

Village & Community Magazine

June 2022

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United



The Queen marked her 70th year on the throne on 6 February this year, but she is not celebrating her Platinum Jubilee until June. The reason for this is because 6 February also marks the anniversary of her father's death, as she ascended the throne the day that King George VI died in 1952.

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY EDITION IS 6am on Monday 27th JUNE

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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Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

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

We thank the following for their recent generous donations to support our work: the family and friends of the late Frank Redfern and of the late John Dutton; the Trustees of the Dovedale Arts Festival in memory of the late Andrew Sebire; the customers and staff of the Watts Russell Arms and of the Manifold Inn. These donations indicate the range and depth of support that WACFR is privileged to receive from our communities.

"SPARE" DEFIBRILLATOR

We now have a spare defibrillator that can be provided on short-term loan to any village should your local defibrillator become inactive (e.g., sent away for repair, awaiting replacement pads/battery). If you need to make use of this offer, please contact us using the details below.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking for someone locally who could take over the administration and management of our website, it requires an overhaul and refresh. If you are able to assist, please contact us using the details below.

If you are interested in learning about becoming a Community First Responder, please contact either:

Denise Noble: (07973) 730775 or Mike Tidmarsh: (07931) 558541

Email: wacfr.staffs@gmail.com

Registered Charity Number: 1121223

Smile Once in a While...

Three ladies are chipping up to the fourth hole at the golf club when a naked man wearing a paper bag over his head runs across the green.

The ladies stand in awe at the size of his manhood.

The first says he's definitely not my husband.

The second says he is not mine either.

The third after a considerable inspection says he's not even a member of this golf club.

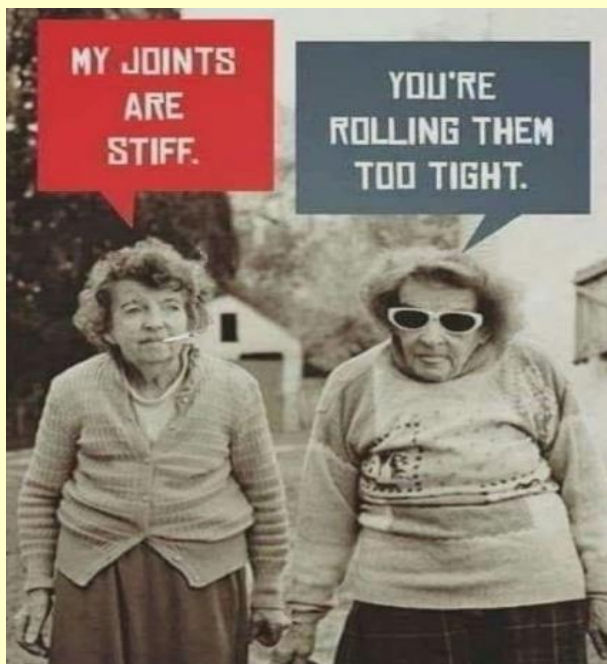
Paddy says to Mick I'm getting circumcised tomorrow.

Mick says he had it done when he was a few days old.

Paddy asks did it hurt.

Micks says well he couldn't walk for about a year afterwards.

A Spanish captain was walking on his ship when a soldier rushes to him and exclaims, "An enemy ship is approaching us!" The captain replies calmly, "Go get my red shirt." The soldier gets the shirt for the captain. The enemy ship comes in and heavy rounds of fire are exchanged. Finally, the Spaniards win. The soldier asks, "Congrats sir, but why the red shirt?" The captain replies, "If I got injured, my blood shouldn't be seen, as I didn't want my men to lose hope." Just then, another soldier runs up and says, "Sir, we just spotted another twenty enemy ships!" The captain calmly replies, "Go bring my brown trousers."



A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later." The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"

A man is drinking in a bar when he notices a beautiful young lady. "Hello there and what is your name?" "Hello," giggles the woman, "I'm Stacey. What's yours?" "I'm Jim." "Jim, do you want to come over to my house tonight?" "Sure!" replies Jim. "Let's go!" At Stacey's house, Jim notices a picture of a man on Stacey's desk and asks, "Is this your brother?" "No, it isn't, Jim!" Stacey giggles. "Is it your husband?" Stacey giggles even more, "No, silly!" "Then, it must be your boyfriend!" Stacey giggles even more while nibbling on Jim's ear. She says, "No, silly!" "Then, who is it?" Stacey replies, "That's me before my operation!"

