

Village & Community Magazine

August 2022

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United



Some Upcoming Events in August

- Friendship Club - Alstonefield Village Hall - Wednesday 3rd - 3pm
Butterton Wakes Meeting - Butterton Village Hall - Wednesday 3rd - 8pm
Grindon Gardening Club - Grindon Village Hall - Wednesday 3rd - 7pm to 9pm
Butterton WI Meeting - Butterton Village Hall - Tuesday 9th - 7pm
Garden Party - The Elms Farmhouse, Wetton - Saturday 13th - 6pm
Manifold Valley Agricultural Show - The Arbour, Ilam - Saturday 13th - All Day
Sunday Lunch - Bloor Pastures, Ilam - Sunday 14th - 12.20pm
Friendship Club - Alstonefield Village Hall - Wednesday 17th - 6pm
Warslow Bingo - Warslow Village Hall - Wednesday 17th - 7.30pm
Jam Jar Festival - Butterton Church - Sunday 28th - 2pm to 5pm
Butterton Wakes - Butterton Village Hall - Monday 29th - 1pm onwards
Grindon Craft Club - Grindon Village Hall - Tuesday 30th - 7.30pm to 9pm

DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITION IS 6am on Friday 26th AUGUST

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.**



Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

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

Many thanks to the staff and customers of the Royal Oak at Wetton and of the Wetton Tea Rooms.

"SPARE" DEFIBRILLATOR

The 'spare' Defibrillator is still out on loan to one of our local villages who are awaiting delivery of replacement parts.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

We are still 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.

THE CIRCUIT

Recently we have had a couple of queries from local villages to ask if their defibrillator is registered on 'The Circuit', a national defibrillator network.

Each of the 14 ambulance services across the UK maintain their own defibrillator database for their area.

The Circuit connects defibrillators to the NHS ambulance services across the UK so that in those crucial moments after a cardiac arrest, they can be accessed quickly to help save lives. As defibrillators are registered on The Circuit, their location and status are instantly synchronised with the emergency services' systems ensuring that their information is always up to date and ready to help save lives.

WACFR have registered and also update status on a monthly basis all of the twelve defibrillators that are based within our community.

Defibrillators are installed at:

Alstonefield: Village Hall

Butterton: Black Lion Inn

Dovedale: Public Convenience in Car Park

Elkstones: Susan Cottage

Grindon: Village Hall

Hartington: Post Office

Hulme End: Manifold Inn

Ilam: CofE Primary School

Milldale: Public Convenience

Onecote: Village Hall

Warslow: Public Telephone Box

Wetton: The Royal Oak

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

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders

Registered Charity Number: 1121223

Milldale Chapel

The final service this summer in the lovely little chapel in the valley, is at 7.00pm on the 3rd August led by Rev David Leese. Everyone is very welcome to come to this service, which will be simple and quiet. We look forward to seeing you there.

Recipe/Tip of the Month

Looking for an Alternative to Pancakes?

Try using buckwheat or chickpea flour for delicious, healthy savoury pancakes.

Plenty of recipes on bbc.co.uk for buckwheat and on Jamie Oliver's site for the chickpea ones. Both buckwheat and chickpea flours are gluten free, believe it or not. Make up a larger batch and freeze any leftovers which can be freshened up in the oven or toaster for a few minutes.

I also find a few toasted cumin seeds add a nice savoury touch to the chickpea pancakes.

Y.P. Butterton

Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

BLACK LION BUTTERTON

At 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st September 2022

PHILIP BROUGH

(Author of "THE BAREBONES HISTORY OF LEEK")

will give a talk entitled

THE BIGGEST ASPIDISTRA IN THE WORLD

*This is not a talk about Gracie Fields, or war-time
popular songs, or indoor pot plants
but is about an aspect of the Second World War,
that has received little or no publicity.
It is a subject which every-one will find to be of great interest.*

*If this event proves popular, may well become
a regular event in the activities of the Black Lion*

Admission Free

but there will be a collection for Rotary Charity!

Pub Quiz

Wednesday 14th September

8pm Start £2 per person max team size 6 ppl

Call us to book a table to eat before or during

01538 304232

bar@blacklioninn.co.uk

Smile Once in a While...

