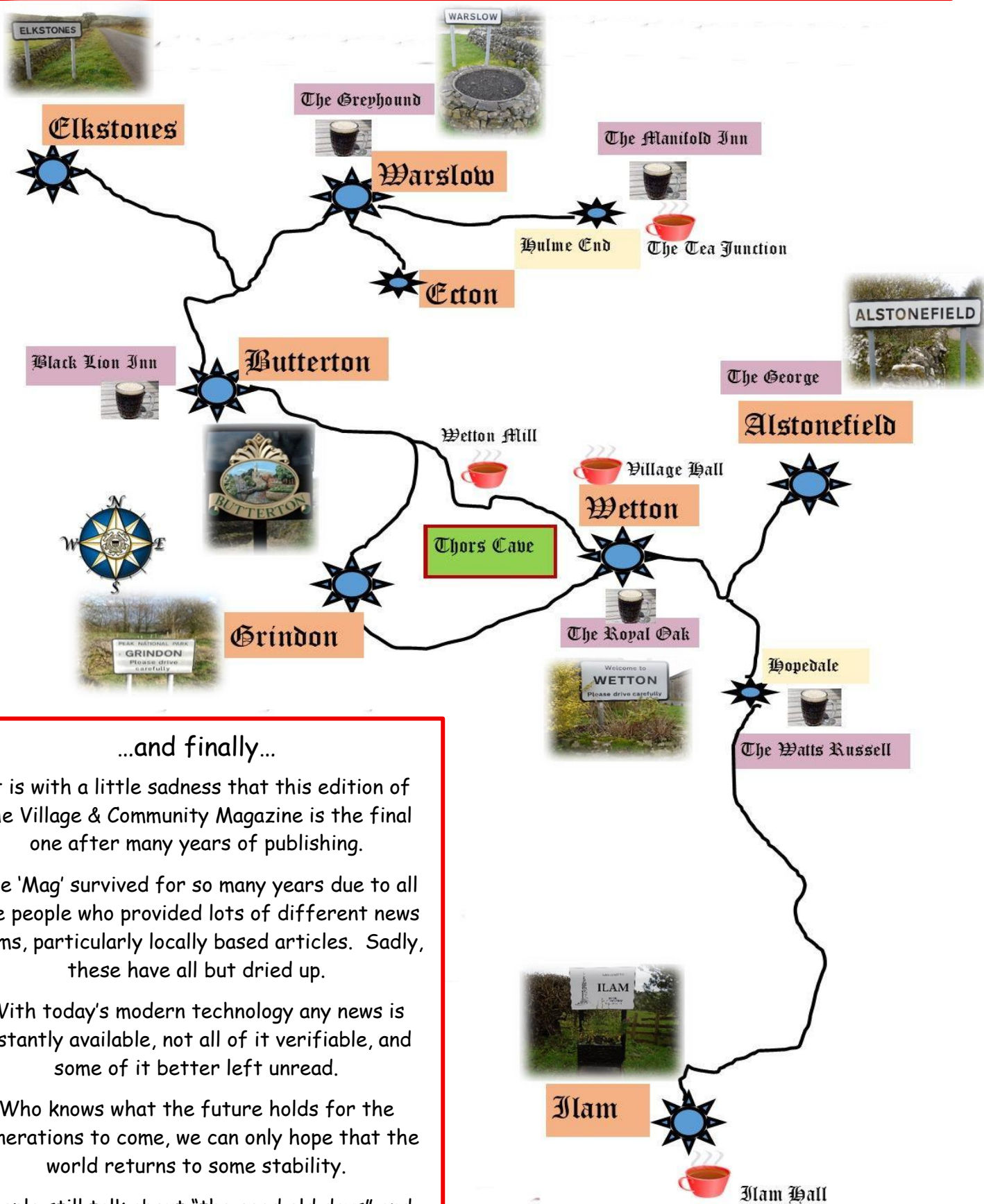


VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Final Edition JUNE 2025



...and finally...

It is with a little sadness that this edition of the Village & Community Magazine is the final one after many years of publishing.

The 'Mag' survived for so many years due to all the people who provided lots of different news items, particularly locally based articles. Sadly, these have all but dried up.

With today's modern technology any news is instantly available, not all of it verifiable, and some of it better left unread.

Who knows what the future holds for the generations to come, we can only hope that the world returns to some stability.

People still talk about "the good old days" and the one thing missing from then to now is 'Respect'...for the elderly, parents, teachers, police and many more including, sometimes, each other.

Classifieds

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13th of June

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if I don't need the top!



