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Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United















Some Upcoming Events in September

Philip Brough talk on the Second World War - Black Lion - Thursday 1st - 8pm

Warslow Flower Festival - Warslow Village - Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th 11am - 5pm

Music Concert with Chris & Kellie While - Alstonefield Village Hall - Saturday 3nd - 7.30pm

Grindon Gardening Club - Grindon Village Hall - Wednesday 7th - 7 to 9pm

Yoga - Grindon Village Hall - Wednesdays (Term Time Only) - 9.30 to 11am

Pub Quiz - Black Lion, Butterton - Wednesday 14th - 8.00pm

Harvest Sale - Elkstones Church - Monday 19th - 8.00pm

Warslow Bingo - Warslow Village Hall - Wednesday 21st - 7.30pm

Macmillan Coffee Event - Butterton Village Hall - Friday 23rd

Music Concert "Fire & Dust" - Alstonefield Village Hall - Friday 23rd - 7.30pm

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER and half of the NOVEMBER EDITION IS 6am on Monday 26th September

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.



Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

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

"SPARE" DEFIBRILLATOR

The 'spare' Defibrillator has now been returned and is available as a loan unit should your existing Defibrillator be out of service.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

We are still 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.

NEW RECRUITS?

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

Email: wacfr.staffs@gmail.com

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders Registered Charity Number: 1121223



STAFFORDSHIRE'S CHURCHES OPEN DAY



Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day.



Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust Contact:

staffshlstoricchurchestrust@gmail.com 07756 019118 Your local parish contact

Find out more at www.staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org



Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September 2022

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping churches with the cost of repairs. Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England. It takes place this year on Saturday September 10th. Participants are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. In 2021 85 churches took part in Staffordshire, 43 of them sent out cyclists, walkers and drivers. 21 of them cycled, 13 walked, 4 drove, and 2 used public transport. Last year the event was still reduced due to the corona virus but nevertheless over £10,000 was raised. Gift Aid will increase this amount. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker is returned to their home church. As well as having the aim of raising funds for churches in need of help, Ride and Stride Day gives the opportunity to get out and about and admire our wonderful heritage of churches, many of which are normally closed, apart from times of worship of course. A trophy is awarded each year to a participant; this year it will be to the cyclist or walker who visits most participating churches. It is also a special day of fellowship for all those taking part – whether you are welcoming visitors to your church or going out on your bike or on foot to visit other churches. It is a very practical way to remind ourselves that we are part of something much bigger than our own building and our own congregation. So please think about taking part – as a cyclist, walker, welcomer, sponsor – and enjoy the day.

Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

BLACK LION BUTTERTON

At 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st September 2022

PHILIP BROUGH

(Author of "THE BAREBONES HISTORY OF LEEK") will give a talk entitled

THE BIGGEST ASPIDISTRA IN THE WORLD

This is not a talk about Gracie Fields, or war-time

popular songs, or indoor pot plants

but is about an aspect of the Second World War,

that has received little or no publicity.

It is a subject which every-one will find to be of great interest.

If this event proves popular, may well become a regular event in the activities of the Black Lion

Admission Free

but there will be a collection for Rotary Charity!

Pub Quiz

Wednesday 14th September

8pm Start £2 per person max team size 6 ppl

Call us to book a table to eat before or during

01538 304232 bar@blacklioninn.co.uk







ST LAWRENCE WARSLOW CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

September 2nd – 4th 2022.

Church Open Daily Saturday and Sunday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"HRH THE QUEEN - a walk through her decades of reign"

Quiz and Light Buffet Friday 2nd September 7 p.m. Afternoon Tea 3 p.m. Saturday 3rd September book early to avoid disappointment.

Songs of Praise Sunday 4th September 5p.m.







Refreshments, Homemade Cakes, Jams & Chutneys

ALL ENQUIRIES EMMA GOULD 01298 687190

Smile Once in a While...

Three blonde men are stranded on an island.
Suddenly a fairy appears and offers to grant each one of them a wish.

The first blonde asks to be intelligent. Instantly, he is turned into a brown-haired man and swims off the island.

