

Village & Community Magazine

SEPTEMBER 2023

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United



Some Upcoming Events in October

Music Concert - The Canny Band - Alstonefield Village Hall - Sat 2nd - 7.30pm

"Time for a Cuppa" - Elkstones, Margaret Grant's - Sun 3rd - 2.30 to 5.30pm

Butterton Lime Kiln Tours - Butterton - Sat 9th & Fri 15th - 10am/11.30am/1.30pm each day

'History Live Talk' with Alan Salt - Warslow Village Hall - Wed 6th - 7.30pm

"Ride & Stride" - Alstonefield Church - Sat 9th - 10.00am to 6.00pm

"Big Clean Day" - Alstonefield Church - Sat 16th - From 9.30am

"Pig Racing" - Butterton Village Hall - Sat 16th - 6.30pm

Harvest Festival and Pie & Pea Supper - Elkstones Church - Sun 17th - 7.00pm

Harvest Supper - Wetton Village Hall - Mon 18th - Evening

Harvest Festival Auction - Elkstones Church - Mon 18th - 8.00pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Butterton Village Hall - Fri 22nd - Time to be confirmed

"Village Ramble" - Elkstones - Sun 24th - Time to be Confirmed

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Alstonefield Village Hall - Sat 30th - 10.30 to 12.30pm

Music Concert - Steve Tilston & Katie Spencer - Alstonefield Village Hall - Sat 30th - 7.30pm

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER EDITION IS 6am on Wednesday 27th September

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.**

Road Closed: Alstonefield Road, Hulme End to Butterson

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC Swainsley Bank Butterson NOTICE is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council on 22nd August 2023 intends to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Swainsley Bank in Butterson at Swainsley Bridge unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. An alternative route for traffic is available via Swainsley Bank, Manifold Valley Road, Waste Lane, Penfold Road, Lime Kiln Road, Butterson Moor Bank, B5053 Butterson Moor, B5054 New Road, Alstonefield Road, Ecton Road and vice versa. For more information, visit: <https://one.network/?tm=135329814>. The order will come into operation on 26th August 2023 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 29th February 2024. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the investigation of the collapsed bridge, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road has been completed, whichever is the earlier. Date: 23rd August 2023 John Tradewell, Director of Corporate Services, No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH Ref: 4339309 Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre Tel: 0300 111 8000

New & Local

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Please contact clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk for further details.

Do you know of anyone who doesn't have a computer/tablet who would like a coloured copy of the magazine delivered to their door. They would need to send me several stamped addressed envelopes and I will then arrange the rest. I only have a limited availability so first come first served.

Also, anyone who wishes to be added to our mailing list is also welcome.

Tricia/Peter 01538 304560

(Trees Cottage, Butterson, Leek, Staffs ST13 7SP)

A Poem for Autumn by Anthony Rhead, Butterson

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| 1) Crimson, golden embers,
Transitions of the light,
Smouldering September,
Autumn colours bright | 3) Countryside is magic,
Wide, fertile land,
Many it's enchanting,
Staffordshire Moorland |
| 2) Festivals of harvest,
Precious is the seed,
Mother nature harnessed,
Nothing should not eat | 4) Collective is the season,
Support is in the air,
Consciousness of meaning,
Comes when we all share! |

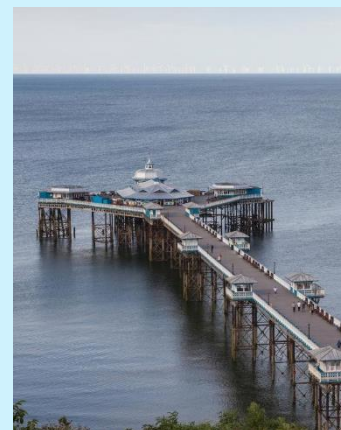
Of Historical Interest

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Coach trip to
Llandudno
Wednesday 6th September



**Leaving Alstonefield
Village Hall car park: 8.45am
Leaving Llandudno:
4.00pm**

Cost £10.00 per adult, £5.00 per child

For more information or to book a place

**Please call / message Mandy (07779 899860)
or Fiona (07484 881811)**



**This trip has been organised by Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club.
Members can travel free of charge.**

Smile Once in a While...

