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The Hope of Easter Following a Pandemic and a National Lockdown

It is a year since the pandemic lockdown started. The order was to stay at home. What were your feelings and thoughts at that time? Shock? Fear? Disbelief? Uncertainty? A sense of what now?

These feelings reflected our sense of loss. A loss of our normal daily lives. A loss of going to work, to school, to the shops and seeing loved ones. We missed our families, friends, colleagues. We lost human social contact. We grieved these losses. We suffered being separated from our loved ones. We ached for a simple hug and embrace. We left older family members isolated in their own homes, or in a care home: unable to visit them.

We have watched healthcare staff donning full Personal Protective Equipment to bravely face the consequences of people infected by Coronavirus. They were armed with patience and compassion. They shifted working on their normal wards into a hospital full of patients in intensive care beds. Treating seriously ill patients, some who recovered, and many who died. Many who died far from their loved ones, with staff stepping in to hold their hands.

Last year has been harsh, painful, and a difficult experience to live with, for all of us. It has impacted the very core of being human. Impacting our physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being. A dark time and place in our lives.

Following Jesus' arrest in the darkness of the Mount of Olives; after the Last Supper on that first Maundy Thursday. Jesus' friends' world was shattered. Worst was to follow with Jesus' death on a cross. Where his humanity was stripped away, he was dehumanised, beaten, abused, tortured, he was left to die on a Cross. Witnesses at the foot of the Cross believed that Jesus was the Messiah, God's Anointed One who would transform their lives. He was killed, in the worst possible unimaginable manner; nailed to a wooden cross.

At that dark time, the disciples hid themselves away. Locked behind their front doors. Full of fear, uncertainty, disbelief, and grief following Jesus' death. They entered a lockdown. Self-isolating. Afraid. Is this story sounding familiar?

Jesus' body was laid in a tomb. A stone was rolled across the cave, the tomb where he was laid. According to some accounts, an armed guard stood in front of the tomb. Only a few women tried to attend to his body.

Lockdown rules on funerals limiting mourners has created a greater sense of loss for the bereaved. The bereaved have felt isolated. Churches have been locked. The few attending a funeral have been isolated from each other. No hugs, no singing.

Can you recall your own experiences of lockdown?

And now, as the vaccination programme gathers pace, as we approach Easter, where can we see hope?

There have been hopeful signs throughout the year. What did you notice?

Communities coming together to a Thursday Night Clap for Heroes.

Key workers continuing to care for us, feed us and supply our basic needs.

People who walked the extra mile: supporting neighbours; shopping for the self-isolating; collecting prescriptions for the vulnerable. People coming together to support one another.

Extraordinary characters like Sir Captain Tom Moore simply walking laps of his garden to raise some money for the NHS before he reached his 100th birthday. He raised over £32m for NHS Charities and the Lonely. Wow he did not see that coming. People whose kind words, thoughtful actions brought a smile to our face and lifted our hearts and spirits. The acts of random kindness have oiled, eased, and heals our world.

Here lies hope, that the human spirit, love, and care, can face and overcome the darkness of pandemic times. A light that darkness cannot put out.

On that first Easter morning, the Risen Jesus, was mistaken as gardener by Mary. In her tears, she was looking for Jesus' body. She was full of grief and loss. Jesus looked at her, with love, and called her by her name, "Mary". In that moment, she knew she had "seen the Lord", the first witness to the Resurrection. Her heart was filled with hope. Her life was being transformed by God's love.

In Jesus, God's love faced the darkest places of human life. Our experiences of separation, pain, rejection, torture, loss, fear, grief, and death were embraced by Jesus.

Mary was thankful for Jesus' look of love that transformed her life.

As we emerge from lockdown, let us remember and call to mind: the ups and downs of the last year; notice what gave us hope and encouragement; what changed our darkest moments.

Embrace all that has helped you, let go the negativity.

Let us find our new normal, our new lives post-pandemic, together let us take little steps to create a better world in which to live.

Revd. John (Alstonefield)

Observations of Change 2

Children arrive, "morning grandaaaa...Mr Gill, "good morning Lily, good morning Tommy, let's get your school work done". Sitting at the dining table there is a lot of rustling and rattling as worksheets and pens are got ready.

"Grandaa...Mr Gill, the Wi-Fi isn't working." "Have you typed the password in correctly?" "Yes". "Try again". Pause - "It's working now." Schoolwork commences, I am checking perimeter calculations, helping with spelling, explaining verbs and compound sentences. Work was duly being done in a multitude of colours with different pens, pencils etc. During a quieter period, I happened to say that when Mr Gill went to school, I had to write with a fountain pen, filled out of a bottle of Quink, which came in either black or blue. Bit of a mistake on my part; try explaining to an 8yr old and a 6yr old the workings of a fountain pen without having one in your hand! Then these were overtaken by the cartridge pen, again though in black or blue.