The next one asks to be even more intelligent than the previous one, so he is turned into a black-haired man. The black haired man builds a boat and sails off the island.

The third blonde asks to become even more intelligent than the previous two. The fairy turns him into a woman, and she walks across the bridge.



My sex change operation from male to female went really well yesterday.

In fact, it was so successful, I'm still trying to reverse out of the hospital car park...

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

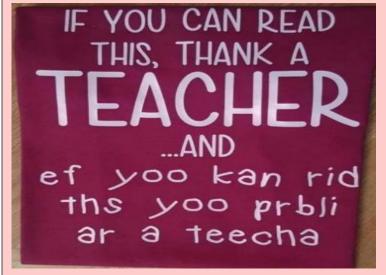
He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and George said, "No," and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all." Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars redhanded.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

A mate of mine has just been sacked off the dodgems. But he's doing them for funfair dismissal.





Save the Date and Book a Table

Manifold C of E Academy PTFA's Christmas Fayre

On

Saturday 3rd December 10am-1pm

At Manifold C of E Academy, off Leek Road, Warslow SK17 OJP

Stall holders are invited to book a table inside the hall for £10 by messaging the Manifold C of E PTFA Facebook page or text Claire on 07870698457,

Christmas Wreath Workshops 2022

Come along and create your very own Christmas Wreath(s)

December - Tuesday 6th - Sunday 11th

Morning Workshops 9.30 am - 12 Afternoon Workshops 2 pm - 4.30 pm

Venue-Waterhouses ST10

£25 – this will include a ring, wire and all foliage.

Please bring gardening gloves secateurs/scissors.

If you have some finishing touches to personalise your wreath, please bring them. I do have an abundance of Christmas items to add to your wreath if needed.

To book your place on one of the workshops or for further details - please phone/text/email/message - 07714041682 or Suemlovatt@gmail.com.

Payment required on booking. Limited places available.

I'm also currently taking orders for Christmas wreaths (Doors or graves). Table decorations. All individually made - for collection/local delivery priced £18-£30.



Donations: A donation for the Newsletter has been received from Graham Bagshaw 'Plumbing and Heating Engineer' which is very much appreciated.

ALSTONEFIELD



St. Peter's.

Revd.
John
Austerberry
01335 310002

Warden:
Vacancies

September Worship Times

Sunday 4th 11.00am Holy Communion Alstonefield Sunday 11th Holy Communion 10.30am llam Sunday 18th 11.00am Harvest Service Wetton Sunday 25th 11.00am All Age Worship Alstonefield

From the Vicarage:

Sunday 18th September Sunday 2nd October Friday 7th October Sunday 9th October

Advance Notice of Harvest Service Dates

11.00 amHarvest ServiceWetton11.00 amHarvest ServiceAlstonefield9.00 amSchool Harvest ServiceIlam10.30 amHarvest ServiceIlam

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"We will serve refreshments through the day at St Peter's Church on Saturday 10th September. We will welcome any Ride and Stride cyclists or walkers, other visitors and anyone who just fancies a coffee. We will also do our autumn Big Clean around the church and churchyard; if you have the time and inclination, you will be most welcome. From 9am - 6pm."

Carrie O.

Mary Jephcott

"I was one of the many people who filled the church for the funeral of Mary Jephcott. I sensed so much love in the building for such a very special lady.

My connection to Mary was my late Aunt Ann, aka Sister Veronica Ann! I've been phoning Mary once a month since Aunt Ann died in January 2018. I think the telephone conversations helped us both as a link to keeping Ann's memory alive.

Mary and Ann met when they worked together as nursery teachers in Dikonyaneng, Place of the Lambs, in Orlando, South Africa in the early 1950's which was run by The United Society for The Propagation of The Gospel, USPG. It was here where they met Rev Trevor Huddleston. They also worked with Monica, who also became a lifelong friend to Mary and Ann.

Mary took great delight in telling me that weekly they took it in turns to empty the bucket it and chuck it type of toilet in their accommodation! It was during their time here that Ann got her calling from God.

