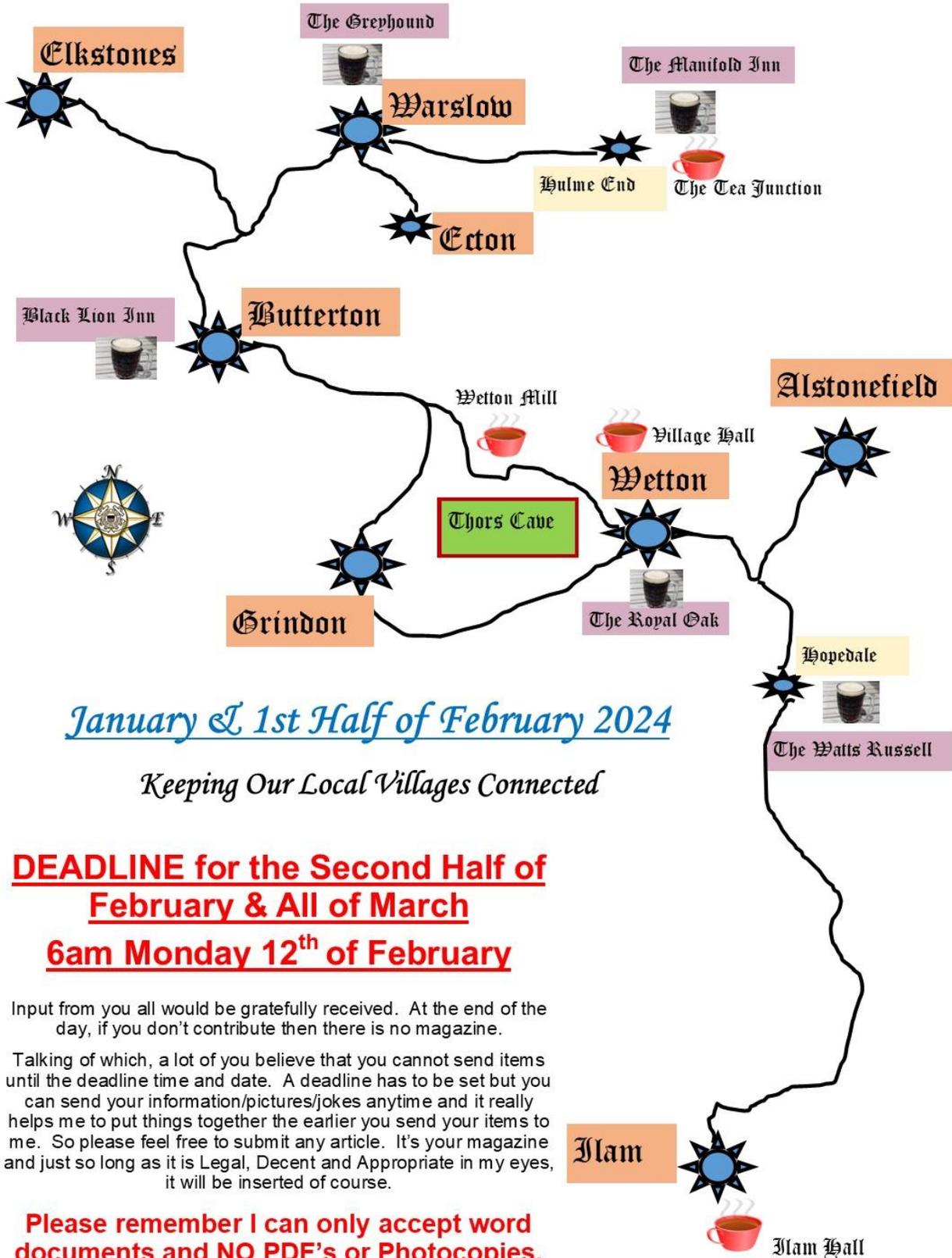


# VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



January & 1st Half of February 2024

*Keeping Our Local Villages Connected*

**DEADLINE for the Second Half of February & All of March**  
**6am Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of February**

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.**



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### Winter Moths

When the nights are long and cold, we do not think of seeing insects, but spare a thought for the Winter Moth which can withstand freezing temperatures and can be seen on the wing between October and January.

