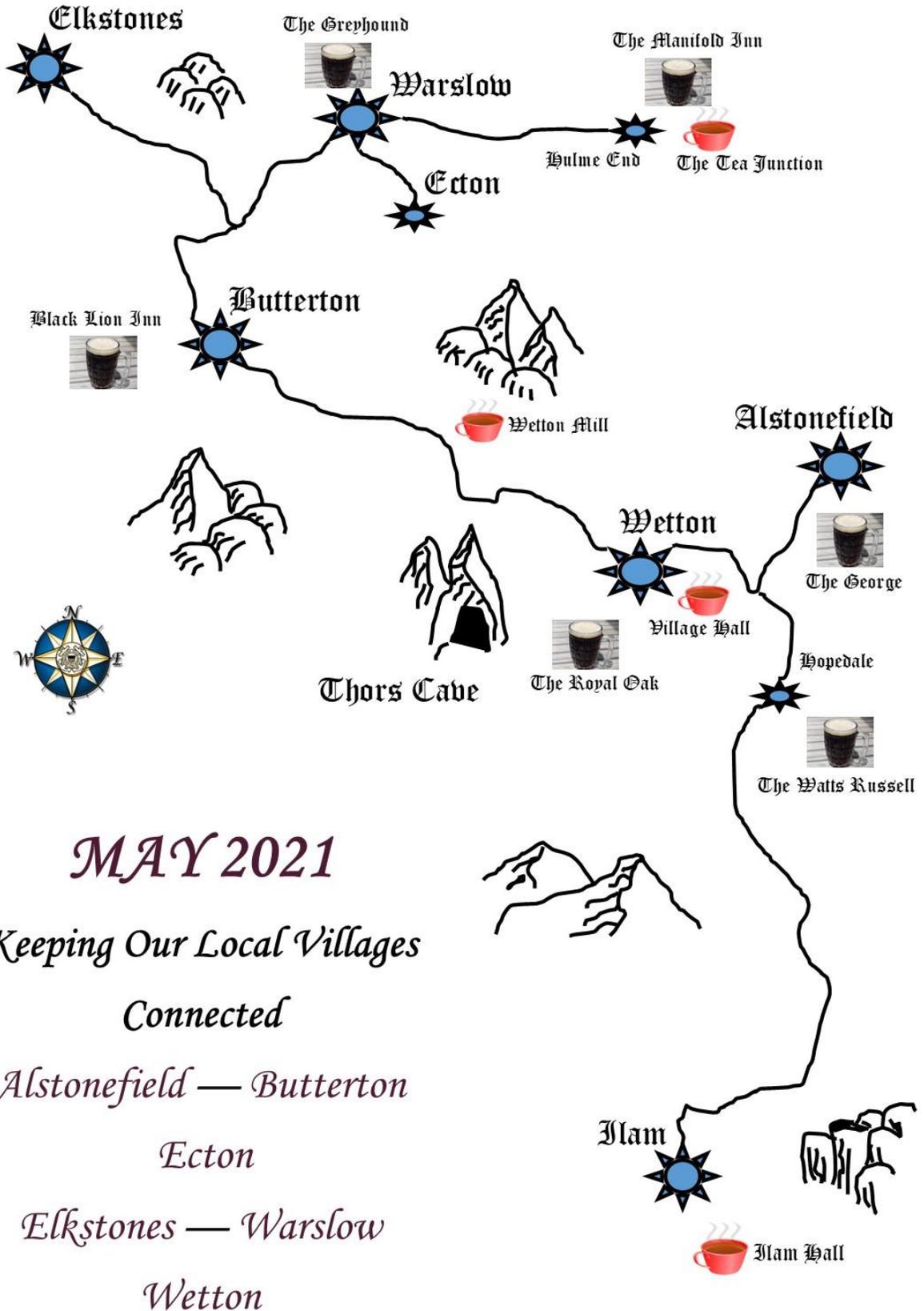


# VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



**MAY 2021**

*Keeping Our Local Villages*

*Connected*

*Alstonefield — Butterton*

*Ecton*

*Elkstones — Warslow*

*Wetton*

**Dovedale** is a valley in the Peak District of England. The land is owned by the National Trust, and annually attracts a million visitors. The valley was cut by the River Dove and runs for just over 3 miles (5 km) between Milldale in the north and a wooded ravine near Thorpe Cloud and Bunster Hill in the south. In the wooded ravine, a set of stepping stones cross the river, and there are two caves known as the Dove Holes.