Mother asks little Johnny, as they wait for the bus, to tell the driver he's 4 years old when asked because he will ride for free.

As they get on the bus the driver asks Johnny how old he is.

"I am 4 years old".

"And when will you be five years old?" asks the driver.

"When I get off the bus" answers Johnny.

In a psychiatrist's waiting room two patients are having a conversation. One says to the other, "Why are you here?" The second answers, "I'm Napoleon, so the doctor told me to come here".

The first is curious and asks, "How do you know that you're Napoleon?"

The second responds, "God told me I was".

At this point, a patient on the other side of the room shouts, "NO I DIDN'T !"

I called Animal Welfare today and said, "I've just found a suitcase in the woods containing four kittens."

"That's terrible" she replied, "Are they moving?"

"I'm not sure, to be honest" I said, "but if they were that would explain the suitcase."

"Can I ask a stupid question?" said my wife.
"Better than anyone I've ever met" I replied.

I remember the first time I ever saw a 'Universal Remote Control'.

I thought to myself, "Well, this changes everything."

Ever had one of those mornings where you can't even be bothered to get dressed?

Anyway, I was arrested at the bus stop.

Our generation has Wonder Woman.

The next generation has Wonder if it's a Woman.

"Thanks boss", I said after he called me in for a talk "I know I'm a bit thick and I've messed up a few times since I've been here, but this award means the world to me".

He replied, "You don't know what a P45 is do you?"

Little Johnny wanted to go to the zoo and pestered his parents for days. Finally, his mother talked his reluctant father into taking him.

"So, how was it?" his mother asked when they returned home.

"Great," little Johnny replied.

"Did you and daddy have a good time?" asked his mother.

"Yeah, daddy really liked it too", exclaimed Johnny "especially when one of the animals came home at 30 to 1"

A pessimist sees a dark tunnel.

An optimist sees a light at the end of the tunnel.

A realist sees a freight train.

The train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks.

My wife asked me to put tomato ketchup on the shopping list that I was writing out. I can't read a word now.

I just killed a massive spider crawling across the floor with my shoe.

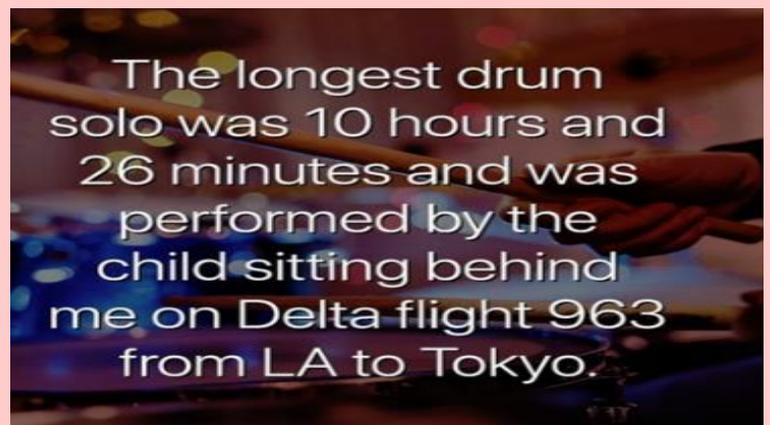
I don't care how big a spider is, no-one steals my shoe !!

I've just had some grapes. It stated 'wash before use' on the packaging.

I had a shower to be on the safe side.

My son came up to me and asked: "Dad where did all of my intelligence come from?"

I told him, "Well son, you must have got it from your mother, because I still have mine."





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**

Now Operating on Saturdays and Sundays

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

NEW AND LOCAL

Local Opportunity

Local writer, Julian Hackett, is looking for two people interested in having a go at recording a play for the radio.

Julian has won awards for his writing and recently had 3 pieces of writing serialised and broadcast by BBC Radio Derby.

He is looking for one male and one female actor for his comedy play 'A Cup of Sanctity', which is set in a church

Also, Julian is looking for a guitar player who could help with some musical projects.

