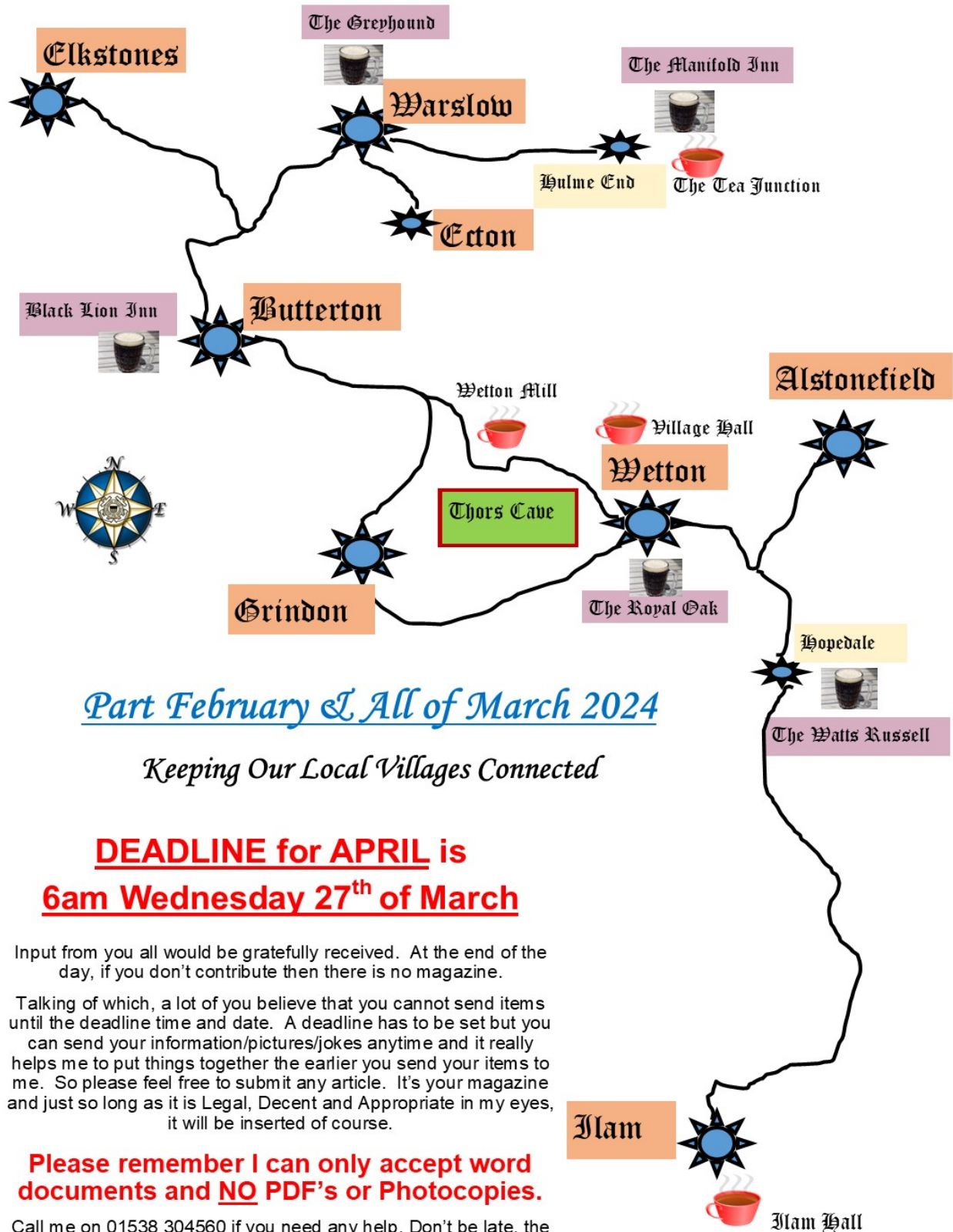


# VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



*Part February & All of March 2024*

*Keeping Our Local Villages Connected*

**DEADLINE for APRIL is**  
**6am Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March**

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.**

### **ANY FARMER, OR OTHER NEEDING HARDWARE? PLEASE CONTACT SAM 07985023135.**

#### **Are you an Electric Car Owner or Driver?**

**Whilst not exactly in our area it might be useful for you to know that  
The Peak District National Park announces NEW Electric vehicle chargers funded by BMW UK  
are now located at the following locations:**

Millers Dale Station, Parsley Hay Bike Hire Centre & Car Park and the Moorland Visitor Centre at Edale. Millers Dale Station and Parsley Hay chargers will be available to the public, and those at Edale will serve guests of the Fieldhead Campsite at the Moorland Visitor Centre.

