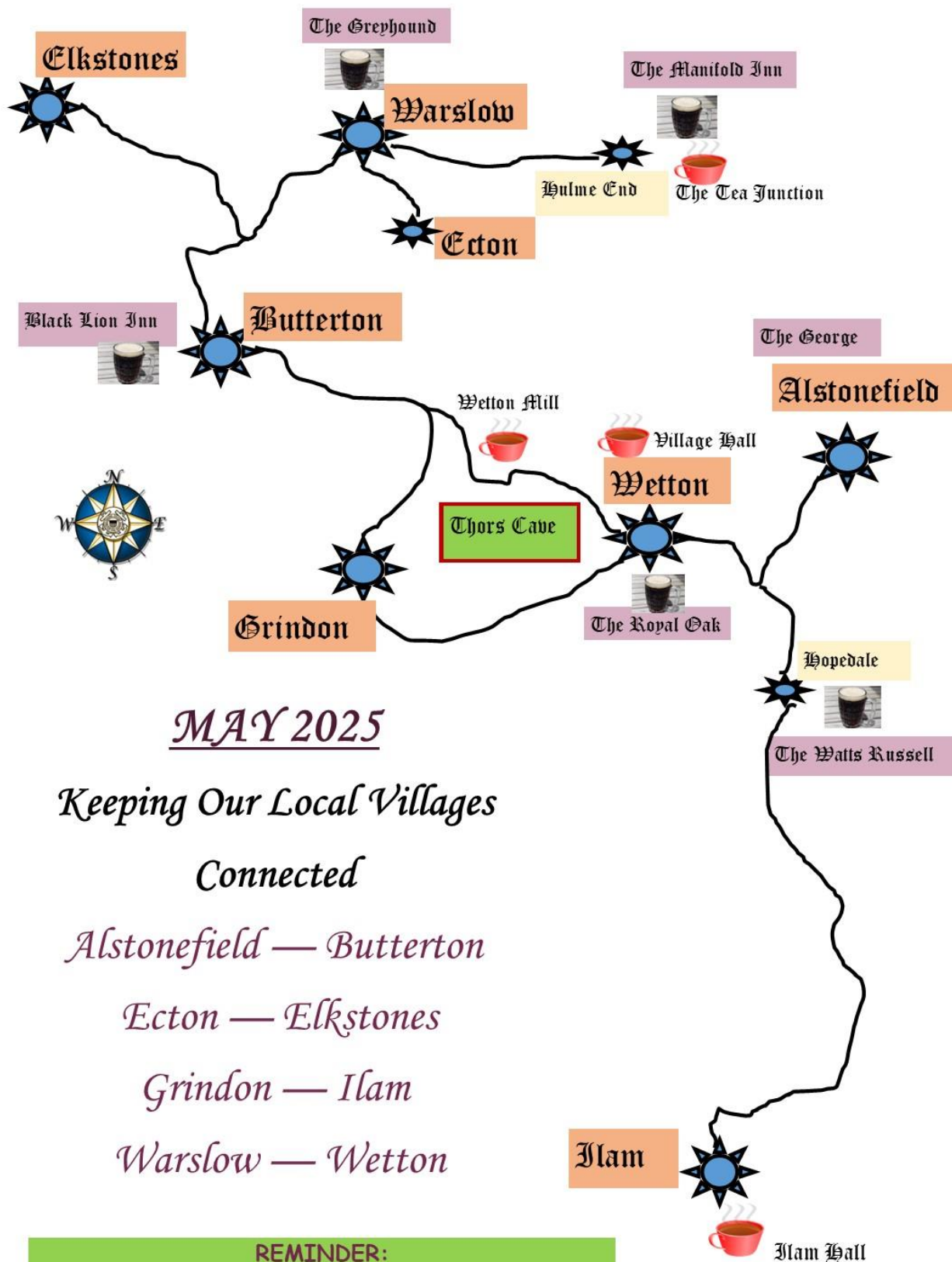


# VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



MAY 2025

*Keeping Our Local Villages*

*Connected*

*Alstonefield — Butterson*

*Ecton — Elkestons*

*Grindon — Ilam*

*Warslow — Wetton*

REMINDER:

DEADLINE for the JUNE EDITION is

TUESDAY 27th of MAY

We thank all our advertisers for supporting the "Community Mag" and we are always glad to be able to include adverts from local businesses. Any donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Any advertisement in this magazine does not imply endorsement of what is advertised.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG SO WHAT BETTER TIME TO PUT A SPRING BACK IN YOUR STEP

Do you suffer from:

\* Arthritis \* Muscle tightness \* Stress or anxiety \* Poor sleep quality

A monthly massage could help you. In just half an hour for just £20!