I gave up jogging for
my health when my
thighs kept rubbing
together and set
fire to my knickers!



As a kid I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain...then I got social media.

I once dated a girl with a twin and people always asked how I could tell them apart...it was simple, Alison painted her nails red and Bob had a beard.

What did Spartacus when the lion ate his wife? Nothing, he was gladiator.

Have you ever played quiet tennis? It's like regular tennis except without the racket.

Notice to Staff

Will ladies please rinse out tea pots then stand upside down in the sink.
ON NO ACCOUNT must hot bottoms be placed on the worktops.

A man left for work on Friday afternoon, but instead of going home afterwards he stayed out the entire weekend socialising with 'the boys' and spending all his wages.

When he finally got home on Sunday night he was confronted by his very angry wife.

After two hours she stopped nagging and said "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

He replied "That would be fine for me".

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife, Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Thursday, the swelling went down just enough to see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

I told him I wanted to walk down the aisle...he sent me grocery shopping.

My wife doesn't really ask for much...

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Before I was married, I never knew there was an incorrect way to eat, chew, drink and breathe.

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Alstonefield

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cohenmargaret@aol.com, 07506687660

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Mozart Quartet K589 in B flat Major
Mendelssohn Quartet Op 44 No 1
in D Major

3 PM
Sunday
13th July
2025



We are so lucky that, once again, the Tedesca String Quartet will be returning to St Peter's Church Alstonefield for their summer concert. This professional quartet has been delighting audiences with their exciting playing since they formed in 2013, and this year marks the 5th anniversary of their annual visits to Alstonefield. The acoustic in our 12th century church has proved to be excellent, so this is their preferred venue. Please secure your places now.

Contact Margaret on 07506687660 or email cohenmargaret@aol.com



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Village Hall
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A Great Day out for Garden Lovers this Summer



There has never been a better time to visit the Staffordshire Moorland's village of Longnor: with its cobbled marketplace, quaint old buildings, magnificent scenery and walks and welcoming shops and pub.

The gardeners of this lovely village have been planting, weeding and pruning to get their gardens ready for you to enjoy on Sunday the 15th of June from 10.00 a.m. until 16.00. Starting from the wonderful old church of St Bartholomew, you will be able to get a location

map (£3 per person, under 16's FREE) with details of the fifteen gardens, all but one of which are within the village. This year, there will be a temporary art exhibition at the bus stop, music and potted floral displays around the village.

Refreshments, to include a slice of home-made cake, will be available at the church whilst the gardens are open. There will also be a raffle, tombola and plants for sale.

All proceeds will be split between Flash and Longnor First Responders and St Bartholomew's Church. For more details visit our Facebook page Longnor Action Group or call Colin on 07368 820442. Church Location SK17 0NU or what3words ///objecting.quoted.hope

Making Memories

Recently I walked with a friend to the stepping stones at Dovedale. He suddenly stopped in his tracks and said "I just remember the last time I walked across these steps. It was 65 years ago. I was 11 years old."

A few weeks before, I was talking to a seasoned headteacher whose face lit up when I mentioned the same place. He shared vivid memories of a childhood stay at Dovedale House while at primary school. Why do I mention these memories?

Most teachers, administrators, school governors and youth workers appreciate an immense privilege to help develop hope and aspiration among young people. If it works as we plan, young people in our context are happy and they move on with life-long positive memories. Dovedale House was birthed in 1967 with that same vision, that it can be a Christian place where positive life-long memories are created for young people. Everyone remembers the excitement of a first school trip, the coach journey, sharing a room with friends, getting out into amazing countryside, climbing hills, walking by rivers. All these are at Dovedale House.

Hills, rivers and the great outdoors, feature so much in the Gospel accounts of Jesus's ministry. It was there that people became followers of Jesus, and also where people grew in their discipleship journey, where they learned about a vibrant faith being one where reaching out and serving others was pioneered.

We read that Jesus taught the Christian faith while sitting, standing or walking on hills, he was transfigured, arrested and subsequently crucified on a hill. Jesus was himself baptised in a river, and many people followed his example. The majority of recorded miracles took place in the great outdoors. The common feature of all these stories is that God revealed himself, and this created memories that have lasted forever.

Dovedale House provides a fabulous 50-bed setting, where you bring children and youths, to enhance the hard work that you currently do, to give hope and to raise aspirations for a great life. It is a breath-taking place where we can help young people make lifelong positive memories. In order to fulfil our dream and yours to accomplish this, we need your help.