Mary told me that she heard my grandfather, Sir Edward Fellowes, say to Trevor, "I've got three daughters and the only sane one is becoming a nun!"

It was Mary who drove Ann to Tymawr Convent in Monmouthshire in 1956, the year I was born, as my grandparents were too upset to take her. It was Mary who took a photo of Ann dressed in her habit and wimple! It was Mary who got wrong from Mother Superior for taking this photo because it was forbidden as Ann was entering the enclosed order where back then they were allowed no material items! Mary kept this photo for all these years and gave it to me when I visited her last year.

Mary kept regular contact with Ann and when Ann became Mother Superior nearly 20 years later, she relaxed the rules and gave the nuns two weeks holiday a year! Ann spent one week with us and the other week with Mary, usually on lona.

It was lovely to hear Aunt Ann mentioned as being a familiar sight around Alstonefield when she came to visit Mary. Because Ann only had a week to visit myself, my five siblings, my mother and her other sister, she never spoke about her time in South Africa as she wanted to hear everything about us and our families so it's been wonderful hearing from Mary all about their time together.

Mary asked if I'd read the book "Cry the Beloved Country" written by Alan Paton in 1948. I said no and she recommended that I read it as although it was fictional it was a near to true account of life near Johannesburg in South Africa where they worked! Well, I bought a copy off Amazon and read it! I was gob smacked to realise the

danger that was all around them. I told Mary that I think it must have been their naivety that kept them safe which she had to agree with!

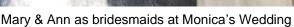
Mary, Ann and Monica were Angels! They all had such amazing lives - giving so much of themselves and always being genuinely interested in people. They are now all reunited again.

If anyone is interested in seeing Ann reminiscing on line, if you Google Legasee and type in Sister Veronica Ann you will see and hear her! Most folk did one video - Ann did 7! Mary loved listening to these during her last few weeks.

It was lovely meeting so many of you at Mary's Wake at the Village Hall. I hope to return for what would have been Mary's 100th birthday next year.

My sincere best wishes to you all, Roella Trudgill"







Mary, Ann & Monica together for the last time.

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

Please feel free to join us for any of the meetings/trips remaining this year. You don't have to be a member - but members enjoy special rates/discounts for some events.

<u>September 7th:</u> Visit to Trentham Gardens - Please call Fiona 01335 310200 for more details. October 5th Alstonefield Village Hall 12.00 midday: Harvest themed lunch and produce sale.

ALSTONEFIELD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Are you a young person or do you know a young person, under the age of 25, who is currently undertaking some form of learning? Well, the trustees of the Alstonefield Educational Charity are interested in receiving applications for grants to assist in the education of children and young people, under the age of 25 and resident in the parish of Alstonefield or its neighbourhood.

Grants are not restricted to young people in further or higher education but are available to all children and young people for educational purposes where a need for some financial support can be shown – for instance: extracurricular, leisure or out of school activities. Grants are also available for organisations or groups involved in sponsoring educational activities for our children or young people.

Each application will be considered by the Trustees at their meeting in October 2022 and grants awarded at their discretion.

Applicants in Year 7 and above are required to complete an application form, which will be made available via www.alstonefield.org. Applicants below year 7 or groups should submit their application in letter, giving details of what the grant is required for and how it would be of benefit to the individual or group.

Please forward all applications to Siobhon Hayes, Raikesleigh, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, DE6 2FS, to arrive no later than 30 September 2022.

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair/Secretary: Martin Snodin 01335 310121

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

Committee members – Dave & Val Littlehales.

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





Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council -

Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk

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),

Sarah Jeffery (Tel:07465 217269), Charlie McIlroy (Tel:310293).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Contact any Councillor for details.

"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 know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church Revd - Jane Held: 01538 262116

St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Church Warden: Barbara Woodward 304324

Maggie Risby 304115 and Secretary

Services in September

4th 3pm Evening Worship 18th 10am Holy Communion

REMEMBER: We have a Public Meeting at the Black Lion on 14th September at 7pm. Please come and find out how you can help your church.