An investigative journalist went to Afghanistan to study the culture and was shocked to discover that women were made to walk ten paces behind the men. She asked her guide why and he said, "Because they are considered of lesser status." Outraged the journalist went home. A year later she returned covering violence in the region and was surprised to see the women walking ten paces ahead. She turned to her guide and this time asked, "What has changed?" The guide answered, "Land mines."

A completely inebriated man was stumbling down the street with one foot on the curb and one foot in the gutter. A cop pulled up and said, "I've got to take you in pal. You're obviously drunk." The wasted man asked, "Officer, are ya absolutely sure I'm drunk?" "Yeah buddy, I'm sure," said the cop, "Let's go." Breathing a sigh of relief, the wino said, "Thank goodness. I thought I was crippled."

Milldale Chapel

As in the past, there will be three services this summer in the lovely little chapel in the valley, at 7.00pm on the first Wednesday in June, July and August. On 1st June the service will be led by Lorraine Hawkins, on 6th July by Rev Tim Morris and on 3rd August by Rev David Leese. Everyone is very welcome to come to any of these services, which will be simple and quiet. We look forward to seeing you there.



Moorlands Connect is a Demand Responsive Door-to-Door bus service connecting villages throughout the Staffordshire Moorlands with Leek, Ashbourne, Buxton and Cheadle.

For workers, shoppers, walkers, cyclists, visits to the area's market towns and major attractions, or simply a trip to your favourite hotel, restaurant or

pub. **Leave the car (or motorhome) behind and make your journey with us!** Cycles and dogs welcome please mention when booking.

Booking: Booking is simple and can be made up to 2 hours before travel time. Monday - Saturday by phone or text and 24 hours in advance by email (to ensure availability). **Call: 01335 342951, Text: 07946 365256, mail: bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk**

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This is a Valuable Community Service, which if we Don't Use, we will lose

Donations Received for The Community Magazine

We gratefully acknowledge with thanks the following donation:

Suzanne Sheldon for "Rural Reflections" - Article on Page 6

Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Melanie (Treasurer) on: 01538 304504 or email: middletownbarn@gmail.com

Recipe/Tip of the Month

Cooking Chick Peas the Batch Way:



Dried chick peas are substantially cheaper than tins and actually taste better too. To avoid all the overnight soaking and to always have some available, I use the Hairy Bikers approach of covering 500g chick peas in water, bringing to a fast boil for a minute before leaving for an hour. Then drain and cover again with water and boil for about 45 minutes. Leave for longer if they are not cooked. Chick peas freeze very well and can be used straight from the freezer in hummus, salads, stir fry dishes, curries etc.

Brown rice also freezes very well so make double of that next time too.

Y.P. Butterson

Tedesca Quartet



Alstonefield Village Hall
DE6 2FR

3 PM

Haydn Quartet in C Major, Op 20 No 2

Ravel Quartet in F Major

Beethoven Quartet in E Flat Major, Op 74
"The Harp"

Tickets £20, under-18s £5

To book tickets, contact Margaret

cohenmargaret@aol.com

01335 310381 - 07506687660

Or Richard munceyrichard@gmail.com

Saturday 9th July
2022

THE MOORLANDS TOP TEN

A brand-new event to incorporate the 'Moorlands Master Gardener' including vegetables
'Moorlands Master Floral Artist'
'Moorlands Master Cook' and 'Moorlands Master Baker'
'Moorlands Master Artist' and 'Moorlands Master Photographer'
'Moorlands Master Crafter'

All produced in the wonderful Staffordshire Moorlands

'Rural Reflections'

SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2022

MEERBROOK VILLAGE HALL, MEERBROOK, LEEK ST13 8SL

Open to the Public 11am

FREE ENTRY TO VIEW: RAFFLE: REFRESHMENTS

STAGING: Friday 5th August 7pm – 9pm

Saturday 6th August 7am – 9am No admission after 9am

Your support is greatly appreciated

**Judges: David Lownds, Menga Bentley, Rosie Fairs, Sue Davis,
John Hodgkinson and Victoria Sheldon. Steward: Sara Lipp**

Prizes for First, Second & Third Places

Winner of 'Best in Show' will decide which Charity proceeds from the show will go to

Further information from Suzanne Sheldon

07518 074185 or suzsheldon@btinternet.com

SCHEDULE

Class 1 'The Moorlands Master Gardener'

A display on a trestle table (approx. 6ft) comprising 1 vase of mixed cut flowers, 1 vase of mixed herbs, 1 pot plant (flowering or non-flowering), 1 bowl of mixed summer fruits (any quantity), 3 different vegetables, dressed (minimum of 3 each). Must be home grown.