#### **Listening to Locals - Peak District National Park's Roadshows**

A new series of Peak District roadshows will give local people the chance to share their views with National Park Authority chief executive Phil Mulligan.

The 'Meet the Chief Executive' roadshows are an opportunity to speak to Phil in an informal setting and to share views, ideas, opinions and other feedback about the work of the National Park Authority or the National Park Management Plan.

Events will be held regularly, around once a month, at venues across the National Park.

Phil says: "It's very important that we involve local people in our plans – and that means getting out into communities and really listening to what people have to say. I want the Authority to be accessible to local people and for our role to be better understood. Every decision we take is welcomed by some and unpopular with others. We cannot avoid such tensions but we can aim to be more understanding and enabling where this is possible and explain the context more clearly when we have to make a decision that someone disagrees with.

We know people feel proud to live in the National Park and I want them to also feel proud of the organisation that is helping to conserve and enhance the place they love."

The first of the roadshows local to us will be at:

- YHA Hartington – **22 March** (3pm-5pm)

There is no need to book a place or to contact the National Park Authority beforehand, just simply drop in during the session times shown.



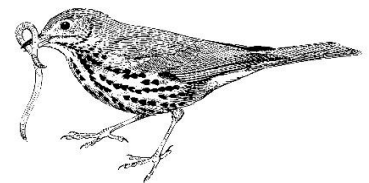
#### **The Storm Cock sings in March**

March is a great month to search for and listen to mistle thrushes. They start to breed in February and by March can be heard proclaiming from the tops of tall trees. Unlike other thrushes such as song thrush or blackbird, mistle thrushes are known for singing during stormy weather, hence the name storm cock.

They are also called Throstles, an old word for thrush. By perching high to sing, they amplify their already loud song which can be heard up to 2km away. Compared to other thrushes the mistle thrushes song is more monotonous and piercing but still a joyful sound to hear and a herald of spring. You can identify the three thrushes by their song and once you have learned the difference they are quite easy to separate. Have a listen on the RSPB website as a starting point.

Mistle thrushes favour parkland conditions with big trees and grassland, where they feed on a wide variety of invertebrates. Churchyards and cemeteries can be perfect for them having mature soils full of invertebrates, few or no pesticides and mature trees for perching and nesting. Many burial grounds contain evergreen trees which were planted during the nineteenth century, these are now mature and offer excellent habitat for thrushes as well as other birds and animals.

Mistle thrushes are currently in decline in the UK and churchyards and cemeteries may be important strongholds for them. We would love to know how many churchyards have mistle thrushes breeding in them, and if you hear one singing, this will be a male who is proclaiming his territory so a good indicator of breeding. Please let Caring for God's Acre know by making a record on iNaturalist, you can do this by recording the song or taking a photo of the bird. Alternatively you can email [wildlife@cfqa.org.uk](mailto:wildlife@cfqa.org.uk).



***Submitted by someone,  
for some of our older readers to reflect on***

*We often feel that we were lucky to grow up when we did - and would not wish to grow up in to-day's sad environment!*

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 1% ERS:**

"You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's and are the last generation climbing out of the depression who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war that rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from petrol to sugar to shoes to stoves. You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into tin cans. You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed on the step or in the porch.

**Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.** You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio. **With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside".** There was no Premier Football League.

The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like. We got "black-and-white" TV in the late 40s that had just BBC and no remote. Telephones often shared (party lines), but mostly at the end of the road. Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked. Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. **'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.**

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening (your dad would give you the comic pages when he read the news).

New roads would bring jobs and mobility. Most roads were 2 lanes, and no motorways. In 1935 the 1st intercity road in the country built for the motor car was the A580, Manchester to Liverpool, 4 lanes with a cycle track on both sides.

**You went into town to shop. You walked to school.** The radio network expanded from 3 stations to hundreds. Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.

**You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.** They were glad you played by yourselves. They were busy discovering the postwar world.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves. You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered. Polio was still acrippler. Everyone knew someone who had it.