Little boy gets home from school and says...

"Dad I've got a part in the school play as a man who's been married for 25 years."

His Dad replies "Never mind Son. Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part!!"

We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.

So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says: "Is this Whiskey?"

Elmer says: "Yeth but not as whiskey as wobbing a bank!!" 😊



Just saw two birds stuck together in a tree...I think they're velcrows !



History Is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us.

A man was admitted to hospital with a golf ball lodged in his backside.

When his wife's friends asked her about it she said it had gone up a fair way.

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.



Its a New World Out There

DOCTOR : Sir.

PATIENT : Excuse me doctor, it's ma'am

DOCTOR : Ma'am, you have prostate cancer





Rudyard Methodist Church, Lake Road, Rudyard ST13 8RN

Flower Festival 2023

'A Celebration of Saints'

**Opens Friday 22 September
till Tuesday 26 September**

11am – 5pm daily

'Songs of Praise'

**Sunday 24 September at 7pm
with the Over Alderley Brass Band**

Harvest Supper

Tuesday 26 September at 7.30pm

Pie & Peas, Dessert & drink – only £12 pp

**Bookings essential with Suzanne on 07518 074185
or suzsheldon@btinternet.com**



Refreshments

Raffle & Quiz

Alstonefield Harvest Supper

Sunday 1st October 2023

7pm

Adults £7.50 Children £5

*To include a meal
and the famous 'Harvest Hamper Auction'*

All welcome

Tickets available from Debs at The Hollow (310049)

All proceeds to St Peter's Church Alstonefield

**Any donations for the hampers please give to
Cathy Reavy, Debs or leave at the church**



ALSTONEFIELD



3rd 11.00am
24th 11am

September Services

Holy Communion
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Alstonefield
Alstonefield

Vicar: In Vacancy

Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant

Reader in Training: Clare Day 01538 381773

Alstonefield St Peter's Church.

We would be very grateful if anyone could offer join the **rota for opening and closing the Church** each day. The rota works well with people being allocated to a month and others taking on the task if you need to be out or away. We particularly need someone for November. Please contact Carrie Osborne if you could help on 01298 84443 or email carrieosborne2016@gmail.com. Thank you. Visitors and local people really appreciate the church being open each day. There are some lovely comments in the Visitors Book

St Peter's Church Big Clean Day on Saturday 16th September (postponed from 2nd September) – please come to help tidy up the churchyard and clean the nether regions of the church if you could possibly spare an hour or so. Many hands and all that! From 9.30, with refreshments available.

Alstonefield Community Larder – The larder is still available in the porch of St Peter's Church. If you or a member of your family or community find yourselves in need of food or other household items, please take what you need. If you would like to donate items, please leave them in the box on the right. The boxes are checked regularly and extra items are taken to the Leek or Ashbourne food banks.

Ride and Stride, Saturday 9th September, St Peter's Alstonefield – St Peter's will be open and self-service refreshments available from 10-6 for the Historic Churches Trust fundraising event for cyclists and walkers to visit as many churches as possible in the day. We are rather an outlier but hope that some people may make the journey! Details are available here <https://ridestride.org/> and here for the local organisation in Staffordshire <https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/rideandstride/rideandstridedocsthisyear/>

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks

Email: 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), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

Next Parish Council Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

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Save the Date

The Macmillan Coffee Morning, will be held at Alstonefield Village Hall on Saturday 30th September from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

There will cake stall and a raffle; any donations for either would be gratefully received. Please contact Jo Wood with any queries.



The worst thing you can do is nothing!

If someone near you has a cardiac arrest the worst thing you can do is nothing!

WACFR (our local ambulance First Responder group) is offering a

CPR and Defib Training Session for all

In Alstonefield Village Hall on Monday 2nd October 7-9pm

We all hope never to have to use this training but if someone near you has a cardiac arrest, the aim is to know what to do before the ambulance arrives so the patient has the best chance of survival.

