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Peter Fidler Celebration Event

AN EVENT was held at Bolsover Library on Saturday 8th February to celebrate 250 years of Peter Fidler's birth in Bolsover. **Peter Fidler** was the Bolsover man who explored and mapped the Canadian wilderness in the early 1800s.

He lived with native Indians and learnt their languages. Peter's maps were used by Lewis and Clark, the first men to cross America. He was one of the last to see the great herds of Buffalo on the prairies before they were hunted to almost extinction.

We learnt about the Bolsover man Peter Fidler, through an exhibition, films and talks given by **Andy Page**. **Sarah Page** did a fantastic job downstairs educating Children about Peter and making Indian chief head dresses with them. The Children also did a treasure hunt in the Library. The materials for the children's crafts were donated by Civic Society members and people on the Reduce Reuse Recycle Bolsover Facebook site. It was much appreciated that **Old Bolsover Yard** acted as our collection point for the craft materials.

The exhibition combined the archive kindly lent to Bolsover Civic Society by the Fidler family and research by its members. Peter's beautifully written journals were on display for the first time in Bolsover, thanks to **Fort Dauphin Museum** and the **Hudson Bay Company archive in Canada**. Bolsover Civic Society would like to thank **Norman Fidler** who kindly donated the Fidler family archive to the Civic Society on the day of the event.

The event was featured on **Bolsover TV** thanks to **Scott Chambers**.



Peter Fidler Celebration For All The Family



Saturday 8th February 11am – 3pm
Bolsover Library

To mark 250 years since the birth of Peter Fidler in 1769 join us for a day of film, exhibitions and talk about the Bolsover man who explored and mapped the Canadian wilderness and his return to Bolsover in 1811.

For Children; Peter Fidler storytelling and Creative Workshop

FREE ENTRY

A Wet and Windy Tree Planting!



Pictured above, members of the Bolsover Civic Society and friends, tree planting.

SATURDAY 15th February the planting group posing in the rain. The dead tree on Cotton Street that was removed last year has been replaced by a new young tree. Four more trees were planted on the grass bank at the back of Middle Street car park.

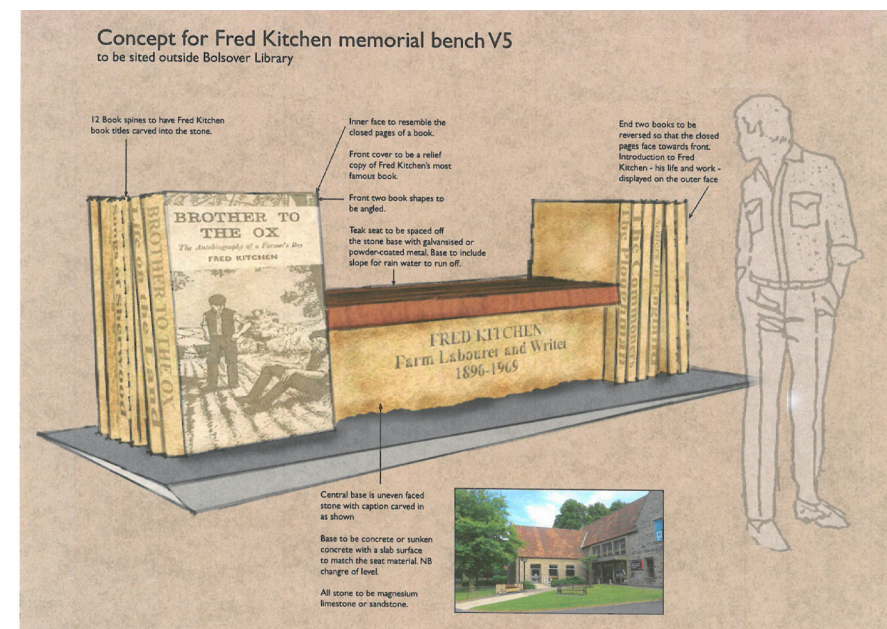
Thanks to storm Dennis they were well watered in.



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Fred Kitchener Permanently Remembered



The memorial seating is made in sandstone with end panels commemorating Fred's book titles. Carved by local sculptor Andrew Tebbs who designed the Back Hills Information panels for the Society it has been paid for from S106 funding as part of the Morrisons store planning agreement, with additional contributions from Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover District Council Arts

THE CIVIC SOCIETY within the next few weeks will unveil its permanent memorial to local writer Fred Kitchen. The memorial seating was designed by former committee member and designer Neal Potter to reflect the work of Fred Kitchen.

Born in 1890 Fred worked on farms as an agricultural labourer. He attended Workers Educational Classes and took a plot and house on the Oxcroft Land Settlement. He began writing books; 'Brother to the Ox', 'Life on the Land', 'The Ploughman Homeward Plods' just a few of his titles.

Fred Kitchen moved to Bolsover as gardener at Bolsover School and died in 1969.