### **Thorpe Cloud & The Stepping Stones**

The caves were used as shelters by hunters around 13,000 BCE, and Dovedale has seen continuous human activity since. Around 4,500 years ago Neolithic farmers used the caves as tombs. There is evidence from Reynard's Cave of Bronze Age activity, and artifacts found there are displayed at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery. Dovedale's other attractions include rock pillars such as Ilam Rock, Viator's Bridge, and the limestone features Lovers' Leap and Reynard's Cave.

Dovedale is notable for its numerous limestone formations. The most southerly named formation, Dovedale Castle, is a short distance along the river from the stepping stones at Thorpe Cloud. The limestone promontory called Lover's Leap is accessible from a set of steps. The steps were built by Italian prisoners of war captured in the Second World War and are now maintained by the National Trust and the National Park Authority.

At Lover's Leap, a young woman who believed her lover had been killed in the Napoleonic Wars threw herself from the promontory. Her skirt caught in the branches of a tree as she fell and saved her life. When she got home, she heard her lover was alive. There are other similar legends about Lover's Leap, including one that places the same story in World War II.

Opposite Lover's Leap is a limestone formation called the Twelve Apostles. The rock spires have been created from hard reef limestone; they protrude from the valley side, and the river has eroded the rock and soil around them. The National Trust clears plant life to ensure the rock formations are visible.

Dovedale is of special ecological interest for its plant life, particularly the calcareous ash woods, which are considered among the best in England. There are unusual plants such as Solomon's seal, lily of the valley, herb-paris and small and large-leaved lime trees. Birds found here include common kingfisher, grey heron and dipper.

Vikings settled in the area around 800 CE. Local place names such as Thorpe are of Scandinavian origin. These settlements became permanent, and Thorpe is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086

In 1931 Ramsay MacDonald's Labour government recommended creating a 'National Park Authority' to select natural areas for designation as national parks. Dovedale was one of the areas selected, and it was eventually included within the Peak District National Park when it became Britain's first National Park in 1951.

Dovedale became a National Nature Reserve in 2006 in recognition that it is "one of England's finest wildlife sites" with diverse plant life and interesting rock formations. The National Trust became embroiled in controversy in 2010, when in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council it oversaw the renovation of Dovedale's iconic stepping stones. It involved topping all but one of the stones with layers of mortar and limestone slabs.



Gentry comprised most of the visitors to Dovedale during the 18th and 19th centuries. From 1899 the Ashbourne-Buxton railway line ran to Thorpe Cloud station, above the village of Thorpe, making Dovedale more widely accessible to walkers and hikers of all social classes. Improvements in road transport facilitated travel to the area as well. Tourism started in the 18th century, and Dovedale is now one of the most visited natural tourist sites in Britain.

### **The Dove**

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

## Some Local Place Names and Possible Derivations

**Alstonefield**: refers to either "the field containing Aene's stone" or "Aelfstan's field".

**Blackshaw**: thought to have derived from the middle ages & mean "small black wood".

**Blore**: could either mean "Blister" or "Swelling" or to blow because of being exposed.

**Bradnop**: refers to a broad area of useful land surrounded by moors.

**Brund**: indicates an area of land cleared by burning.

**Butterton**: refers to hill pastures used in the production of butter.

**Calton**: means farmstead where calves are reared.

**Castern**: refers to "Caet's thornbush" - probably some sort of boundary marker.

**Ecton**: thought to mean "eccad's tun" or settlement.

**Elkstone**: means "Ealac's hill".

**Flash**: possibly derived from "marshy pool".

**Grindon**: takes its name from "green hill".

**Hollinsclough**: could possibly mean "holly growing in a steep ravine".

**Hulme**: thought to refer to "an island in a marshy area".

**Ipstones**: thought to refer to a "raised look-out stone".

**Longnor**: name comes from "long ridge".

**River Manifold**: from the fact that it winds a lot on its course - therefore "having many folds".

**MorrIDGE**: means "ridge of moorland".

**Okeover**: refers to the "steep slope where oaks grow".

**Stanshope**: means "enclosed stony valley".

**Swinscoe**: means "pigs wood".

**Throwley**: thought to mean "a clearing near a steep valley".

**Warslow**: possibly means a "look-out mound".

**Wetton**: simply means "wet hills".

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist.

The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength. After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," he replied.

"Oh, killed any?" she said.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

Husband: "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

A married couple are out one night at a dance club.

There's a guy on the dance floor giving it large: break dancing, moon walking, back flips, the works. The wife turns to her husband and says, "See that guy? Twenty years ago, he proposed to me and I turned him down."

The husband says, "Looks like he's still celebrating!"