P.C.C. Members:

Maurice Woodward, Lily Hambleton-Plumb (Deanery Synod + Safety),
Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling (Treasurer).

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Lily Hambleton-Plumb <u>Cleaning Rota:</u> B Woodward

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for August

1 st	Margaret Dutton	(12)	£40.00
2 nd	S & F Taylor	(14)	£20.00
3 rd	Graham Bagshaw	(22)	£10.00

Next draw is Saturday 10th September at 11am in Church.

St Bartholomew's Church and the Wakes Weekend

As I write, there is much to report regarding the upcoming activities in Church and a lot of people are working away in the background preparing for August Bank Holiday Monday Wakes Day.

St Bartholomew's Feast Day and the Wakes Day festivities go hand in hand. Traditionally St Bartholomew's Feast Day is celebrated on 24th August. Originally it marked a Harvest Feast for shepherds and farmers. The earliest known record found to date is one of a Feast Day being held in the Black Lion in August 1842, the day when the three men and a boy lost their lives in the mineshaft disaster in the area of Coxon Green (see plaque in Church). The next bit is very difficult to write as I have to put it in the past tense even though as I write, it hasn't happened yet !!!! Here goes.....

Butterton Wakes was on Monday 29th August. Last year was very covid aware. This year, whilst still treading carefully and through lessons learned last year, the Wakes promised to be a fun filled, action packed day. We welcomed Charley Garnett as our Wakes Queen 2022. More details about the happenings on the Day in the next issue.



On Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th we held the **Jam Jar Flower Festival** and Afternoon Tea. This was welcomed last year so we thought we would repeat it this year, plus it's a lovely way of decorating the Church for Wakes. There was also a raffle for the Tower Fund. More details in the next issue. Another attraction over the Wakes weekend was the **Scarecrow Festival**. Sponsored by the Parish Council, the theme was 'All Things Royal'. Pictures for all the above events will be posted on Butterton-A Doubly Thankful Village Facebook page.

All monies collected by donations for items taken from the Bus Shelter from 1st August until the end of 2022 are going towards the Tower Fund. The PCC is extremely grateful for this very welcome income. Please visit the Bus

Shelter....There must be something there that you cannot live without!

STOP PRESS......

Trying to write in the past tense about events that will have been done'n dusted by the time you read your Newsletter is very difficult!

Firstly, the Jam Jar Flower Festival. I think you will agree if you attended the Wakes Service in Church on the Monday, that the sight and smell of the flowers were amazing. A beautiful display dedicated to our loved ones. Such a lovely way of decorating the Church at Wakes-time. We had a steady flow of visitors for the Afternoon Tea and all donations and proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the church.

Congratulations to the Raffle prize winners. Thanks to all who made the event possible. Really appreciated.

Scarecrow Festival. Well, what can I say that hasn't been already said! Some amazing entries. The winners were.....1st prize - Kim and Darren Kirby, Sarah and Mike Stone. 2nd Prize - Jane Kalnins, Trish and Jon Hewitt. 3rd Prize - Heather Goodwin. Carole Hudson won the Scarecrow Draw.

Thanks go to all entrants for their 'All Things Royal' scarecrows. Thanks also to the Parish Council for providing the prizes.

Having witnessed the construction and de-construction of The Wakes Event, a HUGE THANK YOU should go to the Wakes Team headed up by Kim and Darren Kirby. Kim and Darren knew little of what a Butterton Wakes was when they moved to Butterton but they have given of their time and expertise to make it such a fantastic Wakes yet again. Thank you, the pair of you.

1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



A **Community Meeting** will be held at 7pm at the Black Lion on Wednesday 14th September, in order to discuss fundraising and ideas towards St Bartholomew's Tower Restoration.

There is a **Benefice Away Day** at Ilam Hall planned for Saturday 17th September. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Rev Jane asap if you would like to come- 07771 556391/jane@janeheld.co.uk The day starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm. Lunch is provided.

There is a **Deanery visit to Lichfield Cathedral** planned for Saturday 1st October. Again, contact Rev Jane for more details or to book a seat.

