

# Village & Community Magazine

## May 2022

*Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United*



### ***Some Upcoming Events in May***

"Painted Tales & Pandemic Times" - Friendship Club - Alstonefield V. Hall - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - 3pm

Beginners' Yoga Classes - Grindon Village Hall - Wednesdays 4/11/18 & 25<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 to 11.00am

Celebration for Kate Hayden - Alstonefield Village Hall - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - 6pm

"Carrie Martin & Gordon Giltrap" in Concert - Alstonefield Village Hall - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

Leaden Boot Challenge for Walkers & Runners - Alstonefield - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Butterton WI Annual Meeting - Butterton Village Hall - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Warslow Bingo - Warslow Village Hall - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

"Derbyshire Open Arts" - Beechenhill Farm, Ilam - 28/29 & 30<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 5.00pm

### **DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE EDITION IS 6am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Input from you all would be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article. It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

**Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.**

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies. Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. **\*\*Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.**

# NEW AND LOCAL



## Come and join our team!

Vacancy for a food production operative within our small friendly team at

Lower Hurst Farm, Hartington.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact John on 01298 84900 or email [info@lowerhurstorganic.co.uk](mailto:info@lowerhurstorganic.co.uk) or [www.lowerhurstfarm.co.uk](http://www.lowerhurstfarm.co.uk)



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## Recipe of the Month



### Homemade Popcorn.

A very cost-effective snack that goes a long way. A 400g bag of popcorn costs less than a pound and this recipe uses 60g and feeds 6 easily. I found this online and apparently it came off the back of a packet at some time in the past.

Heat 3 tablespoons coconut or olive oil in a pan. Put 3 or 4 of the popcorn kernels in the pan and wait for them to pop. Take the pan off the heat, tip in the rest of the popcorn, shake to an even layer, cover and leave OFF the heat for 30 seconds.

Put back on the heat and wait for the popping. Keep moving the pan around and open the lid just a tiny fraction to release steam. When the popping stops, divide the corn between two large bowls. To one bowl, add a teaspoon of sugar. To the other a teaspoon of salt. Shake them both about and serve. The coconut flavour is enhanced as it gets cooler. I'm sure you could use other flavours or just leave plain.



Moorlands Connect is a Demand Responsive Door-to-Door bus service connecting villages throughout the Staffordshire Moorlands with Leek, Ashbourne, Buxton and Chedale.

For workers, shoppers, walkers, cyclists, visits to the area's market towns and major attractions, or simply a trip to your favourite hotel, restaurant or pub. **Leave the car (or motorhome) behind and make your journey with us!** Cycles and dogs welcome please mention when booking.

**Booking:** Booking is simple and can be made up to 2 hours before travel time. Monday - Saturday by phone or text and 24 hours in advance by email (to ensure availability). Call: 01335 342951, Text: 07946 365256, mail: [bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk](mailto:bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk)

**Now Operating on Saturdays and Sundays**

This is a valuable community service, which if we don't use, **we will lose**

## Smile Once in a While...

To err is human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential.

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiiing."

There was this guy at a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for a half hour. Then a big trouble making truck driver steps next to him, takes the drink from the guy, & just drinks it all down. The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says, "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man cry." "No, it's not that," the man replies, wiping his tears, "This day is the worst of my life. First, I oversleep & I go in late to my office. My outraged boss fires me. When I leave the building to go to my car, I find out it was stolen. The police say they can do nothing. I get a cab to go home, & when I get out, I remember I left my wallet. The cab driver just drives away. I go inside my house where I find my wife in bed with the gardener. I leave my home, come to this bar, & just when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up & drink my poison."

A woman was taking an afternoon nap. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

There was a plane and it had 5 people in it: a president, a lawyer, a young teenage boy, a priest and a blonde girl. The plane driver said that the plane was going to crash so one of them has to jump off without a parachute because there was only 4 so they were talking to each other about who was going to jump off without a parachute. The president spoke first and he said "I run a part of this earth so I should get a parachute" so he jumped off with one. Then the blonde girl spoke and she said "I look beautiful so I should get one too" so she jumped off with one. The next person to speak was the lawyer and he said "I help people solve their problems so I should get one" so he jumped off with one. Now there was only two people left: a priest and the teenage boy. The priest said to the boy "here you take the last parachute and go because you will live a longer life than me" but then the boy said "no, it's all right because there are still 2 parachutes left. The blonde girl only took my backpack".

An Indian cab driver picked up a Japanese man from a hotel. Along the way, they saw a Honda motorcycle overtake the taxicab and the Japanese guy said, "Motorcycle very fast, made in Japan." Then a Toyota car overtook the taxicab and the Japanese guy said, "Car very fast, made in Japan." When they reached the destination the fare was 1500 rupees. The Japanese man thought the ride would only cost 500 rupees. He asked the driver why the ride was so expensive. The driver said, "Meter very fast, made in India."

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So, what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?" The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

An old woman is upset at her husband's funeral. "You have him in a brown suit and I wanted him in a blue suit." The mortician says, "We'll take care of it, ma'am," and yells to the back, "Ed, switch the heads on two and four!"

I think somebody added more dirt to my vegetable garden. The plot thickens!

# ***THE MOORLANDS TOP TEN***

A brand-new event to incorporate the  
'Moorlands Master Gardener' including vegetables  
'Moorlands Master Floral Artist'  
'Moorlands Master Cook' and 'Moorlands Master Baker'  
'Moorlands Master Artist' and 'Moorlands Master Photographer'  
'Moorlands Master Crafter'

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## ***'Rural Reflections'***

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**SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2022**

**MEERBROOK VILLAGE HALL, MEERBROOK, LEEK ST13 8SL**

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**Open to the public 11am**

**FREE ENTRY TO VIEW**

**RAFFLE**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**STAGING: Friday 5 August 7pm – 9pm  
Saturday 6 August 7am – 9am No admission after 9am**

**Your support is greatly appreciated**

**Judges: David Lownds, Menga Bentley, Rosie Fairs, Sue Davis,  
John Hodgkinson and Victoria Sheldon. Steward: Sara Lipp**

**Prizes for First, Second & Third Places**

**Winner of 'Best in Show'  
will decide which Charity proceeds from the show will go to**

**Further information from Suzanne Sheldon  
07518 074185 or [suzsheldon@btinternet.com](mailto:suzsheldon@btinternet.com)**

## SCHEDULE

### **Class 1 ‘The Moorlands Master Gardener’**

A display on a trestle table (approx. 6ft) comprising 1 vase of mixed cut flowers, 1 vase of mixed herbs, 1 pot plant (flowering or non-flowering), 1 bowl of mixed summer fruits (any quantity), 3 different vegetables, dressed (minimum of 3 each). Must be home grown.

