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Mottram St Andrew



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The Parish Magazine of Mottram St. Andrew



Produced jointly by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council

Schools Out For Summer...

The time of year that all children long for. A time for fun in the sun, to reflect on the values of life and soak up outdoor living. It is a busy, busy, time of year for most and the last few months have flown by!

Everywhere is looking lush & green, walking through our beautiful countryside refuels our senses. Life on the farm is a constant hustle & bustle of machinery in and out of the farm yard. The smell of fresh cut grass makes your soul feel young, unless you are of course you are a hay fever sufferer. Life by the ponds takes a more relaxed approach with people enjoying a spot of fishing and business as usual for this time of year at Goose Green Farm B&B. A none stop flow of people visiting our wonderful village, local attractions & events.

We have had a few glorious days and we were blessed with a fabulous weather for our village Fete & Dog show. What a great day had by all. Everyone seemed to be having a fun filled day, an array of fabulous pooches to behold and it was really great to see so many families getting involved in our community. A great job done by all that helped put the day together.

The next big event is the Horticultural show on Saturday 5th

September at the village hall so I expect you all to roll up your sleeves and get growing, picking and get your creativity flowing. It is always a great traditional event for all the family with wonderful sense of community feel about it. The Horticultural show committee especially want to see the children taking part. Let's try to make it a show to remember.

The new village website is up & running and looking amazing so do not forget to check it out www.mottramstandrew.com

The telephone Box micro library refit is in progress so should be done mid August for people to exchange Books. On that note I will rape it up with a Happy Summer holidays to all and hope you enjoy some sun soaked adventures. I am off camping in a few weeks to Cornwall and have my fingers crossed for some sunshine, I really do not want to take my thermals & waterproofs!

Waggiest Tail winner Riley, that's my girl.



Claire x

Chairman's Report

By Bill Pilkington

Parish Council

The Parish Council has commenced discussing the issues raised at the Annual Parish meeting that was held in the Village Hall on Monday 27th April.

The main issue discussed was the need for improved fibre broadband speeds in the village.

BROADBAND

A Steering Group has been set up to work with the Parish Council on this important topic. The first meeting of the Steering Group took place in the Village Chapel with representatives from Cheshire East and BT. David Rutley our MP attended this meeting and has taken up our concerns within Parliament and a response is awaited. Paul Findlow our Cheshire East Councillor was also in attendance and has taken up our concerns within Cheshire East.

The Steering Group has been liaising with other Parishes who are in a similar position as we are in Mottram St Andrew to see how they are getting on.

CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN

The Cheshire East Local Plan has been in abeyance since last October 2014 but is due to

reconvene shortly. The reason for the plan being in abeyance was to allow Cheshire East time to answer the questions raised by the Inspector, who is chairing the enquiry. One of the issues raised by the Inspector was the number of additional houses needed to meet future requirements. The Inspector determined that extra houses above those included in the Local Plan would be required.

To assist Cheshire East answer the Inspector's concerns Cheshire East appointed Arup Consultants to carry out a Green Belt assessment.

The purpose of the Green Belt is five fold.

- To check urban sprawl of large built up areas.
- To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another.
- To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns.
- To assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict land and other urban sites.

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The Arup Report, which is 286 pages long, has identified areas that make a Major Contribution to the Green Belt, those that make a Significant Contribution, those that make a Contribution and those that do not make any Contribution. Obviously Cheshire East will be examining the Arup Report to decide where the additional houses required by the Inspector are likely to be built. The Parish Council will need to review the revised Local Plan when it is re-issued, which will be very time consuming. The initial plan was 1300 pages long and took some time to read.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SIDs).

The provision of the long awaited Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in Alderley Road and Priest Lane has been delayed awaiting Scottish

Power providing an electricity supply to the posts. Cheshire East Highways state that the order has been placed with Scottish Power and that the work is imminent. Once the electrical connection has been made the SIDs will be installed. The Parish Council will be meeting with Cheshire East Highways later this month to discuss future projects and will take the opportunity to review existing projects.