School work done, I suggested we did some baking. So, I retrieved Mrs Gill's Be-Ro recipe book, the one she had when she was at school. They look through it, and then come the questions, what are Ounces, pints, Fahrenheit? Well I say, there are 16 ounces in a pound, 8 pints in a gallon and so on. "What's that in grams Granddad? This is where Google becomes your friend, converting weights and measurements. I thought it better not to enter into the world of feet, inches, yards, pounds shillings and pence.

Granddad, "can we watch television?" So, on goes the television and with it the channel hopping, what with Sky, Netflix, Amazon etc., there must be more channels available than anyone could watch in a lifetime. I tried telling them that when I was a child we had a television that was only in black and white with a picture that was a bit fuzzy and was only about 15 inches in size. There were two channels, BBC and ITV until BBC2 came along. Children's programs lasted for one hour a day and one of the most exciting times was watching the little white dot disappear from the centre of the screen when you switched it off.

Then comes teatime, I try to cook whatever they fancy, so they have a look in the cupboards and they are looking at tins, what are you doing I ask? Checking the dates comes the reply. So, I proceed to tell them that when I was a child, my mother would send me to the shop in Warslow for a tin of beans, but I had to check that the tin was not rusty! I omitted that I also had to pick up 10 Park Drive! Anyway, a decision was made to have Pasta Bolognese, I did point out that when I was a child the only pasta I saw was Heinz spaghetti, usually on toast. **B.G. Butterton**

Ed's Note: Really looking forward to Observation of Change (3) if there will be one!! Please.....



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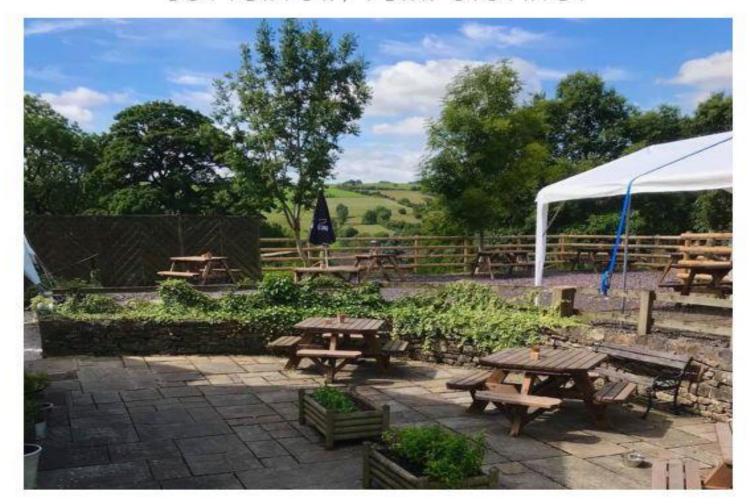
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Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT



Beer Garden

Everything is on track in preparation for the opening of our beautiful outdoor space. We can't wait to bring our pub back to life.

* Monday 12th April: Re opening from 4 pm *

Opening times from Tuesday 13th April:
Tuesday and Wednesday: 4 pm - 8pm for drinks and hot snacks
Thursday - Sunday: Open all day from 12 noon until 10 pm
Meals 12 - 3 pm and 6 - 9 pm. (Sunday just lunch 12 - 4 pm)
Monday: Closed

Keep up to date with all our opening news by joining up to our newsletter at www.blacklionin.co.uk. Here's to the next part of 2021.

The 'Wishing Tree' - Dovedale Valley

A strange spectacle once greeted people as they entered the Dovedale valley, about five hundred yards from the famous 'Stepping Stones'.



It was part of an old tree.... nothing unusual about that but on closer inspection there were hundreds of coins which had been embedded in it over the years by people visiting this famous tourist spot.

People used to hammer coins into a tree trunk in the hope of attracting good fortune, probably not realising that the custom dates back hundreds if not thousands of years.

In the past it was believed that divine spirits inhabited trees and the custom of hammering coins into the trunk or its branches harks back to this practice of making offerings to the tree spirits.

This custom is probably what killed a tree which at one time was located next to St Bartram's Well on the 'Bunsters' overlooking Ilam.

The people who visited the healing waters of this spring would hammer coins into the trunk or branches of the tree growing next to it.