Class 2 'Floral Art' – 'Mermaid Pool'

An exhibit using fresh flowers and foliage to depict 'Mermaid Pool', Morridge. Space allowed 36" wide by depth of table, height unlimited. Accessories may be used.

Class 3 'Moorlands Ploughman's Lunch'

An exhibit of home-made produce displayed in a picnic basket or similar no larger than 24" comprising of 5 items from the following - bread, pork or fruit pie, sausage rolls, chutney, pickle, fruit cake, cordial, wine or beer plus an accessory of cheese. Other accessories may be used.

Class 4 'Moorlands Afternoon Tea!'

A selection of home-made savouries, sweet cakes, pastries, biscuits and confectionary suitable for an afternoon tea. To be displayed on a cake stand. Accessories may be used.

Class 5 'Moorlands Master Baker'

A decorated cake to depict the local Moorlands beauty spots of The Roaches, Thor's Cave, Rudyard Lake, Tittesworth Reservoir, Manifold Valley Railway or Winking Man. To be exhibited on a cake board measuring no more than 12". **To be judged on decoration only.**

Class 6 'Children's' 'Mini Garden with a Moorlands theme'

A mini garden in a shallow tray or container no larger than 324mm x 201mm. Accessories may be used.

Class 7 'Painting' 'Beautiful Moorlands'

A painting in any medium to depict either The Roaches, Thor's Cave, Rudyard Lake, Tittesworth Reservoir, Manifold Railway, Winking Man, The Roaches, Rudyard Lake or Morridge. May be framed or unframed. Painting, including frame, not to exceed 18" x 12" portrait or landscape. Must be exhibitor's own work.

Class 8 'Children's Painting' 'Moorlands Scenery'

A painting in any medium to depict an attraction in 'The Moorlands'. Can include animals. May be framed or unframed. Painting not to exceed A4, portrait or landscape. Must be exhibitor's own work.

Class 9 'Photography' 'Scenery in the Moorlands'

A photograph taken by the exhibitor depicting the beautiful scenery of 'The Moorlands'. May be mounted or unmounted. Overall size, including mount, not to exceed 12" x 10".

Class 9A 'Children's Photography' 'My Favourite Moorlands Place'

A photograph taken by the exhibitor of a favourite place in 'The Moorlands'. Can include animals. May be mounted or unmounted. Overall size, including mount, not to exceed 12" x 10".

Class 10 'Moorlands Craft'

An exhibit showcasing a craft from 'The Moorlands'. This can be any craft item but must be the exhibitors own work.

For full schedule and entry form please contact Suzanne Sheldon

suzsheldon@btinternet.com or 07518 074185

ALSTONEFIELD



St. Peter's.

**Revd.
John
Austerberry
01335 310002
Warden:
Vacancies**

June Worship Times

Sunday 5 th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield (Diamond Jubilee)
Sunday 12 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ilam
Sunday 19 th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 26 th	2.00 pm	Wakes Service	Alstonefield Manor House

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Alstonefield

Please see the flyer enclosed for details of the various events taking place.

The Seven Decades of the Queen. There will be a display of Costumes, Memorabilia and Flowers in St Peter's Church, Alstonefield, **2nd- 5th June 2022** from 10am-5pm each day. Donations in aid of the church. Refreshments available. Contact Ann C (310477) and Notty H (310318) for more information.

There will also be Photos of people and activities in the village for the seven decades 1952-2022.

Bell Ringing – a peal of 70 different changes will be rung to celebrate the Jubilee. At 10am on Sunday June 5th in St Peter's Alstonefield and at 5pm on Friday 3rd June at St Margaret's in Wetton. Each performance will take about an hour. Do stop to listen to this special event by our local ringers.

Platinum Jubilee Book – a book will be in St Peter's Alstonefield for people to write a message or put in an illustration, which will then be sent to the Queen from the village.

Jubilee Picnic Lunch – on the village playing field from 12-2pm on Sunday 5th June. Bring food to share or your own picnic.

Jubilee Wakes, Sunday 26th June, 2pm Wakes service, then 3pm Jubilee Concert with the Warslow Silver Band in Jo and Rob Wood's garden at The Manor, Alstonefield. Tickets £5 in advance from Jo 310393 or on the door, children welcome and free. Prosecco, beer and cold drinks for sale. Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic and hot drinks and have a lovely time! In the church if wet, wild or windy! Raffle prizes welcome. Proceeds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard.

