

# *Village & Community Magazine*

*November 2021*

*Keeping the Villages of  
Alstonefield, Butterson, Ecton, Elkstones, Warslow & Wetton  
Connected and United*

## Remembrance Day



**“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.”**

### **DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER EDITION IS 6am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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.**



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**Hoorah – Good News – Now Operating on Saturdays**

### **Cycle of Life.**

Casting spells upon the trees,  
Magic of the falling leaves,  
Colours fashion, Amber hope,  
Ghostly stories tales of folk.

To celebrate what's bright,  
For melancholy take the light,  
Autumn whispered tune,  
With fireworks above us strewn.

November in a spin,  
Easterlies frost begin,  
Carpeting the earth,  
Cycle life, reborn rebirth!

**Anthony Rhead, Butterson**

# Christmas Wreath Workshops 2021

Alstonefield Village Hall (DE6 2FR)

**Very Limited Availability Remaining**



**Friday 3rd,  
Saturday 4th  
&  
Sunday 5th December  
2021**



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

Morning Workshop 9.30 am-12 pm

Afternoon Workshop 2 pm-4.30 pm

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

Please bring gardening gloves secateurs/scissors and your own finishing touches to personalise your design

To book your place on one of the workshops or for further details - please phone/text/email/message - 07714041682 or [Suelovatt@aol.com](mailto:Suelovatt@aol.com)

**Payment required on booking. Limited places available.**

Orders currently taken for

Christmas Wreaths (Doors or Graves) & Table Decorations.

All individually made – for collection/local delivery priced £15-£30.







The Music in You and  
St Peter's Church,  
Alstonefield present

# sleigh bells ring



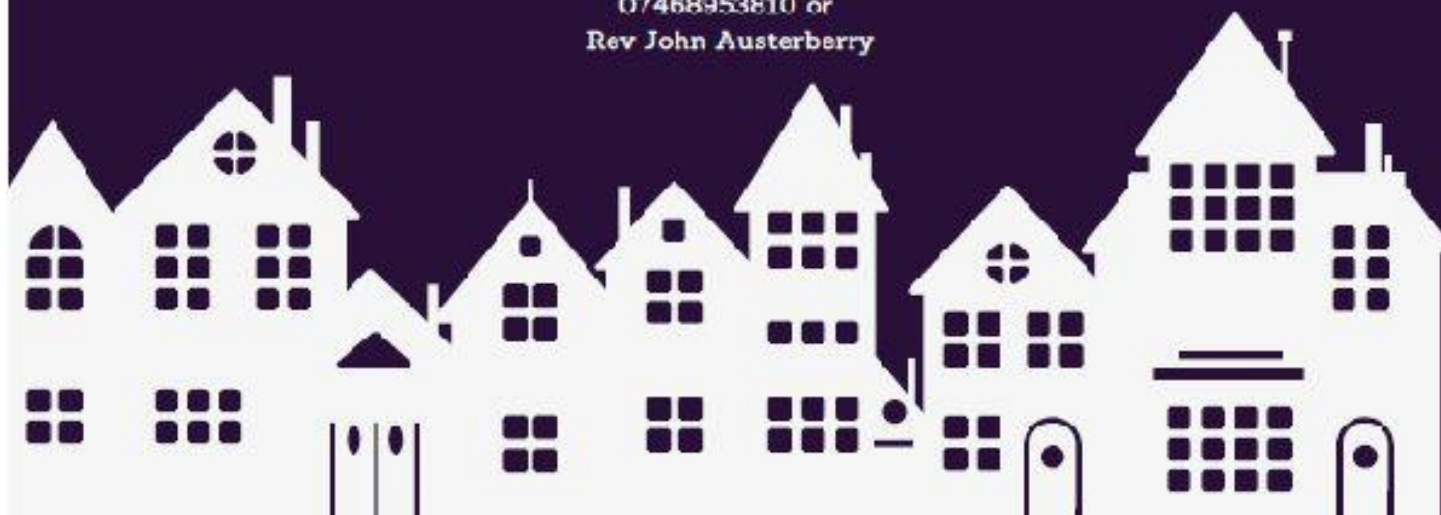
Join Ashley Mellor & Calum Roberts for an evening of festive music, from Advent through to Christmas, with opportunities for audience participation!