Choose from Swedish, Deep tissue or Indian head massage

Or give your skincare routine a boost with a wonderfully relaxing holistic facial

Contact me for further details or to make an appointment  
at my home in Warslow:

**Dawn Cooper 07934 537213**



### **R J Mellor Electrical Contractors**



**Professional, Reliable & Reasonably Priced**

*I have 20 years' experience from working in all types of electrical environments.*

*I am fully qualified, fully insured & registered with a national governing body (Part P registered).*

*My work includes but is not limited to:  
Electrical Installation; Electrical Inspection,  
Testing & Certification; PAT Testing and  
Earth Electrode Testing.*

***I look forward to your enquiry***

***Robert James Mellor Tel: 07816985291***

***[rjmellorcontractors@hotmail.com](mailto:rjmellorcontractors@hotmail.com)***



### **Graham Bagshaw**

***Plumbing & Heating Engineer***

***Local, Friendly Service***

***Based in Butterson***

***GAS SAFE' & 'OFTEC'  
Registered***

**Contact on: 07841708861  
or 01538 304518**

**email:**

**[grahambagshaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grahambagshaw@hotmail.co.uk)**



## **CURTAINS UP**

- Custom made blinds and curtains-
- Full range of fabrics -
- Full measurement and making service -
- Curtain alterations also undertaken -

**Friendly and local**

**Competitive prices including  
collection and delivery**

**Contact Claire Hardwick**

**T: 01538 702201 - M: 07979 942050**

**E: [cdhw25@gmail.com](mailto:cdhw25@gmail.com)**







## **PROPERTY SERVICES**

Building, Roofing & Chimneys,  
Guttering & Pointing  
Patio's, Garden Walls & Steps  
Drainage & Groundwork/Landscaping  
Wall and Floor Tiling, Painting & Decorating  
Plumbing, Carpentry & Joinery  
Bathrooms, Kitchens, Windows & Doors Fitted  
All types of Emergency Work  
Friendly, Local, Reliable  
& Professional Service

**Contact: Darren Barlow, Warslow  
01298 84820**



**Debbie Newton**

**Help at Home  
Service Available**



**10 yrs. Experience Working in a Medical  
Environment**

**DBS Police Checked**

**Excellent References Available**

**Cleaning, Meal Preparation, Shopping**

**Taking to Appointments, Paper Work.**

**Light Domestic Duties**

**Based in Alstonefield Village**

**Contact 07702 860621 or  
[Debsnewton11@gmail.com](mailto:Debsnewton11@gmail.com)**



**Cockleshells  
Gardening  
RHS Qualified  
Gardener**

**Pruning, weeding, borders  
Greenhouse management  
Fruit and veg cultivation  
Compost management,  
containers etc.**

**Refs. Available**

**Fully Insured.**

**Call Sarah 07985023135**



## **The Ashbourne Shoe Company**

A large independent family run shop offering an extensive selection of Mens, Ladies & Children's footwear across a range of quality brands including Skechers, Rieker, Clarks, Padders & many more.

We offer a free measure and fit service in store where one of our fully trained shoe fitters will be pleased to help and advise on finding the perfect pair of shoes.