For many of us, we see the Winter Moth in car headlights when driving in small lanes after dark, it is pale brown in colour and can be seen fluttering. They are attracted to light however, and so will come to a moth trap if you want a closer look. Winter Moths are widespread,

occurring in many places with trees and shrubs, so not particularly a churchyard species but, as with so many other creatures, churchyards will be a haven for them, particularly if they provide a space away from artificial lights which can be so disorientating to insects.

Unusually, females cannot fly, they have small stubby wings and are dark grey, giving them camouflage as they clamber up tree trunks to summon males. The females attract a mate by giving off pheromones, which draw in the flying males. Their eggs are then laid on the bark of the tree and don't hatch until spring, when tiny green caterpillars emerge. The caterpillars feed on tree leaves, eating a range of species including oak, sycamore, beech and willow. Caterpillars can also travel from tree to tree by spinning long threads of silk which act as a sail, carrying them through the air.

In the spring Winter Moth caterpillars are an important food for woodland birds, particularly the tit family. In January there is less food around and these small birds can be seen searching within the crevasses and nooks and crannies of trees for a range of adult invertebrates including Winter Moths, and also the overwintering larvae of other species. Why not take a torch-lit walk and see if you can see a Winter Moth or even, if you are lucky, a female on a tree trunk. Alternatively wait for spring and look in April or May for the caterpillars' chomping leaves, or a bluetit eating a caterpillar! The caterpillars are tiny, green and have a dark stripe on the top of their bodies. If you care for a church or churchyard then please consider the insects when planning outdoor lighting, having dark areas or lights which go off for part of the night can be beneficial to many species.

All the best, Harriet Carty

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, [harriet@cfga.org.uk](mailto:harriet@cfga.org.uk),*

*[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code **diomem22***

***Thank You!***

We thank Pam Wain for her generous donation towards the running costs of the Village & Community Magazine

### New & Local

**From 9<sup>th</sup> January Pilates classes will be held at Butterton Village Hall. Afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and an evening session on Thursdays. Contact Louise at Podium Pilates if you are interested....07956675683**

## Some Local Snippets

**Grindon Craft Group** had their final meeting of 2023 in December.  
Suffice to say that “not much Crafting was undertaken”.  
Normal service resumes in January 2024.



## Swainsley Bridge (before & after)

**JULY - Closure**

**DECEMBER – Re-opening**



## ...Smile Once in a While...

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Amzanig huh?

I got my test results back today, unfortunately I've been diagnosed with "the big C"...dyslexia.

I accidentally used acupuncture needles on my voodoo doll and now I've cured my enemy's sciatica.

I was named after my father...I don't really like the name 'Dad' though.

I was raised as an only child, which really annoyed my sister.

Say what you like about depression, it has brought me and my wife closer together. Now we both wish I was dead.



I was going to tell you a joke about boxing but I forgot the punch line.

I'm not a fan of spring cleaning. Let's be honest, I'm not into summer, autumn or winter cleaning either.

What month is the shortest of the year? May, it only has three letters.

I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.

My wife told me to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.

A termite walks into a bar and says, "So, is the bar tender here?"

Why was six afraid of seven? Because 7-8-9.

What did the pirate say when he turned 80? Aye matey.

I used to be a narcissist but look at me now!

My dad's a drink driver, but as he prefers, a milkman.

In my youth I didn't like facial hair. As I got older it grew on me.



## **Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) is a Defra funded programme targeted at farmers and land managers. The programme runs until March 2025**

Funding is available for projects which deliver for one or more of the following themes:

Climate including reducing flood risk Nature targeting nature recovery

People including enhanced access, interpretation and volunteering Place including landscape, cultural heritage and support for increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses We are particularly interested in projects that deliver multiple theme outcomes.