You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. You came of age in the '50s and '60s. World War 2 was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. **You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.** More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

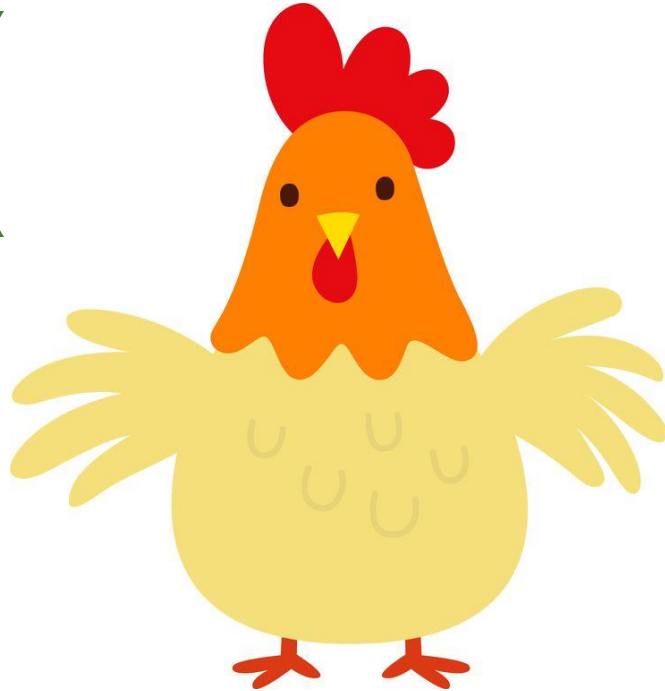
***If you have already reached the age of 77 years old, you have outlived 99% of all the other people in the world who were born in this special 16-year time span. You are a 1% 'er'!***

# Henmore Poultry Club

In conjunction with Leek & District Show Poultry Section  
& Flash First Responders



## Fund Raiser



# 'Cock & Pullet Racing'

*Saturday 30 March 2024*

*The Winking Man*

*Upper Hulme, Nr Leek ST13 8UH*

*7pm for 7.30pm start*

**This is where the fun begins!**

Contact Suzanne on 07518 074185, David 07732 864432, Dan  
07866 580834, Maria 07790 395270

# ALSTONEFIELD



**Vicar: In Vacancy**  
**Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant**  
**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

## Services February/Whole of March

25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
29 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Good Friday Service	Alstonefield

## Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the Porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield

St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items for please help yourself from the box in the church porch. All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.

## Alstonefield St Peter's Church.

### **Watch and Pray - Lent Course 2024**

**"You were created to walk and talk with the Living God.**

**Prayer is the most natural, powerful and universal expression of Christian Faith.**

**Why then is it sometimes so difficult?"**

You are invited to join churches in the Alstonefield Benefice as we meet to listen and learn from the first 4 sessions of **"The Prayer Course"** by **Pete Greig**



**Week 1:** Wednesday 28th February: Why Pray? "Lord, teach us to pray"

**Week 2:** Wednesday 6th March: Adoration "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name"

**Week 3:** Wednesday 13th March: Petition "Give us this day our daily bread"

**Week 4:** Wednesday 27th March: Intercession "Your Kingdom Come"

The sessions consist of a video, an opportunity to share your thoughts if you wish and a short time of prayer to put into practice what we are learning. There is no pressure on anyone to speak or share if they do not wish to do so. No matter whether you are an "experienced" prayer, or someone who has just "dipped their toe in the water"; someone who prays every day, or someone who prays only when everything has gone completely pear-shaped, this course will encourage you and support you in your journey.

**Week 1:** Will be held at: 7.00pm at the Old School House, Alstonefield

**Weeks 2-4:** 7.00pm, venue/s to be arranged.

Please contact Philip or Fiona Goodyear on 01335 310200 if you would like to attend.



## **THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE**

**This year's Leaden Boot is on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>.**  
**The event is already completely full with a long waiting list which is great news for our efforts to raise money for local projects.**

**We always need an army of volunteers to help over the weekend so if you could spare any time at all on Saturday between 9am-6pm and/or Sunday between 7am-10pm it would be greatly appreciated.**

**In particular we need people to help out both days in the Village Hall with food prep and catering for the masses!**

**All volunteers will be provided with food and drink! We would also appreciate any donations of homemade cakes for the event.**