### **Class 2 ‘Floral Art’ – ‘Mermaid Pool’**

An exhibit using fresh flowers and foliage to depict ‘Mermaid Pool’, Morridge. Space allowed 36” wide by depth of table, height unlimited. Accessories may be used.

### **Class 3 ‘Moorlands Ploughman’s Lunch’**

An exhibit of home-made produce displayed in a picnic basket or similar no larger than 24” comprising of 5 items from the following - bread, pork or fruit pie, sausage rolls, chutney, pickle, fruit cake, cordial, wine or beer plus an accessory of cheese. Other accessories may be used.

### **Class 4 ‘Moorlands Afternoon Tea!’**

A selection of home-made savouries, sweet cakes, pastries, biscuits and confectionary suitable for an afternoon tea. To be displayed on a cake stand. Accessories may be used.

### **Class 5 ‘Moorlands Master Baker’**

A decorated cake to depict the local Moorlands beauty spots of The Roaches, Thors Cave, Rudyard Lake, Tittesworth Reservoir, Manifold Valley Railway or Winking Man. To be exhibited on a cake board measuring no more than 12”. *To be judged on decoration only.*

### **Class 6 ‘Children’s’ ‘Mini Garden with a Moorlands theme’**

A mini garden in a shallow tray or container no larger than 324mm x 201mm. Accessories may be used.

### **Class 7 ‘Painting’ ‘Beautiful Moorlands’**

A painting in any medium to depict either The Roaches, Thors Cave, Rudyard Lake, Tittesworth Reservoir, Manifold Railway, Winking Man, The Roaches, Rudyard Lake or Morridge. May be framed or unframed. Painting, including frame, not to exceed 18” x 12” portrait or landscape. Must be exhibitor’s own work.

### **Class 8 ‘Children’s Painting’ ‘Moorlands Scenery’**

A painting in any medium to depict an attraction in ‘The Moorlands’. Can include animals. May be framed or unframed. Painting not to exceed A4, portrait or landscape. Must be exhibitor’s own work.

### **Class 9 ‘Photography’ ‘Scenery in the Moorlands’**

A photograph taken by the exhibitor depicting the beautiful scenery of ‘The Moorlands’. May be mounted or unmounted. Overall size, including mount, not to exceed 12” x 10”.

### **Class 9A ‘Children’s Photography’ ‘My Favourite Moorlands Place’**

A photograph taken by the exhibitor of a favourite place in ‘The Moorlands’. Can include animals. May be mounted or unmounted. Overall size, including mount, not to exceed 12” x 10”.

### **Class 10 ‘Moorlands Craft’**

An exhibit showcasing a craft from ‘The Moorlands’. This can be any craft item but must be the exhibitors own work.

**For full schedule and entry form please contact Suzanne Sheldon**  
**[suzsheldon@btinternet.com](mailto:suzsheldon@btinternet.com) or 07518 074185**

### Milldale Chapel

As in the past, there will be three services this summer in the lovely little chapel in the valley, at 7.00pm on the first Wednesday in June, July and August. On 1<sup>st</sup> June the service will be led by Lorraine Hawkins, on 6<sup>th</sup> July by Rev Tim Morris and on 3<sup>rd</sup> August by Rev David Leese. Everyone is very welcome to come to any of these services, which will be simple and quiet. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

*"Serving the community's emergency medical needs with pride,  
care and excellence"*

Thank you again for the kind donations recently received from individual supporters and from families commemorating members of our communities.

### "SPARE" DEFIBRILLATOR

We now have a spare defibrillator that can be provided on short-term loan to any village should your local defibrillator become inactive (e.g., sent away for repair, awaiting replacement pads/battery). If you need to make use of this offer, please contact us using the details below.

### WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking for someone locally who could take over the administration and management of our website, it requires an overhaul and refresh. If you are able to assist, please contact us using the details below.

### THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

To mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a special commemorative medal will be awarded to serving frontline members of the police, fire, emergency services, prison services and the Armed Forces.

Acting as a token of the nation's thanks, the Platinum Jubilee Medal follows a long history of awarding medals to mark Royal Jubilees, with the first one awarded to mark the 50th anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign in 1887.



A number of our CFRs meet the eligibility criteria and are proud to receive this medal:

- Sally Stickland - Butterton
- Denise Noble - Wetton
- Carrie Ross - Alstonefield
- Terry White – Back of Ecton
- Mike Tidmarsh - Wetton

If you are interested in learning about becoming a Community First Responder, please contact either Denise Noble: (07973) 730775 or Mike Tidmarsh: (07931) 558541

Email: [wacfr.staffs@gmail.com](mailto:wacfr.staffs@gmail.com)

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders  
Registered Charity Number: 1121223

### Donations Received for The Community Magazine

**We gratefully acknowledge with thanks the following donation:**

**'Emmett Technique' (Bern Easterford)**

Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Melanie (Treasurer) on:

**01538 304504 or email: [middletownbarn@gmail.com](mailto:middletownbarn@gmail.com)**

### STOP PRESS

For those of you who showed interest in the article, in April's edition of the Magazine, relating to possible Lithium mining and the connection to Elon Musk, we can now confirm that Mr Musk is not going ahead with any plans he may have had with regard to investing in deep mining in our area. He has decided to switch his interest to social media, namely to purchase 'Twitter' which he regards as a much less dirty business!