**In the Peak District please find out more at:**

**[www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/living-and-working/farmers-land-managers](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/living-and-working/farmers-land-managers)**

**To speak to a FiPL Officer or Farm Adviser Tel: 01629 816200 Email: [farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk)**



### **Farming in Protected Landscapes Grants Have Been Extended for Another Year.**

In the first two years of the programme, we have awarded £1.65 million to Peak District farmers and land managers, and we have a further £3 million to award before March 2025.

More info W: [peakdistrict.gov.uk/fipl](http://peakdistrict.gov.uk/fipl)

T: 01629 816200

### **Successful support scheme for farmers to benefit climate, nature, people and place in the Peak District's special landscape is extended for one more year**

Farmers and land managers in the Peak District National Park are being encouraged to continue to apply for funding to support landscape enhancement, access and conservation work through the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme.

The national FiPL programme, administered locally by the Peak District National Park Authority, has been extended 12 months, to March 2025, with an extra £2.4 million available for farmers and land managers in the 2024/25 financial year.

Since July 2021, the Peak District National Park has channelled £2 million to over 300 local farmers and land managers to bring benefits for climate, nature, people and place with an extra 1.2 million expected to be spent between now and April.

So far, the FiPL programme has supported 304 Peak District projects with works ranging from installing solar powered drinking troughs for livestock, creating habitat corridors for wildlife, to building a new hay barn to enable making late-cut, flower-rich hay, and planting close to 9kms of new hedgerows in the Hope Valley in association with the Hope Farmers Group.

In total, 35 ponds have been improved or created, 5511 trees planted, 49 historic structures conserved, restored or interpreted more effectively and 80 hectares of hay meadow restored. Educational access is being supported on 8 farms and 10 new permissive paths are in place.

The works bring benefits on the ground including supporting natural flood management, reducing carbon emissions from farms, improving areas for wildlife, and enhancing landscape features and historic assets. Many projects pave the way for enhanced opportunities for farmers to draw down funding from national schemes and/or enhance their business.

Phil Mulligan, chief executive of the Peak District National Park, said: "The National Park is a living, working landscape that supports communities and businesses, and is home to a huge range of habitats and species. It's also a place enjoyed by millions of visitors and residents every year. The FiPL programme has made it possible for us to support one-off projects that benefit nature and cultural heritage-friendly farm businesses.

"It's fantastic to see farmers taking up the opportunities to increase habitats, improve biodiversity, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and provide opportunities for people to enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage. It's about investing in the environment and people to help build sustainable farm businesses that look after the landscape now and for the future."

Some standout successes of the FiPL programme in the Peak District National Park to date include significant repairs to 300 metres of Doctor's Gate bridleway which protects sensitive moorland habitat; restoration of a stone-built Victorian water header tank structure at Sheldon; and support for the creation of wood pasture projects at Baslow and Hayfield and agro-forestry farming systems at Great Longstone, Green Fairfield and Wincle. At Minninglow, access off the High Peak trail has been provided to an award-winning limekiln restoration project.

# ALSTONEFIELD



**Vicar: In Vacancy**  
**Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant**  
**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

## Alstonefield January Services

7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion	
28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion/Confirmation & Blessing	Ipstones
4 <sup>th</sup> (Feb)	11am	Holy Communion	

## Alstonefield St Peter's Church.

Thank you to all those who came to the **Big Clean Up** at St Peter's church and churchyard on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. We achieved great things including finally weeding the French drain around the perimeter of the church; a task akin to painting the Forth Bridge... we will need to start again in the Spring!  
The next Big Clean Up is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

A big thanks also to those who have been on the **Church Cleaning Rota**. This involves taking the lead for a month and doing the quite easy tasks when you are able, usually a max of a couple of hours. We really do need some more people to help with this as it is becoming a burden on just a few. Do please offer to help if you possibly can: email [carrieosborne2016@gmail.com](mailto:carrieosborne2016@gmail.com) or call 01298 84443 or WhatsApp 07891480104.