**Please contact Mandy if you can help out with any of the above: 07779899860 or mat.1960@hotmail.co.uk**

## Alstonefield Village Hall

**Chair:** Kevin Stockton **Treasurer & Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

**Committee members:** See Below.

**Liz Power**

**Duncan Scroggs**

**Mark Smith**

**Martin Snodin**

**Dave Littlehales**

**Val Littlehales**

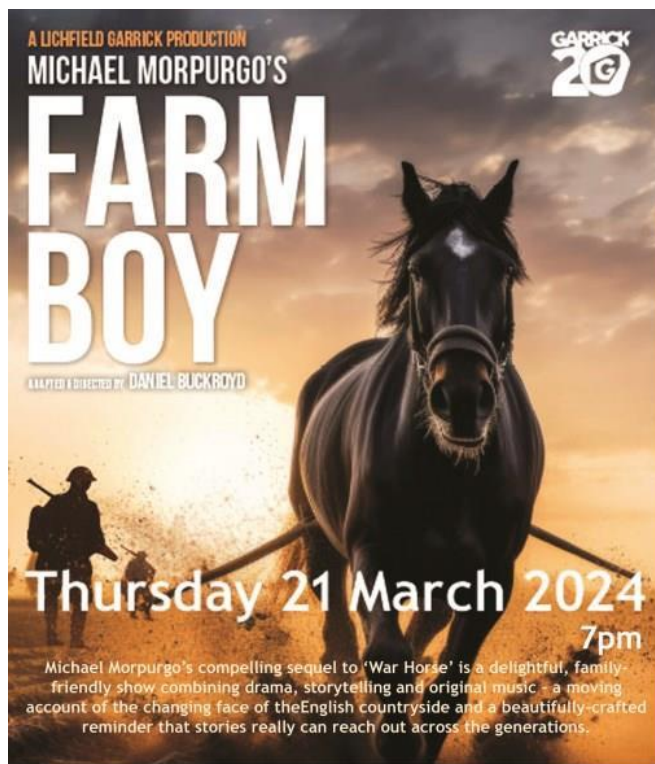
**Charlotte Jordan**

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

**If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please email:** [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

Alstonefield Village Hall has two family-friendly shows in March. Tickets are available on the village hall's normal ticket link [wegottickets.com/alstonefield](http://wegottickets.com/alstonefield) (or Farm Boy can be booked direct with Lichfield Garrick Theatre on 01543 412121). Both are selling fast – so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

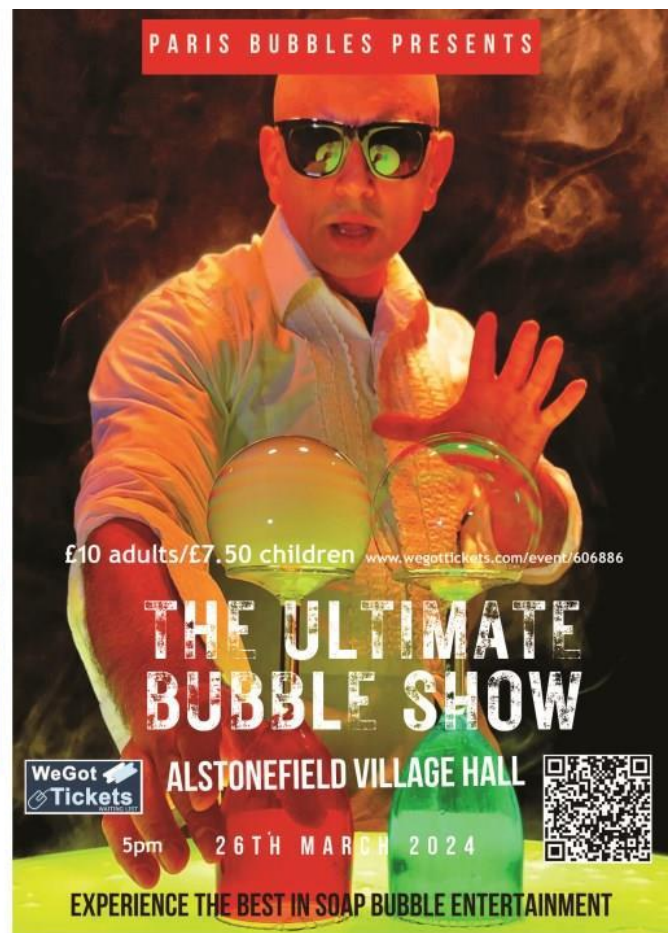
- **Farm Boy** (21<sup>st</sup>) is based on the Michael Morpurgo's book and is a professional, community version of the play currently showing at Lichfield Garrick Theatre. Great for adults as well as youngsters. Licensed bar.
- **The Ultimate Bubble Show** (26<sup>th</sup>) is a science-based performance that has been engaging family audiences in Europe, with lots of interaction on stage and positive feedback from everyone who's seen it.



