising that lets you know when you're shopping online at a participating partner's website.

Please have a look at easyfundraising (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/retailers/>) to see if any of the on-line retailers you use are listed and go to our page (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/hognastonplay) for more information on how to register to take advantage of this opportunity to help support the new play area at no cost to you. If you need any help registering please give me a call on 01335 372867.

It really is so easy to do; over the holidays I've raised over £16 just doing little bits of shopping. It would really add up if more people could do the same, (dare I say it) with Christmas approaching ...

Halloween

New for this year the HPA has decided to have a Halloween Party on October 31st in the Village Hall to continue with our fundraising for the Play Area. There will be a party for small children from 5.00 to 7.00PM, followed by an adults and older children's party from 8.00PM. More details will follow in the next HN. The party will be instead of the usual HPA-organised Trick or Treat – but please don't let us stop you from doing your own 'T or T' if you wish to.

Hogweed Garden Club from Stephanie Taylor

The summer may not have been kind to gardeners as far as the weather is concerned but the Garden Club brought a little sunshine into our lives by organising some delightful events.

Almost forty members and their guests joined us for an evening in Ann and John Wilkins' garden at Ye Old Forge. In between the Pimms (expertly mixed by Mike & David) and canapés we marvelled over the way in which they have transformed a farmer's field into an idyllic garden full of beautiful trees and hundreds of wonderful plants. All it takes is fifty years hard work. Thank you to Ann and John for having us; it was the highlight of our calendar.

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Thanks also to everyone who helped by bringing food, drinks etc. – and to Liz Pepperell for the wonderfully drawn map of the garden.

In August a few Hogweed members made an informal visit to Hopton Hall amidst threats of torrential rain from the national weather forecasters. It stayed mostly dry, however, and we marvelled at the hugely improved rose garden where we sat with tea and cakes and enjoyed the shelter of the famous crinkle-crankle wall. We also had a social meeting at the Red Lion to review activities and discuss the Club's progress and future direction. [*Thank you to Alan & Steph for an amusing presentation and pictures of events to date*].

Hogweed membership is growing all the time (apologies for the pun) – I am reliably informed that we are currently only one or two short of fifty. Join us for an annual fee of just £5 – £10 for a family (renewable in January) – and enjoy the rest of the year's activities which include:

- An evening visit to Meynell Langley trials garden on 17th September
- Judging of the pumpkin competition and a barbecue evening at the Village Hall on 27th September
- A 'Gardner's' Question Time led by Hognaston's resident experts, Jean and Peter Gardner in October
- An illustrated talk by a professional garden designer in November
- The members' Christmas dinner at The Red Lion during December.

More information from any committee member: Stephanie 371945; Carolyn 372158; Nicola 370406; or Lynda 370131. Members will receive full details directly.

Thank you from Ann Wilkins

Just a quick note to say that I am very appreciative of all the support and good wishes that John and I have received since his operation. Please take this as a 'big thank you' to one and all concerned.

HogWalks

Public Rights of Way consultation from David Lucas

In response to further reductions in funding from central Government, inflation and greater demands on areas of their budget for adult social care and vulnerable children the County Council is rethinking the way it delivers a range of services. As part of this the countryside service is required to make a saving of £1m and a proportion of this amount needs to be found from the rights of way budget (around £163K or a third of the rights of way budget).

The rights of way team is a small group of people who manage the rights of way network – the footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic across the county. The proposals to save money involve revising the targets set out in the Rights of Way Charter (basically allowing more time to respond to issues raised, carry out work etc.) and reducing staff.

To have your say either: contact me and I can email a copy of the documentation; go to http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say/consultation_search/Consultation_search_index/public_rights_of_way_review.asp?VD=rowreview; or, for a hard copy, phone 01629 533301. Mainly through HogWalks, the Parish has had considerable help from the countryside service and the rights of way team and I would encourage people to have their say. The deadline for comment is either the 13th or the 20th September (depending on whether you go by the first page of the survey that you are asked to express your views through or the last).

Boardwalks

Many thanks to everyone who turned out on a distinctly hot Saturday morning in mid-July (there was at least one) to put down the remaining non-slip strips on the boardwalks on the routes between the village and Kniveton and (partially) the village and Atlow. A particular

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mention for Julia Jackson and Elizabeth Stirzaker, who went off on a 'path clearance mission' returning to The Red Lion about an hour after everyone else.

More walking from Rachel Bolton

I have organised a guided walk to raise funds for Derbyshire Air Ambulance on Saturday 19th September.

We will start at 10.00AM from Grindleford train station and cover Froggatt, Curbar and Baslow edges before returning along the banks of the River Derwent, via Baslow village (for a 'comfort break').

The total distance is 17 kilometres (10.5 miles) and the walk should take around 6 hours. Good walking shoes or boots are required, plus water proofs and a warm fleece or jumper.