And another grateful thanks to the **Church opening and closing** team: anyone who could also help with that would be most welcome. Morning and evening for a month, or share with someone else. Contact Carrie above.

Many thanks also to those who fill the church with **lovely flowers**: if you would like to help with those or learn about it, please contact Sue Lovatt on 07714 041682.

**Jigsaws**: as the nights draw in Jigsaws are again for sale or swap at St Peter's, inside in the north aisle. £5 to buy, £1 to swap. There are plenty of different ones to choose from.

**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.

## Bring & Share

Thank you to everyone who came to Alstonefield's Bring and Share in aid of Cancer Research

A magnificent total of £851 was raised from the auction. Thank you to everyone who donated the items and to everyone that bought them

Thank you for all the help tidying up, to Jon Lane as auctioneer (excellent as usual) and finally to everyone's contribution to make the afternoon special including the Clockwinders performance. The surprise visit from Father Christmas was enjoyed by all the children.

**Happy New Year to you all. Debs Railton.**

## Alstonefield Village Hall

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

**Committee members: See Below.**

<b>Liz Power</b>	<b>Duncan Scroggs</b>	<b>Mark Smith</b>	<b>Martin Snodin</b>
<b>Dave Littlehales</b>	<b>Val Littlehales</b>		

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

**If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please email: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)**

**“AVETS would like to thank the Alstonefield Newspaper Group for their invaluable support over the years. We are particularly grateful for their generous offer to cover the cost of our dedicated telephone line for the next two years.”**

## “AVETS Remember”

In an emergency you should always dial 999 first.

If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911.

AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist.  
If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009.

## Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council** – Martin Jinks

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

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

**Chair** – Rupert Hignett (07904 187785)      **Vice Chairman:** Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

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

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

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

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## BUTTERTON



### St. Bartholomew's Church

**Revd - Jane Held:**

**01538 262116**

**Church Warden:**

Maggie Risby 304115

Barbara Woodward 304324

**Deputies:**

Rachael Hopper

Lily Hambleton Plumb

### Services in January & Early February

7 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Evening Worship
21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> (Feb)	3pm	Evening Worship
18 <sup>th</sup> (Feb)	10am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Cleaning Rota:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb.

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

Maurice Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Maggie Rowland, Jackie Sumerling, Maggie Rowland,

### St. Bartholomew's

As regards repairs at the Church.... As I type, we are now at the stage where all the blown plaster has been removed, a waterproof layer painted on the stairwell wall and new plaster has been plastered ! Nearly there.....In the New Year the walls will be repainted and new stair and Meeting Room floor carpets will be laid.

A rather splendid stable complete with Nativity figures appeared recently at the Church entrance. (Angel Gabriel and the Donkey are particularly worth mentioning!) One of our parishioners, Lesley Atkins, has knitted the figures and Darren and Kim Kirby made the Nativity Shed. Unfortunately, the recent wind took its toll and the Shed was blown over. The characters were rescued and might make a reappearance before Christmas if the weather becomes a bit better. Hmmmmm, I wonder!

There was a good attendance for the Carol Service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Always a lovely social event at this time of the year. Following the Service of Carols and Readings we held the Grand Draw and there were twenty prizes including a Black Lion voucher, £25 cash, a large hamper, a Cheese voucher and many other festive offerings. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all.

Our Benefice Christmas Day Service held at 10 am was also well attended. Rev'd Jane held her own whilst still being plagued with a hoarse voice which she had had for some weeks and thus we were 'spared' a sermon in order. as implied, we could "get on with Christmas". However, and as Rev'd Jane put it, Butterson being Butterson we were greeted with a final get together over warming Ginger Ale, Stollen bread and a slice of Christmas cake. What a lovely service and get together prior to our Christmas Day family festivities.

