

# *Village & Community Magazine* *Second Half of February & All of March 2023*

*Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United*



## Some Upcoming Events in 2nd Half of February and All of March

Valentine's Evening Menu - Black Lion, Butterson - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Butterson WI Meeting - Butterson Village Hall - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm

Bingo Night - Warslow Village Hall - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm

"Pancake Day Event" - Alstonefield Village Hall - Shrove Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 4 to 7.00pm

WACFR AGM - Alstonefield Village Hall - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7.30pm

Concert with Eleanor McEvoy - Alstonefield Village Hall - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm

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Friendship Club Meeting - Alstonefield Village Hall - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 2 to 4.00pm

Pub Quiz Night - Black Lion, Butterson - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 8.00pm

Butterson WI Meeting - Butterson Village Hall - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

Bingo Night - Warslow Village Hall - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

Concert with Heidi Talbot - Alstonefield Village Hall - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

**DEADLINE for APRIL 2023**  
**6am Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March**

Input from you all would be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article. It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

**Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.**

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies. Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. **\*\*Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.**



# 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 Tea Junction, Hulme End, the staff and customers of The Manifold Inn and also hosts and visitors of the 'Beechenhill Arts Exhibition' for their generous donations.

**The WACFR AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd February, 7.30pm at Alstonefield Village Hall. If you would like to attend you are very welcome to join us.**

## **"SPARE" DEFIBRILLATOR**

The 'spare' Defibrillator is available as a loan unit should your existing Defibrillator be out of service.

## **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**

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

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 continue to update status on a monthly basis all of the twelve defibrillators that are based within our community.

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](mailto:wacfr.staffs@gmail.com)

Wetton & Alstonefield Community First Responders: Registered Charity Number: 1121223

## **White Peak Nordic Walking**



If you're planning to get fit in 2023, then I've got a variety of Nordic Walking classes to help you achieve your goals, no matter your age or fitness level. The gentle walks are 1 hour (2 – 2.5 miles) and the active walks are 90 minutes (3 – 3.5 miles), with varied terrain that will help build your stamina. There are plenty of beautiful views too, which provide the perfect motivation to head outside and get active.

On all regular walks clients have their own pair of Nordic Walking poles. So, if you're keen to come out with us, you can be sure we will do our best to make it a safe and rewarding experience. If you have been enjoying your daily walk and are looking to learn about the Power of Poles, please give me a call.

## **Power of Poles Intro Course**

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

During the course you will use strapless and strapped Nordic walking poles.

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

For details contact:

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

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

# Black Lion Inn

BUTTERTON, PEAK DISTRICT

We are very proud to announce we have again been shortlisted for THREE categories in the Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism and Good Food Awards.

We were successful in being shortlisted for the

Ethical, Responsible & Sustainable Tourism Award

B&B/Guesthouse of the Year

and the

Pub of the Year Award

We are looking forward to attending the awards ceremony on Thursday 9th March where all the winners will be announced.

Wish us luck!



## Valentine's Menu 2023

2 courses for £21

Available evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Ham hock butter, apple jelly, treacle bread

Shetland mussels, cooked in cider, fresh sourdough

Jerusalem artichoke puree, wild mushrooms, rye cracker

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Bavette steak with béarnaise sauce, hand cut chips, onion rings, grilled cherry tomatoes

Fillet of plaice, cauliflower steak, potato dumplings, orange and rosemary butter

Marinated jerk chicken leg, coconut rice, fried black eyed and kidney beans, griddled corn

Celeriac and sweet garlic pie, mash, greens, veggie gravy

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Sharing platter of chocolate ale cake with malt ice cream, lemon tart and profiteroles with chocolate sauce

Add for £9

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February    Pub Quiz    8pm start

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March    Pub Quiz    8pm start

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March    Mother's Day

01538 304232

bar@blacklioninn.co.uk

# Anyone for Pancakes?

Pancake  
Day



**Tuesday 21st February 4 to 7 pm**  
**Alstonefield Village Hall**

**Savoury & Sweet Pancakes & Oatcakes**

**Variety of toppings included**

**Gluten/Dairy Free & Vegan options**

**Fun Social Evening for All**

**£2.50 a pancake**

**Call in, eat in or out**

**Book orders & takeaways**

**Contact: Carrie 07891 480104**



**St. Peter's raising funds for eco-friendly heating**

## Smile Once in a While...

A policeman on horseback stops at a traffic light on Christmas morning, and next to him is a little girl on her brand-new bike.

