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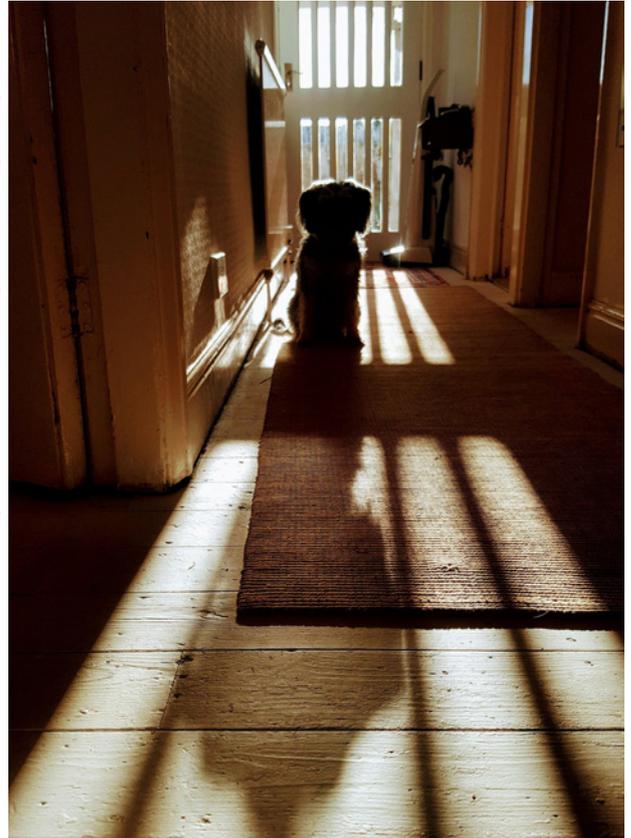
The *Still Life* category of the Virtual Photo Competition struck quite a chord with UTE readers. At 37, there were nearly two times as many entries as the 21 for *Family Portrait*, which was itself pretty impressive! The quality of the submissions and the breadth of imagination behind the compositions were absolutely first-rate. We hope to be able to feature a wider selection in a later issue of UTE so those of you without access to the Internet can enjoy them.

With so many to choose from, voting was a lot closer than last month when Katt Dean got twice as many votes as anyone else. This time the joint winners shared 24% of the total vote. Both of them seem to embody the idea of reaching out for a dream. Fiona Harrison's photo of her dog Florence-Gertrude looking longingly at her, hoping for a walk, is a study in sepia while Andy Hanna's more classical approach evokes the summer we are all longing for after a year of being cooped up. Last year brought Provence to Great Longstone; one could bask in the warmth outside, drinking in the view with a peach and a glass of rosé. It's good to dream of looking forward to the same in a few months' time.

March's category of *Full Bloom* will be the last of this series: please keep sending in your entries so we end on a high note. Photos can be taken on any device and emailed to photos@undertheedge.net. We can also scan prints for you if you contact me on 01629 640943 or jane@janelittlefieldglass.co.uk.

All the photos in every category are on the GL community website greatlongstone.net/GL-Photographic-Competition, where you can also cast your vote for the *Garden Creatures* category.

Jane Littlefield



VIRTUAL PHOTO COMPETITION

VOTE!

online for your favourite
"Garden Creatures"
before March 15th

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entries online for category
"Full Bloom"
before March 31st

Full details at:
[greatlongstone.net/
GL-Photographic-
Competition](http://greatlongstone.net/GL-Photographic-Competition)

My small business adventure – Earth Paper Fibre



Hello! I'm Mel, a local creative designer and ceramicist (in training...) from Great Longstone. I have recently started out on an adventure into the world of small businesses. When the pandemic graced us in April last year I was placed on furlough from my job as a creative designer for Clintons, but unfortunately I was made redundant in September. I wasn't completely devastated, as while on furlough I needed to do something worthwhile to keep that creative spark going. So I set up a little business **Earth Paper Fibre** making porcelain ceramic jewellery, with an online shop www.earthpaperfibre.co.uk, and a vision to expand into other products! It's named after the three main materials I use for the products: *Earth* for the organic ceramic material that forms the body of jewellery and other homeware items, *Paper* for products such as greeting cards, and finally *Fibre* for the textiles in the weaved wall art products and (coming soon) screen-printed fabrics for re-useable gift wrap!

