



Village & Community Magazine

January & First Half of February 2023

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United



Goodbye to 2022 – Welcome to 2023

As we enter 2023 with some trepidation let's not forget those that didn't make it this time. We've made it and we need to have a positive attitude to everything that may come to test us.

There are so many things happening in the world that we have no control over but don't lose heart and let them overcome your thinking.

This year's going to be difficult in many ways in the UK, not helped by outside influences, but there have been hard times in the past which have been overcome and it can be done again.

Our villages have always been resilient and we've always looked out for one another. This year let's be extra watchful and make sure anyone that needs a little help is offered it...the old, the sick, the young, the lonely and anyone who just wants to see or talk to someone or needs an errand running...let's find the time to hold out a friendly, helping hand.

And Finally...

To all who have moved away from our villages we wish you well. To all who have moved into our villages we wish you a warm welcome, we hope you learn to love all that village life can give if you open up your hearts to it.

Here's to a Hopeful New Year.

DEADLINE for the Second Half of February & All of March **6am Wednesday 8th of February**

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.**

Memorial Concert

Brian Simpson

Saturday 14th January 2023 7pm



An evening with the music of Ashbourne Town Band

In memory of Brian, the family would like to invite you to a Memorial Concert at All Saint's Church Grindon on Saturday 14th January 2023 at 7pm (seated by 6.50pm).

As many will know Brian sadly passed away on 7 September 2022 and to remember him and to celebrate his life, the family would like to mark his contribution to the village and especially his service to the church as Church Warden for 50 years.

Brian has for many years supported Dougie Mac hospice and to continue that support tickets will be £6 each (free for children under 16) with all proceeds going to Dougie Mac. Tickets available in advance from Summerhill Farm c/o Mrs P Simpson (and by email

summerhillfarm2020@gmail.com to request sending by post).

Light refreshments in the church.



**ASHBOURNE
TOWN BAND**



Smile Once in a While...

Father Christmas came down the chimney and a dolly bird lay there with just a negligee on so he says "Yo Ho Ho Merry Christmas." She says "Are you stopping for 5 minutes? I'll make it worth your while." Santa replies "I've no time for anything like that, I've too much to do." So, she takes off her negligee and stands there totally starkers and Santa says "Well I'll have to stop now, I can't get back up the chimney..."

Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, & my colleagues all yelling, "SURPRISE!!!" while I was waiting on the sofa... naked.

Re-tired

(*adj.*) I was tired yesterday and I'm tired again today.

A married man's honest confession :



"I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have..."

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met at the gates of heaven by Saint Peter.

"In honour of this holy season," he said, "you must each have something that represents Christmas in order to enter heaven."

The first man rummaged through his pockets and extracted a lighter. He turned it on. "This is a candle," he explained.

"Very well," Saint Peter said, "you may pass through the pearly gates."

The second man reached into his pockets and took a set of keys from his pockets. As he shook them, they jingled, and he said, "Those are bells."

"You may also enter heaven," Saint Peter said.

The third man began desperately searching his pockets and eventually pulled out a pair of women's panties. Saint Peter was perplexed as he looked at the man. "And what do those symbolize?" he inquired, his brow furrowed.

The man replied, "These are Carol's."

Little Johnny was asked to lead the prayer at dinner.

"But I'm not sure how to pray," he said.

"Just pray for your family, friends, neighbours, the poor, and so on," his father advised.

"All right," the boy said.

"Dear Lord, thank you to our visitors and their children, who finished all my trifle and ice cream. Bless them so they won't come again. Forgive our neighbour's son, who removed my sister's clothes and wrestled with her on her bed. This coming Christmas, please send clothes to all those poor naked ladies on my Daddy's iPhone and provide shelter for the homeless man who uses Mummy's room when Daddy is at work.. Amen."



I'm fat but I identify as skinny

I'm trans-slender

New & Local

Would you like to join the local oil syndicate?

Anyone can join, at no cost to yourself, to get the best oil prices locally. You will receive a monthly email showing the price for that month. You can then order the quantity you need via email, whether that is a large or small amount. Pauline and Susan from Grindon kindly coordinate this so just email Pauline at paulinek27@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the circulation list.