## Derbyshire Open Arts at Beechenhill Farm

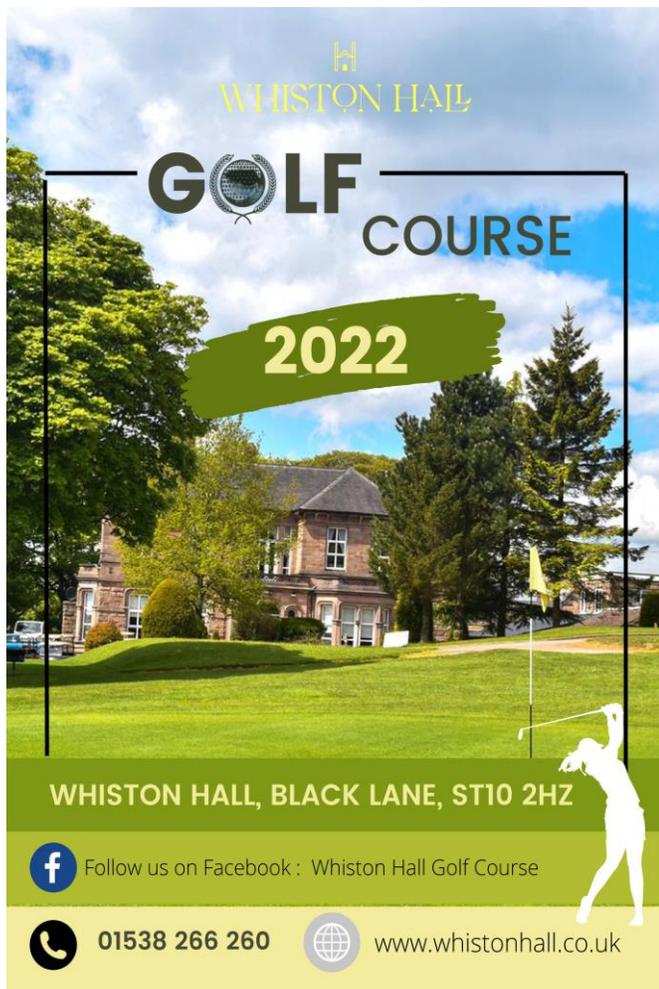
28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 5pm

Nine Peak District Artisans will be exhibiting at the Haybarn Gallery at Beechenhill Farm, DE6 2BD on what would have been the late Bank Holiday Weekend

Displaying their work will be silversmith Karin Sheldon, glass blower Thomas Petit, fine artist Tim Rose, Rachel Evans with her stunning basket ware, painter Judy Gilley, printmaker Louise Edwards, magazine collage artist Giles Davies (as seen on BBC Home is where the Art is), potter Claire Allum and watercolourist Cheryl Wilbraham as well as local folk artist Sue Prince.

Come and enjoy tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes at the Arty Café which will be raising funds for Wetton and Alstonefield Community First Responders (WACFR).

Look out for the red road signs.....(Local cakes would be most welcome!)



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## Bronze at The Olympics (Tokyo 2021)



Leah Wilkinson, whose parents live in Back of Ecton, has had an amazing year of sport. Following on from winning a bronze medal whilst competing for GB at the Tokyo Olympics, her Club side Surbiton have won the Premier League and Leah has been voted the best female hockey player in Britain!!

Leah received her accolade in a recent award ceremony in London. She said, "the last 18 months have been a real challenge for everyone and as a team we had the privilege of representing GB at the Tokyo Olympics during this difficult time. It was unprecedented to have no spectators and to have to stay isolated in your room during the whole 3 weeks apart from meals, training and games. I couldn't have won this award without my team-mates, family and friends."

Her international commitments also saw her put her teaching career on hold before returning last September as history teacher and head of year at Ewell Castle School in Epsom. Leah's final international appearances will be at this summer's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham before she retires from her glittering international career.

# ALSTONEFIELD



**St. Peter's.**

**Revd.  
John  
Austerberry  
01335 310002**

**Warden:  
Vacancies**

## May Worship Times

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton – Christian Aid Sunday
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Baptism	Alstonefield
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am	Leaden Boot Blessing	Alstonefield
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Wetton
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 pm	Morning Worship & Baptism	Ilam

## From the Vicarage

**The Church of England states that Holy Communion can now be received in both the Bread and Wine**

We have start receiving the wine, the Blood of Christ at Communion Services. It is now possible to receive Communion in both kinds: the Body and Blood of Christ, the bread and the wine. If you prefer to continue to receive only the Bread that is still an acceptable practice, and it remains your decision.

### **Supporting Refugees fleeing from the Ukraine War – Lenten Support**

Please pray for the situation in the Ukraine. During Lent support those assisting these refugees.

- <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> - Disasters Emergency Committee
- [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw) Parish in Stafford raising support for a school in Poland housing Ukrainian refugees

### **“Open the Book”**

The Deanery is planning to hold training for small groups from the Deanery churches to visit our Church Schools. Open the Book offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a local church team of Christians to present the stories during assemblies. The Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman is used, to offer children exciting, engaging, dynamic and interactive sessions. You are invited to join a small group of volunteers in the Alstonefield Benefice to support Ilam School.

### **Diamond Jubilee Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there will be a display of costumes and flowers, marking each decade of the Queen's reign, in Alstonefield Church.

### **Wakes Service – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm – in Alstonefield Manor House gardens**

Jo and Rob have invited us to celebrate the Wakes Service in the Manor House Gardens with Warslow Silver Band. Followed by refreshments and Brass Band music.

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Deanery Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral**

Coach trip to Lichfield: A guided tour of the cathedral; bring a picnic lunch to eat in the Bishop's Garden/his Drawing Room; free afternoon ending with evensong in the cathedral. More details to follow.

## ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

This will be renewed prior to the forthcoming APCM. If you are already on the Roll and wish to remain so, you don't need to do anything this year.

However, if you'd like to join, or indeed be taken off, you will need to fill in a form or notify the PCC Electoral Roll Officer as soon as possible and preferably by 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

These are available in church porch or contact: Angela Campbell, PCC Electoral Roll Officer on: 07970 609630 / [angela@angelacampbell.me](mailto:angela@angelacampbell.me)

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee – the Seven Decades of the Queen.** There will be a display of Costumes, Memorabilia and Flowers in St Peter's Church, Alstonefield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 from 10am-5pm each day. Donations in aid of the church. Refreshments available. Contact Ann C (310477) and Notty H (310318) for more information.