I wanted to only use organic materials to produce beautiful and high-quality gifts at a low cost to customers and also the environment. Shopping small isn't just about supporting small businesses, it's also about buying thoughtful and meaningful products that will last a lifetime. I also wanted to create something to make a difference, so all my products are as environmentally sustainable as possible. As this is something I practice in day-to-day life, I couldn't start my business without any ethical focus or concern for the environment. So all my packaging, both for the products themselves and for their postage, is completely plastic-free right down to the biodegradable twine string and recycled paper stickers! The pandemic has really taught me the importance of shopping small in these times when smaller companies need our support more now than ever, though don't get me wrong, I do understand that huge foreign corporations like Amazon are incredibly convenient! As one small business helping other small businesses, I only buy my supplies from UK-based sellers and I ensure everything is ethically sourced from within the UK.

Since I started this little project, it's been all hands on deck designing, developing and creating porcelain jewellery. I work 9am to 9pm most days, sometimes getting in a walk for some fresh air, but I can't complain as I love what I am doing. I am starting to develop more products including homeware, children's décor and a greater variety of greeting cards, which is great as it helps to mix up what I am working on day-to-day. I have been focusing recently on the jewellery side of things, developing my own style and perfecting (or trying to!) the technique. I now have eight different ranges stocked in my online shop, from a minimalist spotty style to elegant flowing leafy florals, in all different shapes and sizes. I have even developed a range to promote mental health positivity with 50% of all profits being donated to Mind, the mental health charity.



Every pair of earrings you see in my shop has been fired twice with temperatures ranging from 1,000-1,260 °C. The jewellery is cut in its 'leather-hard' state, polished and then left to dry slowly for a few days. When bone dry, it goes in for its first firing at 1,000 °C for about 12 hours. Afterwards, each piece is sanded and then decorated by hand with underglazes before going back into the kiln for a final firing at 1,260 °C for a further 14 hours. Raising the temperature of the porcelain this high makes it extremely lightweight, strong and durable and it shrinks 15% from its wet clay form (compared to earthenware clay which only shrinks up to 9%). Finally, each piece of jewellery is assembled using high-quality sterling silver fastenings. This entire process can take two weeks to complete but the time and effort is worth it.

Unfortunately, January has been very quiet as I have been unable to trade at markets or offer any products wholesale to retail outlets, but I've been a busy bee in the studio developing new products for the online shop. Some of these are made to order with personalised details and others have been just for my own enjoyment (especially the kids home décor). Many of these have been launched at virtual online market events, but these are never as good as being able to pick up and feel the products for yourself, plus you don't get any of the social chat either!

Although it's a daunting time to start a small business, I am really looking forward to what the future holds and where my little adventure takes me. I am so thankful to have my parents who support me with every step. They offer encouragement, help me with ideas, and most importantly provide me with a platform to keep going through such a difficult time.

Please check out my online shop. Delivery is free to locals with the code LOCAL at the checkout! **Melissa MacDonald**

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Contact Mel directly - 07816607169

Community Help

We would like to remind everyone of the Community Help Scheme set up in Great Longstone during COVID-19. Just call Jenny Croft and her team of willing volunteers on **01629 640257** for any help, such as picking up shopping or maybe a friendly phone call. We do hope you are all continuing to help and check on neighbours in these difficult times. Even a smile or a wave might make someone's day. Thank you to all who are helping in the community.

Great Longstone Parish Council

Alexander Charles Cox 3 May 1979 - 18 January 2021

On the morning of May 3rd 1979 a bright bundle of joy came into the world: Alexander Charles Cox, the youngest son to Terry and Margaret and brother to Richard and James.

Alex started his school days aged five here in Great Longstone, making numerous friends before progressing on to Lady Manners School at Bakewell. At home he had a keen interest in farming and in his younger years spent most of his spare time with his cousins, Dan and Tom, at Church Lane Farm. He especially enjoyed haymaking season and took his tractor test at sixteen to be able to participate in more farming activities.

After leaving school, Alex started his working days in the family construction business alongside his father, two brothers and other work colleagues. He learnt his trade in general building as well as operating excavators, tractors and other equipment. When he reached sixteen, he bought a motorcycle to get his independence, which he used until he passed his driving test, when he bought his first car. In his late teens Alex was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, but he always hoped for a cure one day.

