



## Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

A new year has begun at playgroup, a chance to welcome new faces and make new friends.



Autumn also saw us host one of our biggest fundraisers -The Sir William Hill Climb.

The day started with our 'Track Stars' event for children which proved extremely popular. Children from far and wide took part in the timed event around a grass track on a sunny autumnal Saturday. Medals and sweet treats were presented to everyone who took part, and our winners received bike accessories provided by Halfords.

The main event saw 62 riders take on the challenge of the hill.

1<sup>st</sup> male rider finished in 6:42 and 1<sup>st</sup> female rider finished in 8:05 – a complete set of finish times can be found at <http://www.grindlefordgoat.co.uk/times/>

Winners received vouchers for £50 provided by our sponsors **Peakland Cycles**.

First local rider, Nick Latimer, was presented with a voucher for a free MOT courtesy of **Mount Pleasant Garage**.



We would also like to thank **Whites Calver Spar** for sponsoring our t-shirts this year.

The event raises about £1,000 for the playgroup and we really appreciate the support of local businesses.

A big thank you also to Terry for hosting the event again – the mini steam engines were a great addition to the day's entertainment.

We also enjoyed music from the Omega jazz band and Ruby Stephenson; some excellent bike powered smoothie making and for those who still had the stamina, a chance to test themselves on the watt bike supplied by **Woskow Brown**.



This term also sees playgroup run one of our popular Family Forest session on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-12.30.

We need to move one of our dens and would love your help.

All welcome to join us for a morning of forest fun.

Looking ahead to December and news of our **Christmas Fair**.

Helen and Terry will be hosting the event at the Sir William on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 3-6pm.

A chance to purchase last minute gifts from popular brands such as Usborne books and Avon as well as hand crafted items.

Activities for the children, a raffle and refreshments will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.