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Clerk's Report

By Ron Taylor

Parish Council

Superfast Broadband has become the priority of not only the Parish Council and the steering group but of every right thinking home owner in Mottram St. Andrew. The reason for this generalisation is that the lack of Superfast broadband is affecting property prices not only in our Village but in all rural communities where the facility is not available. Superfast broadband is a utility that every homeowner should expect. Valuers are reducing their estimates of property prices by up to twenty percent as the result of its absence. In a community like ours that is a substantial amount of money off the value of our property.

We clearly have to do something about this situation and work together to get the service installed for all our benefit. The Council and the steering group are leading the way investigating what alternatives are available but these options may well involve residents having to contribute financially to the solution. Any payment made would of course be an investment in one's own property and would secure the

true value should the property be sold. As soon as more information is available the Parish Council will provide details in these pages and on the Village website which is now operational. Take a look at the website.

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Thanks are due to Mick Shaw and Pauline Taylor for the progress which has been made so far. This is real progress and opens up opportunities for expansion of the facility and the opportunity for local businesses to advertise on the world wide web.

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Methodist Church

By Ian Wright

Around seventy people joined us for our Strawberry Tea event on July 18th and our thanks to those who made the afternoon so enjoyable. As our first attempt at this particular event it became quite chaotic at times and a number of 'guests' felt compelled to become helpers much to the relief of the delegated 'staff'! Team work paid off however and the trays of tea and strawberry covered scones came off the production line in an endless stream and were consumed almost as fast! The event saw many strawberries meet their intended end but also raised the magnificent sum of £450 which we will be pleased to share with the Breast Cancer Charity. Again our thanks to all those who supported the event and provided gifts for the Raffle and the Bring and Buy stall. The support we received is much appreciated.

Our good fortune continued the following afternoon when we were blessed with fine weather for our Open Air Service of Sunday 19th July held by the bungalows on Alderley Road. Once again we are indebted to Joan Wright for turning her kitchen over to us so that we could serve refreshments

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after the service. Our sincere thanks too, to the musicians from the Over Alderley Band who provided the musical accompaniment for the singing of the hymns and to our minister Rev Ben Clowes who, in his inimitable way, organised and led the service itself. In fact we must say a big thank you to so many people who made the whole weekend so special.

As summer turns to autumn we reach our Harvest Festival season and a time to reflect on the good things we have been given, not least the above. The tradition of harvest thanksgiving isn't confined to the Christian practices but in this context has its origins in the Jewish faith as recorded in the bible where the Jewish people of the time gave 10% of their harvest to God by way of a tithe (see Leviticus 27 verse 30). In Britain prior to the break away from the catholic church in the reign of Henry VIII, the season was celebrated on 1st August at a special service called Lammas which translates as loaf mass, where farmers would make loaves from the first wheat of the year to use as communion bread at a special thanksgiving service. This tradition died out thanks to Henry but on the 1st October in 1843, one Rev Robert Hawker is

reputed to have held the first Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the Anglican Church in Morwenstow in Cornwall. Some of the special Harvest hymns we still sing today have their origins back in those days or even earlier. The well known hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land' has its origins in a descriptive text written by Mathias Claudius published in 1782 describing a harvest thanksgiving in a North German farmhouse. The text also contained a song which by way of a number of German publications and beyond became the hymn we sing today as translated by Jane Montgomery Cambell in 1861. Many harvest hymns have been written since and hymns of thanksgiving continue to be written to this day.

Our own special **Harvest Thanks giving takes place on Sunday 20th September at 2.30pm** and will be led this year by our own Rev Ben Clowes who we are sure would be pleased to share the harvest tea following with as many people as possible! Sharing is what harvest is about and nowadays our gifts to the harvest display at the front of the church tend to be more of the tinned and packaged variety than the fresh produce of years ago. This means

that when our harvest is over, the produce can be more easily gifted out to be shared by people in need in our own local area. Last year the gifts went to the Macclesfield Salvation Army Food Bank as part of our ongoing support for that cause and we would be pleased to receive further contributions to our harvest display to add to that support.

