



A BARONET'S DIARY

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RAISING FUNDS FOR BUSH FIRE RELIEF

In February 25 Pilates enthusiasts from Ashbourne, Hartington, Tissington, Parwich, Muggington and Alstonefield attended two classes at the last-mentioned village's hall to raise funds for the Salvation Army Australian Bush Fire relief.

The event was organised by local BASI trained Pilates instructor, Victoria Turner, who said: 'I am delighted that so many people attended, and many who couldn't join us on the day were kind enough to make donations. To raise over £1,000 is a tribute to the generosity of local people. We have all been so shocked to see the devastating bush fires and their impact on so many communities and wildlife, so it is rewarding to be able



Pilates in the Peak

to help in a small way.'

Victoria holds many mixed ability Pilates mat classes in the area every week.

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DRIVEN UP THE WALL

Once again vehicles have been driven into the estate walls by the A515 and no report made to the estate office. It is now easier to register these incidents online to Derbyshire Police and, although the forms are confusing, I gave it a go and was sent two 17 number references. The cost of re-walling will be in the region of £1,500, without taking my time into account. I doubt I will get a response... but I will report back if I have any joy. The delights and frustrations of land ownership!



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

After my musings about the Seventh 'Well' in the village created from the combined shenanigans of Severn Trent and the Highways Department, the situation got worse following the two storms in February, namely Ciara and Dennis.

After the dreadful floods before Christmas, these two put water where I had never seen it before in all the 30 years I've lived at Tissington. As in previous wet situations it is not advisable to try to cross the ford except in a large 4x4 or tractor and this poor Mercedes proved the point as it ground to a halt midway across. Usually vehicles are removed pretty immediately but this car remained there for at least seven days. It may even still be there (as other larger vehicles can traverse around it) as you read this... or it may have floated downstream!



NEW, LOCAL AND DELICIOUS

Two new cafés have caught my attention recently. Firstly the former pharmacy at Darley Dale has been transformed into the Pickled Pear café run by Grace Hibberd. Baking fresh cakes and dishes every day it is one of my regular stop-off points on the way to Warsop via Chesterfield. Secondly, in Ashbourne Nicki Hetherington (pictured right with Charlie H) has taken on the Friends café at the top of the Market Place. Alongside business partner Stephen Clark the new venture was launched at the end of January with a mission to locally source all



food and beverages with suppliers listed on the main walls of the 40-seater eatery. As well as the café, Nicki is using the kitchen space for her outside catering business, Delish Dishes. New local businesses that are a great asset and a delight to support.

SHROVETIDE

Each year Shrovetide in Ashbourne brings the people and the community together like no other event. Over 400 gathered for the traditional three-course meal to celebrate turner-up Andrew Lemon. After an introduction by Derbyshire Dales District Chairman Tony Morley, Andrew gave his personal history of the game and the changes he's witnessed over 60 years. Andrew is one of only nine people who have both goaled a ball and turned one up! At the end of his speech he said he did not want his ball back and indeed at 8.15pm Tom Leighton scored for the Up'ards at Sturston Mill to retain it. A great day, a great institution and a wonderful exhibition of community spirit even if there were a few sore heads the following morning.

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