Unfortunately, the copper content in the coins slowly poisoned the tree and it died.

Many years ago, a branch from the tree was salvaged and photographed but no trace of it can now be found.



Legend has it that if a sick person hammers a coin into the tree, they will get better and also have good luck, however anyone tempted to remove a coin will risk having an illness transferred to them and also experience bad luck!

The tree found in Dovedale is not the only 'Wishing Tree' to be found in the UK as they can also be found from the Peak District all the way up to the Highlands of Scotland.

Submitted by Magazine Supporter

Disclaimer:

The information above is gleaned from various articles on the internet and is intended for local readership only. Some of it may be open to speculation as to its origins and therefore should not be assumed to be wholly accurate.

...Here are a few more Jokes...

Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad." Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard." It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit." "I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."

A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four legs instead of just her husband's two. She reaches for a cricket bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. He says, "Hi darling, your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in stunningly sexy lingerie. "Tie me up," she purred, "And you can do anything you want."

So he tied her up and went golfing.

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching."

Further down the line is a pile of cakes.

A little boy makes his own note...

"Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A man came home from work, sat down in his favourite chair, turned on the TV, and said to his wife, "Quick, bring me a beer before it starts" She looked a little puzzled, but brought him a beer. When he finished it, he said, "Quick, bring me another beer. It's gonna start." This time she looked a little angry, but brought him a beer. When it was gone, he said, "Quick, another beer before it starts."

"That's it!" She blows her top, "You waltz in here, flop your fat backside down, don't even say hello to me and then expect me to run around like your slave. Don't you realize that I cook and clean and wash and iron all day long?" The husband sighed. "Oh no, it's started!"

Two young lads are travelling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their dads gives them both a bit of advice: "You watch them Aussie cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle." At the Sydney airport, the lads catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, "That'll be twenty dollars, lads." "Oh no you don't! My dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting fifteen dollars from me," says one of the lads. "And you'll only be getting fifteen from me too," adds the other.

A man was driving his wife home after a night out, when they were stopped by the police. "Sir, did you know you were speeding?" asked the officer. "No, I had no idea that I was speeding," replied the husband. "Of course you were," interrupted the wife, "you're always speeding." The officer looked at the rear of the vehicle and said, "And did you know your brake light is broken sir?" "No, I had no idea that it was broken," replied the husband. Again, the wife interrupted, "Of course you knew it was broken. You're always saying you'll get it repaired, but you never have." The officer began to sympathize with the husband and said, "Does she always talk to you like this?" The wife said, "Only when he's drunk."

A pensioner was driving his brand new Mercedes at 100mph when, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car coming up behind him so he 'floored it' to 140mph, then 150....then 155... then suddenly thought "I'm too old for this nonsense" so he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

The officer walked up to his car and said "Sir, my shift ends in ten minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend with my family. If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard of before, why you were speeding....I'll let you go."

The man looked very seriously at the policeman and replied: "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back." !!!

The Cop left saying..."Have a good day Sir"...

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Alstonefield Easter Trail

Easter Saturday and Sunday 3rd/4th April 10.00am to 4.00pm

Start: Alstonefield Village Hall Carpark

Finish: The trail takes around 1-15-1.30 hr to complete and ends at St. Peter's Church.



St Peter's Church invites you to follow this self-led trail through our beautiful village to discover the meaning of Easter and a traditional Easter Treat for children.



Alstonefield Benefice Easter <u>Trail</u>

There is an "All Age" Easter Trail for you to enjoy in your households. Taking place on:

Saturday 3rd April 10am to 4pm Easter Sunday 4th April 10am to 4pm.

The Trail will offer:

- A chance to celebrate the Easter story safely;
- A family-friendly outdoor activity;
- An Easter prize for children on completion of the Trail;
- Free entry, everybody welcome;
- Trail leaflet and map which can be Downloaded from:

"A Church Near You" website

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church

Trail leaflets are available at the start of the trail in the Village Hall carpark or online: alstonefield.org

RURAL DELIGHT

"I'VE BOUGHT A COUNTRY COTTAGE", THE YUPPIE SAID WITH PRIDE FOR HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS, IT'S AWFULLY NICE INSIDE.

THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY STAYED THERE THE COCK WOKE THEM AT DAWN, THE COWS AND SHEEP AND BIRDS ALL SANG AS THEY GATHERED ON THE LAWN.

IT RAINED ALL DAY UN-CEASING, THE YARD WAS DEEP IN MUD, HIS NEW WHITE PORSCHE WAS STREAKY AND HENS PERCHED ON THE HOOD.