Alex played for the Crispin Inn darts team and won a trophy for the C division in 1997/1998. He liked to travel, visiting Florida twice and Australia five times, stopping off at Singapore, Brunei and Dubai en route. Alex was interested in plant and machinery, and he loved watching television, films, and rugby, listening to music and going to live music shows at Buxton Opera House. He also enjoyed attending car boot sales, machinery sales and property auctions and had a keen interest in collecting farm models and Great Longstone memorabilia, buying and selling on eBay.

Alex could be a bit of a prankster at times and enjoyed playing the odd practical joke on members of his family, who soon learnt to be wary when putting on their boots, or opening the bathroom door, in case a wet sponge was waiting to drench them. But he was a proud uncle to his nephews Joe and Stefan, and niece Beth, as well as being godparent to Stefan.

Ten minutes before Alex's funeral service was due to start on 3rd February, one of Tom

Cox's cows produced a beautiful heifer calf. Just enough time for Tom to have a quick wash and change of clothes before dashing to the church to be one of the pallbearers. He and Dan decided then and there to name the calf Alex in their cousin's memory. Alex would have loved it!

Thank you to everyone for all the kind letters, cards and expressions of sympathy at this very sad time.

Terry and Margaret Cox and family



Friday's Child

His thumb-nail is blackened and somewhat tender at the moment, but that's the price the Do-It-Yourself man pays when a hammer goes slightly off course! And Alexander Cox is very much the DIY enthusiast. There is no greater pleasure for him than "helping" dad with odd jobs about the place - jobs like building an extension to their bungalow on Grisedale Road at Great Longstone. His manual efforts are not always fully appreciated, of course. Dad has been known to experience slight irritation at times when his tools disappear, and mum was horrified the day she found that Alexander, then aged five, had climbed on to a ten-foot high scaffold from where he was waving happily to her! When he borrowed brushes put aside after a painting job, he added rather artistic black stripes to dad's red Triumph Dolomite car, an effect, needless to say, completely wasted on unappreciative adults. But this two-and-a-half year old bundle of mischief has many redeeming features, not least of which is his willingness to share - indeed at times he's generous to a fault. On a recent occasion he fed Tippy, the cat, with the minced beef prepared as a meal for the family and another day, quite by accident this time, he almost committed Samuel Whiskers, his brother's gerbil, to the same fate. An heroic rescue by mum saved the situation but it was unfortunate that Samuel Whiskers is owned by nine-year-old James - he of the red hair and matching temper! Brother Richard (11) is more understanding and tolerant of little accidents. Alexander's mum told us: "Hardly a day passes without some kind of hair-raising event - and if he comes into the house with a big beaming smile on his face, then I fear the worst...!"

The Village Shop

Opening Times
 Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am-4pm
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If you go down to the Squeeze today...

It was certainly a big surprise this winter to find the Cox's field full of large fluffy sheep that look more like giant teddy-bears, with great thunder-thighs that would put the Empress of Blandings to shame. These are Ryeland sheep belonging to Giles Bramwell: eight of them (Olive, Tabatha, Theresa, Florence, Felicity (*photo right*), Susan, Barbara and Mary) are three years old, Agnes the old girl is nine, and Sam the ram is two. Geraldine the Jacob is the odd one out and she is seven. Normally, they overwinter in Froggatt but it's been so waterlogged this year they've sought refuge in Great Longstone until they lamb in April.

Giles is a vet and co-owner of the Bakewell practice and used to live in Great Longstone. He writes "*Ryelands are the oldest native British breed, bred for meat they are strong sheep with thick wool making them hardy and perfect for living outside year round.*"



They thrive in low copper areas (Derbyshire is prone to copper deficiency) and are resistant to footrot compared to other sheep breeds. Most of all however they are placid and don't try to escape all the time! Ryelands carry a recessive colour gene so you may see brown versions in other places. I have recently blood tested all these sheep to see if they are carriers, but I guess I'll find out either way at lambing time!"

Ryelands are known as 'good-doers'. The nineteenth century vet William Youatt wrote that they "*endure privation of food better than any other breed*", and the eminent naturalist Sir Joseph Banks that "*Ryelands deserve a niche in the temple of famine*". At one time they were considered to have the finest wool of all British breeds. Queen Elizabeth I insisted her stockings be made only of Ryeland wool from Leominster, where they were first bred by monks 700 years ago, who grazed them on rye pastures. **Adam Rae-Smith**



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Support our local businesses!