**Photos of people and activities in the village for the seven decades 1952-2022** are requested for a slide show during Jubilee week to be projected in the church. School, sport, drama, parties, parades etc. please search them out. Please drop them off to be copied or email them to Martin Snodin [martinsnodin@googlemail.com](mailto:martinsnodin@googlemail.com), 310121.

**Jubilee Wakes, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm Wakes service, then 3pm Jubilee Concert with the Warslow Silver Band in Jo and Rob Wood's garden at The Manor, Alstonefield.** Tickets £5 in advance from Jo 310393 or on the door, children welcome and free. Prosecco, beer and cold drinks for sale. Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic and hot drinks and have a lovely time! In the church if wet, wild or windy! Raffle prizes welcome. Proceeds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard.

**Tower Teas** – would anyone like to help with refreshments over a few weekends this summer to raise funds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard? Offers of help / dates to Carrie O please 310453.

**Self-service refreshments are available again in St Peter's Church** each day, also snacks, chocolate, jams, greetings cards, and gift bags for sale. Just pop in. Please let visitors know too.

**Big Clean** – A big thank you to all those who came to help on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April; we achieved a lot. We still need to do a check on all the old gravestones to see if they wobble, preferably before they fall over – please could someone offer to help me? It was too cold that day. Also, the gravel around the church needs weeding; if someone has the inclination to do that it would be very helpful.

A lovely memorial celebration service was held for **Dorothy Critchlow** – thank you to everyone who helped, particularly Martin for the great photos and Claire for the refreshments.



**Alstonefield Cricket Club is looking forward to another enjoyable season of social Sunday afternoon cricket from early May to mid-September. As always, we welcome new players of any age and standard. Please don't hesitate to ring the Club Chair Jon Lane on 310453 for more information.**

### Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council – Sandra Hampson**

**Email:** [clerk@alstonefield.org](mailto:clerk@alstonefield.org)

c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

**Chair** – Gordon Campbell (Tel:07919353800)

**Vice Chairman:** Rebecca McIntyre (Tel:310498) Rupert Hignett (Tel:310389) Alan Hayes (Tel:310057)  
Carrie Osborne ([Tel:310453](tel:310453)) Charlie McIlroy

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

**Alstonefield Parish Council would like to advise that The Homestead Garden is now available to let. The annual rent this year will be £50. Interested parties should make contact with a member of the parish council or the clerk to the parish council via [clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk)**

### Vacancy for Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

The Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer is responsible to the 7-strong Parish Council. This is a part time (4 hours per week on average) paid position under Salary Scale LC2. The Parish Clerk will be required to work from home and have their own transport if not within the immediate area.

Some evening and out of hours work is required. The full Council meets approximately every 6 weeks, although some ad hoc meetings may be required.

The successful candidate will be computer literate (including Word, Excel etc) and confident in using email and the Internet. Previous advantage of Local Government would be an advantage although training can be provided. A laptop will be provided specifically for Parish Council work.

The salary will be dependent upon experience and will comply with NALC pay scales. If you are interested in this position, or have any questions, please contact the Chairman of Alstonefield Parish Council, Gordon Campbell on 07919 353800. Alternatively, any member of the council will be able to advise you further.



**Alstonefield Gardening Group** – this group has revived with the Spring, with 15 members so far. If you would like to join, please send a WhatsApp message to Carrie on 07891 480104 to be included in the WhatsApp group set up to exchange gardening information, swap seedlings, and get advice. There will be a few visits to members' gardens and a visit to the Culland Hall Open Gardens and Plant Fair on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.



LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE 2022

**SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022**

**We are looking forward to another  
successful event.**

## **ROUTE INFORMATION**

The route information is now available from our website [www.alstonefield.org/tourist-info/leaden-boot/](http://www.alstonefield.org/tourist-info/leaden-boot/)  
The instructions for participants will be available on this website approximately 2 weeks before the event

## **LATE ENTRIES**

If you have not yet entered, we may be able to accept some late entries due to last minute cancellations. Please contact [admin@leadenboot.org.uk](mailto:admin@leadenboot.org.uk)

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS WELCOME**

The Challenge raises funds and makes grants to support local causes and projects with over £25000 being donated over the last 12 years to our local communities.

Applications for grant request are now open. Please contact [admin@leadenboot.org.uk](mailto:admin@leadenboot.org.uk) to request an application form

### **LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE: Alstonefield Village and Milldale**

The Leaden Boot Challenge long distance walk will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022. The playing field carpark opens at 7am and the race commences from the centre of the village at 9am. Entrants will go down Millway Lane to Milldale where they go past the toilets, over the Viator Bridge and up Baley Hill. There will be marshals on the road and it is expected that everybody will be through by 10am.

The first finisher will arrive back at Alstonefield Village Hall at approximately 1.20pm and there will be a steady stream of first runners, then walkers on the road up until possibly 9pm. The competitors will approach Alstonefield across the fields and down the track from Green Farm. The last stretch up to the VH is on the road.

Everybody is most welcome at the Village Hall throughout the day when food and drink will be available but particularly to welcome back the Leaden Boot participants.

### **Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club**

After a year of lockdowns and staycations, Friendship Club re-opened in July 2021. The club has been running for 64 years serving all the villages in the Alstonefield area. At its height, there were over 60 members. Although numbers have dwindled in recent times, we still gather 20 plus people at most meetings from all around the local area.

Do you have to be old to come to a meeting? NO!

Will you be welcome? YES!

Will there be food? YES!

Do you have to come to every meeting? NO!

Will it cost a lot? NO! Generally, £5.00 including a light- but tasty- meal.

Are the talks interesting? YES- we have had speakers on a wide range of subjects, so pick the ones you think you will enjoy- or just come along and be prepared to find out about something completely new.

Some of our speakers are local- your friends and neighbours- and some are from further afield. Every talk I have heard since I began co-ordinating the Club in 2021 has been fascinating and expertly delivered.