Put this in your diary......St Bartholomew's **Harvest Festival** service 6pm on Sunday 9th October, followed by **Pie** and **Pea Supper and Auction of goods** on Monday 10th October. More details to follow.

St Bartholomew's PCC would like to acknowledge and thank the family of Eddie Mollatt for a legacy received from his estate which will be used as the first deposit towards the Tower Restoration Fund. Eddie, as most of you will know, lived at Back Lane and then moved to Hartington with his wife Margaret.

Butterton Village Wakes Summer Festival

Monday, August 29th saw the return of the annual Butterton Wakes. The Wakes Queen Church Service was held in St Bartholomew's Church and conducted by the Reverend Jane Held followed by the traditional march to the Village Hall accompanied by the Warslow Silver Band.

We saw the retirement of our Wakes Queen Faith Renshaw who has done a fantastic job over the last year and crowned the new Wakes Queen Charley Garnett who already made a start with her fundraising. Thank you, Faith

for all your hard work and fundraising efforts and an updated total will be given in next month's newsletter.

Building on the success of last year we continued with an outside marquee including a mini-Beer & Cider Festival hosted by Matt and Hannah at The Black Lion Inn, thank you both for all your support. Special thanks to Manifold Valley Meats for the donation of the Hog Roast, we are very grateful for your generosity. Also, in attendance special thanks to Buxton Mountain Rescue, Sally Stickland - First responders, the steam engines and not forgetting our local classic tractors. The evening played out with the fabulous Racoons who certainly got people up and dancing.

As always events like this cannot take place without support from our local community, a huge thank you to all those who volunteered, donated cakes/prizes, brought raffle tickets and came along to celebrate with us. We will update in the next edition on our fundraising efforts.

Special thanks for the great photos captured during the day goes to Cliff Salt, who always does a sterling job.





Message From the Bus Shelter



School holidays has always been a good time for the Bus Shelter, with plenty of good quality bric-à-brac given and taken. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in this way and to our customers who have given money in the collection tin.

During July, we collected for **Manifold Pre-School** in Warslow; this is a charity run by parents and cannot exist without local fundraising. It is the closest childcare setting for the village. Butterton is in the catchment area for Manifold School which the pre-school feeds in to. We have sent them an amazing £443.25 which they have acknowledged with gratitude. This amount

includes direct donations, and items sold on-line.

From August we are collecting for **The Church Tower Repair Fund.** Many villagers take the view that the church is a village asset, and have asked that the funds raised will be directed exclusively to the repairs and will not contribute to Church of England coffers. We will abide by this and update you on progress.

Please keep the bric-à-brac and books coming! As ever, the Bus Shelter clientele are a picky bunch; some 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: Encyclopeadias etc.

Please make sure Electrical or Mechanical items work and label them 'WORKING ORDER'. The Bus Shelter is unable to test equipment, and we will be obliged to remove anything which is potentially dangerous along with anything that is dirty or grubby.

Thanks again to everybody for your contributions and donations.

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Hilary Bassett 304219: **Secretary:** Sheila McDermott 304386: **Minutes Secretary:** Marjorie Renshaw:

Treasurer: Maggie Risby: Members: Gwen Bagshaw & Dianne Wint

Butterton Parish Council very generously decided to sponsor a Platinum Jubilee clock. It is now in situ on the end of the History Centre building at the Village Hall. Major electrical works continue, working round our Hall hires. We

plan to refurbish our oldest piece of play equipment using a £1,000 grant awarded to us by Tesco. Although a generous amount, it will not buy us a new piece of equipment so we plan to put new rungs in the ladder, new hand holds on the climbing wall and replace the tyres and nets. We originally applied for a grant from Tesco in 2019 but were told we were unsuccessful, so this has come as a welcome surprise.

A new boiler has been installed in the History Centre and an under-sink water heater in the Bar Area in the Main Hall. Thank you Graham.

Also, a cheese stone is in place on top of what was the old well. This has come from Daphne and Derek Salt's house- Greenlow, and has been donated by Julie and Rich in memory of their parents.