The concert will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Saturday 27th November 2021, 7.30pm  
St Peter's Church, Alstonefield



Tickets £10 available via:  
[orders@themusicinyou.co.uk](mailto:orders@themusicinyou.co.uk),  
07468953810 or  
Rev John Austerberry



## Smile Once in a While...

A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one: The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening. But when she was on her deathbed—and with her blessing—he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and £5,000 in cash. "My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was never to cheat on your husband," she explained, "but if I ever did, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll." Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box—that meant she'd only cheated on him once in 60 years. "But what about all this money?" he asked. "Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

A father shows up at his daughter's home and finds his son-in-law angrily packing his bags. "What's wrong?" he asks. "I texted my wife that I was coming home today from my golfing trip. And what did I find when I walked through the door? Her making out with Joe Murphy! I'm leaving!" "Now, calm down," says his father-in-law. "There must be a simple explanation. I'll find out what happened." Moments later, he reappears. "I told you there was a simple explanation, and there is," he says. "She never got your text."

After trick-or-treating, a teen takes a shortcut home through the cemetery. Halfway across, he's startled by a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, he spots an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at a headstone. "I thought you were a ghost," says the relieved teen. "What are you doing working so late?" "Oh, those idiots," grumbles the old man. "They misspelled my name!"

Sad news indeed...a proposed tour of Devon & Cornwall by supergroups Cream and The Jam has been cancelled after promoters couldn't decide which one should go on first.

An exercise for people who are out of shape: Begin with a five-pound potato bag in each hand. Extend your arms straight out from your sides, hold them there for a full minute, and then relax. After a few weeks, move up to ten-pound potato bags. Then try 50-pound potato bags, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

I said, "I love you so much. I could never live without you." My girlfriend giggled and asked, "Is that you talking or the beer?" I said, "It's me talking to the beer..."

This man was really lonely, so he posted an ad on a popular website. The ad said, simply: "Wife wanted." He was surprised the next morning to find he had over a hundred replies in his inbox. Unfortunately, they all said the same thing: "You can have mine."

Man: "Honey, on this Valentine's Day, I want to tell you something... I'm not rich like Jack. I don't have a mansion like Russell. I don't have a Porsche like Martin. But I do love you and I want to marry you." Woman: "Oh, dear, I love you too! What was that you said about Martin?"

An elderly man visits the doctor for a check-up. "Mr. Smith, you're in great shape," says the doctor afterward. "How do you do it?" "Well," says Mr. Smith, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, and the good Lord looks out for me. For weeks now, every time I go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, he turns the light on for me." Concerned, the doctor finds Mrs. Smith in the waiting room and tells her what her husband said. "I don't think that's anything to worry about," she says. "And on the bright side, it does explain who's been peeing in the fridge."

My girlfriend and I often laugh about how competitive we are. But I laugh more.

I invited my boyfriend to go to the gym with me, but he stood me up. I guess the two of us aren't going to work out.

# **NEW AND LOCAL**

## **Open Gallery Weekend**



Sat 27th & Sun 28th Nov 2021

10 am - 4 pm

**tea coffee cake**

*sold in aid of Wetton and  
Alstonefield Community  
First Responders*

**christmas cards | prints |  
originals | books | greeting cards**

Sue Prince Artist The Haybarn Beechenhill Farm, Ilam Ashbourne DE62BD  
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### ***Homecarer Available***

#### ***For short term help***

*My name is Dawn & I am an experienced palliative care OT who formerly ran her own homecare company for over 10 years*

*I can be available early morning or evening Monday – Friday  
and anytime weekends until you can arrange more permanent care for help with:*

*Personal care: Medication prompts*

*Meal preparation: Advice on pressure care*

*Moving & Handling advice*

*Advice on aids/adaptations around your home*

*Please ring 01335 310509 / 07949 191382 for more details*

### **Alstonefield Walk Group**

**Anyone interested in joining an Alstonefield Walk group are asked to contact**

**Hugh Tyler at Clayside Barn, Tel: 01335 310628 or email: [rt Tyler113@btinternet .com](mailto:rt Tyler113@btinternet.com)**

**Should sufficient interest be shown dates, times, routes and any other details can be sorted out  
in due course.**



## Yoga Classes

- Mondays 9:30am-11am - **RISE UP**
- Tuesday 7-8pm - **GENTLE FLOW**
- Fridays 9:30am-11am - **WIND DOWN**
- At Grindon Village Hall
- £5/class or £8/two classes
- All levels, ages and abilities welcome
- Qualified Instructor