THE DOG ROLLED IN THE MEADOW, ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE IT STANK, THE YOUNGEST CHILD FELL HEADLONG INTO THE SEPTIC TANK.

HE RESCUED UP THE ELDEST BEFORE THE BULL LAY DOWN.
WITH CRYING KIDS AND SILENT WIFE HE FLED BACK TO THE TOWN.

Magazine Reader

White Peak Nordic Walking

If you're planning to get fit, then I've got a variety of Nordic Walking classes to help you achieve your goals, no matter your age or fitness level.

The gentle walks are 1 hour (three miles or less) and the active walks are 90 minutes with varied terrain that will help build your stamina. There are plenty of beautiful views too, which provide the perfect motivation to head outside and get active.

On all regular walks clients have their own pair of Nordic Walking poles. We have wipes, hand sanitising gel and a face covering with us and ask clients to do the same. While walking we are social distancing with staying 'Poles Apart'.

So, if you are keen to come out with us, you can be sure we will do our best to make it a safe and rewarding experience. If you have been enjoying your daily walk and are looking to learn about the Power of Poles, please give me a call.



Power of Poles Intro Course

Find out how to use fitness walking poles to achieve the results YOU want. This course will help you understand how to select the right kind of poles and use them for health, fitness, fun or challenges. This course will ensure you get the correct movement and techniques from the start.

Whilst we do provide poles for tuition sessions these are thoroughly cleaned before and after use. At the moment Poles used for tuition are strapless.

A progression to an optional Part 2 of the course gives you the opportunity to explore how to get more out of using Nordic style strapped poles with drills and advanced technique tuition.

For details contact:

White Peak Nordic Walking: Janneke Gorzeman 07469895267. janneke@nwukwhitepeak.co.uk Or book now: www.nwukwhitepeak.co.uk



A photograph taken in Ecton, in February, showing the "River Ec" overflowing its banks.

<u>ALSTONE</u>FIELD



St. Peter's, Alstonefield Revd. John Austerberry 01335 310002.

Warden: Vacancies

Alstonefield and Ilam Churches Reopen for Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

Alstonefield and Ilam PCCs have decided to re-open these 2 churches for Public Worship from Sunday 4th April 2021.

Wetton Church is still closed during the current Covid-19 Restrictions and Lockdown and this will be reviewed at the next PCC meeting on 27th April.

Easter Services and Sundays in April

4th April	10.30 am	Holy Communion	llam
4th April	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	Alstonefield
11th April	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield (Lay Led)
18th April	10.30 am	Holy Communion	llam
25 th April	11.00 am	Pray, Play & Ponder	Alstonefield (All Age)
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(For details of Alstonefield Easter Egg Trail (see page 6)

St Peter's Church, Alstonefield



A huge **thank you** to all those people who came to help for the churchyard and church spring clean on 27th March, we had a great turn out. We scrubbed, trimmed, and weeded. We shall enter the Churchyard Award Scheme this year (it was cancelled last year); please help us by picking litter, pulling stray weeds etc. if you happen to be walking around, thank you. We hear that many families are looking forward to being able to visit the church and churchyard when lockdown finishes, it is wonderful that we have such a lovely place for people to visit, find solace, walk the Peak Pilgrimage or explore their family history. The next 'Big Clean' days for your diary are: Saturday 4th September and Saturday 4th December. If you would like to offer a few hours to help with the upkeep there are always several jobs…! Please contact Carrie 310453.

(Jon Lane, Angela Campbell, Paul and Debs Railtontake have a short rest from pruning in the churchyard)

It is hard to believe it is a year since Stan Goodwin died on 19th March, a much-loved character of Alstonefield. Our thoughts are with Doris who is in The Leys in Ashbourne; she is looking forward to having visitors when it is allowed.

Also, a year on 9th April since Dorothy Critchlow sadly died, hopefully we will be able to have a memorial service for her later in the year.

Teas – as restrictions lift and helpers feel able we will serve teas and other refreshments some weekends to raise funds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard. As ever we would be grateful for your support.

Lockdown Chronicles

We are delighted that we will host an exhibition of Sue Prince's paintings at St Peter's Church. All being well the Exhibition will run from

Saturday 28th August to Sunday 5th September.

Sue will be on hand to talk about the paintings and we will sell refreshments in the church and churchyard. More details as the plans progress. Please invite your friends and family to visit or advertise to any groups you know who might be interested. Offers of help with the refreshments will be gratefully received.

Hoorah – Good News

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club is a very friendly, sociable group of people from Alstonefield and surrounding villages who meet up fortnightly for talks, outings, good food and a general catch up.