3 Wellington Yard, Off St John Street, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1GH

Website: [www.theashbourneshoecompany.co.uk](http://www.theashbourneshoecompany.co.uk)

Tel: (01335) 344065

Email: [info@theashbourneshoecompany.co.uk](mailto:info@theashbourneshoecompany.co.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ashbourneshoecompany](http://www.facebook.com/ashbourneshoecompany)



**elite**  
CINEMA AND THEATRE



**Come and experience a proper night out with a drink from our fully licensed bar!**

**Choose from a selection of snacks to nibble on whilst  
enjoying theatre, a live event and/or a unique film experience that only the BIG  
SCREEN can give!**

**With latest film releases and a variety of plush seating options to choose from  
offering ultimate comfort and plenty of leg room...**

**Sit Back, Relax & Enjoy!**

*To join our mailing list, please contact us or sign up via our website.  
Bookings can be made online via our website, by telephone or by visiting the ticket office.*

- [www.elitecinemaandtheatre.co.uk](http://www.elitecinemaandtheatre.co.uk)
- Email: [elitecinemaandtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:elitecinemaandtheatre@gmail.com)
- Tel: (01335) 343513
- [www.facebook.com/elitecinemaandtheatre](http://www.facebook.com/elitecinemaandtheatre)
- Elite Buildings, Market Place, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1ES

Elite Ashbourne Entertainment Centre  
Reinstatement of Cinema with Additional Theatre  
Facilities.  
Part funded by the European Agricultural Fund for  
Rural Development



The European Agricultural Fund for  
Rural Development: Europe Investing in Rural Areas



# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen



**K.I.V.** The successful 'Repair Shop' that visited Warslow last year, 2024, is this year destined for Butterson Village Hall. Please see poster under Butterson Section.

**Interested in a day out at Shugborough** then see Warslow Section, or attending the next Tedesca Concert then see item under Astonefield.

### Learning to Love Moles!



Many of us rarely if ever see an actual mole and apart from Moley in *The Wind in the Willows*, the other famous mole is '*the little gentleman in black velvet*' toasted by Jacobites as William of Orange is said to have died following a fall after his horse tripped on a molehill.

We do however see signs of moles, their molehills. Moles breed in spring, between February and June and this is a time when we see new molehills that have been dug by male moles expanding their tunnel network in search of female mates. They also create spherical nests which they line with dry leaves and grass and the moles will sleep in these nests as well as rearing young there.

Male and female moles spend most of the year alone, living underground and feeling their way around their network of tunnels using their sensitive noses and also their tails. They have poor eyesight and are at risk from predators when above ground but underground they are in their element, using large, spade-like forelimbs to expand the tunnel network as needed. Most of the tunnels are permanent and quite deep and may cover hundreds of metres. Moles are fiercely territorial, familiar with their own tunnels and using them to suit the season. In colder or drier weather, they head for their deepest tunnels where their main food, earthworms, will be found. A tunnel network is thought to last for many years, through several generations of moles.

Moles feed mainly on earthworms they create a winter 'larder' by storing earthworms in a chamber, keeping them alive but immobilising them with a bite to the head segment. Up to 450 worms have been found in one chamber.

Moles used to be killed in large numbers by trappers to make moleskin clothes from their pelt, and were thought of as a problem needing controlling. Actually, moles are both friend and foe to the site manager, friends as they eat many pests such as wireworms, slugs and snails and also aerate the soil with their tunnelling, foe as they throw up molehills which some see as a problem. There are numerous theories as to how to get rid of moles: burying glass bottles, garlic or elder twigs pushed into the molehill to name a few. Poison and traps are cruel and are not recommended. Actually, getting rid of your resident mole may not be a good idea as it leaves a territory open for another mole to move in. It may be best to learn to live with your mole and to press molehills back into the ground or move the soil to flowerbeds or planters. The bare ground they produce also makes space for wildflower seeds to germinate which may not happen in a tight grass sward. So, all in all, moles add to the rich diversity of life found within our churchyards and we need to learn to love them!

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

### Community Magazine

There has been zero interest in taking over control of the magazine so it has been decided that the next issue, June, will be my final one.

I've enjoyed the last, some 45yrs, especially coming to know contributors well, sadly many are no longer with us. I would like to thank all those who have proof read for me and various treasurers over this time. Thank you all.

What I will not miss is having to be indoors on glorious days like those we are currently experiencing typing and compiling the magazine. Input has most definitely declined since modern day forms of communication have allowed events to be broadcast immediately. These have become the norm and of course they are free of charge.

I will also not miss having to arrange holidays around deadline dates especially when there was a bargain to be had!!! Or not being able to spontaneously enjoy a midweek/weekend break when glorious weather was forecast. Nor chasing up folks for their donations or copy.