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A Donation to the Community Magazine has been most gratefully received from Pam Wain, Ipstones (a regular reader).

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St. Peter's.

Rev. John Austerberry 01335 310002. Warden: Vacancies

"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.

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks

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](tel:310389)), Alan Hayes ([Tel:310057](tel:310057)), Sarah Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)),

Charlie McIlroy ([Tel:310293](tel:310293)).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Notice is hereby given that, by reason of a resignation, a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing.

To be eligible, the applicant:

- must appear on the current register of the Voters List, or
- during the whole of the preceding twelve months lived in or within three miles of the parish, or
- during the whole of the preceding twelve months must have had their main place of work in the parish, and
- must be 18 and a UK or Republic of Ireland citizen, and
- must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

Please contact clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk or by post to: Alstonefield Village Hall, Alstonefield, DE6 2FR

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair/Secretary: Martin Snodin 01335 310121

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

Committee members – Dave & Val Littlehales, Kevin Stockton.

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

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to the Christmas Fayre. A good time was had by all and about £400 was raised for the village hall.

The Bring and Share was a very successful evening. We had great food, excellent entertainment and a brilliant auction. Thank you all who came and those that couldn't but still donated to Cancer Research. We raised £1200. And many thanks to everyone that helped on the night.

Debs Railton

Leaden Boot Challenge 2023

The 11th Leaden Boot is on 21st May 2023 and is now open for applications. The online form for entries is available at leadenboot.org.uk or on Facebook Page – Leaden Boot Challenge.



Alstonefield Christmas Carolers

Thank you to everyone who came Carol Singing...even in the rain!! We had a wonderful turnout and thank you to John & Carrie for hosting us all at the end.

Plus, we made £92 with donations for the food bank in Leek.



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

Maggie Risby 304115 /Secretary/Treasurer

P.C.C. Members:

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

Services in January

8 th	12.30pm	Family Service & Baptism
15 th	10am	Morning Worship
29 th	10.30am	Candlemas Ipstones
<u>FEBRUARY:</u>		
5 th	3pm	Evening Worship
19 th	10am	Holy Communion

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for November

1 st	Leslie Atkins	(30)	£40.00
2 nd	Terissa Machin	(146)	£20.00
3 rd	Edna Thompson	(47)	£10.00
Christmas Bonus	Nancy Coates	(117)	£10.00

Numbers drawn by Peter Tomlinson

The next draw is Saturday 7th January 2023 in Church at 11am.

Nest Year's Lottery Subscriptions are due by 1st February 2023. For anyone wishing to renew their subscriptions please contact Barbara 01538 304324 or Maggie 01538 304115

Happy 90th Birthday to our Oldest Resident

Fran Salt from Causeway House, on Friday 16th December.

St Bartholomew's Church

Christmas Day Holy Communion.....It was great to see 27 people attending the morning service. The first for many years.

The Carol Service and Grand Draw on Tuesday 20th December was our final event of the year. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the Carol Service and then the winners of the Draw were announced. There were twenty-seven Draw prizes. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, to those who donated the prizes and to everyone who attended on the evening

Working backwards....**Carol singing in the Black Lion** on Wednesday 14th.

Although unfortunately not particularly well attended, we enjoyed singing some of our favourite carols. Vicar Jane was in charge of the cd player. Thank you, Hannah and Matt, for the mince pies.

Sunday 4th December the Group WI Carol Service was held in church. The offertory was donated to 'Parkinsons' UK in memory of Brenda Mollatt. Brenda's funeral was Tuesday 22nd November. We gathered together to say our goodbyes to a lovely lady who, amongst other things, took charge of the cake stalls at our various events and served on the PCC for many years.

Friday 25th November was the Warslow Silver Band Concert at the Village Hall. Just over 50 people attended and a good evening was had by all. Refreshments were served at half time and a Tombola and Raffle boosted the funds.