If you have links to any school or youth work, please can you introduce the Dovedale House opportunity in your places of education, and amongst your peers. At present there is even an offer of a bursary to ensure that no one misses out on making positive life-long memories.

The Revd Jeremy Oakley 'retired to the countryside' from work as a vicar in Wolverhampton and with his wife, Julie, soon found himself offering to take on the role of interim warden of Dovedale House.

Read more about Dovedale House at lichfield.anglican.org/Dovedale or contact Jeremy by email - dovedalewarden@lichfield.anglican.org

Profusion in June

June is a great month for spending time close to nature in your local churchyard or cemetery. The second week of June sees three initiatives; Love Your Burial Ground Week with Churches Count on Nature and National Cemeteries Week all taking place in celebration of these special places and the fantastic volunteers who care for them.

You may be able to attend an event as part of one of these, take a look on the Caring for Gods Acre [map of events](#) to see what is happening near you but if not, please go to a churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery on your own, with your family or friends and see what you can see.

Wildflowers may be present in profusion if there is a meadow area, look out for oxeye daisy, lady's bedstraw,

vetches, cat's ear, hawkbit amongst others. Is there a patch of medium length grass, where shorter-stemmed plants can flower without the mower cutting them off? If so, search for bird's eye speedwell, self-heal, red clover, buttercups and medics. Burial grounds can be rich in species as they contain a mosaic of habitats, with large trees, areas of shaded woodland, stonework as well as grassland of varying lengths. The butterflies to be found can be a mix of species usually found in woodland, grassland and scrub. In June you may find a rich array, look out for comma, red admiral, small copper and common blue which favour shorter vegetation such as grasses and nettles for laying their eggs, all plants found in meadows or in the dappled shade of a woodland or large tree canopy. You may catch a glimpse of a yellow brimstone, which lays its eggs on buckthorn, a woodland shrub.

June is also a good time to 'site' quietly and watch birds busily feeding young, darting in and out of nests. Again, burial grounds can be rich in birds which may also use neighbouring gardens. The church itself can host house martins under the eaves, swallows in the porch or lychgate and perhaps swifts, nesting invisibly in the eaves or in boxes behind tower louvres. A visit in the early evening may be rewarded with the sound of screaming swifts circling around the church building.

Please let us know what you see and hear, be it plant, insect or bird. You can record species using a smart phone and the iNaturalist or iRecord app, by email or by post. Open this link to find out [how to make a recording](#) or visit our website.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*, harriet@cfga.org.uk, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code diomem22

Interested in a day out at Shugborough then see Warslow Section.

******* Community Magazine has Funding Available *******

With the magazine closing at the end of this month we have to think of the funds that we have available and what to do with them.

We would welcome applications from the villages of Alstonefield, Butterson, Elkstones, Ilam, Warslow and Wetton for this funding. The magazine as it stands, is a Community Magazine and we are therefore looking for Community Projects that would benefit both young and old alike. Examples could be funding for a

- **Village Festival**, open to the young and old alike, a new game perhaps...
- **New Church or Village Hall Gates** which would be used by all age groups.
- **Planters** which can be viewed by all.

These are just made-up examples but we would love to hear from you with your projects.

You will find an application form on the last page of the magazine but be aware that applications must be received by **Saturday 28th June**. If there are no suitable applications by this date then the monies will be divided between the Churches and Village Halls within our villages. If your village does not have a Village Hall, please let us know what your community uses for village events.

ALSTONEFIELD



Sunday Services in June

1st	11.00am	Holy Communion
29th	4.00pm	Wakes Service (On the Green)

Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin pgriffin1990@hotmail.co.uk 'Phone 01335368812

Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant

Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647

Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield
St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items for please help yourself from the box in the church porch. All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.

Community Magazine – a very big thanks to Tricia Tomlinson for providing us with the Community Magazine for so many years. I for one will miss it! I used to enjoy the hard copy coming through the door, and I now still print one off, and sit with a coffee and my diary adding local events that I might get to. I shall be sad that there is not a way of easily seeing what's on nearby and who is doing interesting things.

Facebook Community Page for Butterson, Wetton, Alstonefield, Ilam, Warslow, Ecton – this community page was set up about 3 years ago and has various posts about local activities and businesses.

Alstonefield Wakes

Sunday June 29th all welcome!

- 2pm Children's sports on the Playing Field
- 3.30pm Procession with Warslow Band from Village Hall to Village Green
- 4pm Wakes Service and band concert on the village green. Bring your own picnic and chair. The George will be open.
- Vintage cars, motorbikes and cars welcome around the green.
- The Service, concert and picnic will be held in the church if wet weather.