I first started this task all those years ago by travelling over from Butterson to the Vicarage at Alstonefield, either after an early shift, before a late shift or when I woke up after a night shift. In those early days the magazine was simply produced, typed onto a stencil which was then run off by the vicar in the office. Later being collated and stapled together by the ladies of Alstonefield. I had the easy task, the putting together and stapling being more onerous. Then followed the hand delivery of the magazine to all households in the then Benefice by a huge team of volunteers from each village.

The advent of computerization has not sat well with myself, having not been born with an electronic gadget in my hands, and believe it or believe it not I manage very well without a mobile telephone!!

Tricia

# New & Local

## The Peak District National Park Authority is looking for two new Members

The UK's original National Park is looking to welcome two new Secretary of State-appointed Members to the National Park Authority and applications are now open.

The new Members will bring their knowledge, passion and experience to help shape the future of the National Park at perhaps one of the most challenging periods in its almost 75-year history.

The Peak District National Park Authority operates with 30 Members. Sixteen are appointed by county, district, city or borough councils and fourteen are appointed directly by the Secretary of State, of these 6 are parish councillors selected through a ballot of parish councils and parish meetings, and 8 are appointed because they are specialists in the issues that affect the National Park. The two Member vacancies are in this latter category.

Members have an important role in overseeing the management of the National Park. Their specialist knowledge and insight is invaluable in providing leadership and strategic expertise to ensure the Authority delivers for national and local communities.

**Members come from a range of backgrounds and offer a wealth of knowledge and experience, but they all share a passion for the Peak District National Park. They devote between one and four days a month to Authority business, serving on committees or attending workshops or training. Members are not paid a salary for their work, but they do receive allowances.**

To find out more or for any informal questions please contact Customer & Democratic Services, Peak District National Park Authority, on 01629 816200.

People are asked to apply online for the Peak District National Park Member vacancies through Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). Go to <https://apply-for-public-appointment.service.gov.uk/roles/8166>

**The deadline for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> May. Appointments are for up to four years.**

## ALSTONEFIELD



### Sunday Services in May

4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Leaden Boot Foot Blessing Service (Alstonefield School Garden)
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

**Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin    Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant  
Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647**

### ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

This will be renewed prior to the forthcoming APCM on 4 May 2025.

In line with the rules of the Church of England, an entirely new Electoral Roll will have to be compiled this year.

This means that even if you are currently on the list you will need to fill in the form again.

These forms are available in St Peter's Church or can be obtained from the PCC below, preferably as soon as possible.

Forms are available in church porch or from:  
Angela Campbell,  
PCC Electoral Roll Officer on  
07970 609630 / [angela@angelacampbell.me](mailto:angela@angelacampbell.me)

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

#### SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2025 for St Peter's Alstonefield will take place on Sunday 4 May 2025 in St Peter's Church, after our usual 11am Holy Communion Service at 12.30pm onwards, followed by a PCC meeting.

Everyone is welcome! Please come along, meet Rev'd Patrick Griffin and get involved with St Peter's Church. We would especially like to welcome new PCC members to help in running this beautiful ancient church.

If you are able to join, then please get in touch.

For enquiries please contact:  
Angela Campbell, (PCC Secretary) on  
07970 609630 / [angela@angelacampbell.me](mailto:angela@angelacampbell.me)

**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.

### 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](mailto:jonlane2020@gmail.com)

### "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**



## **THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE**

The Challenge raises funds and makes grants available to support local good causes and projects, with over £60,000 being donated over the past 14 years to our local communities.

Applications for amounts between £200 – £2000 are welcome from April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please obtain a form by emailing; [leadenboot22@gmail.com](mailto:leadenboot22@gmail.com)

Completed forms must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

### Alstonefield Village Hall

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

**Committee members:** See Below.

Liz Power

Dave Littlehales

Duncan Scroggs

Val Littlehales

Mark Smith

Charlotte Jordan

Martin Snodin

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

### Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council – Sally Dartnell.** Email: [clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:mn821268@gmail.com)), **Mrs R Longdon** (Tel:07870 731389).