### Alstonefield Village Hall

This is a special community version of the Garrick Theatre production showing 29 February to 10 March at Lichfield

Box Office 01543 412121 or use QR code



### “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 and District RVS Friendship Club

Members and non-members are welcome to join us for any of the upcoming talks.

Please get in touch with Fiona- 01335 310200 if you would like to come. For just £6.00 you can enjoy a talk, quiz, raffle, sandwiches and cake with a friendly and informal group. ***We do hope you can join us!***

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall	<b>Calke Abbey- from Medieval Priory to Elizabethan Mansion A talk by Colin Stewart</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 3.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall	<b>Ernie Allen- Memories (Member talk)</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 3.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall	<b>Henry Rusch- White Park Cattle</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall	<b>Francis Burton Medicinal plants from the garden</b>

## Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council –** Martin Jinks

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

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

**Chair –** Rupert Hignett (07904 187785) **Vice Chairman:** Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes ([Tel:01335 310057](tel:01335310057)), Mrs S Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)), Mr C McIlroy ([Tel:07930 001374](tel:07930001374)).

Mr M Newman ([mn821268@gmail.com](mailto:mn821268@gmail.com)), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Contact Clerk for details.

## BUTTERTON



### St. Bartholomew's Church

**Revd - Jane Held:**  
01538 262116

#### **Church Warden:**

Maggie Risby 304115  
Barbara Woodward 304324

#### **Deputies:**

Rachael Hopper  
Lily Hambleton-Plumb

### Services in Late February & whole of March

18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3pm	Evening Worship
17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Palm Procession
31 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	Easter Day

Altar Flowers: No flowers – Lent donations would be very welcome.

Cleaning Rota: Dorothy Glaister

**P.C.C. Members:** **Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115 **Treasurer:** Patrick Bailey

Maurice Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling, Maggie Rowland,

### St. Bartholomew's

First of all, the **Good News**.. No, not just good but **Excellent News**....Rev Jane is now staying with us until early April 2026. HURRAH. Our prayers have been answered.

**Latest update on the Tower**....Following a 'blip' during the last lot of SW winds and rain, we had a blockage in one of the gargoyles. Thanks go to Dave Aucott, our 'dangling off the ropes builder' who came out and cleared it within 48 hours.

We are waiting for the plaster to completely dry before the walls get the topcoat. So, roll on the warmer weather.

**Lottery Ball 2024:** All monies have now been collected and on behalf of the PCC. Can I thank old members for coming on board again this year and welcome some new members. Whilst having a bit of fun every month, this provides another stream of income for church funds. Half the proceeds go for prize money and half into the church funds. On the second Saturday each month, we get together at 11am in church to draw the lucky winners.

**Butterton Wakes Donation:** Thank you to the Committee for the generous donation as part of the proceeds from last year's Wakes.

### Churchyard Maintenance and Mowing

We invite tenders for the mowing and maintenance of St Bartholomew's churchyard. Our requirements are....Following the Churchyard Tidy mid-April, we would like 7 maintenance sessions plus possibly extra in July/August (for the Wakes) and in tune with the 'growing season'. That would make 9 cuts/strims in all.

Also tidying of the immediate area i.e. pathway and porch entrance if there is a funeral or a wedding. **You must have your own equipment and insurance.**

Please send your tenders to either Churchwarden- Barbara Woodward or Maggie Risby asap. Further clarification can be obtained from either Churchwarden.

**There are a few surplus 2024 Butterton** calendars for sale in Church at £5 each. Donations in the wall safe please towards the Tower maintenance.

### **Please Write This on your Calendar...**

St Bartholomew's PCC have felt the need to call an urgent Community Meeting to discuss our financial situation on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in Church.**

Please come and support your Church in its time of need.



### **Please Join Us**

A soup lunch is to be held in Church on Saturday 9th March.  
12noon – 2pm

Not so much a fundraiser more a get together as we look forward to Spring. However, any jam or marmalade surplus to requirements would be very welcome. We thought we could sell that towards church funds.