We have heard Carrie Osborne and Jon Lane talk about Costa Rica- and enjoyed a Costa Rican breakfast made by Carrie. Rob Handscombe took us with him on his travels (metaphorically speaking) and entertained us with tales from the Greek Islands including lots of information about history, geography and mythology. There were quizzes, anecdotes and a taste of halva at the end. Cathy Reavy's pictures from her African Safari were amazing- we were glad she and John made it back to tell the tale. Very close to Cathy's heart is the Waterberry Project and she shared with us how she and John have been able to support pupils and their education through their involvement with the project. Closer to home, Martin Snodin shared beautiful photos of Alstonefield characters, landscapes and buildings which he and the local history society have been colourising. It was astonishing and moving to see how the colour breathed new life into the old black and white or sepia photos.

2022 has a full program of events and speakers, meals and trips. We hope to be able to welcome you to some of these. Non-members are welcome to any of our events, but places are limited in some instances. Membership is currently only £5.00 per year- one of the advantages of membership is the subsidised rate on trips and some meals.

If you would like more information about the Club or any of the events, please contact Fiona on 01335 310200.

# Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club 2022

## All Welcome

### Painted Tales and Pandemic Times- Sue Prince

A fantastic opportunity to hear Sue and see her amazing artwork. Her daily record of the lockdowns is a fascinating archive of this recent historic event.

Alstonefield Village Hall 3.00pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**£5.00 (includes tea)**

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### The Life and Times of Mary J- Mary Jephcott

Hear the story of Mary's early life and her time in South Africa as a missionary. Afterwards, join us for a special tea as we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee together.

Alstonefield Village Hall 3.00pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**£5.00 (includes a special Platinum Jubilee Tea prepared by Claire Linley and bubbly!) Places for non-members limited- please enquire 01335 310200 (Fiona)**

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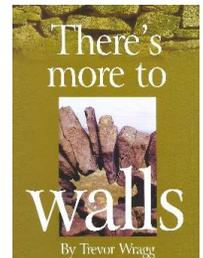
### There's more to Walls- Trevor Wragg

Trevor Wragg has been a Stone Waller since leaving school in 1964. Come and discover the importance and heritage of the Peak District dry stone walls- a talk not to be missed.

Alstonefield Village Hall 6.00pm Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>

**£5.00 (including evening meal)**

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### Friendship Club Birthday party and Entertainment

Bill Durose talks about "Life in the 50's" including songs

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm with **Birthday Buffet by Pam Nadin- £10.00**

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### National Arboretum Visit- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Pick-up 9.15am Warslow Village Hall and 9.30am Alstonefield Village Hall.

Leaving the Arboretum- 2.30pm (arriving back approx. 3.30pm)

There are places available for non-members- cost **£7.50 (non-members) £5.00 (members)**

**Please ring Fiona 01335 310200 to arrange a place or find out about any of the above events.**

## Alstonefield Village Hall

**Chair/Secretary:** Martin Snodin 01335 310121

**Treasurer:** Debs Railton      **Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

**Committee members** – Dave & Val Littlehales, Anne Morgan, Jamie Tomlinson.

For bookings or enquiries, please email: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

### ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

# Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May CARRIE MARTIN & GORDON GILTRAP



A chance meeting with world-renowned guitarist Gordon Giltrap, MBE, in 2011 (when he invited her onstage during one of his shows when the support act backed out) led to his mentorship of this strong songwriter and performer. This is a rare chance to see them perform together again.

Licensed bar      8pm (Doors from 7.30pm)

Tickets £14 at [WeGotTickets.com](http://WeGotTickets.com) or call 01335 310322

## CELEBRATION EVENING

All welcome!



# Thursday 5 May

FROM 6PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING KATE'S  
TRULY INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT**

**BAR OPEN \* PARTY NIBBLES**

**Donations in aid of Kate's chosen charities**

### "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

Rev'd - Jane Held: 01538 262116

### St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

**Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115

**Church Warden:**

Barbara Woodward 304324

### P.C.C. Members:

Maurice Woodward, Brenda Mollatt, Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Doris Wentworth, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland

### Services in May:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Prayer at 3pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Service for Rogation Sunday at 3pm and start of Christian Aid week
- 5<sup>th</sup> Civic Service for the Jubilee at 5pm and Pentecost Sunday

### Please Note:

Thursday 26th (Ascension Day) Benefice Holy Communion 10.30am Ipstones Church

*Altar Flowers for May – B Woodward*

*Cleaning Rota for May: S McDermott*

## St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for April

• First	S & F Taylor	£40	( 14 )
• Second	Sandra Mollatt	£20	( 113 )
• Third	Rachel Moorcroft	£10	( 114 )

Next draw is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11am in Church.

### St Bartholomew's Church, Butterton

From collecting for the Lenten Appeal for the Foodbank and then the Churchyard Tidy, we moved on to Palm Sunday when a real live donkey led a procession with followers waving leylandii branches (in the absence of palm branches). Then the 'Fire Service' on Saturday evening and the Easter Sunday service the following day.

Thanks go to Rev Jane and Churchwarden Barbara Woodward for all their hard work preparing for the weekend services. Thank goodness the weather has been better as the church has not suffered any further water ingress in the tower. A few warm days will help to dry it out perhaps. We proceed with gathering estimates for work to be done and the faculty form filling etc.....

In preparation for the APCM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in Church, I have to ask the question...Would all 23 of you on the Church Electoral Roll wish to remain for another year. Also, would anyone else like to be added? Either way, for more details, please contact Barbara, Maggie or Lily asap.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend there will be a Civic Service at 5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto: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 next meeting is the APM on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm at the Village Hall. The Council is actively seeking two new councillors as Sarah Kinneir and Roz Lees are moving out of the area. Please contact the Clerk by email- [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk) for more details or contact any Councillor. You have to be over 18 years of age and resident in the Parish.

### Butterton Village Hall

**Chairperson:** Hilary Bassett 304219 **Treasurer:** Maggie Risby 304115 **Secretary:** Sheila McDermott 304386

**Minutes Secretary:** Marjorie Renshaw  
Gwen Bagshaw & Dianne Wint



Bingo is back!! After what seems like ages, we held a Chocolate Easter Bingo at the Village Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. 35 people attended, one of them being Rev Jane who came to celebrate her birthday with us. We made just over £300 for Village Hall funds.