Activities have been suspended due to Covid however lockdown is now easing so we are finally able to hold a reunion meeting to welcome back friends old and new.

We can't yet go on outings but we can plan what we want to do when rules relax.

Please join us on Wednesday May 19th at

3pm at Alstonefield Village Hall

Everyone in our community is most welcome to attend any or all of the meetings Ann Morgan

Pop up Café is Back

We are very excited to let you know that The Village 'pop up' cafe Alstonefield, will reopen for takeaways on:

Friday 2nd April for the 4 days of the Easter weekend (Friday 2nd to Monday 5th) and then on Saturdays and Sundays for each weekend when the Village Hall is available.

Pre-orders can be placed on WhatsApp, using mobile number 07779899860 or email:

mat.1960@hotmail.co.uk

Please come and visit us for delicious home-made cakes, scones, hot and cold drinks, hot roast baps, sandwiches, paninis and lots of tasty treats etc. Social distancing rules and the wearing of masks inside is a must

We look forward to seeing you 🔾



Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair/Secretary: Martin Snodin 01335 310121

Treasurer: Debs Railton: Bookings Officer: Jo Griffin

Committee members - Frank Lipp, Dave & Val Littlehales, Anne Morgan, Mandy Turley.

For bookings or enquiries, please email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Alstonefield Parish Council

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Rebecca McIntyre (tel. 01335 310498) Carrie Osborne (tel. 01335 310453)

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th April via Zoom. Members of the Parish are welcome to join us – please follow the instructions on the Alstonefield website and contact the Clerk for the meeting ID and password to enter.

At the moment, local government advice is still to meet virtually. As soon as this changes, we intend to restart our public meetings as before.

If you would like to contact the Clerk or any Councillors, please use the contact details above and we will continue to put any updates on the village website and noticeboards.



Leaden Boot 2021 "Postponed" New date set for Sunday 22nd May 2022

LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE

It is with regret that we announce that this year's Leaden Boot Challenge 2021 (due to be held on 16 May 2021) will be postponed. All applicants that have had their booking confirmed for 2021 are requested to email admin@leadenboot.org.uk to advise us whether they wish to **Either**

- a) carry their booking forward for 2022 or
- b) request a refund or
- c) to donate their money to the event fund.

Please can you do this by 31st August 2021. Many thanks

Alstonefield Cricket Club



Alstonefield Cricket Club is flourishing and looking forward to a busy season ahead. We held our Annual Members Meeting on 17 March, with the traditional awards for both playing and non-playing contributions. We reaffirmed our pride in being part of the wonderful community in this and our neighbouring villages. We thank Alstonefield Parish Council, Alstonefield Village Hall, The George and several private individuals who support our club in many ways. We were delighted to welcome so many spectators last season, and we encourage you all, from all our neighbouring villages, to come along to watch us this summer: bring a chair or rug, and a picnic, and enjoy the action! Our home matches will be on 30 May; 13 June; 4, 11 and 25 July; 8 and 15 August; 5 and 12 September from 1:30 pm to about 6 pm. We particularly welcome new players: men and women, adults and juniors. Your enthusiasm and interest is much more important than your skill or experience, so please don't be shy. If you might like to play, just ring our Chair Jon Lane on 310453 for a chat.

"AVETS Remember"

In an emergency you should always dial 999 first. If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911. AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist. If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Church Wardens: Maggie Risby 304115,

Barbara Woodward 304324

Maurice Woodward, Brenda Mollatt, Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Doris Wentworth

St Bartholomew's Church

There is a Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday 4th April at 4pm. Rev Arthur Hack will officiate. Please join us in this our first service since Christmas.

We look forward to opening up as and when restrictions are lifted. (Personally, I cannot wait to hear the organ being played and being able to sing some hymns instead of listening to Cd's.)

The vacancy for a new 0.5 Interim Minister has been advertised on the Lichfield Bulletin sheet. Let's hope someone, somewhere likes the look of us and our prayers are answered...

A donation in memory of Daphne Salt was received from Rich, Julie and family. Grateful thanks to everyone. It is still difficult to comprehend the loss of this lovely couple...

The funeral of Ivy Peach was held on Monday 22nd March at St Bartholomew's. Our sincere condolences to Ivy's family.

The annual Churchyard Tidy took place on Saturday 27th March from 10am – 12pm. Thanks to everyone who came and helped.