**Please bring your own mat, towel or blanket**

**Contact: Becky Clayton, 07727101125**

## For Sale

**Local & Home Produced  
Christmas Poultry  
Traditional Turkey, Chicken,  
Goose & Duck  
Please Contact Myrtle  
01538 304225**

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Lawn edging shears	£4.50
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Tree loppers	£3.50
Garden secateurs	£3.00
Axes	£5.00
Rotary mower blades* (inc. balancing)	£5.00
(*blades must be removed by customer)	
Chisels and planes	£4.00
Electric hedge trimmer blades	£15.00
Chainsaws	£7.00

**Email: mrsharpystaffs@gmail.com**



**@mrsharpystaffs**



**07708 194467**

**Ed's Note: Just used Ken and can't believe the difference he has made to my favourite kitchen knives & hobbies gardening equipment. Highly Recommended.**

Annual Christmas Fayre

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021

12-4pm

FREE ENTRY

Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JJ

Special appearance from Elsa 12-1pm

Warslow Silver Band 2-4pm



Have your photograph taken with Buzz and Woody



Santa's grotto, 25 market stalls, tombola, bar,  
refreshments available, guess the name of the teddy  
and much more!

Please be mindful when parking around the village.  
Keep access to residents' homes clear at all times.

For more information contact Laura on 01298 84984



# Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Live music with JP and Milo

Free live music from local rock and pop duo all the way from Grindon.

Starting from 8.30pm



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Shopping Evening 5 – 10 pm

Join us for a special night of stalls from local artisans and makers, acoustic music and the first of the mulled wine and mince pies. Fundraiser with Butterson Wakes Queen for local charities.

Elodie Beau Interiors | Red Cottage Prints | Just Bakes | Soul Nuah Soapery | Peak District Candles

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Beer and Carols 8 pm

A magical night is in store for the whole village as we meet to get merry and sing some carols!

Christmas Menu  
30 November – 24 December

Our extra special festive menu is now available.

We are taking bookings for the whole of the Christmas season so get in touch.

01538 304232

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

# Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

## Christmas 2021

Spiced fruit loaf, homemade butter

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Spiced carrot and lentil soup, granary bread

Smoked salmon Scotch egg, tartare sauce

Chicken liver parfait, toast, spiced plum chutney

Half pork pie, apricot, marrow and apple chutney

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Turkey breast stuffed with sausage meat and cranberries,  
turkey gravy

Porcini buttered roast beef sirloin, seasonal vegetables,  
peppercorn sauce

Squash, chestnut, mushroom and cranberry bake, port and  
blackcurrant gravy

*All served with dauphinoise potatoes, maple syrup glazed  
hasselback parsnips and shredded sprouts*

Herb crusted cod loin, squid and borlotti bean stew, crushed  
new potatoes, lemon and garlic dressing

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Pear tarte tatin, Disaronno ice cream

Rum and raisin millionaire's chocolate pot, shortbread

Christmas pudding, brandy butter

Cheese board + £2

2 courses £23

3 courses £27

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# **ALSTONEFIELD**



**St. Peter's.**

**Revd.  
John Austerberry  
01335 310002.**

**Warden:  
Vacancies**

## **Sunday Worship in November**

Sunday 7th Nov	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 14th Nov	10.45 am	Remembrance Service	Ilam
Sunday 14th Nov	10.45 am	Remembrance Service	Wetton (Lay Led)
Sunday 21st Nov	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 28th Nov	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Alstonefield (Lay Led)

## **Alstonefield Churchyard Award**

Frank Lipp and Carrie Osborne went to Lichfield to collect awards for St Peter's Churchyard. A gold award and a nature friendly award. Thank you to Frank for all his mowing and to Paul and others who have helped keep the churchyard looking lovely. Bishop Michael said when he comes walking up here, he makes a point of enjoying the churchyard. Well done to everyone.

## **Pig Race – 18<sup>th</sup> November from 6 pm at Lower Damgate Farm**

This is a joint fundraiser between Ilam School and Ilam Church. The early races will start from 6pm for younger children. Food will be served at 7pm. There will be further races after eating. Proceeds to Ilam Church and Ilam School. Contact School or Richard Temperton.

## **Sleigh Bells Ring – Saturday 27 November – St Peter's Church Alstonefield**

An evening of festive music from The Music in You with Ashley Mellor and Calum Roberts. Tickets £10. Contact 07468953810, email [orders@themuiscinyou.co.uk](mailto:orders@themuiscinyou.co.uk) or Rev John.