Alstonefield Cricket Club



Alstonefield Cricket Club are on the hunt for new members. We have 11 Sunday fixtures this summer, with 9 being played at our picturesque home ground. Whether new to the game, returning after a break, or simply looking for an alternative to league cricket, you would be most welcome. There is no obligation to attend every fixture; any game you could attend would be a great help to this long-standing community-centred club.

For more information please contact: Jon Lane, (Club Chairman) on 01298 84443 / jonlane2020@gmail.com

Alstonefield and District Gardening Group – this group has been going for several decades in various forms. Currently we communicate by WhatsApp and provide advice, swap plants and seeds, visit each other's gardens and occasionally have an outing. If you would like to join the group please contact Carrie Osborne on 07891 480104 and she will add you to the list.

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton **Treasurer & Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehailes

Val Littlehailes

Charlotte Jordan

Alstonefield Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH RESIDENTS' MEETING (AGM)

7pm Thursday 12 June

All Parish residents are warmly invited to this annual meeting. Anyone who lives in the Parish, who might use the premises now or in the future, is essentially a beneficiary of the Village Hall charity, and your views on what the committee does are important. As usual, all current trustees step-down at the AGM and although they may offer to re-join, we are always keen to see new people with the ideas, skills and willingness to help us manage the charity, and the premises we all use, for the future

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

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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 Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Sally Dartnell. Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair: Mr R Hignett (Tel:07904 187785) Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (Tel:07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes (Tel:01335 310057), Mrs S Jeffery (Tel:07465 217269), Mr C McIlroy (Tel:07930 001374). Mr M Newman (mn821268@gmail.com), Mrs R Longdon (Tel:07870 731389).

Date of next meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held:
01538 262116

Church Warden:
Maggie Risby 304115
Rachel Hopper

Deputy:
Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Sunday Services in June

8th 3.00pm Evening Worship (Roger Cutts)

22nd 10.00am Holy Communion (Rev'd John Austerberry)

Altar Flowers: 'Flower Festival'

Cleaning Rota: Maggie Risby

P.C.C. Members: Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115. Treasurer: Patrick Bailey

Maurice & Barbara Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

I write this with great sorrow. Unless Trisha and Peter have changed their minds, I think this is the last News send. I have thoroughly enjoyed submitting my write ups to them, month on month. They have done a great job and on behalf of us all.....We THANK YOU BOTH for your due diligence and sense of community spirit.

St Bartholomew's Church.

A joyous occasion on Saturday 26th April when Mr and Mrs Walters (Johnty and Emma) married in church. We wish the couple the very best for their future together.

We now have Tommy Slater, our new Groundsman, in place and he is doing a great job mowing and strimming the churchyard.

Maggie Risby and Rachel Hopper will be admitted as Churchwardens for a further year at the Archdeacon's Visitation at Ipstones on Monday 9th June.

Everyone is working hard in the background in order to present a magnificent display for the Flower Festival on 7th and 8th June. We plan to have a display of wedding dresses through the ages, a scarecrow wedding party in the churchyard, window displays, family wedding albums and photos, favourite wedding music requests (for a small donation) and much more. Refreshments will be wedding themed and of course a raffle fit for the special occasion. At 3pm on Sunday 8th we will have a service of Evening Worship.

Our only disappointment is that Rev Jane will not see it 'for real' as she will be recovering after her operation. However, we know how this operation has been eagerly awaited by Jane and we will be praying for her swift recovery. All good things are worth waiting for.....Cliff Salt will take loads of photos Jane.

We were so sorry to hear of the sudden death of Father John. We pray for his family and friends and the people of Longnor.

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for May

1 st	M & J Allington	(89)	£40.00
2 nd	M Wigglesworth	(111)	£20.00
3 rd	Jaqui Salt	(70)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday 14th June in Church at 11.00 am.

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.

Johnty and Emma Walters chose the Village Hall as their wedding reception venue and I have to say it looked beautiful when set up. Since then, we have had a **BIG** birthday party for Gwen Bagshaw and a Baby Shower party. A christening coming up and a family get together.

This year's Summer Fayre is on Sunday 6th July. 1pm - 4pm.

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.

The APM was Tuesday 6th May. Sadly, no parishioners attended to hear a resume of the activities of the PC over the past year.....The next PC meeting is Tuesday 17th June at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The PC has donated £500 towards maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard. This is greatly appreciated by the PCC members.

There is a planned Repair Cafe on Saturday 12th July at the Village Hall.