A mother comes home from work to find that her kids are hiding behind the couch. She asks what's wrong, and the kids reply that aunt Sally was in the house naked. So, she goes to her bedroom to investigate, and she finds her husband lying on the bed naked and sweaty. She asks, "What's going on?" He replies, "I'm having a heart attack." She says "I'm going to call 999, while I'm really looking for my sister." She discovers the aunt in the bathroom closet in the nude, and gives her a slap, "How dare you! My husband is having a heart attack and you're running around scaring the kids!"

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave. The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?"

The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? A child? A parent?"

The mourner took a moment to collect himself and replied, "My wife's first husband."

A married man was having an affair with his secretary. One day, their passions overcame them in the office and they took off for her house. Exhausted from the afternoon's activities, they fell asleep and awoke at around 8 p.m. As the man threw on his clothes, he told the woman to take his shoes outside and rub them through the grass and dirt. Confused, she nonetheless complied and he slipped into his shoes and drove home. "Where have you been?" demanded his wife when he entered the house. "Darling," replied the man, "I can't lie to you. I've been having an affair with my secretary. I fell asleep in her bed and didn't wake up until eight o'clock." The wife glanced down at his shoes and said, "You liar! You've been playing golf!"

A magician worked on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician did the same tricks each week. However, there was a problem, the captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood, he started shouting out the secrets in the middle of the show, "Look, it's not the same hat." "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table." "Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?" The magician was furious but couldn't do anything, it was, after all, the captain's parrot. One day, the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself with the parrot, adrift on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean. They stared at each other with hatred, but did not utter a word. This went on for a day, then another, and another. Finally, after a week, the parrot said, "Okay, I give up. Where the hell is the boat?"

## Observations of Change 2

### Random Thoughts and Memories

Home schooling has now ceased for the time being, hopefully for a long time. Having more time on my hands and not being an avid TV watcher, I find myself sitting thinking. I will share a few thoughts; they may trigger some of your own. So, in no particular order.

**Nit Nurse:** When I was at school and my children were, every so often the nurse would appear, she was always nicknamed "Nitty Nora" or some other derogatory name. After looking in your hair you may have got the "letter" to take home. Then one of household would have to go to Boots the chemist for some "Prioderm" shampoo. We all had to wash our hair and then wait for some time before rinsing it off. The smell was somewhat distinctive.

In the late 1970's early 80's the lady of the household would announce that she was going to a "Tupperware Party" You would take her to a friend's house and fetch her back a bit giggly a few hours later, no doubt there had been gossip and fizz involved. One or two weeks later, this parcel would arrive. Inside would be an assortment of different shaped and coloured plastic containers. As I remember they did not stack in the fridge or freezer that well!

**Education:** For a short while I attended Warslow Secondary School, before being moved to Leek High. During my time at Warslow the headmistress was a certain Ms S.B. Wroughton, known by all as "Fanny". Here was woman with bottled Red/Bronze hair that could strike fear into the heart of any child! I met her a time or two later in life and she was a very interesting and pleasant lady.

**Social life:** In my later teens I worked part time at the Greyhound Inn at Warslow when it was owned by Jeff Wint. I started collecting glasses, washing up and stocking shelves. Friday and Saturday nights especially used to be heaving and I soon found myself behind the bar. Drinks of the time were "Double Diamond" Watneys "Red Barrel" and a small amount of "Skol" lager. For the lady it was a "Cherry B", "Baby Cham", "Pony", "Port and Lemon" or the infamous "Snowball"! I have made hundreds of those in my time. If the lady was being treated special, she would have a Brandy in her Baby Cham.

**Sunday Dinner:** As a child we always had a roast dinner on a Sunday, this was followed by a dessert. Occasionally we would have tinned Peaches with evaporated milk. This always had to be accompanied with slices of bread and margarine, "Summer County" if I remember correctly; this no doubt was to "fill" us up.

Hope you enjoy these "musings"; I will try and write some next month.