If you are interested and would like to have a chat then please contact Julian at juliansmoamam@gmail.com or call him on 07396498754

Ride and Stride Saturday 10th September 2022

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping churches with the cost of repairs. Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England. It takes place this year on Saturday September 10th. Participants are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. In 2021 85 churches took part in Staffordshire, 43 of them sent out cyclists, walkers and drivers. 21 of them cycled, 13 walked, 4 drove, and 2 used public transport. Last year the event was still reduced due to the corona virus but nevertheless over £10,000 was raised. Gift Aid will increase this amount. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker is returned to their home church. As well as having the aim of raising funds for churches in need of help, Ride and Stride Day gives the opportunity to get out and about and admire our wonderful heritage of churches, many of which are normally closed, apart from times of worship of course. A trophy is awarded each year to a participant; this year it will be to the cyclist or walker who visits most participating churches. It is also a special day of fellowship for all those taking part – whether you are welcoming visitors to your church or going out on your bike or on foot to visit other churches. It is a very practical way to remind ourselves that we are part of something much bigger than our own building and our own congregation. So please think about taking part – as a cyclist, walker, welcomer, sponsor – and enjoy the day.

Please see the attached poster and follow this link:

<https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/rideandstride/rideandstridedocsthisyear/>

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

RIDE + STRIDES +

for Churches

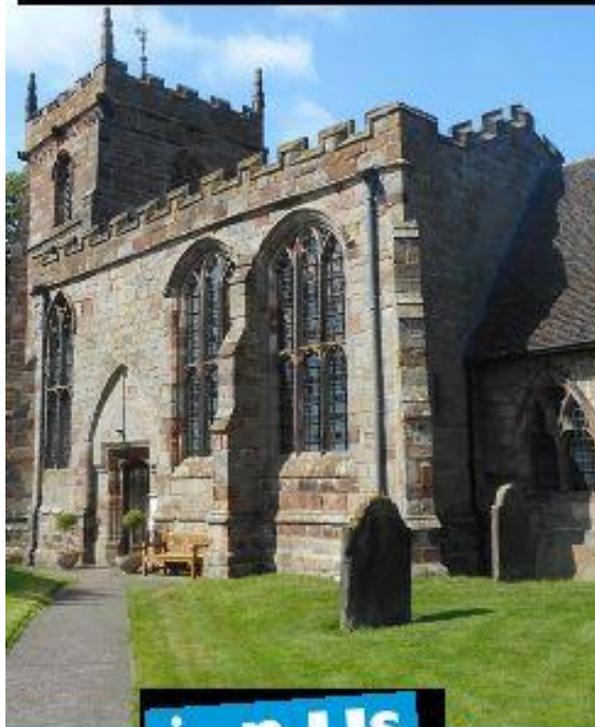
10TH SEPT.
2022

STAFFORDSHIRE'S CHURCHES OPEN DAY

Join us to keep Staffordshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.

Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day.



Join Us



Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust

Contact:

staffshistoricchurchestrust@gmail.com

07756 019118

Your local parish contact

Find out more at
www.staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org

Charity number: 20864

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National Churches Trust
Charity Number: 119493



The Manifold Valley Show

Saturday 13th August, The Arbour, Ilam, DE6 2BA



It's the summer! It's time to make hay (or silage) and take part at your local agricultural show.

Come and show off your finest cattle, sheep, and rare breeds; compete in this year's Egg Show, which is replacing the usual poultry show due to avian flu restrictions; enter the in hand and ridden classes for light horses and ponies; show your Shire Horse; or see if you can win a rosette in the Fun Dog show. And if that's not for you, how about entering your handicraft, home produce or artwork?

Not entered yet? Then have a look at our website: www.manifoldvalleyshow.co.uk and contact the section leader and join in the fun and friendly competition.

If entering a class doesn't appeal there will be plenty of other activities going on at the 42nd Manifold Valley Show, as it continues its tradition of being one of the best value days out in the district at only £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child 5 – 12yrs. Car parking is free! *(Please note Entry is cash on the gate as the mobile signal is not great)*

To date a wide variety of local businesses have booked trade stands and craft stalls, there's a picnic area served by a range of hot & cold food outlets in addition to members catering and a public bar.