Butterton History Group

VE Day was celebrated with a display of our 16 Doubly Thankful men's bio-files. The Church was open all day on Thursday 8th May. It was hoped that living relatives of the men would attend to add photos/facts to the bio-files and 7 of the 16 men were in fact represented. Large named poppies were fixed as near as possible to where the men lived at the outbreak of war.

Refreshments were served and all donations will be sent to SSAFA.

The History Group event in September will take the form of a commemoration of the actual end of WW11 on 2nd September. VE Day and VJ Day did not see all our men return to the village e.g. Eddie Mollatt was still clearing shipwrecks up until September 2nd and beyond.....The Rockabilly Dolls will be entertaining us on Friday 5th September and the refreshments will be wartime based! More details as we firm up our ideas.

WARM WELCOME

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, 10.30 - 12.30

Next Meetings:

10th & 24th June

POP IN FOR A CHAT AND A COFFEE OR TEA

NO CHARGE, BUT DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, THANK YOU

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE & ALL WELCOME!

Ladies, Are You Having a Clear Out?

Even second-hand bras can find a good home.

<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/bra-recycling>

Against Breast Cancer in Oxford has a scheme whereby they accept second hand goods and either repair them before passing on to someone in need or dismantle and recycle. I'm happy to collect up bras and either drop off at one of their centres or post them along.

Please contact me if you have bras you'd like to drop off.

Yvonne. Tel 0780 1558712; yvopope@googlemail.com

Message from the Community Bus Shelter



So, thanks to Tricia and Peter for publishing this newsletter for so many years, which has undoubtedly contributed to the success of the Bus Shelter project since we began in lockdown.

The Butterson Bus Shelter Elves have had a busy month as well, and extend grateful thanks to all our donors since we started in 2020. We are pleased to advise that thanks to your feedback, we have a list of suitable local causes which we can support with grants. All we need now is to continue to prosper at the shop front so that we can fulfill plans that you have suggested. .

Remember it is a local charity, and your opinions count, so do email suggestions to buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com or catch one of us in the village. We will let you know how we progress on the village Facebook pages.

As ever, we always need more stuff. Please remember, we do ask for donated items to be clean and in good condition to maintain the high standard we aim for. Do get in touch if you have something big or unusual to donate: email buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com or phone 01538-304408. We'll be happy to chat. All being well, the Bus Shelter will stay open until late September.

For 2025, you can donate in cash or if not convenient you can use your credit/debit card using the QR code in the Bus Shelter or make a payment to our bank – account details in the Shelter and on <https://butterton.org.uk/bus-shelter-charity>.

More information about the charity and what your donations have paid for can be found on the village website where there is also a 'Donate' button (<https://butterton.org.uk/bus-shelter-charity>).

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 or Paint**
- **Flamable or Toxic Items**
- **/Alcohol**
- **DVD's & CDs or Jam Jars.**
- **Jam Jars, Egg Boxes, Out of Date Travel Books, Encyclopedias etc.**

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar:

Rev'd Jane Held
01538 262116

Sunday Services in June

15th 7.00pm Flower Festival Service

Cleaning & Flower Rota: Myrtle Alcock

The website for Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is: warslowandelkstonespc.org

Elkstones Church Flower Festival – 'Old Sayings'.



Our Flower Festival will take place over three days, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June, from 10.30am to 5.00pm daily, with Refreshments, a Raffle and a Tombola. On the final evening, the Flower Festival Service at 7.00pm. will be accompanied by Ashbourne Town Band, after which there will be the usual band concert, with a small bar outside. Myrtle (01538 304225) will welcome prizes for the Raffle and Tombola, - any offerings will be gratefully received and can be left in the front porch of Townhead Farm, Lower Elkstone, or please ring Myrtle if you need them to be collected.

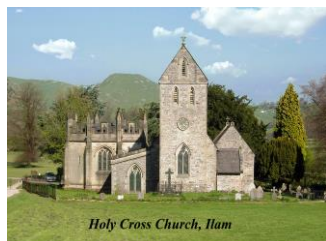
The Flower Festival is always an event well worth a visit, and is our major fund raiser of the year for keeping open this very special place, so please come along and enjoy an hour or two, and help support our fundraiser at the same time.

If using SatNav (SK17 0LU), please ignore the final direction given, and **do not go into Well Lane**. The church is in the centre of the village and is NOT in Well Lane!

We were very shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Fr. John Baines, who served us well as our vicar during the last few years of his ministry. We will remember him for the kindness and thoughtfulness that he brought to his work among us, and we send our sympathy and condolences to his family.