**B.G. (Butterton)**

**Ed's Note:** I'm really hopeful that there will be 'Observation of Change (4)' in the June edition.....Please



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### **Booking**

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## **Farewell**

**'Charles and Caroline Hurt have left Casterne and would like to say farewell to all their many friends in the area. Circumstances have sadly prevented us from saying our goodbyes in person.'**

## 41<sup>st</sup> Manifold Valley Agricultural Show



**It is the full intention of the show committee that the 41<sup>st</sup> Manifold Valley Agricultural show will go ahead on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. We will be working alongside all relevant agencies to ensure Covid regulations are adhered to for everyone's safety.**

**The website will soon be updated with this year's schedule and entry forms, this will be the central point this year for all forms, with none being sent out by post. Should you require help with these then please contact the relevant section leader who will be happy to help.**

**The committee look forward to seeing you all for a fun filled day of events and catching up with old friends.**

**Website: <http://www.manifoldshow.co.uk/>**

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Fixers wanted for a  
community repair cafe in  
the Staffordshire Moorlands

Electronics · Clothes · IT · Bikes

Call Hannah on 01538 304232  
07837 406923

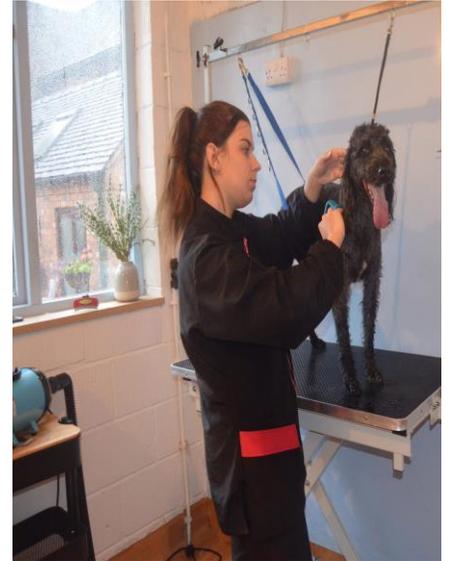
“It's a pipeline dream at the moment but I am starting to plan for a repair café locally, possibly in Butterton Village Hall. This would be an event where anyone can bring broken items to be fixed by local experts. Most likely clothes or electronic items or IT. Aim is to save them from being thrown away and ultimately stop waste and reduce our impact on our struggling planet”.

# New & Local

## Top Dogs



Professional Dog Grooming in a calm and friendly setting  
I am Fully Qualified, Insured and Experienced.  
Full range of services and all breeds catered for.  
I have recently opened and work from my salon at home.  
As an Introductory Offer - there is 20% off First Groom  
For more information/prices please call **Jenny Mabey** on 07752 655716



**Ed's Note:** Jenny is the daughter of Colin and Davina Mabey who used to reside at Ecton Lea.....nice to see her all grown up.



## D & S Chimney Sweep

Chimney Sweeping  
Appliances Serviced/Repaired  
Professional Brush & Vacuum  
Log/Multi Fuel Burners  
HETAS Approved  
Contact Steve Ball  
01889 591 251

**Ed's Note:** *I have been using Steve & his father before him for years. Excellent, Clean, Professional & Highly Recommended.*

## Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

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

### THANK YOU!!

On behalf of all at WACFR and our local community we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to Sally Stickland who has recently stood down from the running of the unit after an incredible 11 years of keeping us all going. She has truly given a huge contribution and we are extremely grateful. Thankfully she will still be responding!!

We would also like to congratulate our 4 responders who have recently passed all their exams for their FAQ Level 3 Award for First responders on scene: Ambulance Service Community Responder qualification. The dedication and commitment required is inspirational and we are all so grateful.

### REQUEST for Bodies!

We now have 4 new recruits who are about to embark on their training over the Summer and Autumn. We wish them all the best of luck. As a result, we are hoping to embark on a revamped training programme to give them as much support as possible and would like to ask if anybody would like to help with being a 'patient' so that we can test the various scenarios that we need to train. Please contact [Terry.terence@gmail.com](mailto:Terry.terence@gmail.com)

### Shopping?

If you are shopping online then please have a look at easy fundraising. We are now registered on the site so can receive donations from shops when you click through from [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) at no cost to you.

We are also registered on Amazon Smile too so you can choose us as your charity when you buy something from [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk). It's just the same as the usual Amazon website but we get a donation if you make a purchase on the Smile version.

*For more information about first responders contact Nicky on 01335 310296*

[www.wacfr.org](http://www.wacfr.org)

*Charity no: 1121223*

### White Peak Nordic Walking

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

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

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

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



### Power of Poles Intro Course

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

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

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

For details contact:

**White Peak Nordic Walking:** Janneke Gorzeman 07469895267.

[janneke@nwukwhitepeak.co.uk](mailto:janneke@nwukwhitepeak.co.uk)

Or book now: [www.nwukwhitepeak.co.uk](http://www.nwukwhitepeak.co.uk)

### Memories of meeting Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

I have met the Duke twice as I took part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. The first time was at an exhibition in my hometown of Burnley Lancashire. The Duke's mission was to see for himself the skills, arts, crafts, sports which young people were mastering to gain the medals which bear his name. The Duke was over running his schedule and a buffet had been prepared for him. We weren't allowed to eat it until he had gone. He asked us if we had had any food yet, to which the reply came; No Sir. On the way out he popped his head round the door and said, Go on then, tuck in! So, we did.