The Village Hall AGM is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Village Hall.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June there will be a Pie and Pea Supper, Quiz, Raffle and bar plus beacon lighting. The Village Hall Committee and Parish Council are jointly organising this event. Tickets for the Pie Supper will be limited to 70 sittings and are £7.50 each. This will buy you a main course and dessert and tea/coffee. A vegetarian option is available but please will you let us know if you require this option when buying your ticket. Tickets are on a **first come first served** basis from Hilary Bassett 01538 304219 or Maggie 01538 304115. If anyone would like to donate a dessert or a raffle prize, we would be really pleased to accept.

Jubilee Bingo on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Eyes down at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Free Warm up game, assorted prizes and a Raffle. £8 for a book of tickets for 10 games. Free refreshments at half time.

### Butterton W.I.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Rev Jane was the guest speaker. She told the ladies a bit about her life's journey. One lady can be quoted as saying 'What a busy lady she is.....'

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BUS SHELTER



The Bus Shelter has continued with another busy month (but no buses have been spotted). It seems many of you have taken the opportunity to spring clean and sort through possessions. The Bus Shelter has benefitted from a big boost in donations of bric-à-brac. On occasion we have needed to remove and store items, as there was not enough space to display everything. You may notice items you have donated quickly disappear, and then return after a few days. Not many Bus Shelters can boast a stock rotation system!

The money has continued to flow in, and we made a further donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). The total funds given for Ukrainian relief is an astonishing **£1,150**. Thankyou everyone.

It is perhaps time to review where the donations go. Earlier in the year, the plan was to raise funds for the First Responders. A vital item of kit – the PULSE OXIMETER – carried on the WACFR first responders' vehicle has had to be replaced. The cost is £400. Please let us know if you have views for or against collecting this, and any other ideas for future fundraising. If everyone is happy with this, we will pause the Ukrainian collection on 30<sup>th</sup> April, and launch the Oximeter fund for WACFR. We look forward to your feedback.

Please keep the bric-à-brac and books coming. However, we need to make a request. Sadly, some things are not wanted by the Bus Shelter clientele; so this stuff just sits in the Shelter using up valuable space and in the end we have to dispose of it.

**So PLEASE don't leave:**

**Clothing: DVDs & CDs: Jam Jars, Egg Boxes, Out of Date Travel Books, Encyclopedias etc  
Plus anything that is 'Grubby or Dirty'**

*Thanks again to everybody for your contributions and donations.*

## ELKSTONES



**St. John the Baptist:**  
**Vicar: Father John Baines**

### May Services

15<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion

We are very pleased to hear that Rob Faulkner, who usually writes this contribution for the Community Magazine, is now back home from his 12 day stay in hospital, and we hope that he will soon be on his feet again and back to his usual good health. Rob says that the winter was just coming to an end when he went into hospital and that he is amazed to have arrived back home to beautiful sunny weather, with Spring bursting out all over, and the landscape full of flowers, blossoming trees, lambs and new life everywhere, lifting everybody's spirits, and making him thankful for the beautiful area in which we are lucky enough to live. Amen to that.

*(Ed's Note: I had thought it strange that the jokes had dried up. Once you've got your 'wings back' look forward to replenishing the arsenal, so have a wonderful and speedy recovery).*

A big thank you to Father David who led a beautiful service in our lovely little church on Easter Eve. The service was followed by tea and cakes and the opportunity for a chat. Myrtle has promised to bring tea and cakes to all the services in future, so that this can become a regular feature, and an opportunity for people to meet others, something that we have greatly missed in the village since the advent of Covid.

We are very sorry to hear that Father John has developed Covid again, and hope that he will soon be better and back with us again.

### Diary Dates

**May service at St. John's, Holy Communion on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at 11.a.m.**

**Platinum Jubilee, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 in St. John's Church**, followed by refreshments and a get-together. There will be some basic tea and cake provided but you might like to bring and share. There will be a book on the Altar for everyone to sign if they wish, which the Vicar will send to Buckingham Palace along with similar books from the other churches in the Benefice. We were also planning to present each child in the village with a Jubilee Mug but have been unable to source any at an affordable price as our numbers are too low, so we are going to present the children on our list with a £5 coin specially minted as a Platinum Jubilee memento instead, from the village.

**Elkstone Wakes, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7 p.m. in St. John's, with Ashbourne Town Band**, followed by Beef Baps and an outside Bar.

# GRINDON



## All Saints

**Vicar:** Rev. A. Beahan

01538 309823

[alanbeahan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alanbeahan@yahoo.co.uk)

## Springtime in Grindon with Reg Critchlow



Grindon has a strong thriving tradition as a farming community, and we are lucky to be surrounded by wonderful views and beautiful livestock including sheep and cattle who are lovingly cared for by Grindon farmers.

One of those hardworking farmers is Reg, who has farmed at Buckfurlong for over 50 years. He was born at Grindonmoor Gate and spent his early years at his dad's farm at Mixon, having a four-mile round trip to walk to school at Onecote and home again each day. His nickname at school was Critch.

Reg was kind enough to let us have some insight into this very busy time of the year at his farm watching him and Gill B birth the lambs. When I arrived at the farm at 10am both Reg and Gill had been up during the night lambing, but they were so cheerful and energetic and ready for whatever the

day brought. It was wonderful to witness the birth of a beautiful lamb (number 3 of 3) and watch the amazing teamwork between them both as they tended to Mum and her newborn lambs. Today was a sure sign of Spring being well underway with local farmers and their families gearing up for a very busy period. If you are one of our farmers, we would love to come and talk to you and feature you in future newsletters. Please email us at [Grindonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Grindonnewsletter@gmail.com)



## 'Stolen' - All Saints Church Stone Update

**The thieves have been caught and the stones have been found.**

**Watch this space for further updates.**



## Grindon Parish Council Vacancy: Clerk

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a clerk. It is a paid position of 8 to 10 hours a month. Meetings occur every one to two months, which are held in the evening at Grindon Village Hall. Access to training and support is available. If you are interested in the position and would like further details, please contact the council using the details below.

Contact by email [grindon.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:grindon.clerk@gmail.com)

By a letter to our post box c/o Grindon Village Hall, Grindon, Leek ST13 7TP

## Funding

**Leaden Boot Challenge Fund:** The Village Hall Management Committee have bid to this fund for a mobile generator which we could use to provide electricity on the village green for social events or for the use of the community in the event of power failures. We will keep you posted if we are successful in our bid.