Finally, we are pleased to find ourselves named as one of the recipients of the proceeds of the evening with **Alan Partridge to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm** and are looking forward to sharing that evening too with many friends from the village and beyond.

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Nursery

By Kate Colbeck



It has been a very eventful last term at Foundation Nursery School before waving a fond farewell to our wonderful pre-schoolers. We kicked off the term in a slightly unusual way with our staff challenge week. Helping to raise funds for our holiday club, Libbie, Emma, Sam and myself – plus help from some parents and Mick Shaw for which we were very grateful – cycled to Disneyland in Paris (on a static bike!) over the course of three days. The total distance was 492 miles and we managed to finish on the third day, on target at 3.30pm cheered on by the children. Overall we averaged the target covering 164 miles each day at 20.5 miles per hour! It was very tough going!!!

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Julie, meanwhile, took things at a more easy pace on the Thursday and spent her challenge day wallowing in a bath of baked beans. She spent 7 hours in the smelly pool but didn't turn orange as the children all thought she would!



On the Friday we celebrated with a fun Disney disco day with games and a very special visit from Snow White. With great thanks to all the parents, families and friends we managed to raise a wonderful - £656.70 – far more than we ever imagined, so a great many thanks to all who donated. The funds raised will be used to purchase new equipment for the Holiday Club which is looking exciting for the Summer.



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Over the rest of the term we have been talking about the Summer holidays. We have used the role play area to explore the different places that have been visited or would like to visit – discussing the things we have seen, what it was like and how we got there. During the last few weeks however this area has been changed into a classroom – much like the one our school leavers will be sitting in very soon. The children have all dressed up in uniforms and took turns to be ‘teachers’. The Mottram school leavers have also been on several visits to the Academy, seeing their new classroom, meeting their new teachers and experiencing time at school.

Our Woody Walkers expeditions have benefited from the beautiful weather of recent weeks. Since the beginning these morning outings with the pre-schoolers a real benefit has been seen. This time is really valued by the children who participate.



Looking forward to the Summer holidays the Holiday Fun Club has some very exciting activities planned and the weeks are booking up fast! We are building our own bears in week one, Fun Club Bake Off in week two, it is time to Dress to Impress in week three and we are going Back to the Future in week four in our Holiday Club Time Machine. We are turning detectives in week five with the Spy Kids. It will be Rock Band in week six and finally, in week seven, it is Ben and Holly’s Elf and Princess Kingdom week. All of this plus the usual action packed games and fun!

If you would like to register to book into the Holiday Club, which is running on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer term, please get in touch as soon as possible as places are getting booked up fast.

Finally a date for your diaries – we are holding a Halloween family fundraiser on Saturday 31st October. With a bucking bronco, casino, children’s entertainer, food, bar, fancy dress competition and much, much more, it is sure to be a great night! Further details coming soon!



Mottam St. Andrew Primary Academy

Head Teacher's Report

By Chris Bowen

We have had a busy final half-term and are looking forward to the Summer Holiday. We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 children who are moving on to a number of different schools including The Fallibroome Academy, Wilmslow High School and The Kings School in Macclesfield.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Chris Healey, our Reception teacher who is retiring after 22 years at the school. She will be missed but we are delighted that Mrs Caroline Richmond, currently the Early Years Leader at Upton Priory School will be joining us, as is Mrs Liza Harrison who trained with us through our School Direct programme a couple of years ago.

The end of term was very eventful with an Ofsted inspection taking place at the end of June. Our school has been deemed "Good" with "Outstanding" features, and whilst we have not retained "Outstanding" status across every area on this particular occasion, we are immensely proud of our

staff and teaching right across the school. The Ofsted framework is different from that at the time of our last inspection and it is much harder to gain "Outstanding" in every area now. We consider our teaching to be better than ever today, as we look to educate the children so that they leave primary school as well-rounded individuals with the best academic attainment possible.