I achieved bronze, silver and gold awards and in June 1975 went to Buckingham palace to receive my gold award. Dress code was afternoon dress and hat and gloves. The award was presented by the Duke in the ballroom. After completing teacher training, I applied for teaching posts and at interview was asked about my DofE experience. As a teacher of 34 years, I continued with my involvement of the award scheme by helping pupils to achieve their awards. I helped with expeditions in this area, near Ilam, Manifold Valley and Dovedale. Skills involved included pupils working in teams, map reading, planning routes, camping, cooking and following the country code.



The DofE scheme has become one of the Dukes most remarkable achievements, equipping and empowering young people from all communities to build the skills, confidence and resilience they need to make the most out of life. It is as relevant today as it was back in 1956 when it first started. It now includes 144 nations. I am very proud to have achieved my awards and to have met the Duke.

**Sheila McDermott Butterton**

# Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

## Come and discover our beautiful pub

Our Beer Garden has been enjoyed by many over the last few weeks. Our beautiful views over the Manifold Valley are the ideal place to enjoy a pint or a home-made meal. All being well we will be opening indoors from 18th May and we hope to welcome back some familiar faces and new customers alike. Our menus and opening times will change as we move through the restrictions so have a look at our website or facebook page. If you're not online we are happy to chat on the phone and talk through our offerings.

## Your local

As we emerge from the horrible months of the pandemic we are more determined than ever to put our pub at the heart of our village and wider community. Got a fundraising idea? Need somewhere to meet? Desperate for a game of pool? Please let us know—we want to listen and provide what we can for everyone that lives alongside us in our beautiful corner of the world!

Ideas, suggestions and requests greatly received by Hannah on 01538 304232 or

[hannah@blacklioninn.co.uk](mailto:hannah@blacklioninn.co.uk)



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# ALSTONEFIELD



**St. Peter's, Alstonefield**

**Revd. John Austerberry**  
**01335 310002.**

**Warden: Vacancies**

## **Sunday Worship in May**

Sunday 2nd May	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 9th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 16th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield (Lay Led)
Sunday 23rd May	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 30th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Wetton (Lay Led)

## **St Peter's, Alstonefield**

**The wonderful Frank Lipp**, who has mowed the churchyard for the last 15 years, is beginning to feel he would like some help. If you, and/or your friends have some time to assist with mowing please do contact Frank on 310302.

We also would really appreciate it if anyone in the churchyard could pick up twigs etc. that have fallen as they clog up the mower. They can be put on one of the brush piles or taken home for kindling.

If you would like to offer a few hours to help with the upkeep of the church and churchyard there are always several jobs...! Please contact Carrie 310453.

**Lockdown Chronicles** – for your diaries: we will host an exhibition of Sue Prince's paintings at St Peter's Church. All being well the Exhibition will run from **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Sue will be on hand to talk about the paintings and we will sell refreshments in the church and churchyard. More details as the plans progress. Please invite your friends and family to visit or advertise to any groups you know who might be interested. Offers of help with the refreshments will be gratefully received.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL 2021**

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

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

These are available in church porch or contact:

Angela Campbell, PCC Electoral Roll Officer on 07970 609630 / [angela@angelacampbell.me](mailto:angela@angelacampbell.me)

## **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

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

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

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

Please join us on **Wednesday May 19th at 3pm**  
at Alstonefield Village Hall

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

**Ann Morgan**

## **Pop up Café is Back**

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

**Check with mat.1960 for Opening Hours.**

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

[mat.1960@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mat.1960@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**We look forward to seeing you 😊**

# THE ISOLATION CHRONICLES

A RECORD OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWNS  
ON A PEAK DISTRICT FARM



## Saturday 22 May

Sue Prince will be hosting a book launch for the village with two sessions, starting at 6.30pm and 8pm. Numbers are strictly limited to meet social distancing requirements and must be booked in advance.

Face masks must be worn.

Tel. 01335 310322

or email [avh.concerts@gmail.com](mailto:avh.concerts@gmail.com)

### Alstonefield Village Hall

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

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

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

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

### ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm Annual General Meeting

Parish residents over 18 are welcome to attend

Please note strict social distancing rules apply, masks must be worn and windows will be opened for maximum ventilation.