Weeding the churchyard – if anyone has a moment, please could you help pull a few weeds out from the French drain around the church, thank you it would be much appreciated.

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Post Currently Vacant

Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk

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

Chair – Gordon Campbell (Tel:07919353800)

Vice Chairman: Rebecca McIntyre (Tel:310498)

Rupert Hignett ([Tel:310389](tel:310389)), Alan Hayes ([Tel:310057](tel:310057)), Carrie Osborne ([Tel:310453](tel:310453)),

Sarah Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)), Charlie McIlroy ([Tel:310293](tel:310293)).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Is at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th June, 2022.

Alstonefield Parish Council would like to advise that The Homestead Garden is now available to let. The annual rent this year will be £50. Interested parties should make contact with a member of the parish council or the clerk to the parish council via clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk

Don't Forget

Mary J's Afternoon Tea Celebration for her 99th birthday on Tuesday 21st June, 1pm onwards in Alstonefield Village Hall.

And Don't Forget 'No Cards or Pressies' - Donations instead to Ukraine

Please call 01335 310445 if you would like to join her.

Alstonefield - Queen's Platinum Jubilee



All Welcome!

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 10-5pm each day (Closed 12-2 on Sunday for lunch) Sunday 11am	Seven Decades of the Queen A display of Costumes, Memorabilia and Flowers. Refreshments available Also, photos of people and activities in Alstonefield from 1952-2022 (If you have photos, please drop them off to be copied or email them to Martin Snodin martinsnodin@googlemail.com , 310121.) Thanksgiving Service	St Peter's Church	Ann 310477 Notty 310318
Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 10-5pm each day	Our Gracious Queen Platinum Jubilee Picture Display A display of pictures by local people, using various media (Ask Margaret Sharples for details. She will be in the Village Hall meeting room on Sunday afternoon of 15 th May from 2.30 until 4.00pm for any help or if you want to hand in your picture to her then. She can also collect your work any time before 21 st May, please give her a ring, or drop it at The Coach House.)	St Peter's Church	Margaret 310072
Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 10-5pm each day	Platinum Jubilee Book A book will be available for people to write a message or draw a picture which will then go to the Queen from the Village.	St Peter's Church	Carrie O 310453
Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th June 10-5pm each day	Alstonefield in 1952 A Display of Photographs by the Alstonefield History Group describing the village and how it has changed in the 70 years since 1952	Village Hall	Martin 310121
Saturday 4th June & Sunday 5th	Bar Open 6.30-7.30 Alstonefield Village Hall Come for a drink before the Concerts	Village Hall	Martin 310121

June			
Saturday 4th June 7.30pm	Concert Queen's Jubilee 'Transatlantic Session' Tom McConville & Michael Biggins with Brooks Williams and Dan Walsh	Village Hall	www. Wegottickets .com /avh-concerts
Sunday 5th June 12 noon – 2 pm	Jubilee Picnic Lunch Please bring Food to Share. Also chairs, drinks, glasses. There will be tables & some extra chairs. Fizz will be provided for the Queen's toast. Giving the Jubilee Mugs to all the Village Children Unveiling the Jubilee Bench Toasting the Queen	Village Playing Field (In Village Hall if wet)	Marie and Charlie 310293
Sunday 5th June 7.30 pm	Concert Queen's Jubilee 'Transatlantic Session' Suzie Underleiger, with Chris Cleverley	Village Hall	www. Wegottickets .com /avh-concerts
Sunday 26th June 2pm	Jubilee Wakes Service With the Warslow Silver Band (If wet in church)	The Manor Garden	Rev John 310002
Sunday 26th June 3pm	Jubilee Wakes Concert A delightful concert by the Warslow Silver Band of melodies of the seven decades and more. Tickets £5 in advance or on the door, children welcome and free. Prosecco, beer and cold drinks for sale. Bring a blanket or a chair, a picnic and hot drinks and have a lovely time! Raffle prizes welcome.	The Manor Garden (In church if wild, wet or windy!)	Jo and Rob 310393



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

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

Upcoming meetings:

The life and times of Mary J – Mary Jephcott

Wednesday June 1st

3.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall.

Followed by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea £5.00

There's more to Walls - Trevor Wragg

Wednesday June 15th

6.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall

Includes evening meal - £5.00

Life in the 50's - Bill Durose and Friendship Club Birthday party

Wednesday July 6th

6.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall

Includes evening meal- £10.00

National Arboretum Visit

Wednesday 20th July

Pick up 9.15am Warslow Village Hall and 9.30 am Alstonefield Village Hall.