No-one dreamt last March that we would be back in lockdown a year later. It's been a terrible time for everyone, but particularly for small businesses and especially in the hospitality sector, so please do what you can to support our advertisers. Why not put your feet up and treat yourself to something from one of these delicious takeaway menus? These do change from time to time, so keep an eye out on Facebook or websites. And the Village Shop's meat costs the same as it does in Bakewell, and their pork pie is head and shoulders above any other this Editor has tasted in his long life!

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Pepperoni - pepperoni £8

Ham & Pineapple - roasted ham hock & pineapple £8

Pollo Funghi - roasted chicken, portobello mushrooms & sweetcorn £8.50

Formaggio Della Capre (v) - goat's cheese & caramelised red onion £8.50

Truffle Hunter - roasted ham hock & truffle infused portobello mushrooms £8.50

Diavola (spicy) - Nduja, pepperoni & jalapenos £9

Vegetarian Feast (v) - portobello mushrooms, peppers, red onion & black olives £9

Meat Feast - Pepperoni, Spanish chorizo & roasted ham £9.50

Sides (v)

Triple Cooked Chips £3.50 Garlic Bread £4

Garlic Bread with Cheese £4.50 Special Garlic Bread (v) £7

Packhorse Inn

Thursday to Saturday 5-8pm Sunday 12-4pm

☎ 01629 640471 mail@packhorsealongstone.co.uk

Nibbles

Calamari with garlic mayo £4

Halloumi chips with a spicy tomato sauce £4

Peri Peri chicken wings with garlic mayo £5

Whitebait with tartare sauce £4

Patatas Bravas with garlic mayo £4

KFP - the original Packhorse Southern Fried Pheasant £5

Chips £2 Jalapenos / Blue cheese dip / Bravas sauce 75p

Packhorse Burgers

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Venison & chorizo with roasted peppers, red onion jam and grilled manchego £10 Double burger £13

Jalfrezi spiced lamb with onion bhaji, red onion relish, tamarind sauce & raita £10 Double burger £13

'Italian Job' whole marinated chicken breast with melted mozzarella, basil, avocado & sundried tomatoes £10

Black bean & mushroom with coriander, stir fried veg and plum sauce (v) £10 Double burger £13

Kids cheese burger £5

Packhorse marinated steak sandwich in crusty bread £10

'The Dirty Bastard' strips of BBQ pork belly with blue cheese sauce & jalapenos £10

Packhorse Classics

Pork belly and black pudding with mustard mash, kale, apple sauce & gravy £12

Roast cod & champ, samphire, crayfish, parsley butter £13

Steak & kidney pie with chips, red cabbage and gravy £11

Sunday Roast (Sundays only)

Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, parsnips, green beans, red cabbage & gravy £11

Aiseford Tea Rooms

Except for takeaways on special occasions such as Valentine's Day, the Tea Rooms remain closed for now

For our special Mother's Day takeaway (March 14th) and other updates keep checking our Facebook page!

The Crispin

Sadly the Crispin remains closed for now
Keep watching our Facebook page for updates!

White Lion

Friday & Saturday 5-9pm Sunday 12-4pm

☎ 01629 640252 whiteliongreatlongstone@gmail.com

Mains

Fish or Scampi with Hand-Cut Chips, Tartare Sauce & Mushy Peas £8.50

Duck & Egg Noodle Stir Fry with Hoisin Sauce £9.50

Beef Burger with Sweetcorn & Chilli Relish, Bacon, Smoked Cheese & Fries £10.50

Beef Shin, Rabbit & Pancetta Pie with Hand-Cut Chips, Vegetables, Cauliflower Cheese & Red Wine Gravy £12.50

Smoked Redwood Cheese & Spring Onion Potato Pie with Hand-Cut Chips, Mushy Peas & Gravy £9.50

Trio of Sausages (Pork, Pork & Leek, Chorizo & Tomato) with Creamy Skirlie Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding, Roasted Carrots, Shallot & Red Wine Gravy £8.95

Roasted Thai Green Curry with Sticky Beebrush Jasmine Rice, Green Peppers & Snow Peas