Information: email [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

During lockdown, the Hall has had a bit of an interior makeover and is looking its best. As the 'roadmap' progresses, we are finally able to confirm it will be re-opening during May for a greater number of activities, albeit still subject to social distancing ('rule of 6/two households' and masks). We are already open for the takeaway cafe and the Post Office, and we will be holding our AGM on 5th May. On 6th May, the Hall will be open for the local elections.

From 17th, subject to limitations on numbers, wedding receptions, children's birthday parties, exercise classes and other social groups will all be possible. On Saturday 22nd, local artist Sue Prince will be holding a book launch for her Isolation Chronicles record of lockdown (very limited numbers, 6.30pm and 8pm - details 01335 310322).

In addition, depending on availability (i.e. what general bookings are received in the meantime), we are also planning on opening the Hall one or two weekdays from 11am to 4pm, for Parish residents to drop-in and chat with others they perhaps haven't seen for a while. Nicknamed the Armchair Sessions, these will be limited to 12 people at a time (we have just 12 armchairs!), all 2 metre socially-distanced. There won't be any refreshments (feel free to bring your own) but for your entertainment, the History Group will have a slideshow running, showing recently colourised photographs from the Alstonefield Memories book, plus many previously unseen images. So, call a friend, drop in, admire the new decor and watch the show!



### **Alstonefield Cricket Club**

Alstonefield Cricket Club is about to start the new season. We are always keen to welcome new players from the area, whatever your standard or experience. Please call Jon Lane on 01335 310453 if you would like to **play**.

### **Alstonefield Parish Council**

**Clerk to the Council** – Liz Court, tel. 07746 833910

**Email** [barabarani@gmail.com](mailto:barabarani@gmail.com)

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

**Vice Chairman** Gordon Campbell (tel. 07919353800)

Nick Bonsall (tel. 01335 310262)

Rupert Hignett (tel. 01335 310389)

Alan Hayes (tel. 01335 310057)

Carrie Osborne (tel. 01335 310453)

Rebecca McIntyre (tel. 01335 310498)

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.

We are planning for this to be a face-to-face public meeting if allowable at that point. Members of the Parish are welcome to join us for this meeting but social distancing and any regulation as to the size of a gathering will need to be met.

If there are any changes to this plan, these will be posted on the notice boards and the village website.

If you would like to contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors, please use the contact details above.

### **“AVETS Remember”**

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

## **BUTTERTON**



### **St. Bartholomew's Church**

#### **St Bartholomew's PCC Members:**

**Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115

**Church Wardens:** Maggie Risby 304115,

Barbara Woodward 304324

Maurice Woodward, Brenda Mollatt,

Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Doris Wentworth

### **St Bartholomew's Church**

How enjoyable was it to see a congregation in church on Easter Sunday even if we still are unable to receive communion wine or sing, or being accompanied by the organ, HOWEVER we sang the last hymn outside! Because of social distancing it made the church seem full! Our thanks to Rev Arthur Hack for taking the Holy Communion service, his third of the day. Now to the disappointing news.....No applications for the vacancy for a new Vicar.....So, we are left to continue to care for our building, pay for its upkeep and organise our own services. Let's hope it won't be for much longer. Here in Butterton we are resigned to the fact that we have encountered one long interregnum when Rev Annie left us and we managed. We did it once, we can do it again. Our prayers need answering. STOP PRESS...The vacancy is being readvertised at the end of April. **We meet at 2pm on 25<sup>th</sup> May in Church for the APC Meeting.**

Presently there are 23 names on the Church Electoral Roll. A copy of this list will be put on the Church notice board. If anyone wishes to be added, please let Maggie know before the date of the APCM. Of course, if anyone wishes their name to be removed, the same applies.

To be on the Roll you must be aged 16 or over, been baptised and attend St Bartholomew's Church sometime during the year. Being on the Roll enables you to have a vote on any church matters and shows a strength and commitment to our Church.

A donation in memory of Ivy Peach has been received. Grateful thanks to all concerned.

### **Butterton Church Lottery**

There are 134 numbered balls in the draw and the winners of the April 2021 draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	John McDermott	(125)	£30.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yuri Shotton	(95)	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C & L Snooks	(64)	£10.00

Numbers drawn by David Bagshaw and the next lottery draw will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in Church.

### **Butterton Parish Council**

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk)

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

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

Having zoomed to our best ability for a couple of meetings, we look forward to holding the **Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Village Hall**. This is the chance for any parishioners to attend. If you would like to attend, please remember you will be expected to wear a mask. An indication of your intention to attend would be welcomed as social distancing will also need to be observed. Contact the Clerk- Maggie-01538 304115 or email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk)

The Parish Council are asking the community for ideas regarding a 'community project'. Funding is somewhat limited but ideas would be welcomed. Again, contact the Clerk or bring your idea to the meeting.

