



A BARONET'S DIARY

SIR RICHARD FITZHERBERT

TISSINGTON ON TV

In late May we were lucky to host the actor Larry Lamb and his Radio DJ son George at Tissington as they filmed a Channel 5 show entitled *Britain by Bike*. In each episode, George and Larry face a fresh two-wheeled challenge, from crossing over difficult countryside terrain, stopping at remote pubs and hearing tales of highwaymen and dastardly sheep farmers, to cycling past the look-outs on the coast where soldiers kept watch during the war and hearing their stories of bravery. In our episode Larry, well known to viewers of *Eastenders*, arrives at Herbert's tearooms in the jalopy (a 1929 Model A Phaeton) of Stephen 'Toad of Toad Hall' White from Vintage Adventure Tours of Winster whereas George turns up on his push bike



Larry Lamb with Sir Richard and Lady FitzHerbert

and they settle down for a delicious cream tea! From Tissington the pair toured on to visit Buxton and Poole's Cavern. Watch out for it on your screens this winter.



Prize winning

GLITTERING PRIZES

The wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle brought with it much jollity in the village. Having been glued to the television screens the Tissington Parish Council erected a bench in commemoration of the event, rather like their forebears had in 1981 when Charles married Diana. Lloyds Bank also entered into the jollities with a cake morning at the Ashbourne branch and a quiz about royal weddings. I duly bought cake and cookies and took away the 20 questions. Overnight I answered them (without the help of Google) and returned the form to Hazel at the counter. Imagine my incredulity when the next week I was told I had won the competition. I am now the proud owner of a commemorative Harry and Meghan mug!

THE ANN GREEN FESTIVAL

There is a lot going on in Alstonefield this summer around the Ann Green Festival. In the churchyard of the village's St Peter's Church is the grave of the eponymous Ann Green. She died in 1518, making it reputedly the oldest legible gravestone in the country. The PCC is using the 500th anniversary of her death as the occasion to hold a Festival comprising a wide range of heritage learning, conservation, arts, educational and fun events. In commemoration local artist Sue Prince has sketched and painted a Bonad of the history and heritage of the village. Herbert's Tearooms' staff and I had a sneak preview of the painting and



The Alstonefield Bonad

it's a fascinating piece, well worth a trip to Alstonefield and its excellent pub, *The George*.

More details at www.alstonefield.org



COMMUNITY AWARD

We were blessed with glorious weather for our annual Well Dressings. The operation to park all the cars, under the management of Debbie and Mervyn King, was more effective than ever and the service at St Mary's followed by the procession and blessing of the Wells proved as popular. It culminated at Children's Well when Cllr Steve Flitter, Chairman of Derbyshire Dales District Council, presented a surprise Community Award to George Maxwell for a lifetime of helping around the village and chairing the Well Dressing committee for 15 years. It was a great day and a very happy celebration.

AHOY MATLOCK!

The Fishpond at Matlock Bath is well known for its food, gigs and comedy nights but over the weekend of 4th-5th August the hostelry is welcoming participants for a Pirate Mutiny. The festival was first held last year and a returning 'Johnny Depp' is set to marry his piratical sweetheart in a parrot-filled ceremony during the festivities! The organisers hope that this event will do for Matlock Bath what the Goth movement has done for the seaside town of Whitby! Avast there landlubbers!