## Furniture Painting & Upholstery Workshops

Dates: Upholstery 21st June (10am to 3pm)

Furniture Painting: 14th July (10am to 3pm)

Price: £120 pp each workshop

Venue: Grindon Village Hall

### LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE: Grindon Village

The entrants on this annual long-distance walk will pass through Grindon on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 between the hours of approximately 10.50am – 2.45pm. They will be heading initially to the checkpoint at the Village Hall and then up to the right of the church on to the public footpath towards Ossams Hill Farm.



Grindon Village Hall, Grindon, Staffordshire. ST13 7TR

Price: £120 pp each workshop

Dates: Upholstery 21st June (10am to 3pm)  
Furniture Painting 14th July (10am to 3pm)

Cakes and refreshments provided  
Please bring some lunch with you  
Please bring furniture to paint  
Please bring fabric to upholster footstool  
(all other materials, tools, paints are provided)

Full payment required on booking  
Please contact Jo to book your place

[www.thebohoshed.co.uk](http://www.thebohoshed.co.uk)  
e: [hello@thebohoshed.co.uk](mailto:hello@thebohoshed.co.uk)  
t: 07595433259



"Grindon Village Hall Management Committee is delighted to welcome Jo from The Boho Shed to our lovely village. Jo will inspire us with her creative & practical skills in furniture painting and upholstery. Guaranteed to have a fun and relaxing time, come and create something unique and special to take home.  
Book early before the workshops get booked up!"  
ANNETTE FIRMAN MGT COMMITTEE



# Beginners Yoga Class Grindon Village Hall

Every Wednesday Morning 9.30 – 11am  
Louise@yogamania.co.uk  
Mobile: 0773 6351257  
**(Full details as per April Edition)**



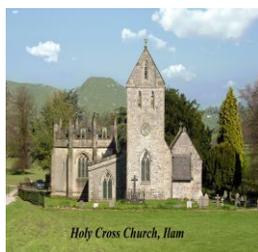
## Save the Date

**Hedgehog Rolling  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Annual Hedgehog  
Rolling Bonanza held on  
the Village Green.

Entertainment,  
Refreshments & Stalls  
Available.

## ILAM



### Holy Cross

**Revd.  
John  
Austerberry  
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310002.**

**Warden:  
Vacancies**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 pm

### May Worship Times

Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Holy Communion	Ilam
Holy Communion	Wetton – Christian Aid Sunday
Baptism	Alstonefield
Leaden Boot Blessing	Alstonefield
Morning Worship	Wetton
Morning Worship & Baptism	Ilam

### From the Vicarage

#### **The Church of England states that Holy Communion can now be received in both the Bread and Wine**

We have start receiving the wine, the Blood of Christ at Communion Services. It is now possible to receive Communion in both kinds: the Body and Blood of Christ, the bread and the wine. If you prefer to continue to receive only the Bread that is still an acceptable practice, and it remains your decision.

#### **Supporting Refugees fleeing from the Ukraine War – Lenten Support**

Please pray for the situation in the Ukraine. During Lent support those assisting these refugees.

- <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> - Disasters Emergency Committee
- [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw) Parish in Stafford raising support for a school in Poland housing Ukrainian refugees

#### **“Open the Book”**

The Deanery is planning to hold training for small groups from the Deanery churches to visit our Church Schools. Open the Book offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a local church team of Christians to present the stories during assemblies. The Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman is used, to offer children exciting, engaging, dynamic and interactive sessions. You are invited to join a small group of volunteers in the Alstonefield Benefice to support Ilam School.

#### **Diamond Jubilee Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

To mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee there will be a display of costumes and flowers marking each decade of the Queen’s reign in Alstonefield Church.

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Deanery Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral**

Coach trip to Lichfield: A guided tour of the cathedral; bring a picnic lunch to eat in the Bishop’s Garden/his Drawing Room; free afternoon ending with evensong in the cathedral. More details to follow.

### Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all for the contributions to the Easter Flowers - Church looked super over Easter weekend. Also thank to the excellent cleaning team who made church sparkle.

### May Flowers and Brasses

6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> June  
10<sup>th</sup> June

Mrs D Flynn  
Mrs C Rowlinson  
Mrs A Sutton & Mrs S Prince  
Mrs A Sutton & Mrs S Prince

Flowers and Brasses  
Flowers and Brasses  
Wedding Brasses Only  
Flowers and Brasses

## Bob Sellers

Having recently reached a milestone birthday Bob has decided to retire from mowing Ilam Churchyard and our thanks go to him for both his many many years of dedicated service and the huge amount of time he has spent caring for Ilam Church Yard and keeping it in looking so glorious. As we all know this hard work and dedication has led to very many complements. We are all extremely grateful to him and will miss seeing him whizzing around on his mower.

### Mrs S Warrington

We send our congratulations to Sheila Warrington on reaching a milestone birthday - we hope you had a good day.

### Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: [clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk)

Website: [www.ilam.org.uk](http://www.ilam.org.uk)

The next meeting & AGM is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at Dovedale House. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

### News from Ilam C of E (VA) School: 2022

To celebrate Mothering Sunday, we were delighted to welcome the mothers and grandmothers of our pupils for a lunch. A delicious roast dinner was prepared by our very own Miss Lisa and was enjoyed by all. It was so special to host this event after these past 2 years of restrictions.

Kingfisher Class visited QEGS in Ashbourne to watch their performance of Oliver Twist. As usual, the standard of the show was outstanding and much enjoyed by all.

As part of their local Geography topic work on JCB, Kingfisher class took a walk around the lake by JCB HQ and were able to see some of the machines inside the factory.

At the end of Spring term, the children put on a performance to tell the story of Easter through some speaking parts and songs. It was called The Three Trees and focussed on the story of Easter and how three trees who wanted to be important did not feel special but as they were felled, they were turned into three pivotal roles within the life of Christ. The first tree becoming the manger which Jesus was laid in at his birth, the second becoming a boat which Jesus sailed in on lake Galilee and lastly, the third tree became the cross which Jesus was crucified on. The performance ended with a short Easter message from Rev John.