**The Churchyard at St Peter's Alstonefield** – Congratulations to Frank Lipp, Paul Binfield and other helpers who have worked hard for St Peter's to again win the Gold Award in the Lichfield Diocese Annual Churchyard Award scheme this year. The judges' comments were very complementary and ended by saying; *"Thank you all so much for the hard work, care and commitment that you show maintaining this beautiful churchyard. Thank you also for the vision and careful planning that is so evident as you continue to develop this special place – a place of interest, peace and rest for visitors and a haven for wildlife."*

**Carol Suppers** – these festive community suppers will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. To reduce the Covid risk numbers will be limited to 50 each evening, with tables of six max. Tickets £15 for adults, £5 for children. We need more offers of help please. Please phone or email Carrie 310453 [carrieosborne2016@gmail.com](mailto:carrieosborne2016@gmail.com) to book or help. Many thanks.

## **Alstonefield Parish Council**

**Clerk to the Council – Sandra Hampson**

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

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

**Chair – Richard Butler** (tel. 01335 310620)

**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)

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## LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE 2022

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

**SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2022**

The booking system is open for new registrations and application forms for individuals and groups are available on [www.leadenboot.org.uk](http://www.leadenboot.org.uk).

Those of you with a confirmed booking for 2021 wishing to transfer from 2021 to 2022 must confirm this wish to [admin@leadenboot.org.uk](mailto:admin@leadenboot.org.uk) by 31 December latest to be sure of a place. If you delay beyond that date, then you will be put on the waiting list for 2022 but no place can be confirmed.

If you have contacted admin already and been given an event number for 2022, you do not need to take any action. You are confirmed for the 2022 event

You can join our Facebook group Leaden Boot Challenge or follow our updates on [www.leadenboot.org.uk](http://www.leadenboot.org.uk)

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

We warmly invite you to join any of our meetings - you don't have to be a member. We currently meet monthly for fun and friendship, entertaining talks and afternoon tea.

#### **Autumn/ Winter program:**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Greek Island Hopping with Rob Handscombe:** 3.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall. Cost £5.00. Followed by a traditional English Cream tea.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Dinner at the Bentley Brook Hotel:** Meet 11.30am for 12.00 at the Bentley Brook Hotel. Shared lifts available on request.

Please ring Fiona Goodyear 01335 310200 if you would like further information about any of these events. You don't need to book in advance for the talks in the village hall, but we will need to collect numbers for the outings.

### **Alstonefield Village Hall**

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

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

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

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

ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

**Saturday 13 November**

**CLIVE  
GREGSON**



*"More musical expertise than  
is usually good for one man"*  
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*"...state of the art  
in British folk-rock"*  
Rolling Stone

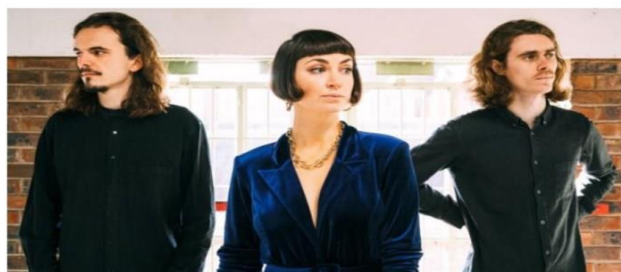
Licensed bar with real ale 8pm (bar open 6.30pm)

£12 advance – buy online at [WeGoTickets.com](http://WeGoTickets.com)  
or tel.01335 310322 (or em: [avh.concerts@gmail.com](mailto:avh.concerts@gmail.com)).

ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

**Friday 26 November**

**TRIALS  
OF CATO**



Licensed bar with real ale 8pm (bar open 6.30pm)

£14 advance – buy online at [WeGoTickets.com](http://WeGoTickets.com)  
or tel.01335 310322 (or em: [avh.concerts@gmail.com](mailto:avh.concerts@gmail.com)).

### **"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:** Barbara Woodward 304324

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

### **Butterton Church Lottery**

There are 134 numbered balls in the draw and the winners of the October 2021 draw are;

1 <sup>st</sup>	Liz Buxton	(62)	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julie Salt	(133)	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Coates	(71)	£10

Numbers drawn by M Woodward and the next lottery draw will be on  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 11am in Church.