A **Macmillan Coffee event** will be held at Butterton Village Hall on Friday 23rd September. More details from Hilary Bassett 01538 304219

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, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455,

Tracey Perkin 304781, Jon Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

Butterton Parish Council next meets on Tuesday 6th September, 7pm at the Village Hall.

Butterton W.I.

Butterton WI met on Tuesday 9th August. Marion Beloe from Hopedale explained Reiki Energy Healing. Marion is also a Civil Celebrant and has a therapy room in Ashbourne under the name 'Peak Blessings'. Please note that all meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Butterton Village Hall. All welcome.

Butterton W.I. Workshop Project

The Butterton workshop took place in mid-August 2022 at the local village hall. The workshop was led by invited ceramicist <u>Sue Blatherwick</u> of The Art Barn, Longnor and by Emma Dawson Varughese, the lead artist of Knotted Identities. The two artists worked with Butterton Women's Institute exploring ideas of belonging to the Staffordshire Moorlands and the landscape and topography of Butterton.







Butterton History Group

At the AGM on 27th July, the officers were all returned. If we can be of any help with your research, please email Maggie- maggie.risby@btopenworld.com The Centre can be opened up for your visit if you make prior arrangements.

The Group thanks the Leaden Boot Committee for a grant of £500. This will be used to protect and preserve our most valuable, irreplaceable documents.

Eli Lycett, The Mythstorian, is making a return visit on Friday 30th September. He will tell us some stories of folklore, myth and legend of the Staffordshire Moorlands. Eli was well received a year ago when he told us about

The Headless Horseman.....Tickets are £5 each which includes refreshments. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Contact Maggie to book your seat. There will also be............Yes, you're correct.......a Raffle.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist: Vicar: Father John Baines

Sunday 18th 7pm Holy Communion Church Cleaning: Margaret Grant

Thought for this Month

We seem to be returning to our old routine at last with the Harvest Festival and Sale this month and then starting the Christmas plans. Don't the years go fast!

Events this Month

Our Harvest Festival will be held at 7pm on Sunday, 18th September, with the Harvest Sale on Monday 19th at 8 pm. There will be Myrtle's Pea and Pie Supper and (we hope!) Liz M's Raffle in aid of Church Funds following the Service. All contributions of goods, prizes, and donations will be extremely welcome – please contact Rob on 01538 300509 or Myrtle on 01538 304225.

Several people have come forward to help with the Flowers and Cleaning Rota (thank you very much!) but we need lots of people to decorate the whole Church for Harvest Festival – give Myrtle a ring and join us on Saturday 17th.

Thanks also to the small team who have been mowing the Churchyard and tidying up around the Gate and Approach to the Church – it makes such a difference!

On the Saturday we also need lots of Produce to decorate the Church (and to auction on Monday) and plenty of prizes for the Raffle to be drawn on Sunday evening following the Service.

As always, we hope that lots of our neighbours from the Benefice and surrounding Villages will also come along to join us.

Mary Jephcott

We were sad to hear of the recent death of Mary Jephcott of Alstonefield at the great age of 99. She was a wonderful character and leaves a big gap. When she was still able to get about, Mary always supported our little church in Elkstones and for many years brought Holy Communion to the elderly people in our village. While she could still see to drive, she was a welcome visitor to Edna Ash at Rose Cottage, and when she could no longer manage in the car, she brought the Communion by bus to Mary Deaville at Overdale. The number of people attending her funeral and Commemoration Service on the 17th August was a testament to how many people's lives she touched, both here and in Africa where she taught for many years. She will be greatly missed by many.

Cliff (d.2012) and Veronica Lawrenson (d.2022)

Cliff and Veronica were a big part of Elkstones for many years. They bought Grove House in Elkstones in the early '70s, as a base for when they needed to be away from their job as 'live-in' wardens at Hartington Hall Youth Hostel, and also as an eventual home for retirement. They and their 2 children, Fiona and Alistair, were a big and lively part of Elkstones. On retirement Cliff and Veronica moved into Grove House permanently, living for the beautiful garden that they had made, but in 2011 moved south to live closer to their now grown-up children. Cliff sadly died in 2012, and with Veronica's recent death, they were both returned for burial on August 15th in Elkstones Churchyard, and are now together in the place they loved.