Come along, have a bit of lunch and a chat for an hour or so.

**All welcome**

***(Please Note that the Lottery Draw will take place at 11am)***

### **St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for January & February**

<b><u>January</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sheila McDermott	(119)	£40.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachel Moorcroft	(113)	£20.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackie Fernihough	( 28)	£10.00
<b><u>February</u></b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Griffin	( 141)	£40.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mavis Barker	( 8)	£20.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dianne Wint	( 60)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> in Church at 11.00 am.  
(Please Note that Soup will be served from 12noon – see above item)**

### **Butterton Village Hall**

**Chairperson:** Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

All is quiet for the moment at the Village Hall. Podium Pilates commenced classes twice a week in the New Year and we wish Louise every success. Bookings are coming in for Children's Birthday parties and we even have 2 wedding reception bookings.

Thank you to Butterton Wakes Committee for their generous donation to the Village Hall as part of the proceeds of last year's Wakes.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 7pm at the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear what's on our agenda for 2024.

### **Butterton History Group**

Again, a very quiet time, but there have been some family history enquiries in my email Inbox that I am trying to sort for ex pats. When the weather gets warmer, there will be an Open Day at the History Centre when you can come and browse our archives and library. The date is yet to be sorted. We are always looking for new material so if you are spring cleaning and find something you think the History Group cannot live without, then get it to Maggie please.



## Message from the Community Bus Shelter



We plan to reopen the Butterton Community Bus Shelter on Good Friday which is 29<sup>th</sup> March weather permitting. In the meantime, do not leave any books or bric-a-brac in the shelter.

It will soon be spring, which is the traditional time to sort out the house and your belongings. Do save your surplus books and bric-a-brac for the Bus Shelter when it opens. There may be someone local who could use make use of it, and it will help to raise money for local causes.

During the winter, the Bus Shelter may have been deserted, but your Bus Shelter charity continued. We sold excess stock at the Warslow 80/20 sale and on eBay. Also, the Bus Shelter was open for books

during two weekends during the winter. Cumulatively we raised nearly £200.

Look out for the April edition of the Community Magazine, when we will let you know about the plans for 2024. If you have any questions or seek information, email on [buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com](mailto:buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com).

### 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, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. As always, please put any queries **in writing** to the Clerk prior to a meeting, in order that sufficient time can be given for discussion

The next meetings are on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and then again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any issues to bring to the Council's attention then please let the Clerk know so that sufficient time can be allocated for discussion.

Following a major website malfunction, we are now up and running again thanks to Councillor Mike Stone's efforts. **Thank you Mike.** Access the website via [butterton.org.uk](http://butterton.org.uk)

**Further Meetings for 2024 are .....2nd April, 7<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 18th June, 30th July, 10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December.**

## ELKSTONES



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

### Services in February/Whole of March

18th 3pm  
17<sup>th</sup> March 3pm

Flowers & Cleaning for February/Whole of March  
Sally Faulkner



**Fieldfare – Courtesy Google**

Winter has brought large flocks of fieldfares and redwings from Scandinavia to our local fields and hilltops in the last few weeks. They are birds of the thrush family. The fieldfares are slate grey with a 'chack chack' call while flying in groups. The redwings look similar to a thrush but are a little smaller, with a rusty red patch under their wings and a pale stripe above their eyes. They all like to flock together to feast on the hawthorn berries along the hedgerows, and also enjoy the rowan, yew, dog rose and holly berries as well. There is also a large flock of starlings swooping around, and a couple of farms and gardens in and around the village have enjoyed watching their very own starling murmuration at the end of the day.

### **St John's Church dates:**

The February Service is on Sunday 18th at 3 p.m.

The March Service is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

All welcome at the services, with a friendly cuppa and cake afterwards.

**We are very sorry** to hear that the Rev. Nicola Pepper has been very ill. We wish you a very speedy recovery Nicola.

## Neighbourly News

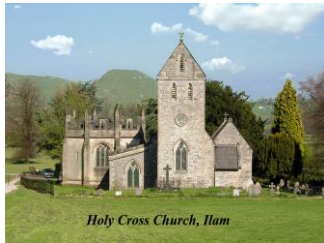


We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Brian Bonsall of Pilsbury Grange, Hartington. Brian died on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 aged 91 years. Brian was the precious companion of Eileen Lovatt and spent many happy times attending Elkstonians events with Eileen, and always especially enjoyed the Christmas Meal outings. He was a true gentleman and a kind and generous soul who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. We extend our deepest condolences to Eileen, her family and all friends of Brian.