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



What a lovely surprise to receive a phone call from Rev Jane Held a few nights ago. I have printed off her Introductory letter and it is available for all to view in Church.

Rev Jane has agreed to conduct our Carol Service on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm. We are all really looking forward to meeting her.

Our Holy Communion service is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Rev Arthur Hack will conduct the service.

Sorry, but no Remembrance Sunday service this year however we will be thinking of Eddie Mollatt, our 'Last Man Standing' who passed away a few months ago.

Jacqui Salt will be on Poppy Shop Pop Up duty on Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm until 4pm. Please support the Poppy Appeal.

St Bartholomew's has pumpkins but of the floral variety. Pop into church if you are passing and take a look. Thanks to Kim Kirby for the pumpkins and some of the floral displays.

Our Harvest Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October was well attended. Rev Arthur Hack took the service for us. Sadly, this year we decided not to have a Pie and Pea Supper, including the usual produce auction. Instead, a variety of dried, tinned and packaged goods made their way to the Foodbank in Leek.

Our next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Church.

**M.R.**

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

National collection week for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child is 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Pre-printed shoeboxes and leaflets are in church now. If more are needed, please contact Lily on 01538 304397

Filled shoeboxes will be collected from church on 12th November.

***Thank you.***





## **Butterton Village Pumpkin Trail**

Over the weekend, Butterton became a spooky place indeed from ghostly apparitions in the bus shelter to dinosaur monsters in Butterton Wood. In addition, we had over 40 pumpkins on show around the village trail and there was some serious talent and imagination that went into the displays and carvings.

Not only did it raise funds towards the community (amount to be confirmed) but it generated some visitors over the weekend, despite the inclement weather. A huge thank to everyone that took part and thank you to our judges too. We will announce the winners shortly.



**Photo Credits – Cliff Salt**



**Photo Credit – Kim Kirby**



## **Butterton Parish Council**

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

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

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

The noticeboard that used to be at Greenlow/Post Office is about to be re-sited on Church Corner, complete with a map of the Village. Looking forward to this.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at the Village Hall. As always, everyone welcome. Please inform the Clerk of any matters of concern so that appropriate time can be given for discussion.

## **Butterton Village Hall**

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

**Minutes Secretary:** Marjorie Renshaw

Gwen Bagshaw & Dianne Wint

**Bookings for the Hall continue to come in. Hire fees are £10 an hour for Buttertonians and £12 an hour for anyone outside the area. Contact Maggie 01538 304115 for more details or access the booking form on our village website.....[buttertonmoorlands.co.uk](http://buttertonmoorlands.co.uk)**

Hilary Bassett organised a Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. This was well attended. We were eating cake for three hours (how awful!) £365 was raised.

Our Christmas Fayre will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 11am-3pm. We are aware that Rev Jane's licensing service is on that day so arrangements have been made by those who will be attending both events. If anyone would like to book a table for the Christmas Fayre it will be £7. Bookings MUST be made with Hilary Bassett: 01538 304219. First come, first served...



## **Butterton W.I.**

Butterton W.I. have celebrated their thirty-second birthday with lunch at Biggin Hall. We meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. We would really welcome new members. Please consider joining us to keep this caring, informal group up and running.

Phone Jacqueline Sumerling 01538 304546 or Jacqui Salt 01538 304550 for more details.

***You don't have to reside in Butterton.  
Our meetings will resume in December.***

## **Butterton History Group**

We are about to order a fireproof safe for our irreplaceable Parish documents and ephemera collected over the past eight years of our existence. Generous donations to fund this project have come in from Support Staffordshire, Butterton Bus Shelter donations, Sophie Garnett (Butterton's Wakes Queen for 2019/2020). Thank you everyone.

## **Message From the Bus Shelter**

The Bus Shelter shop is well stocked with books and bric-a-brac; keep visiting and keep the donations coming!

However, we have a favour to ask. Nobody seems interested in DVDs. Please do not leave DVDs, as nobody takes them and, in the end, we must dispose of them. Also, for the same reason, we cannot take adult clothing. Finally, if you are leaving something for the community, please make sure it is clean and in good condition.

The delivery of the new seat for the churchyard has been delayed and is now due this month. The cost comes from your donations at the Bus Shelter and a generous donation from Chris & Pru Hayhow on behalf of their holiday visitors. The seat will be positioned at the West end of the church with a pleasant view looking towards the pub and the village. The base is due to be laid in November. It also will be funded by your donations at the Bus Shelter.