### **Butterton Village Hall**

**Chairperson:** Katie Murray 304168

**Treasurer/Bookings Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115

**Hurrah**, some enquiries for bookings at last! Time to dust down those booking forms. At least we open up with a redecorated and thoroughly cleaned Hall.

Two new picnic benches have been installed. Thank you to Tracey and Pete Walker at Four Trees for their donation of slabs. The benches have been paid for from donations received at the Bus Shelter for books, plants and bric a brac. Thank you to everyone for donating and our continuing thanks to June and Jeremy for monitoring the Bus Shelter.

It may be necessary to close the Play Area at the Village Hall week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May as the swings will hopefully be installed. If you follow us on Butterton Doubly Thankful Village Facebook, watch out for an update.

Polling Day will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Hall.

**The Village Hall AGM will be held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **Butterton Cookbook Update.**



Great news, the recipes are adding up. In fact, I received 6 over the weekend including some handed down through the generations in beautiful handwriting from a bygone age. Keep them coming. Old/new, handwritten, typed up. All are fine.

I have to admit with the better weather I haven't worked on the cookbook so much recently. It's coming though so keep me motivated with lovely recipes.

Thanks for all the contributions so far and the offers of assistance.

Yvonne Tel: 01538 304137/ [yvopope@googlemail.com](mailto:yvopope@googlemail.com)

## NEWS FROM THE BUS SHELTER



Last year the Bus Shelter hosted a very successful event to help fundraise for the village Defibrillator. You may recall that we had stalls with a game, produce and a raffle by the church gate, and in front of the pub. We plan to do this again on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.00 PM. We want to celebrate coming out of Lockdown and help raise funds for the Village Hall. We will still need to maintain social distancing, but most other restrictions will be gone.

Like last time, we will keep it small and short, so when we sell out we stop. It may be an opportunity to meet up outside, and chat with people you have not seen for a long time. We will update the village Facebook page with the final arrangements.

### From our History Genius

The Final batch of surnames as collected and recorded alphabetically by John W. Harrison of Greenlow Head in 1871 census of Butterson.

**Salt**- Of Anglo-Saxon origin. Common in Staffordshire (and particularly in Butterson!) An extractor or seller of salt. There is a village in Staffordshire named Salt (previously named Selte) now part of Stafford.

**Stubbs/Stubbe**- Dates as far back as Norman times. The name means a short stocky person. 'Stybb', an Old English word of the same meaning.

**Shenton**- An English locational surname, possibly from the village of Shenstone in Staffordshire. The hamlet ('ton') by the bright stream ('scen')

**Smith** - Pre-Anglo Saxon origin from the word 'smitan' meaning to smite. Originally thought to refer to soldiers who 'smote' but in later Medieval times it became more popular with blacksmiths, tinsmiths, goldsmiths and silversmiths.

**Taylor**- Of French origin from 'Tailleur' meaning a cutter of cloth.

**Tompson**- The son of Tom/Thomas. Biblical in origin. Other variations include Thompson, Thomson

**Titterson**- Of Anglo-Saxon origin. A locational name. Tytterson is a lost medieval settlement in the area of Alstonefield. (Ed note-Maybe Onecote/Grindon? Titterson Lane?)

**Twigge/Twigg**- A twig or a shoot. A nickname for a particularly thin person.

**Wheeldon/Whieldon**- Old English 'hweol' meaning wheel and 'dun' meaning a hill. Someone who lived in a 'rounded valley'.

**Wild**- Could originate from a high spirited or over boisterous person or could denote someone who lived in a large area of land specifically used for grazing (weald).

A useful reference for this (hopefully fascinating) bit of surname research- [surnamedb.com](http://surnamedb.com)

**Check out page 8 to see what Sheila McDermott was up to back in the 70's**

## Elkstones

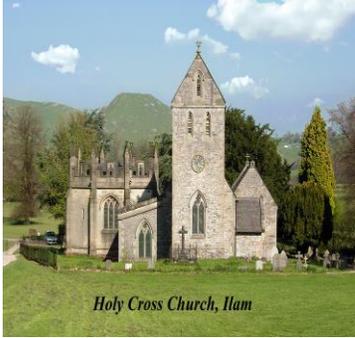
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**Warden:**  
**Miss Ellen Clewes**  
**01335 350437**

## **Sunday Worship in May**

Sunday 2nd May	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 9th May	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 16th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield (Lay Led)
Sunday 23rd May	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 30th May	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Wetton (Lay Led)