Butterton Church Lottery

There are 132 numbered balls in the draw and the winners of the March 2021 draw are:

 1st Gordon Bartley
 (94)
 £30.00

 2nd Dianne Wint
 (60)
 £20.00

 3rd Ann Prince
 (53)
 £10.00

Numbers drawn by Lilly Hambleton Plumb and the next lottery draw will be on Saturday 10th April at 11am in Church.

Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

Chairperson: Jenny Land 304265, Vice Chairperson: Mike Stone 304455

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Sarah Kinneir 304274, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Roz Lees 304673, Tracey Perkin 304781.

The PC zoomed for the second time on Tuesday 16th March. All Agendas and Minutes are to be found on our website-buttertonmoorlands.co.uk

Some funds have been earmarked for a 'Parish Project'. Please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors if you have any suggestions as to how these funds can be spent. In the light of present concern regarding the amount of litter, we have to ask please do not suggest buying new bins for rubbish or dog poo. If we purchase new bins then we are responsible for emptying them. **SMDC WILL NOT EMPTY THEM.**

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 4th May but this date could change. More details in the next issue. An announcement will also be made on the Facebook page- Butterton, A Doubly Thankful Village.

Stop Press



Following concern about the amount of rubbish being dumped locally and the stalwart efforts by those who regularly litter pick, PDNPA have offered us some litter picking kits that can be loaned to anyone who doesn't possess their own equipment.

The kits consist of litter picking grabsticks, bags, hoops for the neck of the bags, hi vis tabards and disposable gloves.

Delivery of these kits isn't until the end of March but if you would like to help, please contact Councillor Sarah Kinneir- 01538 304274 or email her skinneir@hotmail.com Sarah would prefer contact by email/phone rather than people appearing at her door.

"Thank you".

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Katie Murray 304168

Treasurer/Bookings Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Apart from the Police Commissioner's Polling which will be held on 6th May, all's quiet at the Village Hall.

The new shed now houses all the larger equipment, Wakes games and chairs etc. This means the shelves at the back of 'The Doctor's Surgery' can now actually be accessed!

We are proud to be able to announce the Village Hall is 'all singing and dancing' when it comes to Wi-Fi. The Committee extends its grateful thanks to all concerned.

Hilary and Les have been busy decorating the ladies' and gents' toilets.

The swings should be installed at the end of May. We eagerly await their arrival. Again, we have to thank a lot of people for their efforts in helping us fundraise for this new equipment. The next worrying phase of the swings project is the cost of new bark chippings and rubber edging to the bark pits. We will wait until the swings have been installed before we make any decisions although steps must be taken before the next safety inspection in August. Watch this space......

Butterton Cookbook Update.



Thanks to everyone who has already provided a recipe. We have a great selection already from all around the world. Also some lovely old recipes handed down through generations which sound delicious. A few questions that have come up.

What kind of recipes? Anything, so long as you know it works.

Can children contribute? Absolutely, it would be great to see some recipes from the younger generation.

If the recipe states a handful or a glug is that OK? Yes!

Can I use the same recipe as last time? Sure, just let me know and I will include it.

A few folk have mentioned they don't have access to a computer. No problem at all, we can soon get them typed up.

Just contact Yvonne **yvopope@googlemail.com** or give her a ring: 01538 304137 or Tricia 304560. Any profits from the sale of the cookbook will go to church funds.

From our History Genius

John William Harrison 1829 – 1889 lived at Greenlow Head and was Butterton's Parish scribe. Amongst a lot of things, he copied all legal documents, school admissions, examination results and even kept a diary of the demolition and rebuilding of the Church between 1870 – 1873.

He was responsible for conducting the 1871 Butterton census. Usually, the census enumerator began his tour of the parish at a certain point and called door to door in order, travelling along one side of the road and returning along the other and so on. John William Harrison did this but then chose to record the surnames on the census document in alphabetical order.

For this issue I am recording some of the surnames of those living in the Parish in 1871 in alphabetical order, giving the meanings of the names.

Please Note.....

.....in 1871 there were no persons listed on the census with surnames beginning with D or E hence we skip to F-R. from last month's insertions

Butterton family names F - R

Fogg- Middle English Fogge meaning aftermath ie grass left to grow after hay has been cut. Someone who grazed cattle on such grass in the winter.

Ferns- Olde English, dweller among the ferns

Fernihough- Anglo Saxon origin. Someone who lived in a ferny hollow or depression in the ground.

Furniss- Old Norse/Viking. Originally a dweller of Furness in Lake District

Gould- Olde English. Someone with bright, golden hair. Possibly a worker of precious metals.