The report which appears on our website, highlights our many strengths which include: the breadth and richness of our curriculum, our well-informed attention to the arts and our further development of an excellent sports and PE strategy. Our recently launched enrichment programme adds even more variety to the opportunities we can offer our children. Importantly, the inspectors were impressed by the children's outstanding behaviour. The levels of respect shown to one another, and to staff and visitors, is exemplary. The school is considered to be very inclusive and does not tolerate any form of

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bullying. The early years teaching in the reception class was highly praised.

At the end of term we had an amazing Year 5 & 6 production of "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits". It was lovely to see the children perform with such confidence and flair. We also had a great Sports Day with the children taking part in a range of races and other PE activities competing for the House Cup which was won by Wright for the second year running.



Unusually, we are not completely full for September so if you know of any children who are due to start school and who haven't got a suitable school place then do ask their parents to contact us for the latest position on places. We have one or two places in some of our other classes as well so it is always worth parents giving us a ring to find out about availability or to book a visit to the school. Our During the holiday emails will be answered on a regular basis so prospective parents can still contact us on admin@mottramacademy.org.uk.

Our Holiday Club is running for the first 4 weeks of the holiday and is open to children from other schools as well as those attending Mottram Academy.

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Women's Institute

By Gwynneth Littleton

There is a great deal to anticipate in the next month's beside the hope of a little warmth and sunshine. Rose Simpson was chosen to go to the Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. She returned, jubilant in that she had been able to soak up the atmosphere. It had turned out to be a blustery day. Rose negotiated the corridors and archways and made for the garden where she cherished the chair that she managed to appropriate so as not to get too exhausted and enjoyed the whole occasion. Liz Dunbar commented on the friendship she encountered at the Albert Hall. Both nobly represented us at memorable but challenging occasions.

At the June meeting Estelle Weiner gave us a knowledgeable account of the diamond industry. Her father had cut diamonds and was a real craftsman. She showed us his tools, the cleaver, the wooden mallet. We learnt about the weight of royal crowns and the value of the Queen's earrings. It was intriguing to think of Prince Albert designing jewellery and how carefully it has been handed down. We will I am sure look more carefully at pieces in the future.

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Imagine 90 W. I. from the Group descending on Llandudno in late June. It was extremely well organised despite delays because of Poynton road works. Pauline, Audrey, Maureen, Pam(1) and Pam(2) and Gwynneth relished a day by the sea. Llandudno shops benefited from the need for shoes for a wedding where the manageress rose to the challenge allowing quite a bargain. In spite of a slight haze it was possible to take in our vitamin D on the promenade with Punch and Judy in the background. Some adventurous individuals even tackled the cable car. It was a happy day.

Mottram Village Fete was a colourful event and help with tea was provided by a small team and the W. I. had a stall too. Gawsworth tempted a few to celebrate the Centenary more locally.

Perhaps the show stopper in July was Eric Newton talking about how he came by an extraordinary tortuous route to be a busker, playing a clarinet. There were some lovely philosophising along the way by his mother, who took her six children on the quest of four leaved clover really to enjoy the countryside. Eric was a jazz musician but drink kept getting in the way. Perhaps his most

intriguing interlude was being a wrestler's second . He was called Ponson by the wrestler Lord Bertie Topham and a little playlet was acted out between the two. A chance, bizarre phone call led to a period in Australia where each year Eric, yes, he busked, fitting it in between thirty eight marathons, run for the charity Mind. Eric played for us right through our tea break and it was not difficult to understand why he was such a successful busker.



Social Club

By Mick Shaw

Summer at last and for many that means holidays away in the sunshine. Back here we have just had the Summer Fete which was a great success with a wonderful turn out.

A big thank you to all who came to support us and a special thank you to everyone who contributed with their time or with donations. Massive thanks to Mottram St Andrew Primary Academy, Maximum Cheer, Canalside Radio, Brownies and Guides, Shentons and the Burns family.