£9.50 Veg / £10.50 Chicken / £11 Prawn

Crispy Beef in Sticky Honey Soy & Sesame Seeds with Wild Mushrooms, Coriander & Ginger Noodle Stir Fry £10.50

Pizzas (2 for £15 on any Pizza)

The Caprese Beef Tomato, Buffalo Mozzarella, Red Onion & Balsamic Syrup with Picked Basil £8.50

El Quacko Spiced Duck topped with Sticky Hoisin Cucumber, Leeks & Spring Onion £9.50

The Lambo Lamb Kofta Mince, Feta Cheese, Olives & Sundried Tomatoes with Parsley £9.50

The Tandorlorian Chicken, Leek, Red Onion, Mango Chutney & Mint Yoghurt £9.50

Truffle Pig Chorizo, Pancetta, Red Onion, Paprika & Truffle Oil £9

The Al Capepperoni Pepperoni, Smoked Bacon, Spring Onions & Chilli £9

The Fun-guy Wild Mushrooms, Garlic & Caramelised Red Onion £8.50

The Crusty Krab Garlic Creamy Sauce, Bacon Bits, Crab, Green Pepper & Onions £9.50

The Hanging Ham White Lion's own Honey-Glazed Parma Ham, Pesto, Chilli, Pine Nuts & Rocket £9.50

Sides

Sweetcorn & Coriander Fritters with Sweet Chilli Sauce £5

Tear & Share Cheesy Garlic Bread £5.50

Korean or Berbere Wings (hot) £5.50

Salt & Pepper Chips £3 Coleslaw £1.50

Halloumi Fries £5 Chips/Fries £2.50

Onion Rings & Garlic Mayo £5

Calamari, Garlic Mayo & Sweet Chilli £5.50

Sunday Roast (Sundays 12-4pm)

All served with Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables, Braised Red Cabbage, Cauliflower Cheese, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Beef or Lamb £12 Chicken or Pork £10

Vegetarian Option £8.50 Little Lion Roast £7.50

Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Philip and Eyrllis Angharad (Ann) Dalton



Phil and Ann on Aberfraw beach, Anglesey

Philip grew up in Ashford-in-the-Water and first saw Ann when he was working as a farm labourer for Charlie Ward at Barley Lees Farm. Ann had moved from Llanfairfechan in North Wales into 'The Flat', Moor Road, Great Longstone with her parents, who worked for the Stephenson family as gamekeeper and housekeeper. Ann left school at fourteen and went to work for Mrs Wright as nanny to ten month old Hugh and as mother's help to Robert, Mark and Piers.

Ann and Philip courted for three years before getting married on 18th March 1961 at Bakewell Registry Office, which was then located on Bath Street. Ann was seventeen and Philip nineteen at the time, and their honeymoon was at Ann's grandparents' home in Tyddyn Angharad, Llanfairfechan.

Ann and Philip spent their first few weeks of married life at Philip's aunty's house in Beeley until moving into their first house at The Barn, Main Street, Great Longstone. Ann was then the housekeeper at Church Lady House and Philip was working for Furniss and Hassall in building. Old timers will remember Philip's love of Elvis Presley. He often enjoyed listening to his music on full volume and one villager recalled hearing Elvis on the outskirts of Great Longstone! In 1969 the family moved to 9 Glebe Avenue.

Philip also worked for Thornhill's and Hoveringham Stone as a truck driver until he was made redundant, when he became a window cleaner until he retired. Ann also worked hard at Thornhill's and as a home help at Thornbridge Hall. These days, Phil loves his crossword and Ann her reading, as well as walking together.

Phillip and Ann have three daughters, Thelma, Angela and Clare; seven grandchildren, Hannah, Gemma, William, Amelia, Henry, Edward and Charlie; and six great-grandchildren, Eva, Acer, Gracie, Finley, Harvey and Harry.

When asked "What contributed to a lasting marriage?" Philip replied "Two words, 'Yes dear'!" But on a more serious note, they would put it down to following Bible principles, as they have been Jehovah's Witnesses most of their married life and love meeting for worship and the voluntary house-to-house work involved.

The girls send lots of love and congratulations to their wonderful parents.

