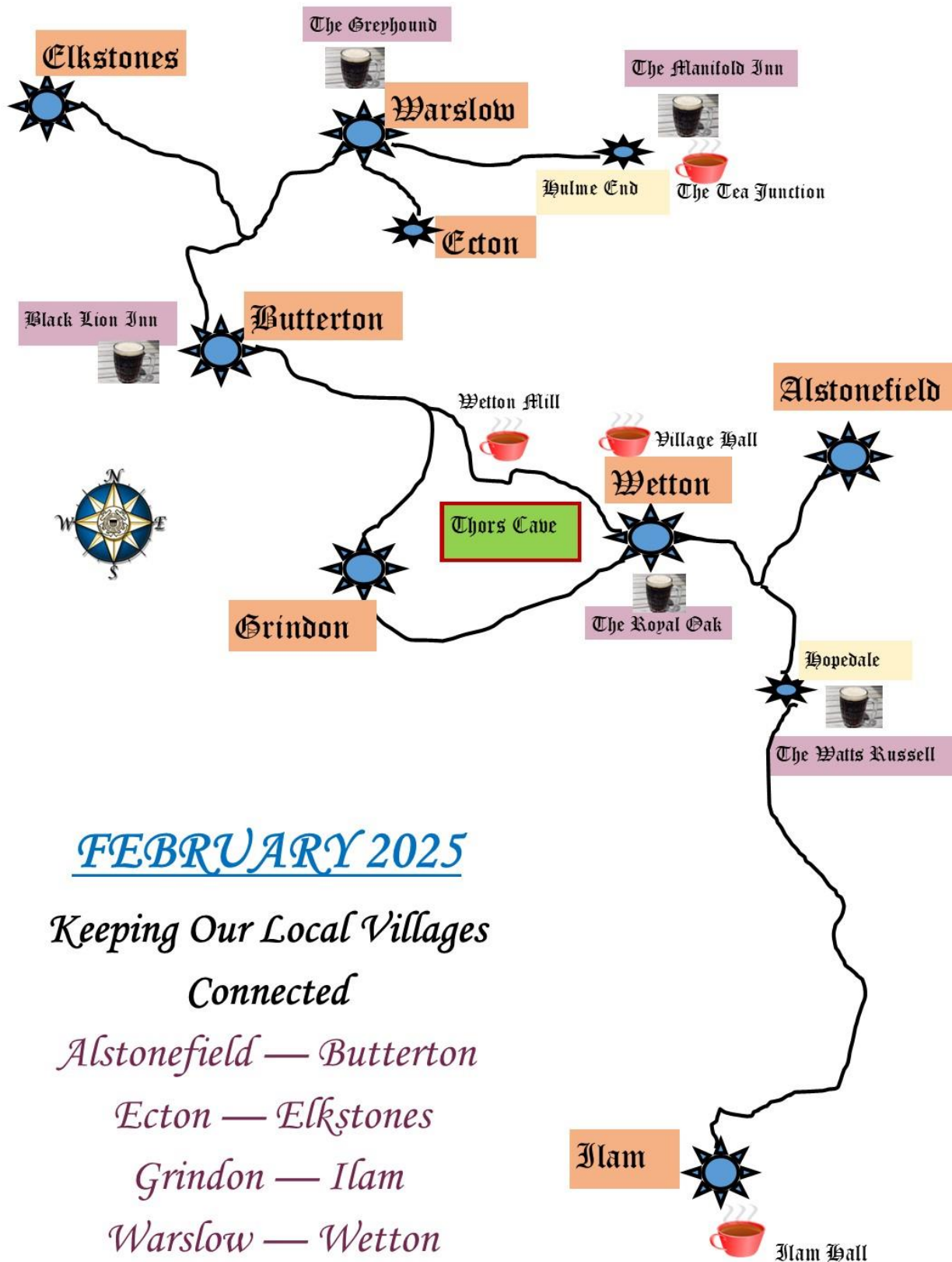


VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



FEBRUARY 2025

*Keeping Our Local Villages
Connected*

Alstonefield — Butterton

Ecton — Elkstones

Grindon — Ilam

Warslow — Wetton

*Deadline for March Edition
is 6am Tuesday 25th February*

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Alstonefield Deanery Synod

**You are invited to an Open Meeting on
Monday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m.**

Sheen Village Hall

**The speaker will be Kathleen Sheriden from the charity
Mary's Meals.**

Do come and support this event if you can.