Entertainment will be provided from 12 noon in the main arena and includes: The Red Barrows; a Sheep Dog Display; the Annual Vintage Tractor Parade and Manifold Valley Slow Tractor Race; Staffordshire Moorlands Hunt; Chase me Charlie Triple Bar Jumping Competition; The Grand Parade of Prize Winners & Trophy Presentation and Terrier Racing

Chairman of the Show, Nik Searson, commented, "After over 42 years the Manifold Valley Show still provides one of the best value days out in the district. This year we are delighted with the number of entries received so far for the livestock classes and following on from the success of the young handler's classes last year we have included them again this year and hope that more young people have a go at showing, whether it's Cattle, Shire Horses, Light Horse and Ponies or the family dog; everyone is welcome and we look forward to catching up with fellow farmers and friends."

We hope to see you on Saturday 13th August at the Manifold Valley Agricultural Show. The showground, located between the villages of Ilam and Alstonefield, is one of the most stunning locations in the area. The show opens to the public at 9am and closes at 5pm.

ALSTONEFIELD



St. Peter's.

Revd.
John
Austerberry
01335 310002

Warden:
Vacancies

August Worship Times

Sunday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Alstonefield
Sunday 14th	10.30 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	Ilam
Sunday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Wetton
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	All Age Worship	Wetton

From the Vicarage:

Advance Notice of Harvest Service Dates

Sunday 18th September	11.00 am	Harvest Service	Wetton
Sunday 2nd October	11.00 am	Harvest Service	Alstonefield
Friday 7th October	9.00 am	School Harvest Service	Ilam
Sunday 9th October	10.30 am	Harvest Service	Ilam

Thank You: Rev John thanks everyone who join him to celebrate his 60th birthday.

Sunday Lunch at Bloor Pastures – Sunday 14th August 12.20 pm: Dovedale Sheep Dog Trails have kindly agreed for Ilam Church to hold a Sunday lunch. Tickets £15.00, 11 and under £7.50. Raffle prizes please to PCC members.

New Foundation Governors for Ilam School for Autumn Term: There are 2 vacancies on Ilam School Governing Board for Foundation Governors. They are appointed and supported by the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education. Please contact Rev John if you or you know someone who would like to support our local school as a Foundation Governor. Click here to see the [Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education](#) website for more details.

St Peter's Church

Is there anyone who would be able to help Frank Lipp with mowing the churchyard?
Please contact him if so on 310302.

Would anyone be willing to help with cleaning the inside of the church windows?
Please contact Carrie O on 310453.

St Peter's Church will be open for Ride and Stride on Saturday 10th September, with refreshments for sale.

Open Garden

Due to family circumstances the 'Open Garden' day at The Hollow on the 21st August is cancelled.

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

Please feel free to join us for any of the meetings/trips remaining this year. You don't have to be a member - but members enjoy special rates/discounts for some events.

August 3rd Alstonefield Village Hall 3.00pm: Tim Knebel - In Pursuit of a Peak District Pensioner Criminal: The Life and Crimes of Annie Burke. "The remarkable tale of one of the most prolific and 'incorrigible' offenders ever to leave their mark in Derbyshire Police records. This is a gripping story of how one extraordinary woman sought to continually evade the long-arm of the law over many decades and across county boundaries."

Please join us for an afternoon that sounds fascinating and fun followed by cream tea and sandwiches £5.00

August 17th Alstonefield Village Hall 6.00pm: Alan Salt - All About Cheese. If you love cheese and local history - this is the very evening for you. Food, fun and great company, followed by a light evening meal £5.00

September 7th: Visit to Trentham Gardens - Please call Fiona 01335 310200 for more details.

October 5th Alstonefield Village Hall 12.00 midday: Harvest themed lunch and produce sale.

"AVETS Remember"

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

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair/Secretary: Martin Snodin 01335 310121

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

Committee members – Dave & Val Littlehales,

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

ALSTONEFIELD VILLAGE HALL CONCERTS

Saturday 3rd September

CHRIS & KELLIE WHILE



Mother and daughter Chris and Kellie have been making music together for all of Kellie's life. Ex-Albion Band Chris is best-known for her duo partnership with Julie Matthews and the all-female band Daphne's Flight. Kellie was also in the Albion Band but is now creative head at 7 Digital, producing events such as the BBC Folk Awards, with only occasional live performances.

Licensed bar 8pm (Doors from 7.30pm)

Tickets £13 at WeGotTickets.com or call 01335 310322

ALSTONEFIELD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Are you a young person or do you know a young person, under the age of 25, who is currently undertaking some form of learning? Well, the trustees of the Alstonefield Educational Charity are interested in receiving applications for grants to assist in the education of children and young people, under the age of 25 and resident in the parish of Alstonefield or its neighbourhood.