<u>Hambleton</u>- Of Anglo- Saxon origin. A locational name. Haml meaning cut off/crooked and ton/dun meaning hill or enclosure/settlement

Harrison- Of Germanic origin. Derived of a diminutive form of Harry, means son of Henry

Mather- Olde English moethere, meaning someone who moved or possibly owned a primitive moving machine.

<u>Malbon-</u> Derived from the French surname Malblanc- dirty white, medieval nickname for someone with a sallow complexion

Mollatt- A diminutive form of Moll, itself a diminutive form of Mary. Usually taken to mean a wished for child.

Moss- Anglo Saxon meaning a family living near a peat bog.

Millward- Anglo Saxon meaning a keeper of a mill or a miller, derived from mylenweard

<u>Poyser</u>- Old French origin meaning peseor, A peiser was the medieval equivalent of a weights and measures officer

Phillips- From the Greek Philippos. A compound of Philein meaning love and hippos meaning horses

Redfern- Olde English read meaning red and fearn meaning bracken or fern.

Chimney Sweep

Mr Ball, chimney sweep, will be in the village a.m. on Monday 26th April. Last year during the first lock down many of you cancelled so I am not sure who needs him or not. Those that would like to book him for this day can they please contact Mr. Ball direct on 01889 591251.

"BULLFIGHTING IN BUTTERTON"

(EXCLUSIVE REPORT FROM ANOTHER LOCAL HISTORIAN)

It has been reported that, following excavations in an area of Butterton, old documents and drawings have been unearthed revealing amazing evidence of **Bullfighting** taking place.



Also uncovered were the remains of many bulls and a certain number of artefacts, including the remnants of a red cape and a 'Montera' (a Bullfighter's Hat) although no human remains were found.





One of the drawings, still in pristine condition, was an illustration of the fighting arena apparently known locally as the 'Bull Pit'.

According to details from the documents the following interesting 'facts' were recorded:

Before each session the local clergyman would climb steps to a raised area and preach to the crowd who had gathered to watch the spectacle.

Over the years local dialect transformed the word 'Bull Pit' to 'Pullpit' which the Church adapted for the raised area with steps used to conduct sermons - hence the Vicar goes into the 'Pulpit' to preach to his congregation.



There is mention of a famous local fighter named Mathew Salt and whenever he was seen approaching the entrance door to the 'Bull Pit' the crowd would start to chant (in their local dialect) "Mat at door" / "Mat at door"...which was later adopted and shortened to 'Matador' by the fighters in Spain.

A famous bull named as "Ish" (brought over from Spain) was found to have what was known as a 'positive attitude' in the 'Bull Pit' and thereafter any local of a similar disposition became known as being 'Bull Ish'.

It was noted that sometimes bulls would escape their cage and would be seen 'rushing' into the arena, which tied into local news reports that Mathew's brother, Moses, who was missing, had been found trampled to death by bulls with the headline..."Moses found in the **Bull Rushes**".



There is one interesting snippet told of some bulls that used their hooves to 'paw' the ground continuously, turning the earth up, before falling asleep (locals called them "Bull Dozes" - the word was later adapted to describe earth moving machines called 'Bulldozers').

Another snippet mentioned the fact that the area of the 'Bull Pit' was originally marshy & very wet, hosting a lot of aquatic life. When tadpoles matured there the locals would call the adults 'Bull Frogs' (this name was later adopted in America for the large exotic version of their frogs).



<u>Disclaimer</u>:

Every effort has been made to verify all the details above but because of the time gap most, or all of it can only be regarded as a complete "Load of Bull". Best wishes for April 1^{st} .

Elkstones



St. John the Baptist

Vicar: Father John Baines

A Thank You

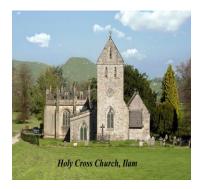
You may also remember that Emma Thoenissen organised a collection for the Leek Food Bank before Christmas and we received this note from Ian Smith - Project Co-ordinator, Leek & District Foodbank.....

"Many, many thanks for all the hard work you put in each year to raise food donations for Leek and District Foodbank. Your annual collection this year amounted to 168.8 kgs with a value of £300 for which we are so grateful as foodbank demand continues to rise. In 2020 the demand rose by over 40% year on year so there are many needy people in our Community who rely on us and people like yourselves to meet their needs in times of crisis.

If it is possible, please pass on our thanks to all those involved in donating on this occasion".