Admission is free

Donations welcome for Mary's Meals

Smile for a While (but try not to be offended by anything)

A man had a job which meant he worked away from home quite a lot.

Because his wife kept saying she felt lonely when he was away, he bought her a dog for companionship.

Some while later, when he was away, his wife rang him and said that she'd been training the dog to respond to her whistle but for some reason it wasn't working any longer and did he think she should take it to the vets?

Her husband said no need to do that as it could be just some hair growing in its ears turning it a bit deaf. What to do was to pop into the chemist and get a tube of hair remover, like depilatory cream and use it to get rid of the surplus hair, which should do the trick.

Next day his wife went to the chemist and asked for some depilatory cream. The chemist gave her the tube and said she should use it with care as it may have a caustic effect and if she used it on her legs rinse it off with soap and water, if used under her arms plenty of soap and water and on her face wash it off quickly.

The woman said that actually it was for her Schnauzer, and the chemist said in that case don't ride a bike for a couple of weeks.

During a lull between speeches at the recent White House Inauguration Ceremony, Melania Trump leaned over to chat with the new Secretary of State.

"You know, I bought Donald a parrot for Christmas. That bird is so smart, Donald has already taught him to pronounce more than 200 words!"

"Wow, that's pretty impressive," said the Secretary of State, "but, you do realize that he just speaks the words, ...he doesn't really understand what they mean."

"Oh, I know," Melania replied, "neither does the parrot."

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.

2. "In style" are the clothes that still fit.

3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.

4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is: "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

6. "On time" is when you get there.

7. You've noticed people your age are much older than you.

8. Ageing has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

9. You still haven't learned to act your age and I hope you never will.

10. "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

For those who would like to know more about becoming a volunteer for the below but are unable to attend the event please contact Annette Firman - annettefirman@gmail.com



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Recognise when someone
might need help...

...and discover simple
techniques to open up
conversations when it
matters.

According to the Mental Health Foundation, nearly two-thirds of Britons (65%) say that they have experienced a mental health problem. Talking about your feelings can help you stay in good mental health and deal with times when you feel troubled. However, many of us find it difficult to let people know when we are struggling, which is why it's important to recognise when someone might need help.

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ALSTONEFIELD



Sunday Services in February

2nd 11.00am Morning Worship or Holy Communion

Vicar: In Vacancy.

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
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Alstonefield Village Hall

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Committee members: See Below.

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Val Littlehales

Charlotte Jordan

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

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Contact Clerk for details.

Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

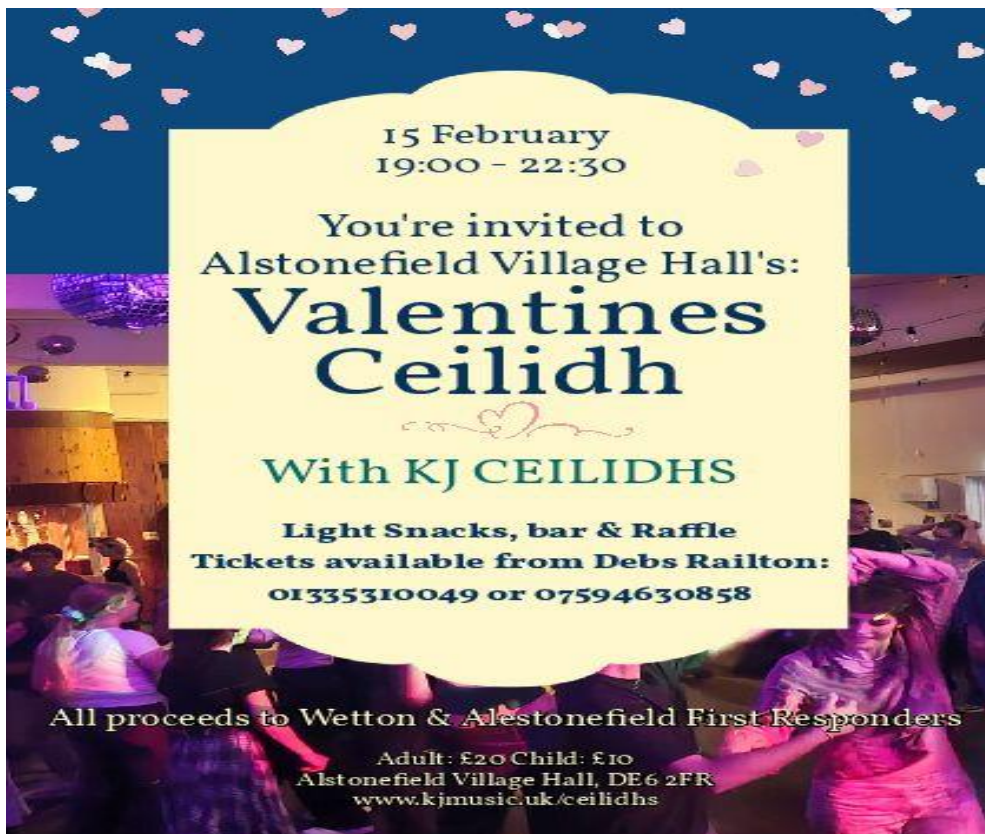
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Mr A Hayes ([Tel:01335 310057](tel:01335310057)), Mrs S Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)), Mr C McIlroy ([Tel:07930 001374](tel:07930001374)).

Mr M Newman (mn821268@gmail.com), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

For date of next meeting contact any of the Parish Council Members.



Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club News

Volunteers Wanted!

Alstonefield and District RVS



Friendship Club

We are looking for a new volunteer coordinator to begin as soon as possible. The coordinator works alongside a committee of members and volunteers to deliver activities- mainly for older or retired people in our local communities.

If you feel you could take on this role, or if you would like more information about its scope, please contact Fiona on 01335 310200. Alternatively, if you would like to offer your services as a volunteer, Fiona would be happy to explain more about the club and the various volunteer roles.

Our new programme begins in February with an Armchair Fitness workshop on Wednesday 5th February at 3.00pm. Soup and rolls will be served. New members are always very welcome. The cost of the meeting is £6.00 per person.

"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
Rachel Hopper
Deputy:
Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Sunday Services in February

9th	3.00pm	Evening Worship
23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers: Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Cleaning Rota: Lily Hambleton-Plumb

P.C.C. Members: **Secretary:** Maggie Risby 304115. **Treasurer:** Patrick Bailey
Maurice & Barbara Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

St Bartholomew's Church.

A quiet time following a busy December. Warm Welcome continues every fortnight. February dates are Tuesdays 4th and 18th.

Having received the permissions needed, work is soon to commence on the Garden of Remembrance.

Maggie (304115) and Barbara (304324) are working hard to gather in subscriptions for the Lottery Ball Draw February 2025 / January 2026. If you haven't been contacted, please let either of them know if you want to remain/withdraw/add extra balls/join us as newbies. The next Draw is on Saturday 8th February at 11am in Church so we really need to know by then. As many numbers as you like @ £12 each. To date 156 numbers are included in the monthly Draw. Thank you.

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for January

1 st	Sisa Bartley	(88)	£40.00
2 nd	Nancy Coates	(117)	£20.00
3 rd	Julie Salt	(22)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday 8th February 2025 in Church at 11.00 am.

Next year's Lottery Subscriptions are due by the 1st February 2025. Anyone wishing to renew their subscriptions or join the lottery please contact Maggie 01538 304115, Barbara 01538 304324 or Lily 01538 304397.

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.