Not forgetting the regular stalwarts who helped set everything up: Syd, Dave, Keith and Julie, Steve and Katy, Don, Malc, Hugh, Rebecca and family, Sid and Phylis, Claire H, Chris, Paul, Sheila and Jen (apologies if I have missed anyone).

We will now be looking forward to next year and for any volunteers prepared to help plan and organise the Fete.

Forthcoming Events:

The next Curry Nights will be Tuesday 25th August and 29th September at 7.30pm. £10 including your first drink or book yours by the Tuesday before to receive your £2 discount.

Saturday 17th October is our charity hog roast in aid of North West Air Ambulance. Entertainment from Tumblin Dice the Rolling Stone tribute band. Tickets are on sale now £12 available from Sheila, myself or the Social Club bar.

We are open through the summer so why not pop down on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evening from 8pm, you would be more than welcome.

Please check out our Village website for the latest information:

www.mottramstandrew.com

H igh Speed Broadband

By Roger White



distort property prices unfairly. That is not to say that everyone would have any new service forced upon them, but that there should be an equal opportunity of access to the service.

The postponed meeting with BT and Connecting Cheshire took place in June. This meeting was to hear what BT would propose to do if there was suitable funding and to identify the level of funding required. I was unable to attend the meeting but hopefully there is a report elsewhere in this issue with more details.

Apart from the eye-watering funding requirements, one of the key issues is service coverage. The BT proposal would only offer a service to two-thirds of the village, although it is unclear as to exactly what areas would be covered. This was later discussed in depth at the Parish Council and Broadband Steering Group meeting and the consensus was that any solution should be available to all locations. Excluding parts of the village would be divisive and difficult to justify, as it would disadvantage some residents and could

Rob Hughes recently attended a Rural Summit on Connectivity and Digital Inclusion on behalf of the Steering Group. Apart from the frustration of sitting through testimonies of how great and beneficial superfast broadband could be, there are mixed messages coming out of Cheshire East and Connecting Cheshire. We shall be attempting to clarify the actual commitments and will then hold people to them!

However, the Summit did report that Cheshire East/Connecting Cheshire are talking to a number of potential service providers other than BT. These are mostly wireless or 4G solutions, which can be easier to deploy in distributed communities such as Mottram St Andrew. We await further developments, but Rob now has contacts at Wincle and Gawsorth, where different non-BT solutions are being explored.

One issue with non-BT solutions is the lack of choice of Internet Service Provider (ISP). Currently, you can choose any ISP for your services (BT Internet, Plusnet, Sky Broadband, Talk Talk, to name but a few). However, they all use BT Openreach to provide the actual connection to the premises and, in this context, it is BT Openreach that we are generally referring to as BT – the infrastructure provider. With non-BT infrastructure (e.g. wireless), the connection is supplied by the internet service provider as part of the service cost. Not surprisingly, there isn't the same opportunity to choose service provider as the investment in the infrastructure needs to be recouped. However, you may consider it better to have high performance without a choice of provider rather than more freedom using a low performance connection. That is a judgement according to your specific circumstances.

Finally, there is a faint glimmer of good news for those parts of Newton that are connected to the Wilmslow exchange. Cabinet 27 has now received its long-awaited additional capacity and is offering fibre (FTTC) services for longer connections. However, don't get too excited – the connection

speed is still poor by normal broadband standards and dreadful by fibre standards! It is a long way from “superfast” but it might just double your current speed. See the Availability Checker for details

(<http://www.dslchecker.bt.com/>).

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be any similar offering for connections to the Alderley Edge or Prestbury exchanges (i.e. the majority of the village).

So, the battle for better broadband continues on multiple fronts. We must not get left behind the rest of the country. We do not want to be consigned to being an insignificant rural backwater with little or no service.

Wednesday Club

By Joan Williams

Hello everyone,

Our little group is well attended but there is still plenty of room for you and a very warm welcome. Our group is lovely friendly group and it would be great if you could pluck up the courage and join us. We are planning our summer trip on 2nd September and have all agreed it will be Llandudno. August 5th is our next meeting so don't be shy. I know you will be glad you came.