If anybody wants to find out more about the Food Bank or make further donations then see: www.leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

ILAM



Holy Cross

Revd. John Austerberry. 01335 310002

Warden: Miss Ellen Clewes 01335 350437

Alstonefield and Ilam Churches Reopen for Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

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Easter Services and Sundays in April

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(For details of Alstonefield Easter Egg Trail see page 6)

Holy Cross

Following the good news that we are able to hold 'live' services once again, we will be preparing Church ready to have a service on Easter Day, below is a list of other proposed services and we would be very grateful if everyone could spread the word.

Easter Day – 10.30am, 18th April – 10.30am 2nd May – Wetton or Ilam. 9th May – Ilam or Wetton 23rd May – 10.30am Ilam

NB: Alstonefield are having an Easter Day Service at 4pm.

You will see that there are a couple of dates highlighted in yellow this is because Wetton PCC have not had a meeting hence no decision has been made when to open their church so it has been agreed that if Wetton need an extra few days to get organised then the 2nd May service will be at Ilam and if they are open then the Ilam Service will be on the 9th.

As ever volunteers will be needed to do the necessary before, after and during each service.

Ilam Parish Council

Chairwoman: Caroline Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Paul Watson 01335 310321 paul@prwatson.co.uk

Website: www.ilam.org.uk.

Still no meetings of the Parish Council but, all being well, we hope to hold the next Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11 May. Meanwhile, we can already see increasing anti-social activity around our area, even during lockdown. There was a recent bonfire party at Blore Pastures and we are seeing increasing amounts of litter around our lanes. Peak Park are providing us with litter picking kits comprising litter grabber, bag hoop, high vis jacket, bags and disposable gloves. If anyone would like a kit on a first come, first served basis please contact Paul Watson by phone or email as shown above.

Ilam School

Following the lockdown, we have been delighted to re-open our doors to all our pupils. Since March 8th, the children have been engaged in a wide range of learning activities to begin to plug the gaps in their learning. At the forefront of return curriculum, has been our focus on wellbeing, welfare and routines. During the first week back, all the children enjoyed walks around llam and Dovedale. This has enabled them time to chat and catch up with their friends as well as enjoy our stunning surroundings.

We held a belated World Book Day where the children dressed up in costumes focussed upon the Mr Men and Little Miss. Do check out the schools Facebook page for photos of this. (or any updates of events in school)

We also held a non-uniform day for Red Nose Day. We were delighted to raise over £100.

On the run up to Easter, we are planning some of our usual celebrations and activities. Sadly, we are unable to use the church but we are holding a socially distanced concert/service within the school grounds. This will take place on Wednesday 31st March at 2.45pm. The children will perform songs and retell the Easter Story. Do please join us if you can.

Mrs Rachel Linton: Head of School Ilam C of E(VA) School

WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar:

Father John Baines 01298 83411

Wardens:

Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568,

Reg Meakin 01538 304295

Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190.

As Lent progresses, we look to the hope of Easter..... let's not just think of the chocolate eggs and instead look at the symbolism of the egg and the new birth and hope that Christ has given each one of us, who listens and turns to him...

We are saddened to hear of the passing of two well-known and lovely ladies - Ivy Peach, Tony's dear Mum, Sue's Mother-in- Law, Darren, Gavin, Rebeca and Matt's Nan and Sandra's Aunty.

Also, Wilma Barlow, Darren's dear Mum, Liz's Mother-in-Law and Oliver and Josh's Nan. We think of their grieving families and offer them our sincere condolences and we wish them comfort at this difficult time.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

The Vicar is proposing to hold an open day at the Vicarage, in July, where each church will have a stall where you can bring second-hand books/toys, general bric a brac and homemade cakes, biscuits and jams.

Watch this space if you want to donate anything and / or attend.....

We are encouraged and thankful, as more of our villagers have received their first Covid Vaccine – we are so lucky, we hope that soon everyone will be vaccinated.

Please contact the Vicar if you want to take part in Zoom Services.

If anyone wants to talk to somebody in confidence or just for a chat, because they are lonely or anxious, please contact a member of the church team. We all need each other, never more than now in these uncertain and challenging times.

I pray that through patience and obedience, we work together to get through this crippling situation and we learn that it is the basic things that are important and necessary in life – love and compassion for our fellow man. God bless all of you.



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WETTON



St. Margaret's Revd. John Austerberry. 01335 310002

<u>Service Times:</u> Please check Church notice board regularly for updates.

Warden: Claire Day 01538 381773

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St Margaret's Church

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the March draw were:

1st Prize Linda Morris £52.50 2nd Prize Ann Prince £35.00

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The closing date to join in the April draw is Friday 9th April 2021 and the draw will take place on Friday 16th April at 11.30am.

Sorry due to COVID-19 restrictions we are not able to confirm where the draw will take place.

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