**The Annual General Meeting of Ilam Holy Cross PCC, will be held on the 17th May at 7pm, in Church, all welcome.**

## **Ilam Parish Council**

**Chairwoman: Caroline Sellers 01335 350368**

**Clerk: Paul Watson 01335 310321 [paul@prwatson.co.uk](mailto:paul@prwatson.co.uk)**

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

The next Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Dovedale House. The agenda and, after the meeting, the minutes will be available on the website

# WARSLOW



## St. Lawrence

**Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411**

### Wardens:

**Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568,**

**Reg Meakin 01538 304295**

**Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190.**

## Magazine Note's

Spring has sprung! As each plant and new life unfolds, let us take hope from these new beginnings.....

We are heartened to hear that yet more of our villagers have received their first Covid Vaccine and many have had their second one or are booked to have it soon.

As the grass grows our Church Yard team have also sprung into action – thank you to Steve Bentley for, once more, organising his team to do a wonderful job, which many visitors, to the village, praise and appreciate. Thank you to the team, as well, for giving their time and their efforts!

We offer the Queen, being the supreme governor of the Church of England, our condolences on the death of her beloved husband, Prince Philip.

We were fortunate to have “real” Palm Sunday service which was well attended- a real treat for us in Warslow to have a service in church – we were thrilled to have Nicki Pepper officiate, alongside Father John and Father David – we welcome her to Warslow, thank her and look forward to her working with us!

We thank Roger Pegg and Dorothy Mellor for kindly donating and arranging the Easter flowers.

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

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

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

### **Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council**

**Clerk:** Steve Mansfield Tel: 01298 83308 or

Email: [swmde52@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:swmde52@yahoo.co.uk).

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

**Chairman:** Mrs Jane Prince 01538 300225

**Vice Chair:** Mr Ian Astle 07377329145

Mr Charles Barker 01298 84716, Mr Doug Titley 84787: Mr Stuart Gould 687190. Mr Ian Astle 07377329145:

Miss Laura Gordon 84984, Mrs Amy Wardman 01538 304512.

**'myStaffs' app:** We would encourage parish residents with access to the internet to use the 'myStaffs' app. Within the app you can report a wide variety of issues or problems to either the County or District Councils, including Highways issues, Fly-tipping, Dog fouling and others. Simply search the App Store or Google Play for 'myStaffs' or at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/mystaffs](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/mystaffs). If you wish to escalate any reported matters, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

**Warslow Churchyard:** Father John Baines has notified the Parish Council of the necessity to close Warslow churchyard to further burials. It may appear that there is provision for several years, but underground drains running through the area behind the War Memorial restricts the number of burials. The Parish Council are considering areas within the parish which may be suitable as a burial ground.

**Parish Council Website:** A reminder that the parish council website is available at [www.warslowandelkstones-pc.org](http://www.warslowandelkstones-pc.org)



### **Summer Plants**

Pam has asked me to remind you that this year she is hoping to be able to offer the usual Bedding and Perennial Plant Sale over the Bank Holiday Weekend at the end of May (28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May) in aid of a local charity to be decided. This will be held at her home, Brook Roods, Warslow (opposite the Village Hall).

She also wants to remind people that this year they can still drop off their Hanging Baskets for re-filling and welcomes any unused planters or hanging baskets as these can be recycled & used to raise funds for the above charity/charities.

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# WETTON



**St. Margaret's**  
**Rev. John Austerberry.**  
**01335 310002**

**Service Times:** Please check  
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regularly for updates.

**Warden: Claire Day 01538 381773**

## **Sunday Worship in May**

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### **St Margaret's Church**

## **Church Electoral Roll**

Eligible persons, within the Parish boundaries of St. Margaret's Church Wetton, are invited to apply to be included in the Electoral Roll of said parish.

Please email Pam Weston-Clarke via [memsahibpi@aol.com](mailto:memsahibpi@aol.com) or telephone 01335 310257, with your contact details, as soon as possible, if to be included in this year's roll.

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

The lucky winners in the March draw were:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Hugh Carson</b>	<b>£52.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>H. Rusch</b>	<b>£35.00</b>

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**The closing date to join in the May draw is  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the draw will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am.**

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

***Thank you to all the people who support the lottery.***

### **St Margaret's Church – Treasurer**

**Our Treasurer is retiring after many years of  
service.**

**If anyone is interested in becoming  
Treasurer for St. Margaret's,**

**Please contact Clare on 01538 381773**

### **Annual General Meeting**

St. Margaret's Church Annual Church Meetings will be held on Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.30pm. This will be held in St Margaret's Church.

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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.

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