Summer term is about to start and as ever, the term looks busy with SATS, Phonics tests and the new multiplication assessment. However, there are also many other activities planned to ensure all our pupils have a broad and balanced curriculum. We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, taking part in sporting events with other local schools and having a French themed afternoon. Please do look at our website [www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ilamprimary](https://www.facebook.com/ilamprimary) which showcases many of the learning activities we provide for our children.

***Mrs Rachel Linton: Headteacher, Ilam C of E(VA) School***

***For Details of Derbyshire Open Arts at Beechenhill Farm Please See 7<sup>th</sup> Page***

### LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE: Ilam Village

The entrants on this annual long distance walk will pass through Ilam on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 between the hours of approximately 9.30am – 11.45am. There will be up to 350 entrants walking up the road from the stile at the bottom of Bunster Hill, past the memorial and on to the checkpoint at Ilam Hall.

# WARSLOW



## St. Lawrence

**Vicar:** Father John Baines 01298 83411

### Warden:

**Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568**

**Deputy Warden:** Judy Prince  
01298 84351

**Treasurer:** Emma Gould 01298 687190

## May Services

1st	11am	Lay Led
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Rogation Walk

On 8th April, the pupils from Manifold school attended St Lawrence, for a service officiated by Rev. Nicola Pepper and watched over by Judy Prince, they enjoyed learning all about Easter. Thank You Nicola and Judy.

Also on 8th April, Shirley Trafford, who has worked at Manifold school for over 36 years, retired from her post. We wish her a very happy retirement and know she will be sorely missed by pupils and staff alike.

On 22nd May, the Rogation Day short walk will start at St Paul's Newtown and finish at St Lawrence Church Warslow. All are very welcome.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** We will have a Birthday Book, on the altar, over the weekend for you to add a greeting to the Queen. This will be sent to the Queen, by the Vicar, after the weekend.

**Benefice Magazine Monies:** Thank you to those who have paid for their magazine's subscription, please can those who have not contacted me, do so as soon as possible. (Please note that this does not relate to *this* magazine).

**The Church is looking for new helpers and supporters – please come along to a service in order to keep the Church alive in the village and for the village.**



**Flower Festival:** We are planning to start our Annual Flower Festival so; this is a chance for the whole community to come together to arrange flowers to the glory of God. If you are interested taking part or have any other fundraising ideas, please contact Emma Gould.

**We are glad to hear that Rosie Phillips** is back at home and feeling much better. We are sorry to hear that Eric Proctor is not well at the moment – we hope he soon improves.

## Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Vacancy – see below.

Website: <http://warslowandelkstones-pc.org>

**Chairman:** Nik Searston 07790 354330 ([searston.nik43@gmail.com](mailto:searston.nik43@gmail.com))

**Vice Chairman:** Vacant

**Councillors:** Amy Wardman 01538 304512; Stuart Gould 01298 687190; Laura Gordon 01298 84984; Phil Moakes 01298 687238; Carl Booth 01538 304495; Nick Gilman 07773 768785.

## **Vacancy: Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer** **Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council**

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is seeking a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

This is a part-time position currently requiring 16 hours per month (flexible) including attendance at six bi-monthly evening meetings through the year

Experience of council procedures would be an advantage, but not essential as full training will be provided. Key skills for the role are

self-organisation, administration, basic financial and computer literate.

Salary is in accordance with local authority pay scales, based on skills and experience (£14.90 - £16.75 per hour)

Further details may be obtained from Councillor Nik Searston (Chairman)

Email: [searston.nik43@googlemail.com](mailto:searston.nik43@googlemail.com)

Tel: 07790 354300

## Warslow Village Hall

Now taking bookings for 2022  
Licensed bar / Birthdays-Christenings-Meetings-Funerals/  
Call: 01298 84984  
Email: [Warslowvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Warslowvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk) / Visit our  
website: [www.warslowvillagehall@weebly.com](http://www.warslowvillagehall@weebly.com)

### Bingo

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm.  
All proceeds towards the upkeep of the hall.  
Enquiries: Pam on 01298 687452

## Manifold Pre-School

Small friendly Pre-School based in Manifold C of E Academy. We offer a wide range of activities to encourage your child to learn through play. Ofsted Inspection rated good. Open 5 days a week, 9am – 2.30pm for children from 18months to 3 years.

**Planned activities, Think 2 funding available -  
Funded places for 3year olds,  
30-hour funding available  
Further information from Sarah Thomas  
01298 84367**

## WETTON



### St. Margaret's

Revd.  
John  
Austerberry  
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### May Worship Times

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton, Christian Aid Sunday
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Baptism	Alstonefield
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 am	Leaden Boot Blessing	Alstonefield
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Wetton
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 pm	Morning Worship & Baptism	Ilam

### From the Vicarage

#### **The Church of England states that Holy Communion can now be received in both the Bread and Wine**

We have start receiving the wine, the Blood of Christ at Communion Services. It is now possible to receive Communion in both kinds: the Body and Blood of Christ, the bread and the wine. If you prefer to continue to receive only the Bread that is still an acceptable practice, and it remains your decision.

#### **Supporting Refugees fleeing from the Ukraine War – Lenten Support**

Please pray for the situation in the Ukraine. During Lent support those assisting these refugees.

- <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> - Disasters Emergency Committee
- [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichwroclaw) Parish in Stafford raising support for a school in Poland housing Ukrainian refugees

#### **“Open the Book”**

The Deanery is planning to hold training for small groups from the Deanery churches to visit our Church Schools. Open the Book offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a local church team of Christians to present the stories during assemblies. The Lion Storyteller Bible by Bob Hartman is used, to offer children exciting, engaging, dynamic and interactive sessions. You are invited to join a small group of volunteers in the Alstonefield Benefice to support Ilam School.

#### **Diamond Jubilee Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June**

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there will be a display of costumes and flowers marking each decade of the Queen's reign in Alstonefield Church.

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Deanery Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral**

Coach trip to Lichfield: A guided tour of the cathedral; bring a picnic lunch to eat in the Bishop's Garden/his Drawing Room; free afternoon ending with evensong in the cathedral. More details to follow.

### St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the February draw were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Michael Brocklehurst	£52.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	S Hampden	£35.00

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Closing date for the May draw is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, draw to take place of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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