Health & Safety-wise, I am a qualified summer mountain leader which, amongst other things, means that I need to think about numbers (there will be a maximum of 15 walkers to keep things manageable); I also have a first aid certificate.

The walk is suitable for all ages and mainly fairly level apart from a steady uphill walk at the start to reach Froggatt Edge and a shorter downhill stretch at the other end to get to Baslow. There are various refreshment opportunities during the walk (including a wonderful vintage coffee van at Curbar car park) but please also bring sufficient food and water with you.

Please email me on Laserviolin@aol.com if you would like to come or require further details.

HogLit – Hognaston's Book Club from Stephanie Taylor

In July we discussed 'The Dead Place' by Stephen Booth, an author who locates his crime thrillers in Derbyshire. It was full of recognisable local references but didn't give us much of a thrill, unfortunately. We intend to choose another crime novel in the future.

Currently, we are reading 'The Yellow Birds' by Kevin Powers who won the 2012 Guardian first book award for his disturbing account of military service in Iraq and its impact on those involved in the conflict. He served there himself and has evoked the haunting terrors of war in this stunning book. It's relatively short – so still time to read it before joining us on 8th September to talk it over. We'd love to hear your views.

After 'The Yellow Birds' our next book, for discussion on October 13th, is 'The Diving Bell and the Butterfly' by Jean-Dominique Bauby. This is his true account of life before and after a devastating stroke which left him almost totally paralysed and with locked-in syndrome – the entire book was written by Bauby blinking his left eyelid (one blink for an 'e'; two for an 's' etc.). Robert McCrum in The Observer wrote: "...what he says goes to the core of what it means to be human." The library can't supply this one for us so you will need to buy it.

The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00PM in The Red Lion, Hognaston. Join us if you can. Listen and laugh over a glass of wine or a beer. For more information contact Stephanie Taylor on 371945.

Ashbourne Women's Cancer Support Group from Catharine Gregory

The Group next meets on Wednesday September 23rd (10.30AM at the McMurdy and Harding Veterinary Practice, Clifton Rd, Ashbourne DE6 2DH. If you have been affected by cancer in any way and feel that you would like to come along then please do join us. For further information please contact Polly on 01335 348600 or email polly@vcspd.org.

Children's Society from Geoff Workman

It's time to collect and empty the Children's Society Money Boxes. I intend to call on those houses that have boxes during the day on Friday 4th September but if anyone wants to drop lodgefarm@w3z.co.uk

theirs off with me at Deneholme beforehand that would be fine. The Society does great work in caring for runaway children amongst other projects and our money will be put to good use.

Departures from David Lucas

It cannot have escaped people's notice that whilst HN has been away there have been some changes in the village at Victoria Cottage and Bankside. Fortunately neither The Stapleys nor Rachel has gone far – temporarily to Hulland Ward and (eventually hopefully more permanently than is currently the case) to Atlow respectively – so you should still see them around.

Judging by the 'Sold' signs that have popped up recently there may be more moves to follow.

Regular information and dates for your diary

To hire the Village Hall please contact Tony Clarke on 372748. Hourly rates are £8 for residents and £15 for non-residents – bookings must include your time for setting-up before and clearing away after your event. Discounts for regular users may be available.

Thursday evenings	HogFoot. An informal, friendly and not overly competitive game of (usually) 5- to 6-a-side football. Outdoors at Wirksworth (meet 7.45PM at The Red Lion or 8.00PM at the Sports Centre by Anthony Gell School).
Thursday evenings	Bowls. In the Village Hall at 7.00PM.
Last Friday of most months	Ladies that Lunch. 12.30 for 1.00PM in The Red Lion, Hognaston. Contact Ann Wilkins/ the pub for information.
The second Tuesday of most months	Hognaston Book Club. An informal discussion of the month's book. In The Red Lion at 7.00PM.
	Lite Bites in the Village Hall from 12.00Noon to 14.00PM.
Sunday evenings	Boules. One of our teams will usually be playing at home at The Red Lion starting at 6.00PM.

Summary of key dates in this edition of HN [see the related HN article for details]

6 th September (2.00PM)	Village Fete @ the Village Hall
7 th September (8.00PM)	Parish Council meeting @ the Village Hall
11 th September	Aviva Tour of Britain Cycle race on the dam wall c14.00PM
12 th September (10.00AM)	Coffee morning @ the Church Meeting Room
17 th September	Hogweed trip to Meynell Langley trials garden
19 th September (10.00AM)	Guided Walk for the Air Ambulance Service
23 rd September (10.30AM)	Ashbourne Women's Cancer Support Group
26 th September (7.15PM)	Hognaston Harvest Horkey @ the Village Hall
27 th September	Deadline for copy for next HN
27 th September	Hogweed barbecue evening @ the Village Hall
31 st October (5.00PM+)	Halloween Party @ the Village Hall
14 th November	Fish & Chip Supper @ the Village Hall