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In Loving Memory of Gillian Mary Green 26 September 1938 – 11 December 2020

Gill was born and brought up in Sheffield as the youngest of four sisters. She married Scott Ralston at the age of 20, with whom she had two sons, Tim (the prototype) and Andy (the finished article).

Gill later met her second husband, Eric Green, and his children from his first marriage, Michael, Sue, Simon, Chris and Helen. Life for a family of 9 was never quiet and rumours of children being hidden in car boots to reduce admission costs at safari parks, elder brothers shooting at siblings with an air rifle from an attic widow, younger sons taking the Rolls Royce out for a spin at the age of 12 (with the help of an extra cushion to see through the windscreen) could not be admitted for fear of legal repercussions.

It must have been some relief to Gill and Eric when the children starting making their own homes. In 1981, they made the big move from Sheffield to Great Longstone as a reduced family of 6 and never looked back. Gill was particularly keen on Bridge Club, film nights at the Village Institute and volunteering for the Red Cross. Walking had been a passion for years and a succession of black labs accompanied them on their hikes, with no view being appreciated more than that from Longstone Edge, looking over towards Great Longstone.



After more than 30 years at the Manor House, they moved to Church Lane with views of Longstone Edge from the bungalow where they both loved to see or hear news of their children, 21 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren (and anticipating the arrival of 2 more that Gill missed).

Following Gill's diagnosis with Motor Neurone Disease, she remained remarkably stoical. She participated in tests to assist with research into the condition without complaint. She continued her support of a number of charities dedicated to providing clean water, animal welfare (particularly for horses) and more recently, the local Helen's Trust.

Gill passed away peacefully at home on 11th December with Eric by her side. **Andy Ralston**

March Garden Notes

The very wet spell in January was followed by a cold snap in February that made the spring flowers look very sorry for themselves. However, when the weather turned mild again, they made a remarkable recovery and we can now look forward to the emergence of daffodils (*see photo taken last March*). With the onset of spring, we get the warmer weather and the longer days and it is a busy time in the garden and the greenhouse. I have sown onions, leeks and sweet peas and am about to sow tomatoes, beetroot, peas, beans, lettuce and flower seeds. I am going to sow some Coleus this year, which I have not grown for years; it is an attractive foliage plant for indoors. The ground is far too wet and cold to sow seeds outside so it is worthwhile waiting for the ground to warm up a little. I did manage to dig most of the vegetable plot over last autumn and the frost breaks the soil down nicely. When I can get back on the ground, I will dig out the old brussels, cabbage and kale plants, and compost. I will also turf out my compost bins and dig any well-rotted compost into the ground; potatoes and runner beans would benefit from this.



I am still pottering around in the borders, which are quite bare at the moment but showing signs of emerging growth. To this end, I am cutting back stems of perennials, trimming back shrubs, top dressing and digging weeds as I go along. Perennials can be uplifted and divided. On larger clumps the new growth is on the outside and the middle of the clump can be discarded. It is also the ideal time to split clumps of snowdrops after they have flowered. I will be top dressing pots of shrubs and trees and giving them a little fertiliser; some will be pot bound and would benefit from repotting into larger pots. When it does really dry out, I will give the lawn a trim as it has got a bit ragged over the winter. **Andy Hanna**

'Around the Edge' Calendar - A project for 2021!

Do you have a photo you love and that was taken whilst out walking in the area, or do you have an idea for one that you will take when the conditions are right? Is there a time of year where you think the villages look most beautiful? Can you capture the 'essence' of where we live? Sunsets, Sunrises, Snow or Rain... We are looking for photographs taken in 2021 (including December 2020). Now is the time to plot and plan some photos for the year ahead and to take part in creating the *Around the Edge 2022 Calendar*, which will be produced and distributed in time for Christmas 2021 with the aim of raising money for local causes.

Start now with your landscape shots from December 2020. Each month we will post the images online at photowalking.co.uk/competitions-calendar for everybody to see. Everyone can help choose an image for each month. Some photos are already uploaded for viewing but we need lots more!



The only rules are that photos must be taken by yourself and be of the countryside, villages and hamlets that fall within the UTE distribution area. There is a limit of 2 photos per person per month (you don't have to submit photos for every month). Please identify which is your favourite, because for the final judging only one image per person will be shown.