## Ilam

Vicar: In Vacancy

Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773



Holy Cross Church, Ilam

### Services February/Whole of March

10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Ilam
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Ilam

### Late February/March Flower and Brass Rota

16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs V Nottage	Lent Brasses only
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ms C Hibbert-Foy	Ditto
8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs J Frith	Ditto
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs E White & Mrs B Temperton;	Ditto
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs E White & Mrs B Temperton	Easter Flowers
5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Mrs J Wain	Flowers & Brasses

### Easter Flowers and Easter Decorating

Should anyone wish to make a donation towards Easter Flowers please hand to any of the members of the PCC. Please note we shall be decorating Church for Easter on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March please gather at Church at 2pm.

### Easter Day Service

Holy Cross Church, Ilam has been chosen to host the Easter Sunday Service at 10.30am all will be very welcome.

### Search for a New Vicar

We are currently in the process of putting together the parish profile in order to be able to advertise for a new vicar. We also have to prepare a person profile, i.e. what we would like in a vicar - if anyone has any thoughts, please do let the PCC know.

### Crib Service

Many thanks to all who attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and also to Joan and Ellen for heading it up.

### Christmas at Ilam Church

Wow didn't church look great with all the Christmas art and trees many thanks to everyone who helped any way.

### 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 is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Ilam School. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

### Dates for Future Parish Council Meetings

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May & AGM, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### Ilam C of E (VA) School

After all of the wonderful festive events over Christmas, we've really enjoyed settling back into our usual routine at Ilam Primary School this half term! We've still had lots of fun though!

We kicked off the first week with an amazing gym festival in collaboration with two other local schools! We thoroughly enjoyed making new friends and learning new skills. We had this amazing PE enrichment day planned and when the opportunity arose to share it with others we jumped at the chance! A great day!

We've enjoyed visitors in school to share our worships. We always love Open the Book joining us with their interactive Bible story-based learning and Nathan always fills the school with the happy sound of song and music. We look forward to seeing them again soon!

Our weekly swimming, Rocksteady music and forest school lessons have resumed. We're really enjoying having Tanglewood with us on a weekly basis! We have so much muddy fun and the collection of materials for our bug hotels is in full swing! We can't wait to see what the children create! With our brand-new canopy to enable our lessons in all weathers we feel very lucky indeed!

Our EYFS children are now making full use of their brand-new canopy and outside area too. With the final touches to be completed over half term, we can't wait to add some more inspiring learning activities to this area!

We have also marked NSPCC number day with a day of fundraising and fantastic maths activities. We allowed the children the freedom to wear number inspired clothing for the day. Their imagination never ceases to amaze us! We also had very good reason to celebrate as our children took part in the TT Rockstar national competition to challenge speedy multiplication recall. We are so very proud to say that one of our pupils topped the national scoreboard! Out of some 234,000 primary aged children he came first! Yes, that's right - first place! An incredible achievement indeed!

Our Kingfisher class ventured off to the National Space Centre for a day of exploration and learning. They loved every moment and displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the day. We're so grateful to our Ilam School Association for all of the fundraising that they do to enable such opportunities for our children.

We ended the half term with a whole school PE enrichment day full of inclusion games and an amazing Chinese New Year themed crafternoon. Our Kingfisher class prepared the most incredible afternoon tea for our friends and families. As part of their DT project for the half term they planned and executed an amazing event! Huge well done! With a spread of sandwiches, cakes, scones, pastries and sweet treats, it was no wonder that they raised over £200 to develop a snug area within our school. We can't wait to hear how they want to spend this money to create this space just how they want it to be. We also managed to squeeze in a surprise performance from our school choir too! A lovely afternoon!

It may have been a short half term but we've certainly made the most of our time in school! As always, we can't wait to see what the next half term brings!

We have places available in all of our year groups in school, and welcome you to visit anytime, should you be interested in your child joining our wonderful little school. Every day is an open day for us! Please do get in touch!

*Miss Emily Johnson, Acting Headteacher*

## **WARSLOW**



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<b><u>Late February/Whole of March Services</u></b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Holy Communion

### **St. Lawrence**

The March Services, Holy Week and Easter had not been decided at the deadline for the community magazine. They will be available at the end of February and can be seen on the church notice board, "A church near you" website and in the Longnor Benefice magazine. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

### **Longnor Benefice Magazine**

To order or re-new subscriptions to the Longnor Benefice magazine the cost is £5 for the year and payment may be given to any PCC member. The magazine may also be sent by e-mail.



