

Café Culture Comes To The Cavern

Café Culture is alive and well and living in Green Lane:

Poole's Cavern Café has launched a great new menu for the new season. Whether relaxing after walking the dog, meeting friends or taking out the family, there is something for everyone. On a sunny day you can sit under sun umbrellas in the Visitor Centre gardens or, when there is a chill in the air, admire the view through the café's stunning glass gable end.

Café manager, Paula Pickering, says, "After being open for a year we know what people really want and have adapted our menu accordingly. We have homemade soup, hot and cold sandwiches, baguettes and paninis, the ever popular bacon or sausage bap, jacket potatoes, great cakes and pastries and daily 'specials'. In addition, there is a large selection of coffees, teas and cold drinks. With prices starting at £2.25 and free parking for members it's a great place to eat."

We went up to the café one sunny Friday lunch time to talk to the customers. Rod, Simon and John,



visiting the area from Leicester, were surprised to find such a nice little café on their walk. "The view from the window is lovely," remarked Rod, "the staff are really friendly and my bacon, sausage and egg bap is just the ticket after being out in the wind." John was enjoying his leek and potato soup, "You can tell it's homemade," he said "it's really beautiful."

On a nearby table the Thomsons, with baby Ellie, were tucking into burger and chips. "We love it here,"

said Carol Thomson. "It is really child friendly and we like the relaxed atmosphere." We told them that the café was also a terrific venue for children's parties, a great idea for Ellie when she is a little older. For group bookings and events call Paula to discuss your requirements on 01298 26978.

The café is open daily from 9.30am to 4.00pm until October. Take advantage of your FREE DRINK voucher inside this issue.

Spread the News

Buxton Civic Association has a healthy membership of over 350 people, but we know there are many people in our community who do not know about us. We have set ourselves a target of 500 members by the end of the year and we can only do it with your help. If you have any friends and neighbours who care about our

beautiful town and its surrounding woodlands but are not members, please reach out to them and encourage them to sign up. The more members we have the greater our influence in matters that concern us all.

All our events are open to non members so why not bring them along to a

talk or woodland walk.

We are particularly grateful to Isabel and Fiona, two Buxton mums, who are hosting a special family event for new members on 14 June. Why not come along and bring your friends.

Full details are on page two.



Wednesday 10 June - 7pm
Pavilion Gardens

Trees Walk in the Pavilion Gardens with Monica Gillespie, Arboricultural Officer for the High Peak. Meet at the Bandstand in the Gardens at 7pm.

Sunday 14 June - 2.00 - 4.30pm
Greenmoor, Carlisle Road, Buxton

Strawberry Tea and Teddy Bears' Treasure Hunt

A special event for new members in the beautiful grounds of Greenmoor at the top of Carlisle Road. Members,

friends, prospective members and Bears of all ages welcome!

Tickets £5 each in advance from BCA office or at the gate. Children free.

Monday 15 June - 7pm
Visitor Centre, Poole's Cavern

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 4 August - 10.30am - 12noon
Poole's Cavern car park

Jean Pendlebury leads a walk covering part of the route taken by the

Entente Florale judging panel.

Donations to Buxton In Bloom

Thursday 3 September - 7.30pm
Visitor Centre, Poole's Cavern

An evening of 'Poetry, Piano and Dialect' with Philip Holland

A fascinating evening from a superb Radio 4 speaker – not to be missed!

Light refreshments.

Numbers limited. Tickets £2 each in advance from BCA office.

Past Events

High Peak Mountain Rescue

Ian Hurst, chairman of Buxton Mountain Rescue team, gave an inspiring talk about the organisation's history and work at the Visitor Centre in March.

"Seven teams cover the Peak District," Ian told us. "It's a very big and busy area because one third of the entire UK population live within a two-hour drive of this, the first National Park, which was established in 1951. In the Park's early days there were many deaths and accidents, often from 'exposure' – hypothermia – snow and disorientating mists. Unfortunately accidents still happen today, with even more of us – people of all ages – taking to the hills".

Ian leads a team of 45 volunteers on about 70 emergency call-outs a year (93 in 2008). It is a public service that must be prepared for by many thousands of hours training for all possible emergencies. "Our rescue dogs have to be trained as well," Ian told a full meeting. "One dog can be worth 25 people on the ground when a search is in progress."

We were all impressed by the immense dedication of Ian and his team and were delighted to be among the first to

congratulate Ian for his Certificate of Distinguished Service, the top honour available from Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

Lost Buxton - Part Two

There was standing room only at Tony Swain's talk on 23 April. A packed audience listened intently to Tony's painstakingly researched talk about the lost buildings of Buxton. With the use of old maps, census records, photographs and architectural drawings, Tony took us on a walk from Corbar Road through the Park and up St John's Road to Burbage.