Grants are not restricted to young people in further or higher education but are available to all children and young people for educational purposes where a need for some financial support can be shown – for instance: extracurricular, leisure or out of school activities. Grants are also available for organisations or groups involved in sponsoring educational activities for our children or young people.

Each application will be considered by the Trustees at their meeting in October 2022 and grants awarded at their discretion.

Applicants in Year 7 and above are required to complete an application form, which will be made available via www.alstonefield.org. Applicants below year 7 or groups should submit their application in letter, giving details of what the grant is required for and how it would be of benefit to the individual or group.

Please forward all applications to Siobhon Hayes, Raikesleigh, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, DE6 2FS, to arrive no later than 30 September 2022.

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:07465_217269)), Charlie McIlroy ([Tel:310293](tel:310293)).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Contact any Councillor for details.

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held: 01538 262116

St Bartholomew's PCC Members:

Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Church Warden:

Barbara Woodward 304324

Maggie Risby 304115 and Secretary

Services in August:

7 th	3pm	Evening Worship
21 st	10am	Holy Communion
29 th	1pm	Wakes Service

P.C.C. Members:

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

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

Altar Flowers: Maggie Risby

Cleaning Rota: Lily Hambleton-Plumb

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for July

1 st	Liz Buxton	(62)	£40.00
2 nd	Teressa Machin	(142)	£20.00
3 rd	Marjory Renshaw	(42)	£10.00

Next draw is Saturday 13th August at 11am in Church.

St Bartholomew's Church

The good news first.....At the service on Sunday 17th July our new church gates were blessed by Rev Jane. Iron Age Designs of Leek, who made our Doubly Thankful Village signs, have done us proud yet again. A donation was received in 2021 to replace our well-worn gates and we can now acknowledge the donor's name and thank him publicly- Mr Barry Rowley. The gates contain the date 1873 which was when the newly built church was re-opened after the major rebuild which commenced (with a faculty!) in 1870. We all then processed to the sundial which was also duly blessed. Facts are still emerging about the sundial. In last month's News and in the Leek Post and Times of 13th July, it's discovery and origins were explained. Research is under way on the sundial/gnomon maker himself..... Joseph Slack. I am led to understand his father John Slack was a clockmaker from Ford and Joseph himself lived in Ipstones at Manor Farm. It has also come to my notice that many families in the area have clocks with Joseph's name on their dials. Curiously he is stated as being a Yeoman with no reference to his clock making activities. Even his will has no mention of him being a clockmaker. If anyone has any information on Joseph and/or has a clock by him, I would be very interested to hear from you (maggie.risby@btopenworld.com)

Now to the problems we are having with the tower. Following the Quinquennial and ongoing water ingress in the tower, the architect did a thorough survey and made some suggestions as to what needed to be done to help cure the problem. The resulting advice has gone from a verbal approximation of 50K TO 94K (Let's say, it's doubled!) We have to obtain quotes from builders, fill out a faculty and meanwhile fundraise with gusto!

On Sunday 24th July at 6pm we had our **Songs of Praise and Gift Day**. Seventeen people raised their voices and sang some lovely hymns. Refreshments were enjoyed after. Letters have been delivered to all households in the Parish asking for financial assistance and we will be holding a community meeting in September to discuss fundraising on a much larger scale. There are still options for donating via the Butterton Facebook page on the Just Giving platform or payments can be made via a BACS payment. Please contact Jackie Sumerling, Treasurer 01538 304546 for bank details.

Following last year's success, on Sunday 28th August from 2pm -5pm we have decided to hold another **Jam Jar Flower Festival**. For a donation of £1, jam jars of garden flowers (no wildflowers please) can be put in church in memory of someone dear or even for yourselves! Cards will be available for use as labels. Please bring your jam jars into church between 10am – 4pm on Saturday 27th August. For more details contact a churchwarden.

Following permission from Peak Park, some trees have been removed/trimmed in the churchyard. These were damaged during the storms earlier in the year, some overhanging the road. One tree near the notice board and opposite the Black Lion was practically hollow, a condition that went unnoticed until the tree surgeon spotted it.