The policeman tells the young girl, "You have a nice bike, sweetheart. Did Santa bring you that?" "Yes, he did," she sweetly replied.

The policeman says, with a smile on his face, "So, tell Santa to put a taillight on that bike next year," he says as he hands the girl a £20 ticket. She says this as the policeman rides away "By the way, you have a nice horse there. Did Santa bring you that?"

The policeman, playing along, says, "He certainly did."

"Well, next year, tell Santa the d#ck goes underneath the horse, not on top."

A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?"

The blonde said, "How about £50?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch." A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats. Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the £50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

"I tried to warn my son about playing Russian roulette. It went in one ear and out the other."

"The guy who stole my diary just died. My thoughts are with his family."

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

As the hedge fund manager gets out of his brand-new Porsche, a truck goes racing by, taking off the door. "My Porsche! My beautiful silver Porsche is ruined!" he screams.

A police officer on the scene shakes his head in disgust. "I can't believe you," he says. "You're so focused on your possessions that you didn't even realize your left arm was torn off when the truck hit you."

The hedge fund manager looks down in absolute horror. "Oh, no!" he cries. "My Rolex!"

# New & Local

## Time to Get Walking Again!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Staffordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/staffs> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Staffordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

**John Harris**

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)

[john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)



## *Belted Galloway Beef Boxes*

*Born & Grass Fed overlooking the Beautiful Manifold Valley*



Farm Assured, Traditional Family Farm, Low Food Miles  
Available Summer 2023

**£195 (min 22kg, inc joints, steak, mince & stew steak)**

*Happy to provide alternative options if required.*

**Contact Barbara 01335 310231 or email [castern@btinternet.com](mailto:castern@btinternet.com) for more details**



**A Donation to the Community Magazine has been most gratefully received from Claire Hardwick of "Curtains Up"**

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**ALSTONEFIELD**

**February Services**

|                  |         |                               |                 |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Holy Communion                | Ilam            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Communion                | Wetton          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 7.00pm  | Ash Wednesday 'Start of Lent' | Alstonefield    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Morning Worship               | Wetton (Lent 1) |

**March Services**

|                  |         |                                    |                       |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am | Holy Communion                     | Alstonefield (Lent 2) |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Baptism                            | Ilam (Lent 3)         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Baptism with HC (Mothering Sunday) | Wetton                |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11am    | Morning Worship                    | Alstonefield (Lent 5) |



**St. Peter's: Revd. John Austerberry 01335 310002. Warden: Vacancies**

**Shrove Tuesday – 21<sup>st</sup> February – Pancake Day Event**

An evening to raise funds to install eco-heating at St. Peter's.

Community time for people to get together to compete in Pancake races and competition for all the family and enjoy eating pancakes. Starting at 4-7 pm. Fun Social Evening for All. Competitions and Races. At Alstonefield Village Hall.

**You are invited to join a Lent Group**

A Lent group is planning on Tuesday evenings to meet together and follow a Lent course called [Difference](#). This is not a book-based course but an interactive multimedia course. Contact Rev. John for more details

'How do we deal with differences' is a question that keeps being raised. We see it daily in our lives, in politics, social media, and in the news. As we try to make space for others, we are pushed up against hard questions. How can we treasure people we disagree with? How do we collaborate with people who have a different perspective? How do we trust people whose experiences we can't fully comprehend?

The church has always been a place of differences, and never more so than today. This Lent I encourage you to make space to explore reconciliation and work with differences. How do we deal with differences?

**Date for your Diary – Clare Day's Licensing Service as a Reader at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September afternoon**

Please continue to support and pray for Clare as she completes the Reader course this July and prepares to be licensed as a Reader.

**Alstonefield Community Larder** – this is in the porch at St Peter's for anyone in need. Thank you to all those who have donated, the food bank was very grateful for us setting this up and for the donations; we will take the extras to Leek again this month. Please drop any more donations in the right-hand box.

**St Peter's Church Alstonefield**– thank you to all those who have volunteered in the myriad of ways that you do to ensure that this beautiful building remains open and loved. There are rotas for cleaning, church opening, clock winding, mowing the churchyard, flowers, brass polishing, organising events. Please be in touch if you would like to join us in any way, just a few hours a year is a great help. All are welcome. Call Carrie Osborne on 01335 310453.