## St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for December

1 <sup>st</sup>	Terressa Machin	( 147)	£40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne Allen	( 106)	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Billings	( 144)	£10.00
Christmas Bonus	John McDermott	( 125)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> in Church at 11.00 am.**

We have come to the end of another twelve months of playing the lottery, thank you for your support. Anyone wishing to renew their lottery subscriptions or join the lottery should do so before the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Please contact Maggie 304115, Lily 304397, Mel 304504 or Barbara 304324 .

### Butterton Parish Council

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

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

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

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. 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

**Meetings for 2024 are .....9th January, 20th February, 2nd April, 7<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 18th June, 30th July, 10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December.**

Thanks to the Parish Council there is a Christmas Tree near the flagpole on Church Corner again this year. It was looking good until the same wind that demolished the Nativity Shed blew all the baubles and bows off the tree! We are still missing some!!!

The next PC meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

***A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2024 to all our readers.***

### 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.

Due to the snow, we had to postpone the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, so technically, the first of the three Village Hall events this Christmas was Bingo on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Although not terribly well attended, fun was had by all. The prizes were Christmas themed and mulled wine and mince pies were served during the interval.

I can report on a very successful Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. A good crowd enjoyed turkey baps, sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine. All the stalls did very well. We raised just under £650 for Village Hall funds. Although very busy, I had the chance to step back and look round the gathering. Lots of chatting and feasting in the refreshment corner. A lovely pre-Christmas social gathering.

The visit from the BadApple Theatre Group on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December was eagerly anticipated even if a power cut temporarily threw everything off kilter. The two very clever actors, playing more than one part each, performed a humorous take on Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol entitled 'Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol'. All tickets were sold out for this festive family event. It really was a very good evening's entertainment.

**From 9<sup>th</sup> January Pilates classes will be held at the Village Hall. Afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and an evening session on Thursdays. Contact Louise at Podium Pilates if you are interested....07956675683**

### Butterton Conservation Area Appraisal

The Peak District National Park Authority have commissioned an external heritage consultant, Ms Melanie Morris, to undertake a Conservation Area Appraisal for Butterton. This is an important document that will set out the special character of the Conservation Area and it will be used to help inform planning decisions in the future. Mel will be undertaking site visits on publicly accessible land (and on private property by consent) to assess the Conservation Area and she will be liaising closely with the Cultural Heritage Team at the PDNPA throughout this period.

You may see Mel walking around the village as she carries out her work. We'd really welcome any information from residents that may help us to gain a fuller understanding of the history and character of the village and what

makes it special. Mel is also working with the Butterton History Group and its archive. Once we have a working draft of the appraisal, we'll bring it to the community as part of our consultation process.

If you have any queries about the appraisal process or if you would like to share any information about Butterton, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Anna Badcock (Cultural Heritage Team manager)  
[anna.badcock@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:anna.badcock@peakdistrict.gov.uk) 01629 816206

Thank you for your support

## **ELKSTONES**



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

### **Services in January/February**

**21<sup>st</sup> 3pm**

**Flowers & Cleaning for January & February**  
**Liz Meakin**

As I write this we are just coming to a very stormy end to the year, with heavy rain and a violent wind, which has just lifted my weighty metal garden table, plus it's brand-new winter cover, several feet away from the sheltered corner where it had been moved for safety, and deposited it upside down on my patio, along with the stones that were weighing it down! Let's hope that the New Year brings calmer weather and also a calming down of the conflicts in the world's trouble spots. We are very lucky indeed that our storms are just storms of weather and not the horrendous wars that are happening in less fortunate lands.

**St John's Church January dates:** The January Service is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. All welcome.