The builders have been and done some work on the tower. The gullies have been cleared and the gargoyles unblocked. Steel mesh has been fitted around all sides so that any debris falling into the gullies will not end up causing further blockages. There is a meeting in January with the architect to discuss the fitting of galebreaker mesh at the top of the steeple.

It is nearly time to renew your Lottery Ball numbers. The 'season' runs for 12 months from February each year. Each numbered ball costs £12 for the year and you can purchase as many balls as you like. Every second Saturday in the month you are welcome to attend the monthly Draw at 11am in Church. At present the prizes are 1st Prize- £40, 2nd Prize- £20, 3rd Prize- £10. Please contact Maggie or Barbara to either renew your numbers or to withdraw from the scheme.

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Butterton Village Hall

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

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

It has been a very busy venue just lately. Since the last issue there has been

The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd. Over £700 was raised which has been put towards the rewiring of the Village Hall kitchen. Lots of stalls and games. Refreshments were available.

On Friday 9th, by popular demand, a Christmas Bingo. 23 attended and although some people had more luck than others, just over £300 was raised.

Please consider us when you are thinking of a venue for your event.....£12 an hour for Butterton organisations and folk and £15 an hour for anyone out of the Parish. Go to buttertonmoorlands.co.uk and click on the Village Hall link for our booking form. Don't forget we come complete with "Fantastic Views over the Manifold Valley"

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.

On Friday 9th December, we said our goodbyes to a past Chairperson of the Parish Council. John Graves died mid-November and his funeral service was at St Bartholomew's, followed by cremation at Markeaton. John had

served for over 20 years on the PC.

All Minutes and Agendas, the Clerk and Councillors names and contact details can be viewed on the website - buttertonmoorlands.co.uk. The next PC meeting is 10th January, 2023.

Future meetings are.....All Tuesdays.....10th January: 21st February: 4th April: 2nd May: 13th June: 25th July: 5th September: 17th October: 28th November 2023.

Thank You



A Great Big Thank You to my family, neighbours and so many friends, even from other villages, for their cards, gifts and visits.

I was overwhelmed by all the kindness and generosity shown in celebration of my 90th birthday. Once again, thank you all.

Fran Salt, Butterton.

Butterton W.I.

The tables were decorated for the Christmas party on the evening of 13th December. We were served the ever-popular Pie and Peas plus a dessert. Following the meal, Jane and Sheila led us in some singing. This evening concluded the meetings for 2022.

Butterton History Group

Continuing on the theme of Butterton Mill, evidence of its existence has been discovered from circa 1300. Unfortunately we are unable to have copies of these very early documents as copyright is not available. Stafford Records Office is closed at present whilst the premises are being extensively refigured. However, two photographic reproductions of 18th century documents have arrived from Stafford Archives but they need transcribing. A job for quite a few rainy days!

Halloween 2022



For those who don't use facebook we've managed to get some late updates:

The Halloween Pumpkin trail had an absolutely great turnout as usual. Grace Renshaw was the winner with her beautiful pumpkin Harvest house.

The Wakes made just under £4K profit and we were able to donate £1400 to both the Village Hall



and Church followed by £250 to Buxton Mountain Rescue.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Flowers & Cleaning for January
Liz Meakin

January Services

22nd 11.00am Holy Communion

We're still struggling to get back to normal but we've made a start at last !

It was great to meet for a marvellous Village Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall. Twenty Elkstonians got together for mulled wine and an excellent meal. Several familiar faces missing but nice to see some new ones joining us.

The Carol Singers were in good voice but reduced in number and only two homes to visit – thanks to Des and Myrtle, and Mount Pleasant for their hospitality. They raised a total of £165 for Shelter for Homeless People.

The Carol Service had to be cancelled again at the last minute due to freezing rain this time – the roads and footpaths were lethal!