As we plan for the replacement of the vicar, we would appreciate more people being involved on the church electoral roll and on the PCC so that we make sure that the church caters for all. Please contact any member of the PCC if you feel you can join.

The first **Big Clean day for 2023 will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10am**. Please can you spare an hour or so to help Spring Clean and get the church and churchyard ready for the summer months.

**PANCAKE DAY – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 4-7pm at Alstonefield Village Hall**. All sorts of savoury and sweet pancakes and oatcakes with delicious toppings for sale. All welcome. Drop in and buy, or pre-order, eat in or have a take-away. See the attached poster. Call Carrie Osborne on 07891 480104.

**Alstonefield and District RVS  
Friendship Club**

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March  
2.00pm- 4.00pm  
AVH

Talk by Martin Snodin-  
**Alstonefield in Colour Part 2**  
Tea/ Quiz/ Raffle

You are invited to join us this winter/  
spring for interesting talks and relaxed  
company.

We welcome new members (£5.00  
annually), but you don't have to be a  
member to come along. Talks are £8.00  
for non-members and £5.00 for  
members. Refreshments are served.  
All the talks listed are at  
Alstonefield Village Hall.

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> April  
2.00pm- 4.00pm  
AVH



Talk- Ken Sharples-  
**DRUGS, SEX & ROCK'N'ROLL**  
(And Everything Else Under  
the Sun)  
A Brief History of Cigarette  
Card Collecting  
Tea/ Quiz/ Raffle

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
3.00pm-  
5.00pm  
AVH

Talk by Rachel Metcalfe  
**Farmer's wife for Farming  
Life**  
Tea/ Quiz/ Raffle



**THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Leaden Boot will take place on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. We  
are open for entries now.

The online form for entries is available at [leadenboot.org.uk](http://leadenboot.org.uk) or on  
our Facebook page – Leaden Boot Challenge

*The walk is 26.2 miles long, starting and finishing in Alstonefield the route showcasing our beautiful  
landscape. The challenge is open to walkers and runners with entrants having 12 hours to complete it.  
All money raised goes to local good causes and in excess of £44,000 has been awarded since its  
inception.*

Grant applications are open from now until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 so please apply either as an individual or a  
group if you have a cause that will benefit the local community. All locals, local parishes and groups are  
eligible to apply.

Grant forms available from [admin@leadenboot.org.uk](mailto:admin@leadenboot.org.uk)

Volunteers

On the day we need a small army of volunteers to make things run smoothly, if you can spare any part of  
the day (7.30am-9pm) we would love to hear from you.

We also have to feed a small army so if anyone could bake a cake or traybake we would be most grateful  
We totally rely on volunteers for this event and all money raised comes back into the community we live  
in so hopefully benefits us all.

Get in touch – [admin@leadenboot.org.uk](mailto: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.

## Alstonefield Village Hall

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

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

**Committee members** – Dave & Val Littlehales, Kevin Stockton.

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

### Warm Hub

Although this winter has, so far, been more benign than we've had in the past, you never know what's round the corner! So, with utility bills as high as they are, the village hall will continue to be available as a 'warm space' for anyone, whenever there is no prior booking of both the main hall and the smaller meeting room (if one is booked, the other will still be available). There is tea and coffee on a help yourself basis.

## **Alstonefield Village Hall Concerts – What People Say.....**

*"We've been lucky enough to see the wonderful Dixie Chicks and such but last night, in a village hall, one might say 'in the middle of nowhere', we heard a little band - The Haley Sisters - that was right up there with them! Many thanks for a great evening, we'll definitely be seeing you again."* **Barry & Catherine Fraser**

*"We don't know how you can put on such a comprehensive programme of top musicians at such a reasonable cost to the customer, and hopefully still make a profit from probably less than 100 seats. If we came from the area we'd be at every show."* **Roger & Czesia Manifold**

**If you've never been to one of our concerts, do give it a try. Licensed bar with real ales available.**

**Tickets available online at [www.wegotickets.com/AVH-Concerts](http://www.wegotickets.com/AVH-Concerts) or call 01335 310322.**