Leaving the Arboretum at 2.30pm. Return approximately 3.30pm

There are still places available on the coach. The cost for non-members is **£7.50** to be paid on the day. Please ring Fiona if you would like a place (01335 310200- please do not leave a message as these can be missed)

In pursuit of a Peak District pensioner criminal: The life and crimes of Annie Burke - Tim Knebel

Wednesday 3rd August

3.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall

Followed by a cream tea- £5.00

Volunteers, guests and new members always welcome

Please consider joining us for one of our meetings this summer. You don't have to be a member! We aim to provide an interesting variety of talks and events to suit different people. I am sure you will agree that we offer very good value for money as each meeting includes a meal. It helps us to know in advance if you are coming so we can cater for the correct number.

We are also looking for new volunteers who could help on occasions with catering, transport or admin. Please contact Fiona (01335 310200) for more information about any of the above.



LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE 2022

The Leaden Boot Challenge 2022

The 10th Leaden Boot challenge was held on Sunday 22 May 2022. It was a welcome return after a two-year gap due to COVID. The event attracts participants from across the country, and over 240 runners and walkers from age 14 to some intrepid eighty-year-olds took part this year to meet the challenge of completing the 26.2 mile route within 12 hours.

Rev John Austerberry conducted a ceremony of blessing the feet of the participants in the old school garden before the Challenge.

The route commenced in Alstonefield and went through Ilam, Calton, Grindon, Ecton, Sheen, and Hartington to finish back in Alstonefield.

The winner was a former record holder and winner, Kurt Fitch from Underwood, Nottingham who completed the route in four hours 20, just 8 minutes more than his previous win in 2019 when he had completed it in four hours 12 minutes!

Second place went to Ben Ashton, who completed the route in four hours 49 mins, followed by Harry Tate from Ashbourne in five hours 2 minutes. The first woman in was Anna Railton, daughter of volunteers Deb and Paul Railton, Alstonefield residents, who completed the route in five hours 24 minutes.

Our oldest participant was 84-year-old Barry Wright who completed the route in 11 hours 16 minutes.

We need to say a very special thank you to our volunteers. Over 70 people worked together to make this a successful and safe event, supporting the participants along the route, at the check points and providing them with a hot meal and home-made cakes after the event. Without this support, the event would not be possible

The Leaden Boot Challenge has been described by some participants as 'the only race where you consume more calories than you burn!' and we have been overwhelmed by the number of thank yous and positive feedback from all that took part. Thank you.

Next year's Leaden Boot will be 21st May 2023 and entry forms will be available from October this year.

You can join our Facebook group **Leaden Boot Challenge** or follow our updates on www.leadenboot.org.uk. Any queries please email admin@leadenboot.org.uk.

"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

Rev'd - Jane Held: 01538 262116

St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Church Warden:

Barbara Woodward 304324

Maggie Risby 304??? and Secretary

Services in June:

5th 5pm Civic Service followed by Fizz and Refreshments. All Welcome.

19th 10am Holy Communion

P.C.C. Members:

Maurice Woodward, Lily Hambleton-Plumb (**Deanery Synod + Safety**),

Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling (**Treasurer**).

Altar Flowers: Jackie Sumerling & Jaqui Salt. **Cleaning Rota:** Maggie Risby

A donation has been gratefully received from Mr & Mrs Knight in memory of Geoff Knight for the churchyard maintenance fund, any future donations are most welcome.

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for May

• First	Graham Bagshaw	(22)	£40.00
• Second	Mandy Hudson	(78)	£20.00
• Third	Sandra Mollatt	(113)	£10.00

Next draw is Saturday 11th June '22 at 11am in Church.

St Bartholomew's Church, Butterson

Another busy month.....At the APCM on Monday 9th May, Barbara Woodward and Maggie Risby were elected as Churchwardens, Maggie Risby - Secretary, Lily Hambleton-Plumb - Deanery Synod member and Safeguarding Liaison Officer and Jackie Sumerling as our new Treasurer. Also elected to the PCC are Maggi Rowland, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott and Maurice Woodward. Along with our Treasurer, Michelle Renshaw, two long serving PCC members retired....Brenda Mollatt and Doris Wentworth. We would publicly like to thank all three for their hard work and devotion to duty during their time on the PCC. The accounts were signed off and an Annual Report given.