A Piece of History from Elkstones



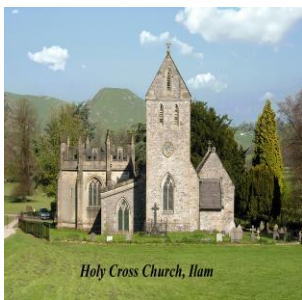
We had a lovely service to mark **Remembrance Day** on the 13th November & Elkstones was honoured to have been chosen to become part of the story of the **WW1 Battle of Verdun**. The vicar Fr. John told us how, after the Battle of Verdun, which was fought over 302 days in 1916 by the French who were holding out against the German invaders, there were **only two trees left standing alive** on the battlefield, **an oak & a horse chestnut**. The British allies fought the Battle of the Somme partly to draw pressure away from Verdun, in order to bring some

relief to the French defenders. A very costly sacrifice, as the loss of British lives was enormous. After the war ended, **the Mayor of Verdun sent a bag of acorns & horse chestnuts from these trees to Britain** as a thank you. Of these, one was planted at Sandringham by Queen Mary, two were planted at Kew Botanical Gardens & the rest were distributed around the country to individuals, groups & organisations in return for a donation to the War Seal Foundation, a charity set up by Sir Oswald Stoll to build self-contained homes for returning soldiers, with medical facilities on site. (The charity still exists, with the same aims, but is now called the Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation). **Lichfield received an acorn** & the tree grown from it is now over 100 years old. In 2020 Paul Niven, Lichfield District Council's Community Gardener, **collected acorns from this tree** & grew sap-lings from them, which were given out to a number of churches & schools in the Lichfield Diocese. The **vicar received a sapling for our Parish & chose to bring it to Elkstones**, partly because it should have a good chance in our quiet graveyard of growing undisturbed for long enough for it to become established. In time it will become a unique outdoor War Memorial & eventually there will be a **plaque to explain its origins as a grandchild of the Verdun Oak**.

Events this Month (and beyond)

We are hoping to resume our monthly Coffee Mornings around the Village up to Easter and we hope to gather again for Steak Nights at local pubs during the dark nights.

ILAM



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Holy Cross

Rev. John Austerberry, 01335 310002.

Flower and Brass Rota

Many thanks to all who clean the brasses and put beautiful flowers in church it is much appreciated.

6th January	Mrs J Oxtoby & Mrs S Richardson	Flowers & Brasses
13th & 20th January	Mrs V Nottage	Flowers and Brasses

Park Cottage, Ilam: We welcome Amanda and Russell to Ilam and hope that they enjoy living in Park Cottage and the Village.

Church at Christmas: Thanks to all who have given their time getting Church Christmas ready – it looked lovely.

Crib Service: Many thanks to everyone who attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Remembrance at Ilam

What lovely displays we had for Remembrance Sunday – many thanks to Ilam Parish Councillors and helpers for the marvellous poppies and Tommy Remembrance Lamp Post Signs displayed around the village.

Village Lunch at School

And what a super lunch it was to – good food, good company and excellent service by the children. Thank you!

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 3rd January 2023 at 7 pm at YHA Ilam Youth Hostel. 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



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

Mick Riley would like to thank the people of Warslow for their kind donations towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal. The amount raised was £250.59. Thank you all very much.

Warslow Pre-School

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Bingo-every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm: Lots of great prizes. All profits towards Warslow Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

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St. Margaret's

Rev. John Austerberry, 01335 310002. Wardens: Vacancies

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the December draw were:

1st Prize	David Robertson	£51.00
2nd Prize	Hugh Carson	£34.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.
Closing date for the January draw is Friday 13th January and the draw will take place on 20th January 2023.

St. Margaret's Wetton.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the church and community/social events this year. The bellringers, church beautifiers, churchyard maintainers, floral artists et al.

We much appreciate the warm welcome received at Tina Lucas's home for our festive coffee morning that raised just over £200, including the raffle, with special thanks to Nancy and Ann who always go out of their way to ensure the enthusiastic uptake of ticket sales.

Likewise, we are grateful to the Carol Singers and those that welcomed them, contributing just over £100 to support our church funds at Christmas.

Ongoing thanks to our Lottery funders and organisers, and also to everyone who supports our church and community in any/every way, a Happy New Year for 2023 is wished to all.

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