Getting busy at the Hall....A wedding reception booked, birthday parties, Dog Training, Pilates, SMDC voting.....

No planned events as yet but the committee will be meeting soon to decide.

Please access the website....butterton.org.uk.... for hire details.

Butterton History Group

Again, a quiet time so far for the Group. This year is the 80th Anniversary of the end of WW11 and we do have plans to commemorate that event. More details as we go along.

A Spring Clean and Tidy will take part in the Centre as soon as the weather picks up. Documents need sorting and more cataloguing of donations is required.

Butterton Wakes

The AGM takes place on Wednesday 5th February. Anyone is welcome who is keen to help, has ideas to put forward etc. Failing being able to attend the meeting, please contact Kim and Darren Kirby.

Heartfelt Thanks.....

.....**to Les & Phill** for taking it up on themselves to load up the long awaited one & only grit delivery to the village at a time of need and gritting themselves from the Brooks up towards the village and for including The Causeway. Many thanks both, very much appreciated.



WARM WELCOME
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EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
10.30 - 12.30



DATES IN FIRST HALF OF 2025
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29TH APR, 13TH MAY, 27TH MAY, 10TH JUN, 24TH JUN

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A COFFEE OR TEA

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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 Council met on Tuesday 21st January. Discussions centred on the extremely poor service we are being given as regards the gritting, clearing of road drains and refilling of potholes in the parish. Rest assured we are doing everything we can to remedy the situation. We continue to ask you report any problems to SCC Reportonline.

The next meeting is Tuesday 25th February, 7pm at the Village Hall.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Sunday Services in February

16th 3.00pm

Cleaning & Flower Rota: Sally Faulkner

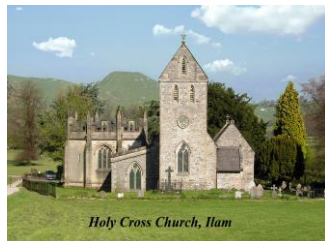


We are now into that post-Christmas period when things have gone very quiet and there is little news except snow news.....Most of the village endured nearly a week of being snowed in, or of struggling to work in really bad road conditions, and some poor souls were still snowed in for well over a week, seemingly abandoned by the Highways Department. We are keeping our fingers crossed that February won't be so bad!

Elkstones hill with Butterton and Grindon church spires sticking up out of the mist

The snow cleared in time to welcome our most recent village newcomers to the January Service, and it was lovely and supportive to see new faces and also visitors from other local churches. We are hoping that we will be spared from a repeat of the fearsome winter conditions. However, if you are snowed in again, and need something cheerful and Summer-y to think about, please take a few pleasant moments to think about Flowers and a theme for our next Flower Festival!

Ilam



Sunday Services in February

9th 10.30am Morning Worship or Holy Communion
All are most welcome

Vicar: In Vacancy

Contact & Reader: Clare Day: 07774 980647

February Flower and Brass Rota

7 th & 14 th	Ms C Hibbert-Foy	Flowers & Brasses
21 st & 28 th	Ms C Hibbert-Foy	Flowers & Brasses
7 th & 14 th March	Mrs E White & Mrs B Temperton	Lent, Brasses only

Donation

Our thanks go to the family and friends of Christine Sellers who have donated £600 to Ilam Church in her memory.

Plastering in St Bertram's Chapel

A massive thank you to Terry Prince who, ably assisted by Sue, has not only plastered one of the walls in St Bertram's Chapel but has also painted it - the improvement is absolutely amazing and it is so lovely to see it restored. *Thank you, Terry and Sue*

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 11th March 2025, 7pm 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.

Ilam Parish Council Meetings 2025

Tuesday 6th May & AGM, Tuesday 15th July, Tuesday 9th September, Tuesday 11th November.

All meetings are held at Ilam School at 7pm

Ilam School

After a wonderful Christmas break, it was a joy to welcome everyone back into school!

With a rocky start due to the adverse weather conditions, we've still managed to pack in a little fun!