We are endeavouring to sort the trees out in the churchyard. Thank you to Terry Buxton who helped us with the removal of a leylandii that was threatening to drop onto the east corner of the church but there are three more trees that need attention or complete removal. Everyone seems to be having trouble at present so we wait our turn for permission and work to commence.

Thanks to South West Peak Partnership Heritage Scheme, our sundial is going to be replaced. Butterson History

Group have adopted the sundial but the total amount for funding the project has come from SW Peak. I personally would like to thank Catherine Parker Heath for her efforts in helping to submit the faculty. Anyone who has ever been involved with applying for a faculty will know what I mean! All that was left of the sundial was the base plate which was on top of the remains of the old cross near the church porch. This has been removed and will be restored and a new gnomon fixed.

STOP PRESS.....As I type, the restorer has just sent me a photo of what he's found on the underside of the baseplate. It seems that it has been reused from an old memorial so our assumption that this might be mid-18th century could be correct. We just need to transcribe the lettering.

Preparations for the faculty necessary for the repairs to the church tower are progressing, albeit slowly but surely. We continue to try and come up with fundraising ideas and where to apply for grants for the work.



MESSAGE FROM THE BUS SHELTER

Last month we paused our donations to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) supporting the people of Ukraine who have been displaced by the war. At the beginning of May we made a further donation of £250.00 bringing the total given towards relief in Ukraine to **£1,400** in just three months. This is an astonishing achievement for a village with a population of a little over 200. Thank you to everyone who donated either stuff for the Shelter or money. We know also, that we have loyal followers from outside the area who have enthusiastically supported the cause; do keep visiting.

We proposed a new destination for the Bus Shelter funds in last month's bulletin. This is to raise funds for the First Responders. The target is to cover the cost of a vital item of kit – the PULSE OXIMETER

which is carried on the **WACFR** first responders' vehicle. We received positive feedback from everyone we discussed this with, so we have made this the new Bus Shelter project. As we go to press, we have raised over **£250** for WACFR and are well on the way towards the target of £400.

The Bus Shelter will look different during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations; the tables loaned by the Village Hall are needed for the events there. Please bear with us – normal service will be resumed after the village Jubilee events have taken place.

We always need more bric-à-brac and books, so keep it coming! However, we need to make a request. Sadly, some things are not wanted by the Bus Shelter clientele; so this stuff just sits in the Shelter using up valuable space and in the end we have to dispose of it.

So PLEASE don't leave:

Clothing, DVDs & CDs, Jam jars, egg boxes, out of date travel books, encyclopedias etc Plus anything that is 'grubby or dirty'

Thanks again to everybody for your contributions and donations.

Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

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

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781.

The Parish Council has ordered an exterior clock which will be fitted to the wall at the Village Hall. This is to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All fingers are crossed in the hope it arrives and can be wired up before the Jubilee weekend.

Bunting has been ordered for decorating the centre of the Village (i.e. Church and Black Lion). All we need is help

stringing it up.....

The next PC meeting is Tuesday 14th June at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Please could any prospective candidates for the two vacant posts for councillors ensure their introductory letters of application are with us before 14th July.

Butterton Village Hall

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

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

The AGM was held on Tuesday 17th May. Re-elected were Hilary Bassett as Chairperson, Sheila McDermott-Secretary, Marjorie Renshaw-Minutes Secretary, Maggie Risby-Treasurer and Dianne Wint and Gwen Bagshaw.

As well as dodgy trees in the churchyard, we await works on one at the Village Hall. A new boiler will soon be fitted in the History Centre, a water heater in the bar area and mega electrical work will soon commence to bring us up to legal requirements. Old wiring will be replaced, new emergency lights, smoke alarms and separate circuits installed in the event of the electricity supply tripping and cutting off the supply to the whole building.

Thanks to Jenny and Peter, Hilary and Les for the appearance of two flower tubs at the Village Hall, planted up and ready for the Jubilee celebrations.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 2nd June there is a Pie and Pea Supper, Quiz and the lighting of the beacon at the Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm and hopefully the meal will be served at 7pm. **Admission by ticket only** and as I write, I have a few tickets remaining to sell. For £7.50 per person there will be Pie, Peas and Gravy, a Dessert and as much Tea and Coffee as you can drink. There is also a Fully Licensed Bar. Following the meal there is a Quiz organised by the History Group before the lighting of the beacon at 9.45pm. There is also a raffle.

On Friday 3rd June is the Jubilee Bingo. Eyes down at 7.30pm. A book of tickets for 10 games is £8. There is a cash flyer at the end of the session costing £1 and a raffle. There are the usual free Warm Up Full house game and the 'Lucky Dip' raffles. Refreshments will be served at half time.