Finally, we are very sad that this is the last Community Magazine for our area, and would like to thank Tricia Tomlinson for the stalwart work that she has put in, in order to keep it going for so long. We shall certainly miss getting to know everything that is going on in all the villages in the area. We hope you will enjoy your retirement from the magazine, Tricia, it has certainly been well-earned. Thank you.

Ilam



Holy Cross Church, Ilam

Sunday Services in June

8th

10.30am Morning/All Age Worship

All are most welcome

Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin Pgriffin1990@hotmail.co.uk 01335368812

Contact & Reader: Clare Day: 07774 980647

June Flower and Brass Rota

6 th	Mrs R Rowlinson	Flowers & Brasses
13 th & 20 th	Mrs W Hudson	Wedding 20 th (Brasses only)
27 th & 4 th (July)	Mrs S Prince & Mrs S Allen	Flowers & Brasses

Tricia

Many thanks to Tricia for all her hard work of the last many years in producing the parish magazine - enjoy your retirement, Tricia!

Ilam School

A short but wonderful half term for us here at Ilam Primary School!

We've loved having our regular visitors for worship as always! Nathan from the Baptist Church and Open the Book never cease to engage us with their fabulous music and drama filled worships! We look forward to enjoying more as the school year continues!

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed hosting our VE Day celebrations. As we shared our family stories and memorabilia, the children loved exploring the adventures of their ancestors. With a 1940s themed dress up day, and a Miss Lisa street party lunch, we had a wonderful time creating life long memories.

We also ventured off to Mrs Goldstraw's farm this half term. We loved learning about the hard work of Mrs Goldstraw and her family as they provide milk to the food industry. With lots of amazing information and first-hand exploration of the farm, plus a spot of sheep shearing, we had an amazing day! Thank you for having us and for the fantastic bag of goodies each child received too!

Our Muddy Ducklings joined us once again for their morning of outdoor learning and fun! It was wonderful to see so many young children enjoying our beautiful outdoor space! We look forward to seeing you again on Friday 6th June. If you would like to join us with your preschool aged child, please do get in touch. The more, the merrier!

Huge congratulations to our year 6 pupils who shone in sitting their Key Stage 2 SATS! You've all worked so hard and fully deserved your treat making tie dye clothes! We're so proud of you!

We finished off the half term with a Key Stage 2 cricket event with other small schools set up by the Primary Stars team. Our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and it was a highlight mentioned when reviewing our recent adventures in church for our round up celebration worship.

We hope that everyone has an amazing half term and very much look forward to the adventures that our next half term will bring!

If you would like to visit our school to see why we're so special, please do contact me!

Miss Emily Johnson, Headteacher, Ilam C. E. (VA) School, Ilam, Staffordshire, DE6 2AZ
01335 350316/350908

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 15th July at 7 pm at Ilam School.

All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

The AGM was held on Tuesday 6 May 2025 7pm at Ilam School. We would like to thank a few people that have worked hard making the village look beautiful throughout the year and for supporting the Parish Council and Community.

- Thank you to Cllr Edwin Wain and Cllr Gill Heath for their continued support and help throughout the year.
- Thank you to everyone who helps maintain the village and helps with the monument planting and maintaining throughout the year.
- Thank you to Mr Ian Frith for organising the village tidy up and everyone who helped.
- Paul Watson for his continued support to the council.
- Richard Wain for always helping with jobs and tasks.
- Thank you to Mr Bob Sellers for mowing the village in 2024 & for all his hard work throughout the years.
- Miss Ellen Clewes for assisting with the bank account for the Ilam Community Fund Previously the Church Path Fund which is in the process of closing due to the bank charges from Lloyds. The small amount which is the account will be given to the church and put towards mowing costs.
- Thank you to Ilam School for hosting the meetings throughout the year and for maintaining the defibrillator for the village.

Next Meetings:- Tuesday 15th July, Tuesday 9th September, Tuesday 11th November.

All meetings are held at Ilam School at 7pm



Ilam Remembers VE Day 80



Ilam Remembering VE Day 80

Ilam commemorated and celebrated VE Day 80 with a village party held at The Barn, Beechen hill Farm and a display of paintings by Ilam Art Club in Holy Cross Church, Ilam.

A big Thank you to everyone who helped, brought desserts & tidied up., it was very appreciated.

A special thank you to Sue & Terry Prince for hosting the village VE Day 80 Party and Joan Wain for a very poignant poem which was shared.

Thank you to Ilam Art Club for the lovely paintings and Nancy & Arthur Templeman for their poppy collages.