Thank you to the Rev. Nicola Pepper for taking our lovely Carol Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. It was a happy occasion, and it was really great to see our little church full with friends and neighbours. We would like to thank the organisers and everybody else who helped, including the organist, the readers, those who decorated the church so beautifully, those who donated mince pies and mulled wine for afterwards, and organised the refreshments, and those who gave generously to the collection, not forgetting those who provided so many prizes for the raffle. The collection and raffle raised a magnificent total of £405.10 to help to keep our special little church open to all. A look in the Visitors' book shows how much it is appreciated by local people and visitors alike.

The start of our New Year is also a good time to thank the hard- working individuals who keep the church going throughout the year, keeping the churchyard and the path tidy, doing the cleaning, providing the flowers and doing the continual fund-raising and looking after the finances to keep things going.

Finally, we would like to thank the Rev. Nicola Pepper for taking the services while Fr. John is off, and we send Fr. John all our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

### **Elkstonians Carol Singing Around the Houses.**

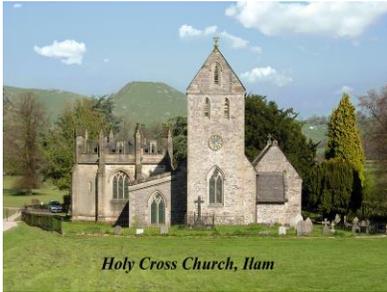
On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, a small group of Elkstonians did their annual Carol Singing round the valley. Thank you to those who put up with our singing (!) and who all donated generously, enabling us to send £126 to the cancer charity Myeloma UK.



**Roadworks in Lower Elkstone:** We have been notified that the stretch of road between the bottom of Stonyfold Lane and the junction with the B5053 Onecote to Longnor Road will be closed from Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> till Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> while Severn Trent carry out work.

**Wishing all our friends and neighbours a Happy New Year with good wishes for 2024**

## **Ilam**



*Holy Cross Church, Ilam*

### **January /February Services**

14<sup>th</sup>            10.30am    Morning Worship  
28<sup>th</sup>            11am        Holy Communion/Confirmation & Blessing    Ipstones  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb      10.30am    Holy Communion

**Vicar: In Vacancy**

**Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

**The Ilam Church and Art Club Presentation of** Christmas Carol Art and Decorated Christmas Trees Continues at Ilam Church until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. The Church will be open daily.

### **January/February Flower and Brass Rota**

5 <sup>th</sup> .	Mrs S Prince & Ms S Allen	Flowers & Brasses
12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs J Oxtoby & Mrs S Richardson	Flowers & Brasses

### **Ilam C of E (VA) School**

***"Wherever you go in school, you see acts of kindness."*      Ofsted 2023**

As Christmas approached, we had the most amazing few weeks at school!

We wowed each other with our skills and talents in Ilam's Got Talent! A truly spectacular celebration of our wonderful children! From singing to piano playing, rock climbing to gymnastics, we had it all! Well done Ilam!

We took to the stage again to present our Christmas play 'The Messenger'. The children absolutely smashed it and filled our hall with joy whilst delivering a celebration of the Christmas story!

We also had a fun filled week of Christmas arts and crafts! The children created lots of beautiful things to take home and share with their families. We finished this off by flooding the school in festive colour with our Christmas jumper day in memory of Isabella Peatfield. A former pupil sadly lost in the tragic tsunami in Thailand.

Many of our pupils lit up the streets of Ashbourne by participating in the lantern parade. What a beautiful event! We'll certainly be joining in again next year!

We had many a Christmas lunch welcoming in the residents of the village as well as our families and friends. We're so blessed to have Miss Lisa as our cook, she sure knows how to put on a great event!

We also ventured off to the panto to see Cinderella in Buxton! Oh yes we did! The children behaved wonderfully and we had a great time! Our younger children also attended the Ashbourne Methodist church for a morning of Christmas crafts which they loved! Thank you for having us!

What would Christmas be without a party or two?! We enjoyed a great party kindly provided for us by our school governors! An afternoon of food and games! Such a kind gesture! Thank you! We also enjoyed a whole school disco as well as a Strictly Come Dancing PE enrichment day! The children wowed us with their newly learnt dances, and we surprised them with a contribution of our own too! Fab-u-lous!

