USEFUL INFORMATION

Village Website

www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk

What’s On

www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/whats-on

(Or, to advertise your event, www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/submit)

Member of Parliament

Patrick McLoughlin 020 7219 3511 patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

Derbyshire County Council (DCC)

01629 580000 [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Call Derbyshire 0845 605 8058 (to report pot holes, streetlights)

Your county councillor: Judith Twigg 01629 813292 judith.twigg@derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC)

01629 761100 [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

Your district councillors: Jean Monks 01433 650300, Jacque Bevan 01433 650581

Peak District National PARK AUTHORITY (PDNPA)

01629 816200 www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates

For Outseats Parish Council, usually the 4th Monday in the month at 7.30pm. For its successor parish council (from 1st April), usually the 1st Tuesday in the month. See village website to confirm exact dates. We welcome attendance by all our residents.

Mobile Library

Every 4th Thursday, 0915-1300, Oddfellows Rd. www.derbyshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

0844 375 2712 (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-4pm). Also at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Derbyshire Police, tel. 101 bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:

Councillor Jane Marsden 01433 650659

Vice Chairman:

Councillor Pauline Whitney 01433 650261

Councillor Bill Gordon 01433 650704

Councillor Jean Hodgkinson 01433 650746

Councillor Bill Hanley 01433 650316

Councillor David Palmer 01433 650126

Councillor Nick Williams 01433 651902

Parish Clerk:

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**New parish council**

As Outseats Parish Council, along with Hathersage Parish Council, is being abolished on 31 March, this will be the final Outseats councillor-delivered newsletter. We hope that the single parish council which replaces the 2 former ones - it will use the name Hathersage Parish Council - will also produce a newsletter. Temporarily its councillors will be those from both old parishes; however, a new parish council, with 14 members, will be elected on 7 May.

**Make a difference in your community – become a Parish Councillor**

Why not be a candidate yourself? Nominations close on 9 April, and information on how to stand is at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/elections/standing-as-a-candidate Councillors are elected to serve for 4 years.

The responsibilities of parish councillors fall within three main categories - representing the parish electorate, delivering services to meet local needs, and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. Examples of issues we pursue are traffic calming, local youth projects, tourism issues, leisure facilities, car parks, public lavatories, litter bins, street lighting & cleaning, graveyards, allotments, bus shelters, open spaces, footpaths & bridleways, and crime reduction measures. Parish councils are also statutory consultees on planning applications - and can be represented at public inquiries.

Councillors have three main components to their work:

*Decision making* - Through attending meetings with other elected members, they decide what policies to implement, which activities to support, what services should be delivered and where money should be spent.

*Monitoring* -Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

*Getting involved locally* – Councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents. This may involve going to meetings of local organisations (and other organisations affecting the wider community), taking up issues on behalf of members of the public, and meeting with individual residents in their own homes.

Typically a councillor’s duties occupy them for, say, three hours per week. Some councillors spend more time than this and some less, but being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place in which to live and work.

To stand for election, you need to:

-be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the EU

-be 18 years of age or over

-be a registered elector for the parish for which you want to stand, OR

-have occupied any land/resided in the parish for the preceding 12 months, OR

-have had your place of work in the parish during that same period, OR

-have lived within 4.8km of the parish boundary for the preceding 12 months.

Our Parish Clerk (see back page) is happy to provide further information, so do get in touch if you’re thinking of being a candidate.

**Parish precept**

Your parish council is funded by a levy (known as the ‘precept’) decided annually by the parish council, and paid by us all as part of our Council Tax. For financial year 2015/6, the precept for the new parish council will total £42,375. The annual amount per household will be lower than in 2014/5 (e.g. for a Band D property it will be £51.73), partly because one larger parish council is more economic to run than two smaller ones.

**Finances**

Outseats Council’s main expenditure since the last newsletter (other than the Clerk’s salary and expenses) has been: Footpath maintenance £180, digitisation of historic parish maps £165, meeting-room hire £92. Also, grants have been made to: Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport £400, Hathersage churchyard £260, Hathersage Luncheon Centre £150, Careline in Hathersage £125, Heart for Hathersage £100.

**Planning**

Since the last newsletter, Outseats Council has commented to the Peak Park on planning applications for Upper Hurst Farm. Information on all planning applications is available at pam.peakdistrict.gov.uk

**Swimming pool news**

The pool is now closed until the new season starts on 21 March. The 2014 season was a great success, with the cold-water swims becoming very popular. 120 people took part in the New Year’s Day swim! Season tickets for 2015 are now on sale (and have been selling well already), with the warm-water season extended until 31 October. For regular pool news and event updates, see [www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk](http://www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk/)

**Free legal services to residents**

Derbyshire Law Centre - a registered charity - changed its name from Chesterfield Law Centre in 2014. It delivers free specialist legal advice, assistance and representation services for disadvantaged individuals and families, specialising in employment, debt, housing, homelessness, community care, hate & harassment and immigration issues.