For many older residents it was a sad journey, reminding them of the wonderful old buildings that once graced the town. For the newcomers it was a revelation to learn that where now stands an uninspiring apartment block there once stood a splendid hotel or school. Tony coloured his talk with stories about the occupants of many of the 'lost' buildings, we particularly enjoyed the old photos he had acquired of pre-war school girls. We are most grateful to Tony for giving his time so freely and look forward to the next installment - Lost Buxton Part Three.

Buxton Festival Events in Poole's Cavern

8 - 25 July - 7.30 - 9.00pm

Date	Day	Marquee	Cavern
8	Wednesday	The Darkest Angel	
9	Thursday	The Darkest Angel	
10	Friday	The Darkest Angel	
11	Saturday	The Darkest Angel	
12	Sunday		
13	Monday		
14	Tuesday		
15	Wednesday	Ye Gods	
16	Thursday	Ye Gods	
17	Friday	Ye Gods	
18	Saturday	Ye Gods	
19	Sunday	The Merry Wives of Henry VIII	
20	Monday	The Merry Wives of Henry VIII	
21	Tuesday		
22	Wednesday	Ye Gods	Bright Cecilia
23	Thursday	Ye Gods	Bright Cecilia
24	Friday	Ye Gods	Bright Cecilia
25	Saturday	Ye Gods	Bright Cecilia

A Growing Success - Entente Florale Jean Pendlebury

Entente Florale is a European competition for towns and villages in 12 countries. It is supported in the UK by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) which also organises the national and regional 'In Bloom' competitions.

Buxton In Bloom has been chosen by the RHS to represent the UK in this year's Entente Florale because of its success in the East Midlands and National Bloom events in recent years. These competitions are not just about

pretty flowers. Most of the marks are awarded for environmental projects devised and carried out by local groups and schools.

So, 30 July is the big day when 12 members of the Entente Florale jury will spend six hours in the town assessing its best features. They will want to see that Buxton is a good place to live, work and play. See Events page for details of members' tour.



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Treat yourself to a FREE cuppa before the end of June with this voucher.

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Who's Who at Buxton Civic Association

Michael Bryant

Mike is an enthusiast for British Spas, having been born in Tunbridge Wells and lived in Bath and Buxton since 1959. After training as a physiotherapist in the Bath hospitals he joined the staff of The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases. There he completed the additional training for a Certificate in Hydrotherapy and was soon sharing his new skills with students from his former training school.

In 1972 Mike was appointed Superintendent Physiotherapist at The Devonshire Royal Hospital. He thought that this post, in charge of "Dry Physiotherapy" would lead to a further move to a post elsewhere with greater responsibility. Three years later, however, the head of the Hydrotherapy Department retired and he was promoted, remaining at the Devonshire until it closed in 2000.

Mike's family has been active in the Methodist Church for several generations. In Bath, he was involved in church work with young people and when Brenda, a newly qualified teacher, arrived she was soon recruited to help. Brenda and Mike married and celebrated their Ruby Wedding last year. Still active in Buxton Methodist Church, Mike's principal interest has been in the reconstruction and maintenance of the building as Property Steward, on occasions working closely with Paul Dinsdale, now BCA chairman. His latest scheme aims to improve lighting and heating, thereby making significant savings in energy costs and reducing the church's contribution to climate change.

The son of a civil engineer, Mike has always been interested in the built environment and joined the Buxton Group Committee with special responsibility for reviewing Planning

Applications. As part of a move to achieve closer liaison between the two organisations, Mike joined the Buxton Civic Association and works with Hilary Lawrence on the Planning sub-committee.

When Brenda and Mike find time, they relax in the stalls at the Opera House or dash off to visit their family, three daughters and four delightful (most of the time) grandchildren.



The resignation of Arthur Tomlinson after many years as a director of the Civic Association will be a great loss to his fellow board members.

As one of the longest serving members, Arthur's legal expertise, sound judgement and knowledge of Buxton were an invaluable asset. A true 'Buxtonian', he has lived in the town all his life. Arthur was educated at Buxton College

and Cambridge University and practised law in Buxton until his retirement. Always a keen sportsman he represented his school in both football and cricket and was an active member of the Buxton Hockey and Lawn Tennis Club.

During his years on the Board he helped to solve many of the challenges faced by the BCA, always with a mild easy manner and a wonderful sense of humour.

Buxton Civic Association at Poole's Cavern

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