The next project will be to contribute towards the Butterton History Group's fund to buy a fire safe, as proposed in the October edition of the Community Magazine. This will be for the long-term safe keeping of irreplaceable village documents and artefacts. You can learn more about this by going to one of the History Group events or contacting one of the members of the group. This is an investment for future generations of villagers.



***Thanks to all for your co-operation and your again for your generous donations.***

# **ELKSTONES**



**St. John the Baptist**

**Vicar: Father John Baines**

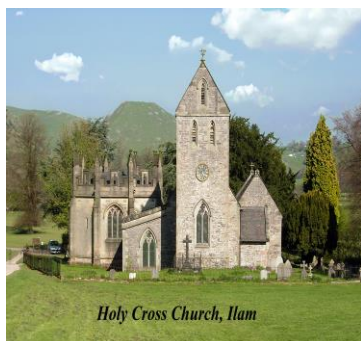
**October was a sad month in Elkstones** with two of our long-standing Members passing away.

Margaret Wentworth started joining our Society events with her parents over forty years ago and was a familiar, friendly face leaning over the farm gate with her dog and always ready for a chat. She went to our Village School with Des Alcock when it was still open then on to Warslow Secondary. She loved farming and her animals, farm sales and cattle markets. The highlight of her week was travelling on the bus to Leek Market Day on Wednesdays. A great supporter of the Elkstonians, the Church and our Harvest Festival, she will be greatly missed. Our condolences to her brother, Frank, and her family and friends

Peter Grant and his wife, Margaret, moved into Elkstones in about 1976 and started the Elkstonian Society and the Youth Club in 1980. The children have grown up and people have moved into and out of the Village but the Society continues to welcome everybody and hold the Village together. Peter himself was a larger-than-life character and was always at the centre of any fun and games and usually wearing extravagant fancy dress or disguise. He also wrote the first history of Elkstones in 1995 which gave us the idea for the second book "Elkstones at 800 Years" to which he contributed photographs and more history. Peter will also be missed and our thoughts are with Margaret and their family and friends.

Diary Date – Elkstones Christmas Carol Service. 7pm on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, in St. John's Church

## **ILAM**



### **Holy Cross**

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John Austerberry.  
01335 310002**

**Warden:  
Miss Ellen Clewes  
01335 350437**

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### **Harvest Service, Supper and Sale**

Our thanks go to Rev John for a lovely harvest service. It was a doubly busy time as Rev. John on behalf of Ilam PCC presented Ian Smith with a "Sue Prince" painting following his retirement from the committee after 50 years of service.

**Many thanks to Jo Green and her team** at Dovedale House for a delicious Harvest Supper and for doing all the behind the scenes work before and after the evening. Once again, the Ilam Ladies provided us with some superb trifles to round off our meal - thank you ladies from everyone.

**A big thank you to local auctioneer Robert Watkins** for selling the produce and making it a very entertaining evening - parting with cash has never been so painless!

**A massive thank you to all at Ilam School** for their lovely harvest donations which were very gratefully received by both Ilam Church and Ashbourne Food Bank.

### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE**

Our Remembrance Service is on Sunday 14th November starting at 10.45am and will be led by Rev John

### **FLOWER AND BRASS ROTA**

Many thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who do such a superb job of keeping the brasses sparkling and providing lovely flowers at the altar - the 2021/2022 rota's will be with you shortly.

5th November 2021	Mrs C Rowlinson	Brasses and Flowers
12th November 2021	Mrs C Rowlinson	Brasses and Flowers
19th November 2021	Mrs A Sutton & Mrs S Prince	Brasses and Flowers
29th November 2021	Mrs A Sutton & Mrs S Prince	Brasses and Flowers
3rd December 2021	Mrs J Oxtoby & Mrs S Richardson	Brasses and Flowers
10th December 2021	Mrs J Oxtoby & Mrs S Richardson	Brasses and Flowers

**"Paul & Ruth** would like to thank Ilam PCC for the flowers, wine and marvellous send-off we got at the Harvest Supper. Thanks too to all those in and around Ilam for their friendship that made our 30-year stay so pleasant. We will miss you all but we're only at Matlock so sure to see you from time to time."