This session is suitable for new people and those who would like a refresher. Everyone is welcome!

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

We have a full programme of events for the rest of the year, including a day - trip to Llandudno on Wednesday 6th September. We have a grant for this outing so members' places will be subsidised. Please do consider joining us- it should be a lovely day out. Further details from Mandy (07779 899860).

In October, we have our big fund-raising event and welcome members and non-members for a great evening's entertainment.

For other enquiries about the club or non-members wishing to attend an event, please get in touch with Fiona on 01335 310200 (afternoons or evenings).

Wednesday 6 th September	<p>Day trip to Llandudno Coach Trip- picking up from Butterson, Warslow and Alstonefield</p>  <p>For further information, please contact Mandy</p>
Wednesday 4 th October 6.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall	 <p>Delicious Seasonal Harvest Supper and produce auction/raffle With professional entertainer comedy-musician Dave Moylan "Funny Turns" Cost £10.00 Please support our annual fund-raiding evening if you can!</p>
Wednesday 1 st November 2.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall	<p>Talk by Rob Handscombe on Madeira Cream tea/ quiz and raffle It may be cold and dark outside, but this talk and tea will take you back to sunnier times. £5.00 members; £8.00 non-members</p>
Wednesday 6 th December	 <p><u>Secret Diner</u> Christmas Dinner with Secret Santa and Bumper Hamper Raffle Subsidised for members</p>

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton Treasurer & Bookings Officer: Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Lois Adams (Rep. member for Parent & Toddler Group)

Charlotte Jordan (Rep. member for Cricket Club)

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Kate Jayden (TBC)

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

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

If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall Events



The Canny Band
Songlines **** - "Exciting and invigorating"
RnR **** "Simply stunning"

Saturday 2 September
Alstonefield Village Hall 8pm (doors 7.30)

Tickets £16 plus booking fee via [WeGotTickets.com](https://www.wegotickets.com) or buy direct at the venue bar/cafe or tel. 01335 310322/email: avh.concerts@gmail.com

Charity Registered no. 229829 www.thecannyband.co.uk www.alstonefield.org



Two of the UK's top guitarists/singers
STEVE TILSTON **KATIE SPENCER**

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www.alstonefield.org



THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE

This year The Leaden Boot Challenge (held on May 21st 2023) has donated a magnificent £6600 to local good causes in need!

Successful grant applications were received from:

**Alstonefield Village Hall: Alstonefield St Peter's Church: Grindon Village Hall: Ilam Parish Council
Hartington Village Hall: Wetton Parish Council: Wetton Village Hall**

Once again, the Leaden Boot Committee would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those fantastic volunteers and competitors who made this year's event a success and helped us raise this money for our community.

Next year's event will be held on Sunday May 19th so please save the date!

Entries open October 2023:

Grant applications open April 2024

Follow us online: Leadenboot.org.uk **Facebook:** Leaden Boot Challenge **Instagram:** [leadenbootchallenge](https://www.instagram.com/leadenbootchallenge)

“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

Revd - Jane Held:

01538 262116

Church Warden:

Maggie Risby 304115

Barbara Woodward 304324

Services in September

3 rd	3.00pm	Evening Worship
17 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Arthur Hack Officiating)

Church Flowers:

Cleaning Rota:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Barbara Woodward.

P.C.C. Members: Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115

Maurice Woodward, Lily Hambleton-Plumb (**Dept Warden/Deanery Synod + Safety**), Patrick Bailey (Treasurer & Deanery Synod) Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggi Rowland, Jackie Sumerling, Maggie Rowland, Rachel Hopper

St. Bartholomew's

Advance notice for October Services:

1st October	3pm	Evening Worship
8th October	6pm	Harvest Thanksgiving

The bells have been busy. Due to the re-opening of the Bell Ringing floor following work done to cure the water ingress, we have been welcoming teams of Bell ringers back to try out our bells. Five Teams will have visited by the end of August. Villagers and visitors alike have said how lovely it is to hear the bells again. As part of an insurance claim, we await a new set of ropes as one rope was damaged beyond repair due to rotting by water and the others needed to be taken away and dried out. Hopefully we will have our new ropes installed by the Songs of Praise to be held at the Butterson History Group event at 3pm on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October, celebrating St Bartholomew's Church and the 150th year anniversary of the re-opening of the church following the rebuild in 1871-1873.