Fund, Bolsover Rotary, writer Stephen Wakelam who has dramatised some of Fred's works and Bolsover Civic Society. Old Bolsover Town Council has provided assistance with the project and NAL Plant are providing foundation base for the seating.

All members will be invited to the unveiling later this Spring.

21st march 2020

Bolsovers Big Tidy

***Meet at The Assembly Rooms at 10am.**
***Equipment provided**
***Finish 12pm at Bolsover Parish Church**
***Refreshments**

More to come....

Get in touch via our Facebook page to book yourself a litter pick!

@tidyupbolsover

BOLSOVER CIVIC SOCIETY

Big Tidy

THE SOCIETY'S 'Annual Big Tidy' has this year been organised by new committee member Sarah Harrison-Turner.

If at all possible please support this event which really cleans up the town. Sarah has recruited Boza Youth club, Friends of New Bolsover, Bolsover Scouts and Cubs. At the end of the collection refreshments at the Parish Church are on offer.

For further details please see the poster to the left.

Please Join Us!



Celebrating 41 Years of Bolsover Civic Society

AGM for Members and Friends

Delicious Food and Wine buffet



Guest Speaker
Mark Fletcher MP for Bolsover

Come, Meet and Question Your new Member of Parliament



Bolsover Assembly Hall
Friday 20 March 7.30pm

Open to members and non members

Tickets from Pages, Cotton Street £5.50 (including one glass of wine)



BOLSOVER'S last well dressing was held in 2004 and so **Bolsover Civic Society** thought it would be a nice idea to revive the tradition again.

Bolsover Civic Society are planning a Well Dressing for 2020, to coincide with Bolsover In Bloom and also the Parish Church Flower Festival. It will again be a community

The well dressing was constructed by members of the community who were encouraged to get involved alongside the Flower Festival held at the Parish Church on the 13th July 2019. It was then displayed behind the railings at Bolsover Town Hall.

The theme of the flower festival being 'Celebrations', the subject of the well dressing was 40 years of Bolsover Civic Society. Forty flowers represented the forty years and also represent the Civic Society's involvement in Bolsover in Bloom.

The Society would like to thank **T Whaplington Fuels**, Stanfree for the kind donation of the coal used and to Tesco for the donation of a food voucher to purchase materials and equipment.

Andrew Buck donated the timber materials and made the well dressing frame and **Bolsover Parish Church** allowed the well dressing to be made in the church grounds. **Clowne Arc** also kindly provided some materials. A big thank you goes to the many individuals from Bolsover who contributed.



Bernard and Michele Longden from NAL Plant.

Sherwood Lodge Salvage

THE SOCIETY has many reclaimed items from the exterior of Sherwood Lodge. NAL Plant and local conservation builder Phil Turton retrieved much of it on behalf of the Society before the site was cleared for Morrisons.

Phil has worked out designs based on the carved stonework we have saved with the aim of commemorating previous uses of the site; Kitchen Croft as an early pottery and Sherwood lodge itself.

The next stage is raising the funding for the project, but never daunted, we will get there!



Phil Turton retrieving stonework.

Dennis Ransby

THE SOCIETY has remembered **Dennis Ransby**, long time committee member who was the inspiration behind Bolsover in Bloom, with a plaque erected on the pit truck restored by the Society a couple of years ago. **Janet Woodhead** sourced the supplier with instructions that it should include Dennis's favourite snail design. **Beryl Ransby** approved and **Andrew Buck** ensured it fitted firmly.

This Planting is in memory of
DENNIS RANSBY
and his work with
Bolsover in Bloom



Stratton Memorial Garden

NOW MORRISONS is here **Stratton Memorial Garden** has become a rather lost and forlorn area of the town. Five years ago **Chris Christopher** of 'The Pump' and 'Bolsover Fruit and Veg' listed the garden with the District Council as a 'Community Asset'. The garden commemorates **Dr. Stratton** who served the town for many years in the early 20th century. He formed and conducted the Bolsover Orchestral Society, dying tragically by falling down an air raid shelter in his Langwith Road garden. He is remembered by Stratton Road.

The former drive to Sherwood lodge and the tree copse to the rear of the Methodist Church is to be gifted by Morrisons to the **Town Council** although Stratton garden remains the property of the District Council. Perhaps one possibility is for a 'Friends of Stratton Garden' to be formed in conjunction with the site owners.

Any volunteers?



Get Festive

ONCE AGAIN committee member and former Civic Society Chair **Anne Joyce** gamely offered to design and build the Society's Parish Church Flower Festival contribution.

The theme in 2019 was 'Celebrations' and Anne celebrated in style with '**40 Years of Bolsover Civic Society**', using masses of red flowers.

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THANKS to Kevin Bennett we have a smart new fresh looking website which is linked with our facebook page run by Sarah. This year we purchased some software that allows the photos put on facebook to be shared with our website keeping it up to date with current events.

Two other innovations that will be linked to our facebook page are being able to book tickets for our events online, via ticketsource and being able to renew membership by direct debit using gocardless.