Photos can be taken with any device: iPhone, iPad, SLR, etc. Email them as a JPG attachment (landscape format, up to 20MB) to calendar@undertheedge.net for easy transfer and speedy viewing. Contact us through the photowalking.co.uk website if you have any questions and we will guide you through the process. **Colby Burke**



Calling all Messy families



We have really missed you and as Easter approaches, with its promise of new life and new beginnings through the resurrection of Jesus, we would like to give you some Messy Easter craft activities to enjoy.

The activities will be suitable for children aged 7 and under. If you would like to participate please contact us, and if you live locally we will drop it off at your door.

Not been to Messy Church but you're interested? Contact us and we will make up a pack for your child.

Do you live outside the village? We can arrange a collection point nearer the time depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Our contact is Joyce Glencross who is the administrator for Messy Church. Please email her on j.glencross@btinternet.com with your address and the number of children you require packs for.

Looking forward to better times,
The Messy Church Team

Staycation, anyone?

On clear days, you can see the Welsh coast 30 miles away from our chalet. You will witness beautiful sunsets and sunrises, with ever-changing sea and sky scenes from the dining table or the raised sundeck outside. The chalet is very peaceful, next to woods with plenty of wildlife that lead to the South West Coast Path and local beach.

Bookings are coming in, but we still have good spaces left. Contact me for further details. **Jane Canvin**

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Farming Notes March 2021

The past month has definitely felt like winter. We have just experienced a week where we never reached positive (plus zero) temperatures. The cold weather and snow on the ground have meant that we have been feeding the sheep extra to keep their energy levels up. With the sheep and cows eating dry hay, they are also drinking a lot more water which has been a challenge in the freezing temperatures. The ice has been forming as fast as we can break it. All the outside taps around the farm have been frozen every day, so it's a daily process to get the taps working before we can start taking the water around. We have certainly been busy keeping the water flowing, carting water by churn to the farm troughs, by bucket to the pigs and by 1,000 litre container

to the cows on the moor. The thickness of the ice was quite a spectacle! On Saturday 13th February, the ice was over four inches thick on the water troughs and we had to take a sledghammer to break it!

On the bright sunny days, it was cold but glorious up in the fields but on overcast days with the wind chill, the temperature was very harsh. The animals, provided they have adequate food, do thrive better in cold, dry conditions than in constant wet weather. The sheep wisely shelter under the stone wall sides, out of the wind. The cows have tree cover to shelter under. Now that the thaw has started, it's certainly a relief. We are looking forward to Spring but it could be a way off yet!

We had our scanning day in February. This is when a chap comes with an ultrasound scanner and all of the ewes are scanned to find out how many lambs they are having. We agree a system beforehand of coloured markings on the side of the sheep to indicate what the scan shows up. We were very pleased with a large number of the ewes that are expecting twins, which is ideal. We also have a number of triplets and single lambs due. Just one set of quadruplets! We haven't had any quads on the farm for around six years so it will be interesting to see how they turn out this time. Twin lambs are ideal because they are usually a nice equal size and the ewe can rear them with her own milk supply being more than sufficient. Triplets and quads often mean smaller and sometimes weaker lambs, and the milk supply might not be enough to sustain all of the lambs. This is when we have to intervene with bottle feeding to top up the ewe's milk supply, or we occasionally adopt a lamb with a ewe who has given birth to a single lamb around the same time. For now, the main reason it is useful to know how many lambs we are expecting is because we start to supplementary feed the ewes in the run up to lambing, which starts in early April for us.

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- Coronavirus information
- Church services and updates
- Latest news and upcoming events
- Information about local schools, amenities, facilities and organisations
- Parish Council publications
- History of Great Longstone
- Village Hall updates

plus the Virtual Open Gardens and Photography Competitions, which have been a great success and a tremendous way to connect our village community together!

Great Longstone Parish Council - email parishcouncil@greatlongstone.org

Dear All,

I thought I would use this month's letter to let readers know what we have been trying to do as a church during these difficult days of Lockdown 3.

The third national lockdown began in early January, and like the first lockdown almost a year ago was not given an end date. However, unlike the first lockdown, our churches this time were given the choice to remain open or to close their doors. We chose to remain open at Longstone, including the chapel at Wardlow. For Longstone, this was for public worship once on a Sunday and on very occasional weekdays, and to keep the church open for individual private prayer from Thursday to Saturday between 10am and 4pm. For Wardlow, this was for public worship twice a month.