We thoroughly enjoyed an amazing Gymnastics event with other local schools set up by Primary Stars. All children participated, modelling excellent skills and behaviour! What a wonderful opportunity! We look forward to our Key Stage 2 children doing it all again in the Dodgeball event this week!

Forest School lessons have been so much fun with clay-based projects in action! Meanwhile our younger children have completely emersed themselves in the celebrations of Chinese New Year. With food and crafts, they're certainly enjoying this topic!

With much in store for February, including our trip to the Derby Faith Trail and Greek and Roman Day, I very much look forward to reporting further on our adventures in the next edition.

Please do contact me if you would like to visit our beautiful school! Our door is always open!

Miss Emily Johnson

Acting Headteacher, Ilam C. E. (VA) School, Ilam, Staffordshire DE6 2AZ
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WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar:
Rev'd John Bains
01298 83411

Deputy Warden:
Judy Prince
01298 84351

Sunday Services in February

2nd 11.00am A Celebration for Candlemas

February Flowers: Rachal Moorcroft

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

St. Lawrence

Our carol service took place on 22nd December (too late to put details in the January magazine), a very cold, stormy day. This, and illness, resulted in a smaller congregation than usual for this event. However, a good time was had by all who attended. Many thanks to Jenny and Tony for donating the Christmas tree, lights and stand, and for decorating it so beautifully. Thank you to everyone who provided excellent refreshments, and to our soloist, Tim, who delighted us with his rendition of "O Holy Night" (a favourite) and "Silent Night" - the carol we owe to a mouse, as told by Janet.

Thank you to Judy for organising the Christmas Hampers raffle and to everyone who donated prizes. Winners were: 1st - Pam Naden. 2nd - Jenny Riley. 3rd - Tim Robbins. A total of £110 was raised from the hampers, for church funds.

Donations kindly received from Roger Pegg, Miriam and Margaret, and Anon.

Thank you to Paul Storer for his work in the Churchyard.

We pray for all who are unwell at this time, and wish them a speedy recovery.

We give thanks for the life of Betty Woolliscroft and Phyllis Shipley. May they rest in peace.



History Live!

Ecton and other local mines

Presented by

Dr Richard Shaw

Ecton Mine Educational Trust

Wednesday February 5th at 7.30
(doors open 7pm)

Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL

Our first speaker of 2025 is Dr Richard Shaw of the Ecton Mine Educational Trust. A retired geologist, Richard will tell us about the history of the mines in the Ecton area above the Manifold Valley Trail.

Mining for copper started on Ecton Hill during the Bronze Age, about 3500 years ago. There was some small scale lead mining during the Middle Ages but it was not until copper had been rediscovered in the mid seventeenth century that mining started in earnest. For most of the eighteenth century Deep Ecton Mine was profitable and Clayton Mine likewise into the early nineteenth century. For much of the main phase of workings these mines were worked by the Chatsworth Estate and the profits funded estate works such as the Capability Brown landscaping of Chatsworth Park and developments such as The Crescent in Buxton. Today the mines are used for educational purposes.

There are a number of other copper mines under Ecton Hill and Dale Lead Mine on the opposite side of the Manifold Valley which have been worked at various times until the late nineteenth century.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

** We are always grateful to receive cakes to share at our events. If you can help please let Elspeth know the weekend before the meeting so she can plan. Email her on elspethwalker@gmail.com or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake! **

historylivewarslow@gmail.com / 01298 84624 / 07786961219 / historylive.co.uk

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

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

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

Acting Chairman: Mr P Moakes 01298 687238,

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

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

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Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367

WETTON

Sunday Services in February

16th 11.00am Morning Worship or Holy Communion
23rd 11.00AM Morning Worship or Holy Communion

Vicar:

In Vacancy: Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant

Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647



St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the January draw were:

1 st Prize	Hugh Carson	£54.00
2 nd Prize	Roger Broughton	£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 16th February 2025.

Wetton and Back of Ecton Parish Council.

If you wish to make contact with the Parish Council, please do so through the following email address: wettonpc@gmail.com The parish council agendas and minutes can be found on the parish council noticeboard and also on the website.

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