On Sunday 5th we have the Civic Service at 5pm at St Bartholomew's Church. Everyone is invited to attend this service of celebration and thanks for the Queen's 70 years reign as our monarch. A toast will be raised after the service.

Butterton History Group

We met for the first time in a long time on Monday 23rd May at 2pm at the History Centre. Dates and times of the Opening Up of the Centre were discussed. It is hoped to open once/twice a week so that anyone interested in family or local history can come and immerse themselves in the archives. Maggie will be there with her laptop and Ancestry, Find My Past and The Genealogist subscriptions at the ready!

Due to Covid we haven't held our two events per annum. This means our funds are somewhat depleted. Various fundraising ideas were discussed including a photographic competition which will hopefully lead to the printing of postcards, notelets and perhaps a calendar. Also, a 'Collector's Evening' and 'Antiques Valuation' session were suggested. Watch this space.....

The AGM will be held at The History Centre on Wednesday 27th July at 2pm. Anyone who is interested in our activities is very welcome to attend.

Butterton W.I.

At the Annual meeting on Tuesday 10th May, Jackie Sumerling was re-elected President, Jacqui Salt, Secretary and Jane Kalnins, Treasurer. Thanks were expressed to Maureen Biddulph, the retiring Treasurer. The next meeting is Tuesday 14th June when we will be having an Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in June

2nd 2.30pm Celebratory Service

Rob has been back into Macclesfield General Hospital again but this time with blue flashing lights, sirens, and taking no prisoners – very impressive run across Morridge, Axe Edge, and the Cat & Fiddle! And now home again feeling a bit better and ready for the Jubilee Parties (except for the anti-biotics which prohibit alcohol – perhaps a very good idea ???).

Many thanks for all the good wishes, and particularly to Margaret for her kind words and for writing these Notes at such short notice.

Jubilee Celebration

There will be a Church Service at **2.30pm in St John's on Saturday, 4th June**. A simple Service followed by an informal gathering to celebrate the 70 years of Her Majesty's reign. There will be tea and cakes (especially if you bring some contributions!) a glass (or two) of wine, and NO speeches. At some stage we will present the Children with a Commemoration Crown Coin from the Royal Mint as a lasting memento.

Elkstones Wakes

At last, we will be returning to our traditional programme with the Wakes on **Sunday, 19th June, at 7pm** with Ashbourne Town Band followed by our usual Beef & Baps from Myrtle and Des, Raffle by Liz M, Tombola and Bar by Reg and the Boys. Absolutely NOT TO BE MISSED and a great opportunity to catch up with all the changes in and around Elkstones.....We look forward to seeing you back here amongst us!

Cleaning

We are very short of Church cleaners with several of our long serving regulars leaving the Village recently – any volunteers now and for the Rota would be extremely welcome, please talk to Myrtle on 304 225

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Grindon Parish Council Vacancy: Clerk

The parish council currently has a vacancy for a clerk. It is a paid position of 8 to 10 hours a month. Meetings occur every one to two months, which are held in the evening at Grindon Village Hall.

Access to training and support is available. If you are interested in the position and would like further details, please contact the council using the details below.

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By a letter to our post box c/o Grindon Village Hall, Grindon, Leek ST13 7TP

Yoga for Beginners

A beginner drop-in Yoga stretch class continues to run every Wednesday morning from at 9.30-11am at Grindon Village Hall. Mats are provided.

Louise is a senior teacher with over 20 years' experience and will be teaching yoga to show you how to stretch and strengthen your joints and muscles. The classes are suitable for men and woman of ALL levels.

For more information or to register your interest, email or call Louise or just come along. Classes are run alongside the school term.

Monday morning classes are run in Warslow, and Louise runs three other classes on Zoom. Email: Louise@yogamania.co.uk Mobile: 07736 351 257



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 5th June – Grindon Village Hall

Grindon will be hosting its own street party from 15:00 on Sunday 5th June to celebrate Her Majesty's 70th year as Queen. Residents are invited to enjoy music and games whilst tucking into food and watching the cake and pudding competition take place. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own food and drink to make the most of the jubilant atmosphere. The party continues into the evening as the Village Hall puts on a BBQ, Live Music, and Pay Bar. If you would like to join us for the evening celebration, please contact: susanlees@grindon.myzen.co.uk to confirm your place and book tickets (free of charge).