Lee and Linzi Cooper

Congratulations to Lee and Linzi on their wedding at Warslow Church on Saturday 13th August. We wish them a long and happy married life!

GRINDON



All Saints
Vicar: Rev. A. Beahan
01538 309823
alanbeahan@yahoo.co.uk

September Services

Contact Church Wardens for details.



Taking Care of Quizness

Five teams took on the quiz at the latest 'Pub Night' hosted by Hannah Blissett of Green Farm Cottage. Residents enjoyed drinks alongside friends and neighbours whilst taking on the questions.

Good News for Grindon

We have been successful in our bid to the Leaden Boot Challenge and have been awarded half the funding towards a portable generator. The village hall management committee agreed to top up the remaining funding to enable us to buy the generator for the benefit of the village,

Yoga continues to be held at the Village Hall every Wednesday (term time only) from 9.30am – 11.00am. £6 per session, pay as you go. We'd love to see you!

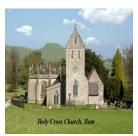
Gardening Club Continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month 7pm – 9pm. Please contact Becky on 01538 304494 if you would like any further information. *All are welcome*.

Craft Club

Grindon Craft Club meets in Grindon Village Hall on the last Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

We are a knit/crochet/sew/whatever craft takes your fancy group with the essential natter (sometimes just natter!) and cups of tea/coffee and cake. Lots of experience to provide a helping hand with those stuck projects or oops situations. Everyone welcome: only £2 per session.

ILAM



Holy Cross Revd. John Austerberry 01335 310002. Warden:

Vacancies

September Worship Times

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 11 th	10.30am	Holy Communion	llam
Sunday 18th	11.00am	Harvest Service	Wetton
Sunday 25 th	11.00am	All Age Worship	Alstonefield

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September Church Flowers and Brasses

2nd Ms C Hibbert-Foy 9th & 16th Mr I Smith 23rd & 30th Mrs J Wain

Ilam Church Sunday Lunch

What a gorgeous lunch, amazing location, fabulous team work, super weather, and an extremely generous group of diners. It was great to see so many local faces both past and present as well as friends all together catching up and having a lovely time. Our thanks also go to everyone who cooked, helped, donated draw prizes, sold draw tickets, served drinks and food, cleared up, washed up (thank you Jo for the use of Dovedale House). A truly lovely day.

Thank you also to the Dovedale Sheep Dog Trials Committee for the use of the marquee which made an ideal venue.

One of the highlights of the day was a presentation to Bob Sellers to thank him for his many years of service in mowing llam churchyard - and to wish him well in his retirement - thank you Bob for all your hard work.

As a result of all your generosity an amazing £1,333 for Church Funds. Thank you very much everyone.

Harvest Supper and Auction

Our Harvest weekend will commence at 2pm on Saturday 8th October when we decorate church. The Harvest Festival Service will take place at 10.30am on Sunday 9th October with the sale and supper being held the same evening at Dovedale House (6.30pm for 7pm). Tickets available from any of the PCC members.

Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 13th September 2022, 8 pm 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.

WARSLOW

August Services

Contact a Church Warden for any details



St. Lawrence

Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411

Wardens:

Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568

Deputy Warden: Judy Prince

01298 84351

Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190 or 07989294809

Wedding Celebrations

Congratulations to Linzi Varley and Lee Cooper who got married on Saturday 13th August at St Lawrence. The weather was perfect, we wish them much happiness as they start their new life together as Mr and Mrs Cooper.

<u>Church Yard:</u> Thanks to Steve and his team of mowers for keeping the Church Yard looking in such good condition. Also thank you to Sean and Louise for all their hard work and dedication in caring for and maintaining the churchyard path- it is a credit to you both. Also, a big thank you to Sean's workplace for kindly donating a yard brush -it is very much appreciated.

Flower Festival

As noted, we have decided to move away from the traditional August date, for the Flower Festival, as too many of our valued contributors are away.