I have continued to believe that this has been the right decision, maintaining a good balance taking into account the essential need for safety and the spiritual needs of the community. I know for a fact how important it is to so many people to know that their church is open and that it is there for them even though they may not choose to attend a church service. Throughout its history, the church building has always been a place of refuge for people who need to escape for a while from the strains and pressures of life. The church is a sacred place. Please be assured that the building is there for

you whether you have a faith or none.

I am very mindful of the fact that this ongoing lockdown is bringing with it increased isolation, anxiety and loneliness. I am always at the end of a phone. If you would like a friendly chat or you feel you need to share a concern then please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is now a year since our Messy Church had to close because of the pandemic. This was a cause of great sadness as the project had been going on monthly for two years and was going so very well. It was fantastic to see so many children, parents and carers enjoying their time in church on a Thursday evening after school. This Easter, we are trying to reach out to families so please do take note of the Messy Church article on page 7 in this edition of UTE.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the church and the wider village community who are helping, supporting and encouraging others during these difficult times.

With every blessing,

James

Snippets

- Thank you to Harold Richardson for once again producing the daily Lent Prayers booklet for private use during the penitential season.
- The recent big freeze caused some stunning and beautiful icicles off the

back of the church roof. The weather may have been extremely chilly but there have been some wonderful sights to behold and this was one of them.

• Vicar's nature notes: at the time of writing, the Vicarage garden seems to be coming alive. Not only snowdrops but daffodils, crocuses and buds are to be seen all over. Come on Spring, you can do it!

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Nick Turner

Nick Turner has sadly passed away at the age of 53. He will be sorely missed by all his friends, neighbours and customers in the Longstones as well as staff and regulars of the Packhorse, who raised an incredible £442 for Prostate Cancer UK in his memory at their weekly Thursday Zoom Quiz.

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11.00am Morning Service (St. Giles)

14th March - Mothering Sunday

11.00am Said Eucharist (St. Giles)

21st March - Lent 5

9.00am Morning Service (Wardlow)
11.00am Said Eucharist (St. Giles)

28th March - Palm Sunday

11.00am Said Eucharist (St. Giles)

2nd April - Good Friday

2.15pm Good Friday Service
by the Cross (St. Giles)

4th April - Easter Day

9.00am Morning Service (Wardlow)
11.00am Said Eucharist (St. Giles)

March in the Garden

Lawns: Aerate lawn with a wire rake. Reseed worn areas and repair lawn edges that have crumbled, apply spring fertiliser. Apply selective weed and moss killers when grass is growing strongly. Cut grass when two and a half to three inches high. Control worms.

Roses: Prune hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures, repeat-flowering climbers and shrub roses. Complete any delayed planting.

Herbaceous plants: If weather is dry spread fertiliser on winter-dug ground and rake in. Plant any newly purchased plants. Check labels before they are hidden by new growth.

Dahlias: Prepare ground by digging and dressing with bone meal, select a place in full sun. Sow dahlia seeds under glass and start old tubers into growth to produce cuttings.

Gladioli: Plant corms in rows for exhibition purposes, in colonies for decorating mixed borders, plant in succession for continuous supply of blooms; plant corms 2 inches deep.

Chrysanthemums: Prepare ground for planting adding manure. Leave ground rough dug until April or early May.

Sweet peas: Plant our autumn-sown seedlings in double rows where grown in the cordon system.

Trees and shrubs: Plant deciduous trees and shrubs until end of the month. Plant evergreens at the end of the month.

Fruit: Complete planting any new tree or bushes. Complete pruning. Feed cultivars in cultivated ground. Train peaches and nectarines and pollinate artificially if insects are scarce. Spray stone fruits. Plant raspberries and strawberries. Train in new shoots of blackberries and loganberries.

Vegetables: Sow seeds of salad onions and radishes, main crop of Brussels sprouts late in the month. Sow seeds of late summer cabbages and round seeded peas. Plant asparagus and Jerusalem artichokes. Complete shallot planting.

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5th May - Great Longstone Parish Council Annual Meeting, 7pm by Zoom

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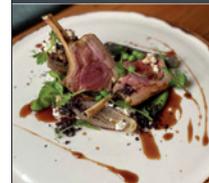
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