On behalf of the Grindon Hall Village Management Committee

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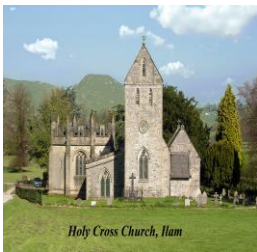
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Weddings

We send our congratulations to Melissa and Jake who will be married on 4th June and also to Julie and Lenny whose wedding will take place on 18th June. We hope they all have long and happy marriages.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Here in Ilam, we will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee at Dovedale House on Thursday 1st June 2022 with an afternoon tea party. Doors open at 4pm. Please bring a pudding to

share and your own drink. To book your place please contact Vera 01335 350227, Cathy 01538 308223, Lindsay 01335 350579, Ellen 01335 350437. Flyers have been dropped to everyone in the village

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News from Ilam C of E (VA) School: May 2022

This half term has passed by so quickly!

Kingfisher Class took part in the QEGS Arts festival. They had opportunity to try out different activities in Art, Drama, Music and Languages. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to work alongside other children from other local feeder schools.

Earlier in May, our EYFS to Y2 pupils participated in a Mega Athletics event held in Parwich. They had fun taking part in different running relays, throwing events and jumping skill activities. Key Stage two have also taken part in cluster cricket and football matches led by Primary Stars.

Last week, the school enjoyed a French themed afternoon where they engaged in making an Eiffel Tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. They also enjoyed tasting some French bread and cheeses. To end the afternoon, Miss Johnson read the school the story of the 3 little pigs in French!

Squirrel Class (Y1,2 and 3) have been reading the book "The Dragon Machine" by Helen Ward. As part of their DT work linked to this the children have designed and made a monster which moves using air.

To end this half term, we are celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with an afternoon tea for our families and musical entertainment provided by our pupils. Hoping for a sunny afternoon!

Please do look at our website www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ilamprimary which showcases many of the learning activities we provide for our children.

Mrs Rachel Linton: Headteacher, Ilam C of E(VA) School

Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

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

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The AGM was held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at Dovedale House. We would like to Thank a few people that have worked hard making the village look beautiful throughout the year & for supporting the Parish Council and Community.

- The Parish Council would like to Thank Cllr Edwin Wain for his continued support & help throughout the year.
- Mr Bob Sellers for mowing the village & for all his hard work over the years mowing the church yard. He has recently retired from mowing the churchyard and we are all very grateful for his hard work.
- Mr & Mrs John & Brenda Anderson for the beautiful flowers and maintaining the monument
- Miss Ellen Clewes & Mr Richard Temperton for assisting The Parish Council as treasurers of the Ilam Church Path Fund.
- Thank you to Jo Green at Dovedale House for making us so welcome and hosting our meetings.
- The First Responders for their support and for checking the Defibrillator throughout the year.
- Mr Paul Watson for his continued support and advice.
- Platinum Jubilee – A weeping willow Tree has been planted by the river for the Queens Platinum Jubilee along with a plaque that supports The Royal British Legion industries and The Queens Green Canopy Project. RBLI provides employment to disadvantaged veterans and those with disabilities and every penny of the purchase goes to supporting veterans, their families, and people with disabilities. The plaque is made from Corten steel which is designed to form a layer of surface rust. Over time that creates a protective barrier.
- The Ilam Platinum Jubilee celebration is to be held on Thursday 2nd June at Dovedale House, Ilam from 4pm to 9 pm, Food at 5.30pm. Please bring a pudding and your own drinks. Free Event. RSVP by Sunday 29th May to Vera 01335 350227 Cathie 01538 308223 Ellen 01335 350437 Lindsay 01335 350579 to reserve a place.
Dress code: Red, White, Blue, Purple

The next meeting is Tuesday 12 July 2022, 8 pm at Dovedale House. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

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Deputy Warden: Judy Prince
01298 84351

Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190

June Services

Please contact the Wardens for information

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: We will have a Birthday Book, on the altar, over the weekend for you to add a greeting to the Queen. This will be sent to the Queen, by the Vicar, after the weekend.

Flower Festival

We are planning to start our annual Flower Festival; this is a chance for the whole community to come together to arrange flowers to the glory of God. If you are interested taking part or have any other fundraising ideas, please contact Emma Gould



Around the Parish

We were saddened to hear the untimely passing of Gill Higginbotham recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with her partner David, family and friends during this very sad time. May she Rest in Peace.

We would like to wish Martin Trafford a very special Happy Birthday this month.

We welcome Graham and Ann Lea to the village and wish them much happiness in their New Home!

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

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

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

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St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the May draw were:

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