The Law Centre has offices in Buxton, Chesterfield and Matlock, and can be contacted on 01246 550674 (or for free legal advice call freephone 0800 707 6990) or at dlc@derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk .The main address is 1 Rose Hill East, Chesterfield, S40 1NU.

**Temporary closure of Jaggers Lane**

The closure is scheduled from 1 February till 27 March although, if good progress is made with the water-main works, an earlier finish might be achieved.

**What’s On**

A What’s On page on the village website - [www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/whatson](http://www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/whatson/) - was set up several years ago, to provide a comprehensive listing of every village event, to which everyone can refer. However, for it to be comprehensive, it does need everyone who organises an event to submit details to [www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/submit](http://www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/submit) – and this task was deliberately designed to be very easy. In reality though, not every organiser does it, and so the What’s On page is not comprehensive. It would be good to reinvigorate this process, so as to fulfil its original intention, so we’d like to encourage you please always to submit your event details to the website. Many thanks!

**Widening our** **railway**

Network Rail has published a proposal (with work currently planned to start in summer 2017) to widen the railway between just east of Bamford station and just west of Jaggers Lane bridge, in order to create a 3rd track along this stretch; this will allow faster trains to overtake slower ones. The lack of ability to do that currently constrains the way the timetable is written, and the project offers the prospect of more trains being able to run in future (subject to the outcome of the government’s Transpennine Express and Northern Rail refranchising competitions, to be held during 2015). The project will also include a safety review of local foot-crossings of the railway. Network Rail is seeking residents’ views on its proposal; see [www.networkrail.co.uk/hopevalley](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/hopevalley)

**Bus services and Community transport**

Our local bus services 272 (Sheffield-Hathersage-Castleton), 275 (Sheffield-Ladybower-Hathersage-Bakewell) and 276 (Chesterfield-Hathersage-Castleton) are subsidised by Derbyshire County Council (though only some elements of the 272 timetable receive subsidy). DCC is currently developing proposals to reduce its subsidy, probably resulting in service cuts. Complete withdrawal of DCC funding to Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport is likely to be in the same package of proposals. These will be fully consulted on in the near future before final decisions are made.

**Arts in the Derbyshire Dales**

The District Council’s Arts Officer is available to provide advice on funding, contacts and networking and to offer support to people interested in developing the arts – and articles are welcome for the quarterly newsletter *artsMATTERS*, which includes details of forthcoming events. More information is available at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisure-a-culture/arts-culture

**Derby & Derbyshire Combined Authority**

Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and the county’s 8 District Councils are proposing to create a Derby & Derbyshire Combined Authority - a statutory body to enable them to work better together to develop more efficient approaches to regeneration & economic development, transport and housing. It would not however replace any of the constituent bodies, all of which will continue to exist.

The 5 stated objectives behind the Derby & Derbyshire proposal are:

-to improve training and links with employment

-to secure more and better-paid jobs for local people

-to deliver improvements to public transport networks and transport infrastructure,

-to create more affordable homes in the right place to meet local needs, and to create sustainable communities, and

-to secure increased investment and flexibility to support growth.

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| Information about the proposal is at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/CA](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/CA) |
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| **North Lees campsite**This campsite has been owned by the Peak Park since 1976 and currently has 60 pitches. The Peak Park recently reviewed whether the site should remain in their ownership, but concluded that it should. Accordingly, the campsite is now to be refurbished, with investment of upto £60,000 to improve facilities - new showers, improved toilets, an on-line booking system, possibly 4 wooden ‘camping pod’ structures, use of environmentally-friendly technologies and using the site as a visitor hub. **Peak Park chief executive**The Peak District National Park Authority’s new chief executive, from the end of January, is Sarah Fowler, previously Head of Field Services at the Environment Agency. Her career has also included spells at English Nature, the RSPB and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. **Hathersage Gala Week….**…. will this year be July 4th – 11th. **Police appeal for help**Our local police are asking, because of recent fly-tipping and domestic break-in incidents, that residents report any vehicle (registration, make and no. of occupants) seen in the area whose presence looks or feels odd. Please call 101 and ask to speak to PCSO Boswell. **Village website**The village website is at [www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk](http://www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk), showing agendas, minutes and other parish council notices, as well as information on what’s on in the village.  |
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