### **Ilam Parish Council**

**Chairwoman: Caroline Sellers 01335 350368**

**Clerk: Paul Watson 01335 310321 paul@prwatson.co.uk**

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

### **News from Ilam C of E (VA) School: 2021**

As this half term 1 draws to a close, the signs of Autumn are very evident around Ilam. The children have been investigating and observing the different signs of Autumn by taking walks, creating Art, and writing about Harvest time. We celebrated the school Harvest festival with a service led by Rev John. The church was filled with the many donations of fresh food and dried food. The generosity is a clear testament to the support of all the families connected to our school.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October we held our first Geography themed day. The children arrived at school dressed in an outfit relating to many different countries from around the world. They all looked amazing! During the day, the children were grouped into mixed age groups and travelled to four different countries to experience the traditions and learn about the features of each particular country. Passports were completed and by the end of the day, all the children have visited Tanzania, Iceland, Costa Rica, and Vietnam! We are planning other focused days throughout the school year. Our History Day is planned for after Christmas. ***Mrs Rachel Linton: Head of School, Ilam C of E(VA) School***

## **WARSLOW**

### **St. Lawrence**

**Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411**

### **Wardens:**

**Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568,**

**Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190.**



### **Services**

The wearing of masks is optional and Holy Communion will be as normal, communicants can now take wine. Hand sanitiser is still to be used.

### **Flower Festival**

As noted in last month's magazine our Flower Festival and Harvest weekend, was successful and we raised £601 – thanks you to everyone who gave so much in their time and monies – everyone has made a difference!

If you still want to support the Church you can make a donation to the Church. Please pass to Rachel, Judy or Emma.

### **Illness**

We are sorry to hear that yet more of our community have suffered with Covid 19 over the last few months. We hope that they will re- habilitate quickly – we all need to play our part protect each other and look out for each other.



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.

We are sorry to lose John Cooper from our community and wish him well in his new home, with Toby.

### Remembrance

November is a very important month of Remembrance, with All Souls, where we remember the departed and Remembrance Sunday, where we remember the valiant fallen and those who bravely serve.

Our Remembrance Sunday Service will be on 14th November at 10:30am, please do your best to attend.

### Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Vacancy – see below.

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

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Vice Chair: Nik Searson 07790 354330

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### Bingo

Bingo has restarted at Warslow Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the hall. Any enquiries contact Pam on 01298 687452.

## Warslow Christmas Lights Competition

This year we're spreading a little Christmas cheer by lighting up our homes and making our lovely little village a place to visit.

Decorations/lights will be up by 18<sup>th</sup> December until 1<sup>st</sup> January. Judging will take place during this period.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes up for grabs.

Please see the map of all the homes taking part up to present. If you would like your home adding to the map, please contact Laura.



## Warslow Silver Band Christmas Concert

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021

7pm start, doors will open at 6.30pm

Raffle and bar available

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### History Live

History live is a friendly group which meets at Warslow Village Hall at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month between September and May to listen to knowledgeable and entertaining speakers and enjoy sharing an interest in local history. Entrance is £3 per meeting including a hot drink and homemade cake.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- The railway from Matlock to Buxton.

December 8<sup>th</sup>- The Victorians and the Christmas Season.

It's that time of year again where we're looking for donations of raffle or tombola prizes for our forthcoming events. Any prizes would be much appreciated, please drop them into Holly Bank or contact Laura. Thank you.

If you could spare an hour to help Laura pop up the Christmas decs at the hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2-4pm. Any help would be much appreciated.

Thank you to Nik and Doug for helping put up/take down the lamp post poppies this year.

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Victoria!



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## **Wetton Hub**

**Hello to everyone who may be interested in the prospect of regularly meeting up socially, but safely.**

**A "cuppa", and some discourse is expected, for those interested enough to turn up, who may then formulate any agenda for subsequent meetings....? book club, arts/crafts, wellbeing, ..or perhaps a "pudding club", as per one suggestion so far!**

**If you are interested, please call on 01335 310257, with preferred days and times (day/evening) and/or attend an inaugural meeting on Saturday 6th. November at 14.00 (2 p. m.), in St. Margaret's church, Wetton.**

**Pam and John**

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

The lucky winners in the October draw were:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Ann Prince</b>	<b>£52.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Lynne Imeson</b>	<b>£35.00</b>

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.  
You can of course pay by monthly standing order and never miss a draw. Ask Margaret (310244) for the bank details.

**The closing date to join for the November draw is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the draw will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. Thank you to all the people who support the lottery.**

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## St Margaret's Church – Treasurer

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

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