**Congratulations to Jill Clewes (Warslow) who has been awarded the MBE by King Charles in his New Year's Honours list for service to The Arts and Charity.**

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### **Warslow Moors Estate**



The Peak District National Park is to receive a Government grant of £441,070 to help conserve habitats and wildlife on the Warslow Moors Estate.

The Countryside Stewardship grant from the Rural Payments Agency will enable the National Park to carry out conservation work, including planting sphagnum moss and enhancing habitats, such as blanket bog, on 255 hectares (630 acres) of the Warslow Moors Estate.

All of the moorland blocks have previously benefitted from positive interventions for the environment by the National Park working with Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Ministry of Defence.

This latest Countryside Stewardship grant will enable the National Park to further enhance seven blocks of moorland on the Estate.

Chris Manby, Rural Estates Manager for the Peak District National Park, said: "We will be using the grant to enhance habitats which include measures such as rewetting and planting of sphagnum moss– it feels like we are able to put the final piece of the jigsaw in place."

"The work on the ground is designed to enhance and restore the hydrological function of blanket bog and wet heath habitat, to reduce erosion, slow the flow of water during heavy rainfall, retain water on the moors, reduce risks of fire, enhance blanket bog and wetland heath, improve habitat resilience and carbon capture, and encourage the spread of sphagnum moss."

In total, the Estate comprises 2023 hectares (5000 acres) of moorland, farmland and woodland. The National Park Authority has owned the land since 1986, having acquired it from the Harpur Crewe family as part of death duties paid to the Government, and worked consistently to enhance the moorland environment for its conservation value.

All of the moorland is of national and international importance. The moorland is in the Leek Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The SSSI was designated in 1989, and the National Park has worked to diversify the moorland habitat for nature conservation, aiming to achieve the SSSI 'favourable' condition. The area is part of the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) Special Protection Area (SPA) and the South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

### **Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council**

**Clerk:** Sandra Hampson email: [parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com)

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

**Vice Chairman:** Laura Gordon 01298 84984;

**Councillors:** Stuart Gould 01298 687190; Phil Moakes 01298 687238; Cindi Allsop 07870199578  
Mick Wardman

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

**Speedwatch:** Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council would like to hear from any parishioners interested in receiving Speedwatch training by advising the clerk at [parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com)

To enable Speedwatch sessions to take place, with a view to reducing the number of speeding vehicles in the parish, at least 4 people must undertake the training and subsequently be available to carry out periodic Speedwatch exercises.

The parish council would like to request that all motorists driving through the parish adhere to the identified speed limit.

**Repair Café:** A representative from the Staffordshire Repair Café recently attended a parish council meeting to provide information regarding the Repair Café which presently operates regularly in Leek. The parish council would like to bring this service to Warslow for an event on a Saturday, in the Summer of 2024, in Warslow Village Hall. Once confirmed, the date will be publicised.

The service involves volunteers offering their skills, free of charge, to provide a repair service on defective items. A donation towards each repair is welcome, plus the payment for any required parts is required.

Repairs on a wide variety of items may be considered, including small electrical items, bicycles, sewing machines, clothing, clocks, computers and more. In addition to the repair service being offered, the event provides an opportunity for social cohesion in the parish and also reduces the number of items potentially going into landfill. It is also hoped that some skills can be passed on.



**Dog Fouling:** Unfortunately, the parish council has received a number of complaints regarding an increase in cases of dog fouling within the village of Warslow. The parish council would like to advise that all waste bins are now dual purpose and can accept bagged dog waste. The parish council appreciates that the majority of dog owners in the parish are very responsible and that some of the cases may be due to visitors to the parish; however, it would be very much appreciated if all dog owners could kindly 'pick up, bag and bin' after their dog has fouled, for the health and safety of everyone.

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## WETTON



**Vicar: In Vacancy**  
**Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant**  
**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

### Services February/Whole of March

18 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion	Wetton
17 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Morning Worship	Wetton
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion	Wetton

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

The lucky winners in the January draws are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Linda Morris</b>	<b>£52.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Nancy Coates</b>	<b>£35.00</b>

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.  
The next draw will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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