We finished the term with a festive concert from our Rock Steady bands and a walk around Ilam Park looking at the picture trail. Finally, we ventured off to church for our Christmas service showcasing the beautiful singing of our children in one last nativity performance for parents. Perfect.

We may be a small school, but we sure are a mighty one. It's a privilege to be a part of and I can't wait to see what 2024 brings us!

***Emily Johnson, Acting Head Teacher.***

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## Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

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

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

***We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.***

The next meeting is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 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.

### Dates for Parish Council Meetings

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May & AGM
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

## WARSLOW



### St. Lawrence

Vicar:

Wardens:

Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft  
01298 84568

Deputy Warden:

Judy Prince  
01298 84351

### January/First Half February Services

7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Plough Sunday

**Altar Flowers: Roger Pegg**

**Treasurer: Emma Gould 01298 687190 or 07989294809**

(And) I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way" So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East"

Written by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957) and spoken by King George VI in his Christmas 1939 message.

### St. Lawrence

Thank you for the anonymous donation we have received recently for the carol service we held in December. Thank you, also, to everyone who attended and for all your help and input during this time.

Several people have recently undergone operations and we wish them well on their road to recovery. To anyone unwell at this time, get better soon or 'if' awaiting an operation God speed it comes soon.

Finally, a big "thank you" to John and Mavis who, every month, print, assemble and deliver the Longnor Benefice magazine to the churches in the vicinity.

***We wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful 2024 from St. Lawrence, Church.***

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# History Live! Special Afternoon Meeting



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with John Hambleton

**Wednesday January 10th 2024**

**2.00 pm**

**Warslow Village Hall, (SK17 0JL)**

**There will be a break midway for refreshments.**

The next History Live meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th at 2.00 pm with John Hambleton. Some of you will remember a really entertaining evening with him about 6 years ago

John started work at the age of 16, as a joiner in one of the mills in Langley, near Macclesfield. He has always had an interest in old tools and farm implements and has collected a great many over the years. As farming practices changed these became readily available and John found they could easily be picked up at farm sales and traction engine rallies. John is in great demand to give his talks and quizzes and his fee always goes to the Leprosy Mission.

This talk will take the form of a quiz so we can try and guess the original uses of these fascinating objects before he tells us all about them. There will be a mix of domestic and household appliances and small industrial and farming implements to have a look at and handle.

Bring along any vintage tools and have a chat with John about them.

Cost is £4 including refreshments. No need to book, just turn up!

Our second meeting of 2024 will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 when Alan Weeks will tell us all about the Brocklehurst family who lived on the Roaches.

To find out more contact Janet on 01298 84624, email: [historylivewarslow@gmail.com](mailto:historylivewarslow@gmail.com) or our website:

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

## WETTON



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### January/February Services

21<sup>st</sup>

11am

Holy Communion

28<sup>th</sup>

11am

Holy Communion/Confirmation & Blessing

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

The lucky winners in the December draw were:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**      **Denise Noble**      **£52.50**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**      **John Hodgkinson**      **£35.00**

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.  
The next draw will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## Wetton Parish Community

Festive greetings and thanks to all our neighbours, friends and visitors that contributed to our social gatherings of seasonal celebrations for Advent and Christmas.

Your company made our mince pie morning and our Christmas Caroling, both around the village and for the Christmas eve service, warm and welcoming events, as we shared a Merry Christmastide.

**Thanks again and with best wishes for a Happy New Year to one and all.**

## "Vigour for the Venerable"?

A call to our more senior locals regarding a graded fitness group, that is proposed to take part in Alstonefield Village Hall, subject to sufficient support for this activity.

Please contact me if such a group is of interest to you, so that we may estimate the viability of this community activity, at minimal cost to its participants.  
Pam (Weston-Clarke) on 01335 310257

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