Gift Day and Songs of Praise was celebrated on Sunday 6th August. Thanks to all who donated towards the day to day running costs of the church.

At the last PCC meeting, creating a Memorial Garden was discussed, for the burial of cremated remains. A site meeting has been held to measure the area and discuss the number of plots to be asked for when completing yet another faculty. (We are getting familiar with the faculty procedure!) It is hoped to place the garden on the west side of the church, in front of the bench.

The Jam Jar Festival was on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th August. For a £1 donation, jam jars full of flowers were placed in church. It is becoming a lovely way to greet the beginning of The Wakes.

St Bartholomew's PCC would like to thank the Outgoing Wakes Queen Charley Garnett for her generous donations from her fundraising pot to both the Tower Fund and Church Maintenance Fund. **Thank you Charley**, a fantastic year's work fundraising. And rest.....

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for July

1 st	Carol Hudson	(65)	£40.00
2 nd	Dianne Wint	(60)	£20.00
3 rd	Nancy Coates	(71)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday September 9th in Church at 11am.

Butterton Village Wakes Summer Festival

Bank Holiday Sunday saw the return of the annual Butterton Wakes. The Wakes Queen Church Service was held in *St Bartholomew's Church* and conducted by the Reverend Jane Held followed by the traditional march to the Village Hall accompanied by the Warslow Silver Band, with our new Wakes Queen Aurora arriving in style followed by motorbikes.

We saw the retirement of our Wakes Queen Charley Garnett who has done fantastic job over the last year and crowned the new Wakes Queen Aurora Hilton. Thank you, Charley for all your hard work and fundraising efforts who has raised a phenomenal £840.00, through raffles, a tractor run and fashion show which will be split amongst various village charities & British Heart Foundation. A huge thank you from Charley also goes too Chris Hayhow for raising £2390 towards her fundraising from his cycle from *Land's End to John o' Groats* in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

Whilst the weather did not feel like summer the rain held off in the afternoon and we even got the odd glimpse of sunshine, we still had a good turnout. We added a few new additions in this year too with the Tug o'War hosted by our very own Vic Astle which was very popular and based on the competitiveness of our local teams a rematch to defend 'Georges Team's' title will be needed next year. The gorgeous woolly alpacas from Oak Moor Farm also put in a guest appearance, please take the opportunity to visit them at their home in Grindon if you get the chance. We also can't go without mentioning a well-timed fly past from the Red Arrows to take us into the evening.

Building on the success of last year we continued with an outside marquee including a mini-Beer & Cider Festival hosted by Matt and Hannah at The Black Lion Inn, thank you both for all your support as Hannah volunteers her time in the organisation & running and all profits from the bar go towards the Wakes fundraising.

Special thanks to Donna and Andy who worked so hard on the BBQ all day. Also, in attendance special thanks to Buxton Mountain Rescue, Sally Stickland - First responders, our local classic tractors. The evening played out with Acoustic Anarchy who had us all singing and dancing followed by a disco & a comeback from retirement of DJ James Bailey thank you both.

As always events like this cannot take place without support from our local community, a huge thank you to all those who volunteered, donated cakes/prizes, brought raffle tickets and came along to celebrate with us, we are truly grateful. We will update in the next edition on our fundraising efforts.

Special thanks for the great photos captured during the day goes to Cliff Salt, who always does a sterling job and Mike Stone for the drone footage.



Wakes Queen 2023 Aurora Hilton



Warslow Silver Band



Entertainment



Butterton Calendar – Front Page Winner

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

A busy time this month, hosting a Wedding Party and a Christening Party as well as the regular Sunday Dog Training classes run by Karen Landon, Churnet Valley Dogs, and of course acting as the venue for The Wakes.