Saturday 25 February 2023  
**Eleanor McEvoy**  
One of Ireland's  
foremost songwriters  
Gimme Some Wine  
UK Tour  
**SOLD OUT**  
Alstonefield Village Hall 8pm (doors 7.30)  
Tickets £16 plus booking fee via WeGotTickets.com WeGot Tickets  
or buy direct at the venue bar/cafe or tel. 01335 310322/email: avh.concerts@gmail.com  
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**HEIDI TALBOT**  
"Simply vocal heaven"  
Sunday Times  
"A voice that's both  
awestruck and tender"  
New York Times  
Saturday 18 March  
Alstonefield Village Hall 8pm (doors 7.30)  
Tickets £16 plus booking fee via WeGotTickets.com WeGot Tickets  
or buy direct at the venue bar/cafe or tel. 01335 310322/email: avh.concerts@gmail.com  
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## Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council** – Martin Jinks

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

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

**Chair** – Rupert Hignett (07904 187785)

**Vice Chairman:** Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

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

Mr M Newman ([mn821268@gmail.com](mailto:mn821268@gmail.com)), Vacancy

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

## Notice of Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Notice is hereby given that, by reason of a resignation, a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing.

To be eligible, the applicant:

- must appear on the current register of the Voters List, or
- during the whole of the preceding twelve months lived in or within three miles of the parish, or
- during the whole of the preceding twelve months must have had their main place of work in the parish, and
- must be 18 and a UK or Republic of Ireland citizen, and
- must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

Please contact [clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk) or by post to: Alstonefield Village Hall, Alstonefield, DE6 2FR

## BUTTERTON



### St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held: 01538 262116

Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

### Church Warden:

Barbara Woodward 304324

Maggie Risby 304115 Secretary & Treasurer

### P.C.C. Members:

Maurice Woodward, Lily Hambleton-Plumb (**Deanery Synod + Safety**), Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling

**February Rota: Cleaning and Flowers: Lilly Hambleton-Plumb**

**No Flowers for March: Cleaning Rota: Dorothy Glaister**

### Services in February

19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion  
22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Benefice Ash  
Wednesday (**at Ipstones Church**)

### Services in March

3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm. **Women's World Day of Prayer by Christian Women of Taiwan (at Ipstones Church)**

5<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm. Evening Prayer

19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am. Mothering Sunday  
Holy Communion

**N.B. Services are in Butterton Church unless stated otherwise**

### St Bartholomew's Church, Butterton.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 was the Baptism of Monty Steele (Montgomery Lawrence Woodward Steele), younger grandson of Barbara and Maurice Woodward. We welcome Monty into our worshipping community.

We continue to battle with water ingress in the tower but slow and steady wins the race?

Every rainstorm means mopping up buckets full of water from the plastic sheeting covering the bell ringing floor. Men have been seen dangling on ropes on the outside of the tower. On a very wet morning when it absolutely poured down, the builders came to watch the water ingress in action and fingers crossed, they think they might have discovered one section that needs attention. Following a meeting with the architect, it now seems that costs have been severely reduced. With fundraising and grant applications, repairs seem closer and 'more real'.

Watch this space.

**The new Lottery Ball** year opened up on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All subscriptions have been collected and thanks to all our new customers who have come aboard. Each numbered ball costs £12 per annum and you can buy as many balls as you like! (It's never too late!) The winning balls are drawn every second Saturday in the month. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- £40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- £10. Contact Maggie (01538 304115) or Barbara (01538 304324) to join in the fun.

Following the tree maintenance in the churchyard, the PCC thanks Terry Buxton for his second donation this year of £170 towards church funds.



**A Treasurer for the PCC asap.  
Please contact any Churchwarden  
if you think you can help.**

## St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for January

|                 |               |       |        |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Brian Rowland | (132) | £40.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | M & A Wint    | ( 51) | £20.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Ellen Mollatt | ( 45) | £10.00 |

**Numbers drawn by Maggie Risby**

**The next draw was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in Church at 11am.**

**Next Year's Lottery Subscriptions were due by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. For anyone wishing to renew their subscriptions please contact Maggie 01538 304115 or Barbara 01538 304324**

### Butterton Village Hall

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

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

Party bookings are coming in with a wedding reception booked in August. Please access our booking hire agreement on the website for more details - [buttertonmoorlands.co.uk](http://buttertonmoorlands.co.uk)

There is a bit of patchwork and repainting needed in walls and ceilings following the second stage of a revamp of our electrical system. (Thanks to Hilary and Les) We await a third and final stage but the majority is completed.

The Play Area underwent its annual inspection and we are pleased to say that apart from a few minor tweaks, we passed and every piece of equipment is functional and safe. Please can we repeat our plea for you NOT to take your dogs into the Play Area.