Ilam Art Club VE Day 80 Paintings which were on display in Holy Cross Church, Ilam



VE Day 80 at Beechenhill Farm, Ilam

Ilam Art Club remembers VE Day 80 at Holy Cross Church, Ilam

WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar:
Rev'd Jane Held
01538 262116

Deputy Warden:
Judy Prince
01298 84351

Sunday Services in June

1 st	11.00am	Morning Prayer/Holy Baptism at 2.00pm
15 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (with Bishop of Staffordshire (All Very Welcome)

Flowers:

For other services please see the church notice board or the website "A Church near you".

St. Lawrence

We were deeply shocked and saddened by the news of the death of Father John Baines. He was a good friend to many, many people, and a wonderful priest.

His quiet gentle manner, his sense of humour, and his faith were an inspiration.

He loved the countryside and the natural world. He was delighted when newts moved into his recently dug wildlife pond !

John really cared about the churches of our Benefice and Deanery, and worked hard as our Rural Dean. We will miss him...

Rest in peace Father John.

Congratulations to Laura and Matt. Peach on the safe arrival of Ivy, born on the 17th April.

We send a very big "thank you" to Tricia Tomlinson who, for many years, has compiled the Community Magazine. We are going to miss this newsy and informative magazine, but happy that Tricia can now enjoy her retirement. Thank you Tricia.

(No problem. Janet it's been a pleasure to get to know you).

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

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

Website: <http://warslowandelkstonespc.org>

Acting Chairman: Mr P Moakes 01298 687238,

Councillors: Mrs J Nash, Mr S Gould, Mr Wardman, Mr B Peach, Mr N Searston

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

The website for Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is: warslowandelkstonespc.org

Warslow Pre-School

Small friendly Pre-School based in Manifold C of E Academy. We offer a wide range of activities to encourage your child to learn through play. Ofsted Inspection rated good. Open 5 days a week
9am – 3.10pm for children from 18months to 4yrs

Planned activities, Think 2 funding available- Funded places for 3-year-olds, 30-hour funding available -
Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367

History Live!
Local history in the Staffordshire Moorlands

Coach Trip to **Shugborough Hall**

A National Trust property



The Shugborough Estate is an interesting manor house, with a working farm, walled gardens and parkland.

Thursday 17th July
leaving at 10.30 am from Warslow

£15.00 per person coach fare; free admission to house and gardens for National Trust members; £17.00 non-NT members

To book a place please let Pauline know as soon as you can as places are limited. dolanpauline@aol.com, 01889 590430, via our website www.historylive.co.uk or at a History Live meeting.

Everyone is very welcome to join us

WETTON



Sunday Services in June

15 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd	11.00am	All Age Worship

Vicar:

Rev'd Patrick Griffin

Contact & Reader:

Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant

Clare Day 07774 980647

Wetton & Back of Ecton Parish Council

The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor for Wetton and Back of Ecton Parish Council, then please email the clerk via wettonpc@gmail.com for further details and eligibility criteria.

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the May draw were:

1st Prize	Patrick Allen	£54.00
2nd Prize	Phillipa Stupples	£36.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.
The next draw will take place in church on Sunday 15th June

My Finale to You All

Back in the late 70's early 80's the then Vicar of the Benefice of Alstonefield, Butterson, Elkstones, Ilam, Warslow and Wetton, Rev'd Derek Tinsley introduced me to the Benefice Magazine. Easy he said, sit at the dining room table in the vicarage, type onto a stencil (paper ink provided) and I will do all the rest. ***I should not have been persuaded!!*** The magazine was like a bad penny and kept following me around

So here we are, all these decades later, after hours (before my shifts, between shifts or even after the dreaded graveyard shift) still trying to carry things on. I know from the amount of input currently received (at least 50% down) that the magazine is no longer used to its potential. **It has passed its sell by date.** But I leave with fond memories.

Alstonefield

Back individually during the early 80's, Alstonefield was the main subscriber to the magazine with each group submitting their own individual activities and item. Sadly, no more. The late Mary Jephcott was always a big subscriber too, along with Lorraine Hawkins. Now, I believe, it is thanks to Martin Snodin for keeping Village Hall events alive via his concert posters and Carrie Osbourne who has now left the village but remains in contact.

Butterson

Back then it was Barbara Woodward and the late Rueben Salt who gave us information and now remarkably Butterson has its main input into the magazine via Maggie Risby for everything. Thanks, neighbour Barbara and personal shopper Maggie.