Saturday 16th September- Pig Racing Night. Following a hilarious evening in July, it has been decided the pigs will race again. Join us at 6.30pm and place your bets for the first race at 7pm. There is a licenced bar and hot refreshments will be available.

The Macmillan Coffee morning hosted by Hilary Bassett is on Friday 22nd September. Look on the notice boards nearer the time for start time.

STOP PRESS

We can now announce a fantastic evening's entertainment at the Village Hall on Thursday 21st December, starting at 7.30pm. The Badapple Theatre Group who visited us in 2016 with their production of 'A Thankful Village', will be staging '**Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol**'. This is suitable for families. Tickets will be £13 and £8 for children under 8 years of age. There will be a limited number of tickets available so book now to avoid disappointment. Doors open at 6.30pm. There is a Bar which will be open before, during the interval and after the production. Contact Maggie for more details

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, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

Following the meeting on 25th July, there are two more Parish Council meetings this year....Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 28th November. As always, please put any queries in writing to the Clerk prior to a meeting, in order that sufficient time can be given for discussion.

Butterton History Group

Maggie Risby (Chairperson) 304115, Marjorie Renshaw (Secretary), Dianne Wint (Treasurer), Sarah Stone, Maggi Rowland, Barbara and Maurice Woodward, Margaret Bury, Alan Salt, Diane Salt, Co-opted members....Cliff Salt and Gray Salt

I didn't realise how tricky organising a photographic competition, leading to a Butterton 2024 Calendar, was going to be ! The entries have been judged. We were looking for thirteen shots that depicted Butterton at its best and that was not easy as the 85 entries were excellent and all worthy of being put in the calendar. However, the choice was made by our independent judge and the thirteen photos were on display at the Wakes for people to choose their favourite, which will go on the front cover. Congratulations to Patrick Bailey as his photo of Butterton beneath a rainbow won the vote. A lucky dip of everyone who voted for Patrick's photo resulted in Alan Salt winning a calendar of his very own ! We are taking advance orders for the calendar which will hopefully be available at the History Group event in October. Calendars are £8.50 each, 2 for £15. Contact Maggie if you wish to place an order.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY BUS SHELTER



It has been another busy month at the Bus Shelter, despite indifferent weather which puts a damper on visitor numbers. Fortunately, the location and construction of our Bus Shelter and the fast reactions of our Bus Shelter elves means everything inside usually stays dry when inclement weather strikes. In August, we paid out £440.87 to Manifold Pre-School which was collected during July. The money will help pay for staff who look after our local toddlers. They receive no government help.

In August the focus was on Butterton and local needs. Already, we have purchased a long needed chair trolley for the church. As always, we will keep you informed about how your money is spent. The Bus Shelter had a table at the Butterton Wakes and displayed some of the quality offerings which have been donated to us. We will report on how we got on next month.

Please donate bric-a-brac which is CLEAN and in good condition; we have space on the shelves, and it will help other people in the community. If you have something special you would like to donate, but are not sure about leaving in the Bus Shelter, get in touch.

More details about the charity can be found on the village website (<http://buttertonmoorlands.co.uk/village-organisations/butterton-bus-shelter/>).

Many people have asked us to advise on levels of donation. We strongly encourage you to make a donation for anything you take. To help there is a list in the Shelter suggesting amounts which we consider to be reasonable. Soon, we hope to make it easier for those without cash to make donations. In the meantime, if you would like to donate money by bank transfer, get in touch and we will let you have the bank details.

Please make sure items left in the Bus Shelter are CLEAN and intact. Electrical or Mechanical items should work (label them 'WORKING ORDER'). We will be obliged to remove anything which is inappropriate or potentially dangerous.

PLEASE don't leave:

Clothing, knives, paint, anything flammable or toxic.

DVDs & CDs

Jam jars, egg boxes, out of date travel books, encyclopedias etc.

Scarecrow Festival 2023

Butterton held its third Scarecrow Festival as part of the Wakes celebrations during August Bank Holiday weekend.