Brownies

By Katy Hatton

1st MSA Brownies

The Brownies have been busy gaining a Brownie traditions badge, cooks badge and their skills badge.

They had fun at the fair for a night at Tabley and a picnic, sadly without the water slide due to the weather.

We are busy organising a weekend in Clitheroe, Lancs, where we will be doing lots of adventurous activities such as abseiling, grass sledges, climbing trees etc.

The brownies helped at the village fair selling jam jars. We would like to thank our stationary lady who as usual provided us with lots of jars full of stationary .

Three new brownies will be joining us in September as three girls have moved on to Guides.

We meet in the village hall on Tuesdays 5 - 6.30 p.m.

Contact:Katy Hatton (Brown Owl)
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Guides

By Katy Hatton

1st MSA Guides

In June we enjoyed a wonderful day in London, first we went to Trafalgar Square to watch all of the west end shows performing acts from the shows, then to the imperial war museum followed by a visit to Harrods ice- cream parlour.

Two of our patrol leaders, Lauren and Aly's, organised and ran their own camps and qualified for their camp permits.... A qualification that not many guides manage to achieve! Well done girls.

Our third patrol leader, Katie will be doing her camp permit in August.

One of our young leaders has been chosen to go on a trip to India, so is busy fund raising as the girls are encourage funding it themselves.

In June, we also camped at a pop festival at Tabley, where the girls danced, screamed, collect autographs, etc.

As usual the Guides helped at the village fete to raise money for the village hall.

We meet in the village hall on Fridays, 6-7.30

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An Evening With Adam Partridge



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FLY FISHING



What a fabulous family fun day had by all. Sunshine, an action packed day with so much fun for the kids. A big thank you to all that helped with the day and all that joined us at the village Fete and Dog show. A real successful event which enforced what a great little community we truly have.





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Mottram St Andrew Village Community

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*Music Groups: Folk, Rock, Blues, Jazz, Rock

*Gardening Club

*Dancing Groups: Salsa, Northern Soul, Scottish dancing

*Book Club / History Groups /Nostalgia Evenings

*Fitness: Daytime Pilates / Yoga / Zumba

*Womens Groups: Second Womens Institute

*Craft Groups, Knit & Natter

*Cooking / Cheese & Wine / Chocolate Evenings

*Saturday Morning Childrens Group

*Art & Photography Groups

*Village Walking Group

*Dog Training Classes Outdoor

*Cinema / Film Nights



Have a look at
the list of ideas
we have for new
groups & activities
in your local
community

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Involved and join
one or more
of these groups

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We can connect interested people to join together to meet & organise themselves.
We will try wherever possible to make the Village Hall available as a centre for your group.

Village Hall

By Steve Hatton



Future use of the Hall

Last issue as part of our 5 year planning we attempted to identify future requirements from existing user groups including WI, Wednesday club, Brownies and Guides, the Social Club, Bowling club etc. We wanted to establish the sole purpose of the Hall is to provide a facility for Community.

From our "Brainstorming Session" we generated ideas for future activities that could be of interest to the Villagers.

Developments in activity groups so far:

Lunchtime Pilates

Do you want to improve your flexibility, core strength, balance and general well-being? A new Pilates class will be running on Wednesday lunchtimes in the Hall (club room) starting at 12.30 for one hour. Heidi, our Pilates instructor will ensure that the expertise so suit all abilities, and will provide mats for the class. If you are interested in joining contact Katy Hatton on 01625590879 or email:

hattons@gmx.net

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Parent and Toddler group

This is a chance for young parents to meet in the Village, with a proposed date of Monday mornings starting at 10.00 am until 11.30. Please come along and invite any neighbours who have toddlers to join you. Contact Katy Hatton using the details given above.

Music Social club

We have a core of a music group who would like to meet socially to play, sing and generally enjoy music together. We play guitar and banjo. If you fancy coming along to discuss how we could start a musical get together in the Hall, when and how often we should meet and what we would like to focus on then please contact Steve Hatton using the details given above. Bring your instrument or if you sing then just bring yourself!