Elkstones

Difficult one, but for me it's always been Rob Faulkner. What a man and gentleman and so sorry to hear you are not too good just now. However, Margaret is doing a sterling job and whilst you left big boots to fill, she has done it. We are meeting up soon, promise.

Not forgetting before Rob, a great job done by Liz & Reg Meakin, still going strong. Liz used to drive over to Butterson to hand deliver her hand written text for many, many years.

Ilam

Well back in those days it was Eva Tuff. Lovely lady and Roy too but they moved off to Norfolk and the flow of information did too. Grateful thanks to Vera Nottage and more lately Ellen Clews for keeping us up-to-date.

Warslow

I have got to start here by thanking the late Ada Deaville, who posted off to me her hand written copy for many years through which she religiously provided magazine information with regards to church goings on and village activities. What a pleasure to have known Ada. Several followed, Laura & Pam but now it's mainly the two Janets who keep the Warslow section going. Thank you all.

Wetton

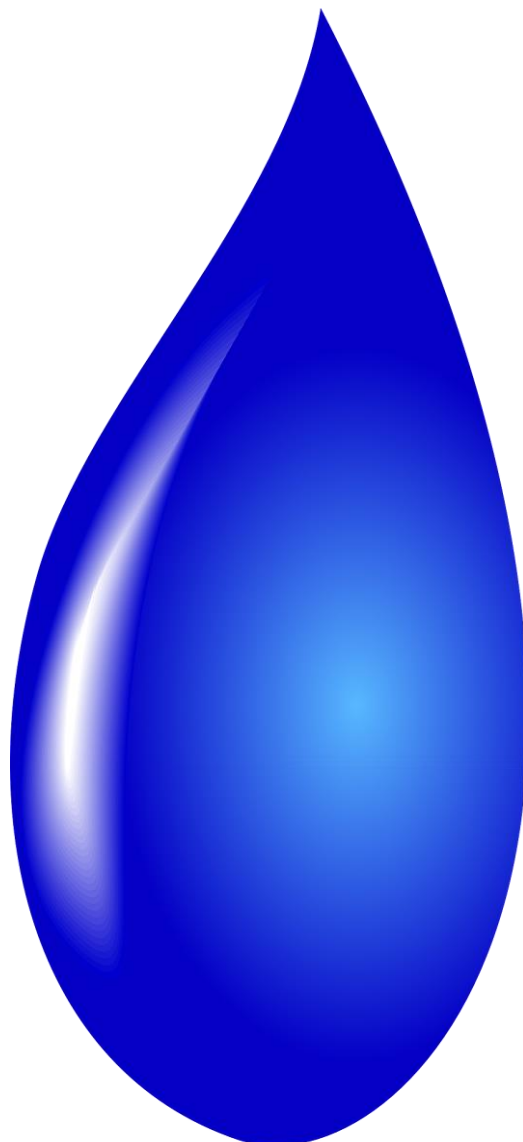
Even I am going to have to rack my brains about this one. I simply cannot remember anyone prior to the late and wondrous Rosemary Crafts. Thanks to those who have tried to fill her boots and re-create goings on in Wetton, Pam Weston Clark and Margaret Hodgkinson. I've just had a light bulb moment and it was the late Margaret Humphrey who used to diligently contribute items.

Don't forget, if you are eager to bring something back to your village then can I point you in the direction of Elkstones, Grindon or Onecote, (for example). They publish their own newsletters and might steer you in the right direction ongoing.

Over the years there has been an army of proof readers. A necessary but boring job so I appreciate their time and dedication which for obvious did not last long. My husband took up the roll at the last minute and although excessively fastidious, has done a good job. He did not only undertake that roll but at his own expense drove from Butterton down to Dovedale House to collect the printed copies and divided as required between all villages and even then, drove to them to drop off at the individual nominated villager to distribute hand by hand to every house in their village. This was reciprocated when Dovedale House no longer would print off for us by doing the same thing but driving over to Cheadle to the printers and collecting. Thank you Peter.

Lastly, thanks are also due to Melanie Hodgkinson, and most recently, Patrick Bailey for their work looking after the 'Mag' account.

Au revoir everyone.



If there are any worthy projects, in any of our group of villages, that require a helping hand with a share of what remains in the Village & Community Magazine's account please download, complete and submit the form below by Saturday June 28th

Application Form for Funding from The Community Magazine

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone/e.mail address

Village Organisation.....

Details of Village Project.....

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Who will this benefit?

Total Cost of
Project.

Please cut off & send to;- Community Magazine, Trees Cottage, Butterton, Leek, Staffs.
ST13 7SP by: Saturday June 28th 2025