A total of 18 Scarecrows were entered for this year's theme of Nursery Rhymes and what a display we had. A trio of Humpty Dumpties, An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, Pussy in the Well (no animals were harmed in the making of this) An Old Man Snoring, The Pied Piper with a serious rat problem. Two Farmers Wives & six blind mice, Twenty-Four Blackbirds, Old McDonald, an enormous Incy Wincy Spider that thankfully didn't land next to Little Miss Muffet and her friend Little Bo Peep frantically looking for her sheep! Dr Foster went to the Black Lion as he missed the bus to Gloucester. Due to the wet summer here in Butterton we now have a boat to Row, Row along the stream, but if you see the crocodile don't forget to scream!!

The winning entry was Little Red Riding Hood who escaped the clutches of the Big Bad Wolf to take her title and trophy. Closely following in second place with 'shear' determination was Baa Baa Black Sheep. Third & final place went to Three Blind Mice who previously identified as corgis!

Thank you to all our Competitors who work so hard to design and make the Scarecrows, you are all truly amazing.

Thank you to the die-hard fans who walk the village and those who took the easier route and studied the photos at the Wakes. The 'Voters' prize for the fizz, chocs and Black Lion Voucher went to Kate Hodgson. Special mention to Cliff Salt for the photographs, Matt, Hannah & staff at the pub who kindly ran back and forth with trail maps. Final thanks to Kim & Darren for their help to make the trail happen.

Butterton Wakes 2023

(Photo's Courtesy of Cliff Salt)



Scarecrow Competition

2nd Prize



1st Prize



3rd Prize



Jam Jar Festival



ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in September

17th 7pm Harvest Festival & Pie Supper
Flowers & Cleaning for September
Margaret Grant

I'm writing this in the middle of August on a very warm and sunny day, my garden is alive with Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies, although until today the weather has had a very November(ish) feel to it!

St John's Church September Dates:

September brings us round to Harvest Festival time again:

Saturday 16th September

Decoration of church for Harvest,
meet 2 p.m. in church.

Sunday 17th September

Harvest Festival 7 p.m. followed
by Pea and Pie Supper.

Monday 18th September

Sale of Produce 8.00 p.m.



Photograph of Harvest Altar 2022

Please come along on the Saturday afternoon at 2pm and bring as much colourful fruit and veg as you are able, to add to the display in front of the altar. Gifts of home-made cakes and other produce are also very much welcomed.

On the Sunday and Monday nights, tickets will be on sale for a raffle, raising money towards Church funds. The raffle will be drawn on Monday night at the Sale of Produce. Myrtle would welcome offers of prizes for the raffle – they can be collected if necessary. Please ring Myrtle on 01538 304225.

Neighbourly News – We were very sorry to hear about Liz Faulkner's bad fall and broken hip. All good wishes for a complete recovery, Liz, and we hope that you will be back to normal mobility very soon.

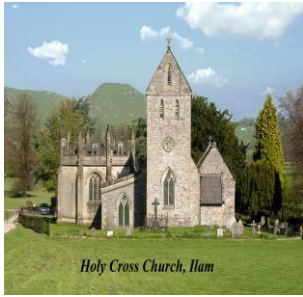
Village Ramble – There will be a 'Ramble and Refresh' on Sunday 24th September, led by Katy Parkinson. The Ramble will be followed by lunch at a local hostelry, and if you are not able to do the walk, it's fine just to turn up for the lunch. Route and venue to be confirmed – please contact Katy for details ASAP so that the lunch can be booked. Anyone with an Elkstone connection, old or new, is welcome to come along.

kparkinson@content2.co.uk Tel: 01538 300753

"Time for a Cuppa" Sunday 3rd September, 2.30pm 'til 5pm drop in.

Finally, don't forget Margaret Grant's 'Time for a Cuppa' on Sunday 3rd September. Just drop in between 2.30 and 5pm for a piece of cake or two, or other goodies, and a cup of tea or coffee, among friendly company, and hopefully leave a donation in the box for Dementia UK, the charity which trains 'Admiral' Nurses, who specialise in supporting people living with dementia and their carers. This really is a very worthwhile cause, as Margaret knows from experiencing their wonderful support during the last few years of her husband's life.