Last month The Village Fete & Dog Show was a huge success and a true community based event. Thank you to all that came along to support the day and the helper which organised it. A big thank you also to all that donated raffle & Tombola prizes, they were greatly appreciated.

In The Field

By Ron Taylor



Do we really want to travel at much higher speeds on trains? Do any of us think we go fast enough when we hurtle along, often facing backwards and sometimes with our knees squashed against the seat in front. I think we go fast enough and saving twenty minutes or so on a journey which is going to take over two hours anyway seems to be insignificant really. What are we all going to do with an extra twenty minutes? Most of us who are going to travel long distances start early so the time will be spent asleep having set the alarm twenty minutes later. Those of us who will have to travel an extra distance to get on a faster train will spend it getting to the new stations so the overall journey time will remain the same or even be longer. But what will those people who do save twenty minutes spend the time on? Let's hope it is going to be for the benefit of the taxpayers who will have paid vast sums of money to save it for them. What can they do in twenty minutes that can be so important?, spend more time with their families might be the answer and therefore prevent any further resignations to achieve that purpose. Time has a different value to us all as I

often discover when my appointment is at 2 o'clock and at 2-20pm I am still sitting there waiting for the pre-arranged audience with the person whose time is more valuable than mine. When I am eventually granted an entrance why does the atmosphere always seem a little strained when I observe that I have been kept waiting twenty minutes through no fault of mine. Maybe that is the answer twenty minutes of our time does have a value and we don't want it wasted by sitting on a train and if it is going to be wasted we will have a choice what to waste it on. The length of time a journey takes is probably not the real reason why we would spend a huge proportion of the Greek national debt on a faster train. The real reason has to be improving capacity to shift things around the Country including human beings so the saving of twenty minutes is a red herring. Maybe we should be asking why we would want to travel around at high speed anyway in the remainder of the 21st century and beyond after the new system is completed. I can be in London talking on face time on my tablet device in the time it will take me to finish this sentence so how fast is that. Of course the link will fail just as quickly as it was secured due to the medieval broadband service we tolerate in the UK, well at least those of us who live in the rural community whose time appears to be much less valuable than those who reside in our cities.

We taxpayers should be rising up on mass and demanding that our government spend whatever it takes to install Superfast Broadband accessible to every resident in every corner of our realm. The completion of that proposal would mean that we wouldn't need to think about hurtling our real bodies around the country at high speeds when

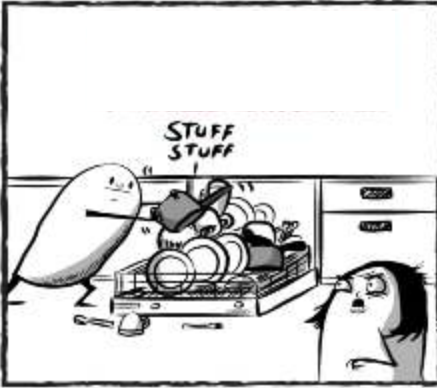
our image could be there in seconds and remain there for the duration of any meeting we wished to attend. The technology will get better and better our virtual image can not only attend meetings in the UK it can go anywhere in the world just as quickly and once again remain there for as long as is necessary without interruption. Now we would really be saving time ,when that happens ,as the whole journey would be reduced to the time spent for the purpose of it. We would therefore be saving hours and hours of our valuable time and pretty soon everyone would get used to the arrangement and no one would expect otherwise, reducing substantially the need for travel and the need for a projectile train. Of course there will always be reasons to use the train for example when ones physical presence is essential like bowing ones head to get the decoration one richly deserves but that expedition will be undertaken at leisure with ones family.