### Butterton Parish Council

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

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

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

The budget for 2023/2024 was discussed at the January meeting and the Precept decided. A section of perimeter wall at Butterton Wood has collapsed. Does anyone know a good wall builder?

At the February meeting the upcoming Coronation of King Charles 111 in May will be discussed

Meetings of the PC for the rest of the year are.....**21st February, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October & 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

If anyone has an issue they would like to discuss with the Council, please write/email the Clerk who will ensure sufficient time is given at a meeting for discussion

### Butterton History Group

Two photographs of 17<sup>th</sup> century documents have arrived from Stafford Archives. They are quite lengthy, in italic script and difficult to transcribe. An ideal challenge for someone in these quieter times! At present, copies of the documents have been circulated to the intrepid few for their help. If you would like to have a go, please let Maggie know.

Preliminary discussions have been held regarding the History Group's next event. The focus will possibly be St. Bartholomew's Church. We will be showcasing everything we have on the church in the church. Watch this space for a date.

**The Bus Shelter** seeks a set of 4 tables measuring approx. 122cms (4ft) X 60cms (2ft) If anyone knows where some can be found, please let June and Jeremy know.

### Butterton W.I.

After 33 years Butterton W.I. still meet on the second Tuesday of each month. We only have 13 members now and we seriously appeal to ladies to join us. Residence in Butterton is not necessary. We need an influx of members to continue.

We are a caring, informal, group with interesting speakers and events. For further information contact Jacqueline Sumerling 01538 304546 or Jacqui Salt 01538 304550.

Our January meeting was led by Sheila, one of our members. A craft evening enjoyed by us all with an activity making a patterned key ring.

The February meeting will be an interesting talk by Chris Sykes on Pugilism. On March 14th we welcome Pam from Quirky Flowers. Members were delighted and inspired by Pam's November Wreath Making Demonstration. In March her focus will be Spring arrangements using new techniques. This is an Open Meeting (men invited too)

A charge of £5 includes a raffle ticket and refreshments. We welcome visitors and potential new members.

## **ELKSTONES**



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

**Flowers & Cleaning for February/March**  
Sally Faulkner

### February Services

26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion

You just don't know who to believe these days – the media seem determined to spread doom and gloom but it's surprising what a bit of sunshine and lots of snowdrops can do to lift the spirits! Living up here and meeting friends from all around helps and we have the Coronation celebrations to look forward to....

The Coffee Morning was a very nice get together – many thanks to Margaret for her hospitality. We are delighted to hear that "The Reform" pub in Thorncliffe is re-opening and we will be down for their Steak Night soon. And we started to plan our Village celebrations for the Coronation (Big Lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, more details next time).

**There was excitement up at Manor Farm** early in the month, when a ring on the doorbell found BBC Countryfile's Adam Henson on the doorstep, looking for Manor Farm, Flash. Well, if we were hoping to be telly stars, we missed the limelight, but the programme Countryfile did about Flash was very good & worth watching on iPlayer or their website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001hhxy>



**On 25th January we had a lovely Coffee gathering at Bank House, a couple of hours chatting about family & village life**

**We also agreed that a Steak Night should be booked for an evening towards the end of March—we have heard the good news that the Reform Inn in Thorncliffe has re-opened and new owners Becky & Mark are carrying on the Thursday steak nights. Watch this space!**

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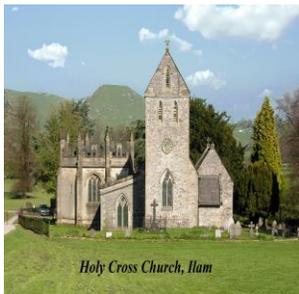
**We had a brief discussion too about our plans to celebrate King Charles' Coronation & agreed that we'd like to hold a Big Lunch in the village on 7th May.**



### **Elkstones Coronation Big Lunch**

Closing the road for a Street Party would be complicated. A simpler idea would be to hold an informal **Street Meet** on the village green. There is room for a row of trestle tables from top to bottom & we can all bring our own food & drink. If you'd like to join us, please email [janeprince@btinternet.com](mailto:janeprince@btinternet.com) with numbers & also to volunteer help with tables, chairs, gazebos, decorations etc.