Message From The Bus Shelter



It has been another busy month at the Bus Shelter, with donations of books galore and bric-à-brac. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in this way and to our customers who have given money in the collection tin.

In July, we completed the appeal for funds for the WACFR First Responders ambulance; the final figure raised was £770, nearly doubling the target of £400 covering the cost of a new Pulse Oximeter. The extra money will pay for new batteries and pads for the onboard defibrillator, amongst other necessities.

Last month we suggested ideas obtained for the next project via this magazine and the village Facebook community together with informal chats in the village. We invited feedback which we have received. This what has been decided:

For the month of July, we have been collecting for **Manifold Pre-School** in Warslow; this is a charity run by parents and cannot exist without local fundraising. It is the closest childcare setting for the village. Butterton is in the catchment area for Manifold School which the pre-school feeds in to. We will let you know how much was raised in the next news bulletin.

From this month we will collect for **The Church Tower Repair Fund**. Many villagers take the view that the church is a village asset, and have asked that the funds raised will be directed exclusively to the repairs and will not contribute to Church of England coffers. We will abide by this.

Please keep the bric-à-brac and books coming! As ever, the Bus Shelter clientele are a picky bunch; some 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: DVD's & CD's: Jam Jars: Egg Boxes: Out of Date Travel Books: Encyclopedias Nor anything that is Grubby or Dirty & in Addition..... Please make sure Electrical or Mechanical items work and label them "WORKING ORDER". We unable to test equipments and will be obliged to remove anything which is potentially dangerous & dispose of it appropriately.

Thanks again to everybody for your contribution and donations.

Butterton Village Hall

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

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

To comply with regulations, an electrician has recently been at work in the Hall, updating the electrics. Last year at the Wakes we had a problem with the bouncy castle/tea urn when the trip switch went! We will not have that happening this year. Needless to say, the cost is going to be in its thousands.

Butterton Wakes

The meeting of the Wakes committee on 6th July resulted in the committee being confident that it would be a successful Wakes this year on Monday 29th August. Covid saw changes in the way things were done last year and whilst we still bear this in mind, the Playing Field and the Hall will be full of things to be enjoyed. The Wakes service is at 1pm on 29th when Faith Renshaw, the outgoing Queen, will crown Charley Garnett, our incoming Queen. St Bartholomew's Church is taking this opportunity to have a stall in order to 'sell its wares' in the hope that we will receive some donations towards our project. For anyone wanting more info' regarding the Wakes, please contact Kim/Darren Kirby, Greenlow Head, Butterton. There is also a dedicated Facebook page where questions can be asked and information gained. The last meeting prior to the Wakes is at the Black Lion on Wednesday 3rd August at 8pm. Grand Draw tickets now on sale from Committee members. £1 each/£5 per book.

"Togetherness" – A Poem by Anthony Rhead (Butterton)

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| 1) Kindness of the
Rain would fall,
Soothe us once again,
Temperatures too hot
For all, and so the
Hottest day | 2) With gratitude of
Balance, and all
That nature means,
If nature takes her
Absence long, we
Fall into extremes | 3) With facets of
Environment,
Protection for the land,
What better than the
Countryside, to
Figure out a plan | 4) There's joy in our
Connections, bonds
That nature makes,
Art in our togetherness,
August at the Wakes! |
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Butterton Annual Village Wakes – 29th August 2022

Grand Prize Draw tickets are now available for sale – Prizes include Black Lion Meal Voucher, Alton Towers tickets, hampers plus many other prizes. Tickets £1 per ticket or £5 per book. Please contact anyone below if you would like to buy some.

As you know the Wakes requires volunteers, cake/scone donations, donations of auction, tombola or raffle prizes to make the day successful and the more the merrier so please could I ask if you would be willing to volunteer even for an hour – on or before the day or donate then please let any of the committee know.

We also now have a range of posters available if you can display one, please let me know.

Please also check out our events page on Facebook.