I have no idea what the installation of such a Superfast Broadband network would cost but fifty billion pounds sounds about right and that money is available as it would be saved from scraping the idea of firing humans around the place in a long metal tube probably controlled by a robot. I have to assume that a high speed train would not be controlled by a human with all the problems and frailties that we are all aware is part of our condition. Humans are capable of flying planes into towers, mountains and seas so they are certainly capable of driving high speed trains through signals and into places they are not supposed to be going. Trains should move at a more sedate pace anyway and we should be able to walk to the toilet without being thrown from side to side

and into the lap of a perfect stranger. We should be able to enjoy a cup of coffee without fear of a scalded crutch or a good English breakfast instead of a hard small torpedo referred to optimistically as a pannini. The most important infrastructure this Country needs is Superfast Broadband which will ignite business, the economy and the Northern powerhouse, whatever that is, not a superfast train. The railroad was used to open up the wild west, computers have opened up the whole world, society is moving on and speed in certain situations is just not necessary.

Have you all heard that Dave wants us all out in the sticks to be able to ride our horses and chase foxes again for fun, The League against cruel sports is having apoplexy and sticking adverts in the paper to rally support to prevent it. Could it be that fox hunting might be returning to our countryside, I hope so. Fox hunting is quintessentially English and should never have been banned in the first place. The fox is capable of inflicting serious cruelty to animals without the slightest conscience and needs to be controlled for many reasons. Fox hunting with hounds and horses contributed to the economy and provided pleasure to those who participate. There is a balance to be struck which does not involve a total ban and the driving underground of a sport that is part of our way of life. That way of life involves the killing of animals, whether one likes it or not and the fox always has a sporting chance of getting away. I don't ride horses or go fox hunting and probably never will, other than as an observer, but I think some tolerance of the sport is fair and those who want to participate should be able to. Good luck with this Dave, Tally Ho!

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Finally, how many of the male population of Mottram St. Andrew might be interested in dishwasher loading courses at the Village Hall to try to reduce the number of domestic arguments caused by the inefficient masculine performance of the task. We boys all stick the plates in the wrong place, facing the wrong way, the pots in with them and the knives and forks the wrong way up. We could offer certificates of completion of the training course which we would hang proudly in the kitchen in view of the said white goods. Thereafter, just point to the certificate at appropriate moments without saying a word, what do you think?, responses by Email, it is an excuse for a pint anyway.

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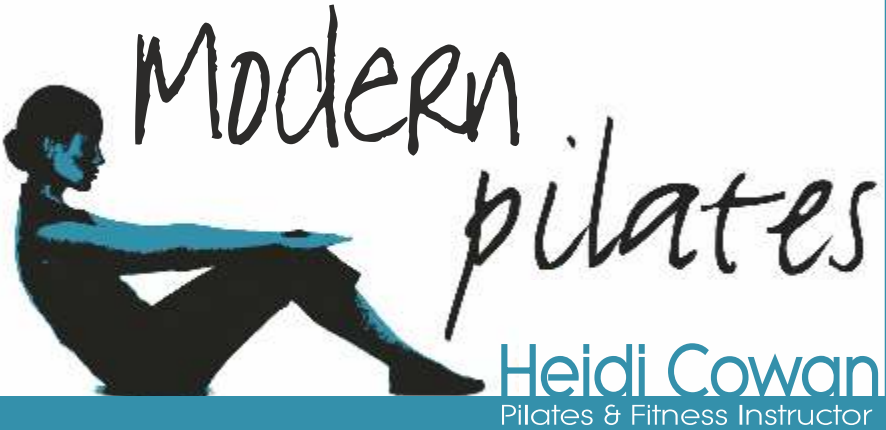
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If you have any questions for Heidi, please email her on Heidi.cowan@btinternet.com or phone her on **07778793997**, or look her up on her existing facebook page called '**Pilates & Vpr Bootcamp with Heidi**'

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Mottram St. Andrew 66th Horticultural Show

We look forward to the 2015 Village Show , a lovely traditional Village event that takes place at the end of the Summer. This is our 66th year and we hope that you will continue to support us with your entries and joining us on the day to enjoy all that the Show offers. We would especially encourage the children of the Village to get involved and we have some additional classes and prizes for those taking part." Put it in your diary.

**Saturday 5th September
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