# ILAM



## February Services

|                  |         |                               |                 |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Holy Communion                | Wetton          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 7.00pm  | Ash Wednesday 'Start of Lent' | Alstonefield    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Morning Worship               | Wetton (Lent 1) |

## March Services

|                  |         |                                    |                       |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am | Holy Communion                     | Alstonefield (Lent 2) |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Baptism                            | Ilam (Lent 3)         |
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## Holy Cross

**Rev. John Austerberry, 01335 310002.**

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## Ilam Parish Council

**Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368**

**Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: [clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk)**

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

The next meeting is Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7 pm at YHA Ilam Youth Hostel. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

## News from Ilam C of E (VA) School

Christmas and the start of 2023 already seems a long time ago.....At school, the children took part in a range of activities including a trip to see Snow White at the Buxton Opera House, enjoyed a Christmas party and put on a show entitled "The Donkey's Tale." We held our Nativity and Carol Service led by Rev. John at Ilam Church where the Year 6 children told the Christmas Story and our youngest pupils acted out the Nativity story.

The children have enjoyed worships led by Rev. John, "Open the Book" from Ashbourne Methodist Church and Rev. Nathan from Ashbourne Baptist Church. The children have been thinking about the school vision and its Christian Values and what they mean to each of us. Our Christian Value for this half term has been friendship and Kingfisher Class have planned and led some of their own worships based around this.

Our Kingfisher Class have been studying Shakespeare, reading the adapted texts of Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet. They have been busy writing for different purposes. The children have made up their own potions, written a tragedy story, completed a biography and written a dramatic monologue.

In Squirrels Class, the children have been reading "The Princess and the Pig." They have loved finding out what happened to the real princess and have written stories and adverts for a royal nanny.

Meanwhile in EYFS and Reception, our Hedgehog class, our youngest pupils have been learning all about wild animals. This week their topic has changed to Dinosaurs and the children were amazed that they had found a dinosaur egg in the school grounds. They have carefully brought it inside, hoping it may hatch! Watch this space!

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

# 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

## February/March Services

|                           |         |                |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February | 11.00am | Morning Prayer |
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## February Cleaning Rota: Rachel and Judy

The next service at St. Lawrence Church will be Morning Prayer on Sunday 12th February at 11am. Looking forward into March, there is a service of Holy Communion at 11am on March 12th.

The Annual Church Meeting for Warslow with Elkstones takes place at 11am at Elkstones on 5th March. This meeting is for everyone who lives or worships in Warslow or Elkstones. It is a chance to see what the churches have been doing over the last year, read the reports, ask questions, and maybe get involved. Church officers are elected at this meeting. Do come along, you will be most welcome.

We are hoping to have a 'spring clean' in March if anyone is able to help in any way. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Rachel Moorcroft.

Emma Gould who for many years, has tirelessly prepared/edited and written the church and community magazines on a monthly basis, has now decided to step down from this position. We thank her for all her hard work and input during this time.

We are pleased to announce that the new method of heating has now been installed in our church. The new system will be much more economical and efficient to run. We thank Phil. for all his help in making this happen. Hilda Critchlow is continuing to make progress and we look forward to seeing her out and about again very soon.

**HAPPY  
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Finally, the churchwardens send special birthday wishes and congratulations to Neil Woolley who recently celebrated a 'Special Birthday'!

## Appeal for Gardeners

Manifold School are planning a Community Garden in the school grounds and would like to appeal to any keen, local gardeners to get in touch. We have greenhouse space which we would like to share with the local community so if you have any spare time and a passion for gardening and growing please contact Claire Smith at Manifold School on 01298 384293.



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Further information from Sarah Thomas 01298 84367**

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

The lucky winners in the January draw were:

|                             |                         |               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> | <b>David Hodgkinson</b> | <b>£51.00</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> | <b>C. Heaton</b>        | <b>£34.00</b> |

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage. Closing date for the February draw is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and the draw will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### Wetton Warm Space Welcome.



Wetton PCC (Parochial Church Council) is proposing to support a "WARM SPACE" in Wetton Tea Rooms for the people residing in the Wetton Parish perimeters, which includes the Back of Ecton, i.e., DE6 2AF and DE6 2AJ.

The kind co-operation of Julie and Ian to reserve space on a Friday morning from 10-00am to 12-00 midday is much appreciated, to allow village folk to meet with their first drink at minimum expense/highly subsidised.

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# Wetton Village Hall

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wettonvillagehall@gmail.com

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