Committee Members

Kim Kirby – 07816 840486, Gwen Bagshaw- 01538 304358, Jan Lees - 304673, Maggie Risby – 01538 304115, Darren Kirby – 07779 121210, Sarah Stone – 01538 304455, Jane Hilton, Hannah Grimsey and Lesley Atkins – 01538 304219

Scarecrow Festival



Following the amazing scarecrow festival last year, we would like to do it again this year. The theme given the Jubilee year will be 'All Things Royal' – past, present, fact, myth or legend – it is completely up to your creative imagination... Please can I ask that you let Jenny Land 01538 304265 or Kim Kirby 07816 840486 know by the 20th August if you wish to take part, this will allow us to print the trail maps.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place courtesy of the Parish Council.

Sorry to see you go....

We say goodbye to Sarah Kinneir who is moving from our village to be nearer to her family. Sarah's husband Colin sadly died in March 2020 and Sarah has done her best to continue to look after her house and immaculately kept and extremely large garden, but has had to admit defeat. Both Sarah & Colin had spent 17 happy years in Butterton with Sarah being involved in Village Life, as a member of the P.C. amongst many other things. Both had been keen walkers in the area and strangely enough Sarah had an intense fear of cows!! Sarah's knowledge of gardening was displayed when selling off plants at the entrance to their property and with plant stalls she & Colin would sell at the Annual Village Wakes (all in aid of good causes). Sarah was responsible for the siting and maintenance of the village planters and her smiling face in all weathers is going to be greatly missed in the village. We wish her well in her new location, whose gain is our loss.

Butterton History Group

Butterton History Centre: An application was made to the Leaden Boot Committee Grant Fund and we were successful in gaining £500 as a result. This will buy us some acid free tissue paper and special storage boxes for our most 'precious' and irreplaceable items.

Butterton WI

On Tuesday 12th July a small but compact audience heard Marion Armstrong's talk- 'Chasing Paper Skeletons'. Marion explained many genealogical facts and gave members many useful tips which resulted in one member spending hours into the night, researching wills of her family members. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th August when Marion Beloe from Hope, near Alstonefield will be explaining Reiki Therapy.

Butterton Parish Council

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

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

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, Jon Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in August

28th 11am Holy Communion

Church Cleaning and Flowers for August: Margaret Grant

Thought for this Month

Life seems to be rushing past us now after months of inactivity due to lock down. Suddenly the Jubilee and the Wakes have been and gone, Harvest Festival and Sale in a couple of months and then it's Christmas.

Meanwhile, the world around us seems to have gone berserk both at home and abroad with so little that we can do about it except pray for the people involved.

Events

Our Elkstones Harvest Festival will be held at 7 pm on Sunday, 18th September, with the Harvest Sale on Monday 19th at 8 pm. There will be Myrtle's Pea and Pie Supper and (we hope !) Liz M's Raffle in aid of Church Funds following the Service. All contributions of goods, prizes, and donations will be extremely welcome – please contact Rob on 01538 300 509 or Myrtle on 01538 304 225

And we hope that lots of our neighbours from the surrounding Villages will also come along to join us.

Service

There will be a Holy Communion Service in St. John's at 11am on Sunday, 28th August.

GRINDON



All Saints

Vicar: Rev. A. Beahan

01538 309823

alanbeahan@yahoo.co.uk

G a r d e n i n g C l u b

Continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00-9:00pm.

Please contact Becky on 01538 304494 if you would like any further information.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Y o g a

Whether it's tree pose, a cat cow or a downward dog, the newly established yoga group are reaping the benefits of this ancient practice after only a few weeks in. Louise our teacher brings years of experience and delivers the classes with humour and warmth ensuring we all get a good work out both physically and mentally.

"Louise's yoga class is a highlight of my week, it's grounding, fun and helps both mental and physical health for me.

Physically, I started her classes with a knee problem (sheep related injury!). Immediately after the first class my knee felt stronger and less painful. I think I'd been over protecting it, and controlled movement helped. Louise makes sure she is aware of everyone's concerns and ensures that any issues are taken into account. She includes breathing techniques which can help with relaxation and sleep, and I always leave the class feeling better than when I arrived." - Nic

If you want to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and meet new people, why not come and join us? We meet in Grindon Village Hall every Wednesday (term time only) from 9.30 -11:00am. It's only £6.00 per session, pay as you go. We'd love to see you!