Therefore, we will be holding the Festival from 2nd September 2022 to 4th September 2022. Our theme will be Queen Elizabeth II – a walk through her decades of reign.

The Festival will be open to all, regardless of faith or non- faith – everyone is welcome. If you are interested in taking part we would love as many as possible from the community to join in, *however they want to* – young and old alike – come along with your friends or a group of children with their parents can do a display.

We will open with our usual Friday night Quiz and light buffet, please contact Emma for a ticket. Please confirm any dietary requirements. We will hold an Afternoon Tea on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. – book early to avoid disappointment – a selection of homemade sandwiches and savouries with fresh cream cakes will be available. Again, please confirm any dietary requirements and contact Emma.

Our Flower Festival will end with a Songs of Praise on 4th September 2022 at 5p.m. – please come along to enjoy this joyous finale.

Please call Emma, on 01298 687190 to confirm that you will be taking part, or make an offer of help – baking cakes, manning the Church, by making a monetary donation or donate a raffle prize or Tombola items. We are very grateful for any support and look welcome to welcoming new faces and our regular valued contributors alike. *Thank you in anticipation!*

Harvest Festival 11th September

We hope that everyone has got their crops safely gathered in and we can all meet to thank God for his harvest. If you would like to leave any produce, jams or flowers at the back of the Church, they will be gratefully received. Please come along to our Harvest Festival Service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday 11th September and join in our celebrations.

Laura & Matthew sincerely thank everyone for their company, gifts and good wishes and for helping us make our wedding day an occasion we will always remember



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Christmas Lights 2022

Let's spread a little Christmas cheer again this year by lighting up your homes and make Warslow a place to visit.

If lights can be up by Saturday 17th

December ready for the Christmas tractors passing through the village.

Until 1st January 2023.

Judging will take place during this period.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

All households welcome- the more the merrier!

Pre-loved and Shabby Chic Furniture and Furnishings Sale

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September, 12 - 5pm Refreshments available on Saturday and Afternoon Teas on Sunday. Afternoon Tea- £8 per head from 2-4pm. To book ring Pam on 01298 687452.

80/20 Auction Sale

Saturday 15th October
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The little free library near the churn stand on Leek Road in Warslow is in need of good condition books that your kids no longer read. I am moving house in two weeks but Marie on Stacey Close nearby has kindly offered to take over the running of it. The adult section is very well stocked, but we must say 'no thanks' to large hardbacked books and old travel books and atlases. They take up space that could be used by novels which are really popular.

Happy reading!

Dawn

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Vacancy – Sandra Hampson email: parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com

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Chairman: Nik Searston 07790 354330 (searston.nik43@googlemail.com)

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Councillors: Amy Wardman 01538 304512; Stuart Gould 01298 687190;

Phil Moakes 01298 687238; Carl Booth 01538 304495; Nick Gilman 07773 768785.

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk/Councillor for details.

WETTON



St. Margaret's

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St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the August draw were:

1st Prize Mike Tidmarsh £51.00 2nd Prize David Robertson £34.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage. Closing date for the September draw is Friday 16th September and the draw will take place on Friday 23rd September.

You can of course pay by monthly standing order and never miss a draw.

Ask Margaret (310244) for the bank details.

ST. MARGARET'S, WETTON FESTIVAL AND EVENTS.

This year our harvest festival service is scheduled for Sunday 18th. September at 11-00am. Donations of tinned food and "dry" goods will be kindly received, then forwarded on to a local food bank.

Floral and fresh produce decorations of the church will be very welcome and will be available for bids, alongside light refreshments, in the village hall following the service.

Please join us in our thanksgiving and fellowship.

FESTIVAL SUPPER.

A belated Harvest Supper is planned to follow a pre-Christmas Fayre at St. Margaret's Church, Wetton, affording us the time to gather our energies and resources to properly celebrate together.

Date and time to be confirmed, so please watch this space and forward any offers of help or goods to:-

Pam Weston Clarke 01335 310257 07813108783 memsahibpj@aol.com

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