Ilam



10th 10.30am September Services
Holy Communion

Ilam

Vicar: In Vacancy

Reader in Training: Clare Day 01538 381773

September Flower and Brass Rota

1 st	Miss E Clewes	Wedding, Brasses Only
8 th & 15 th	Ms C Hibbert-Foy	Flowers & Brasses
22 nd & 29 th	Mr I Smith	Flowers & Brasses
6 th & 13 th Oct.	Mrs J Wain	Flowers & Brasses

August and September Weddings

We send our congratulations to Bethany and Mark who were married at Ilam Church in August and to Stephen and Katie who will be married in early September - both couples and their families continue a long tradition of marrying at Ilam.

Harvest Service, Supper and Sale

Our Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 8th October 2023 with the supper and sale taking place at Dovedale House by kind permission of Jo Green. Tickets will be available shortly from PCC members

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 12th September at 7.00pm 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.

Dates for Parish Council meetings

- **Tuesday 7th November at Dovedale House 7 pm**

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

September Services

3 rd	11am	Holy Communion
17 th	11am	Holy Communion

Flower Rota: Rachael Moorcroft

On Saturday 5th August 2023, we witnessed the marriage of Victoria Emma Kirkham and Richard Jarvis at St Lawrence Church at 12.30pm. Despite the inclement weather, in every other way, it was a beautiful day. We wish Mr and Mrs Jarvis, a happy and healthy life together, as they celebrate a new chapter in their lives. Special thanks go to Ruth, Ben, Shirley, Carol and Andy and Judy for all their support and help. Special thanks to Fr John for officiating this special service and for Ged who played the organ too.

Also, not forgetting to mention and huge thanks must go to Steve and Co, who tirelessly help to make our churchyard looking so beautiful. Visitors to our church, say what a beautiful, tidy churchyard we have so well done, Steve especially! If anyone is able to give a couple of hours to help with the churchyard mowing etc, please do not hesitate to contact Steve or the church wardens, as due to illness etc., they are short of volunteers at the moment, it would be especially appreciated.

At the recent PCC meeting, it was agreed that we would have a Food Box including toiletries, at the back of the church, where people could kindly donate foods products etc. for example, tins, pasta, rice etc.

deodorants. Anything donated would be gratefully appreciated, and passed on as necessary, to the people who need them most, during this exceptionally challenging and difficult time for all of us. Everyone is hit by the 'cost of living' crisis in some way or other. Local people are welcome to collect anything they need, as well as donating to the scheme.

History Live!

Hartington Stilton and the Nuttall family..... with Alan Salt



The History Live winter season starts with a tasty session on Wednesday September 6th at 7.30 in Warslow Village Hall when Alan will continue the story of cheese factories in our area - regulars will remember part one of his talk last year. This time Alan will be focusing on the Nuttall family who started producing Stilton at Hartington in 1900 and made it famous throughout the world. Alan will also be bringing along plenty of samples for us all to enjoy!

No need to book – just turn up. Everyone is very welcome! Entrance is

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Vice Chairman: Laura Gordon 01298 84984;

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An election to fill the vacancy will be arranged if ten electors give notice in writing to the Returning Officer requesting that an election is held

If sufficient requests are not received the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

The name and address of the Returning Officer is: Andrew Stokes
Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 6HQ

The closing date for receipt of the requests for an election is: 8th September 2023

Date: 18th August 2023

Signed: _____ (Parish Clerk)
S Hampson

Please also express your interest in this vacancy by contacting the clerk,
Mrs S Hampson at the following email address:

parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com

WETTON



17th 11.00am September Services
Harvest Service Wetton

Vicar: In Vacancy
Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant
Reader in Training: Clare Day 01538 381773

Wetton Harvest Supper will take place on Monday 18th September in Wetton Village Hall in the evening.
For more information see the Church notice board.

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the August draw were:

1st Prize Kelly Highton £52.50

2nd Prize Roger Broughton £35.00

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

The draw will take place on Friday 22nd September 2023.

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