C r a f t C l u b

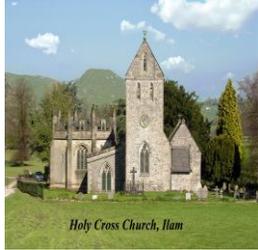


Grindon Craft Club meets in Grindon Village Hall the last Tuesday of each month, 7:30 to 9:00pm

We are a knit/ crochet/ sew/ whatever craft takes your fancy group with the essential natter (sometimes just natter!) and cups of tea/coffee and cake. Lots of experience to provide a helping hand with those 'stuck' projects or 'oops' situations.

Everyone welcome: only £2/session.

ILAM



Holy Cross

Revd.
**John
Austerberry**
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Vacancies

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August Church Flowers and Brasses

29th July & 5th August
12th & 19th August
26th & 2nd September

Mrs J Frith
Miss E Clewes
Ms C Hibbert-Foy

Weddings

We send our best wishes to Anna and Tim whose wedding blessing is to take place on August 9th 2022 for a long and happy life together

Ilam Church Fund Raising Lunch Sunday 14th August 2022

The church fund raising lunch is back after a break due to covid! By kind permission of the Dovedale Sheep Dog Trials the lunch will be held in the marquee on the dog trial field at Blore Cross Roads on Sunday 14th August 2022 with a start time of 12.30pm for 1pm. Adults £15.00. children slightly less!

For tickets please contact Julie, Karl, Joan or Ellen.

Harvest 2022

Save the date - Harvest 2022 Service Sunday 9th October 2022 at 10.30am with the supper in the evening at Dovedale House.

Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

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

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 13th September 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.

WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar: Father John Baines 01298 83411

Wardens:

Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft 01298 84568

Deputy Warden: Judy Prince
01298 84351

Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190 or 07989294809

August Services

Contact a Church Warden for any details

Prebendary Baines

On Sunday 3rd July, on a beautiful sunny day, we witnessed Fr. John becoming a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral alongside his role as Vicar and Rural Dean.

It was a truly memorable service, accompanied by the beautiful singing of the Cathedral Choir in such beautiful surroundings at Lichfield. Everybody thorough enjoyed themselves.

Wedding Celebrations

We are fortunate to have an array of marriages taking place at St Lawrence this year, our first wedding ceremony was on Saturday 23rd July, between Matt Peach and Laura Gordon. We wish Mr and Mrs Peach much happiness in their married lives together!

Flower Festival

As noted, we have decided to move away from the traditional August date, for the Flower Festival, as too many of our valued contributors are away. Therefore, we will be holding the Festival from 2nd September 2022 to 4th September 2022. Our theme will be Queen Elizabeth II – a celebration.

The Festival will be open to all, regardless of faith or non- faith – everyone is welcome. If you are interested in taking part we would love as many as possible from the community to join in, *however they want to* – young and old alike – come along with your friends or a group of children with their parents can do a display.

We will open with our usual Friday night Quiz and light buffet, please contact Emma for a ticket. Please confirm any dietary requirements. We will hold an Afternoon Tea on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. – book early to avoid disappointment – a selection of homemade sandwiches and savouries with fresh cream cakes will be available. Again, please confirm any dietary requirements and contact Emma.

Please call Emma, on 01298 687190 to confirm that you will be taking part, or make an offer of help – baking cakes, manning the Church, by making a monetary donation or donate a raffle prize. We are very grateful for any support. Thank you in anticipation!

Car Boot: Even though it was a very hot day on Sunday 10th July, we held a car boot to help fundraising for St Lawrence Church. We managed to raise £60. So well done to Vic Simpson and Zac!

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Vice Chairman: Laura Gordon 01298 84984;

Councillors: Amy Wardman 01538 304512; Stuart Gould 01298 687190;
Phil Moakes 01298 687238; Carl Booth 01538 304495; Nick Gilman 07773 768785.

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

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Garden Party

Saturday August 13th

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There will be no charge, whilst any donations will be forwarded to benefit St. Margaret's Church. Some chairs and tables will be available, but extra camping chairs should be brought, if you definitely require a seat, and please note that there are a few steps and inclines to be navigated.

**We look forward to seeing you all,
Pam and John**

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the July draw were:

1st Prize	Roger Broughton	£51.00
2nd Prize	Leslie Brocklehurst	£35.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.

Closing date for the August draw is Friday 19th August and the draw will take place on Friday 26th August

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