**Date of next meeting:** Contact Clerk for details.



# *Tedesca Quartet*



St Peter's Church

*Alstonefield*

Church Lane, DE6 2FX

**Tickets £24**

To book, contact Margaret:

[cohenmargaret@aol.com](mailto:cohenmargaret@aol.com), 07506687660

or Richard: [munceyrichard@gmail.com](mailto:munceyrichard@gmail.com)

**Barber** Quartet Op 11 in B Minor  
**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](mailto:cohenmargaret@aol.com)



# **BUTTERTON**



## **St. Bartholomew's Church**

**Revd - Jane Held:**  
**01538 262116**

**Church Warden:**  
Maggie Risby 304115  
Rachel Hopper  
**Deputy:**  
Lily Hambleton-Plumb

## **Sunday Services in May**

**11<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Evening Worship**  
**25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Holy Communion**

**Altar Flowers: Barbara Woodward**

**Cleaning Rota: Dorothy Glaister & Sheila McDermott**

**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.**

Following our APCM on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Rachel Hopper and Maggie Risby remain as Churchwardens, Maggie as Secretary and Patrick Bailey as Treasurer. The PCC remains the same apart from Dorothy Glaister who has chosen to not be re-elected. We thank Dorothy for her commitment to St Bartholomew's whilst on the PCC.

The churchyard tidy took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, prior to our newly appointed Groundsperson doing his first cut of the churchyard. Welcome aboard Tommy.

Easter was a busy time with Tinkerbelle the donkey arriving on Palm Sunday, a Fire Service on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and the well-attended Easter Holy Communion service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.

As I type, we are preparing both the Church and Village Hall for this weekend's wedding of John Walters (Fran's grandson) and Emma Naylor.

## **St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for April**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Gaddam	( 152)	£40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Tomlinson	( 85)	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Murray	( 153)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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.

Bookings continue to come in. Coming up we have a Baby Shower, an important birthday party and overnight booking for a walking group. It's Polling Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please remember your photographic id as you won't get a vote without it.

Unfortunately, we have to continue to keep the main gates locked as we cannot risk any visitors setting up camp again. Apologies to anyone wanting to access the site by car. The pedestrian gate remains open.

## **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.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Village Hall. This is your chance to meet the Councillors and get an update of the year's work. You can also ask questions but if you could give the Clerk the 'heads up' on the topic that you wish to discuss then the appropriate paperwork can be readied.

## **Butterton History Group**

Our celebration event for the ending of WW11 will be in September. Plans are being made for large poppies to be placed on various poles and posts in the village. One for each of our 16 Doubly Thankful men. Each will bear the name of one of the men and it is hoped it will be placed as near to where the men lived 80 years ago as possible. Maggie is asking for some very tall people to help out or someone with ladders. Please contact her if you can help. She is looking to place them on or about Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Also to commemorate VE Day, each of the men has a biofile of their details and these will be on display in church. Do pop in and take a look. They will be in church from Monday 5<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. Maggie will be in church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and would welcome your company. The kettle will be on!

# WARM WELCOME

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

Next Meetings:

**13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Further Meetings:-, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUN, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUN

**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!**

## Message from the Community Bus Shelter



The Butterson Bus Shelter has been open for a month, and what a month it has been; we received lots of donations of books and 'stuff' and at times we could have done with an extension to the Bus Shelter to accommodate it all. You had saved it up for us over the winter – thank you. The surge in stock is also reflected in generosity of financial donations: at the time of going press, it looks like being a very good month. Again – thank you to everyone.

The Shelter Elves have been busy asking for suggestions for how the Bus Shelter charity will use its funds this year.

Remember it is a local charity, and your opinions count.

Email suggestions to [buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com](mailto:buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com) or catch one of us in the village. We will give you an update on this in the June newsletter.

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 to donate, and would like to discuss it: email [buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com](mailto:buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com) or phone 01538-304408. We'll be happy to chat.

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 BACS payment to our bank).

More details about the charity can be found on the village website where there is also a 'Donate' button (<https://butterton.org.uk/bus-shelter-charity>) if you want pay for something from the Bus Shelter.

**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**





# MOORLANDS REPAIR CAFE



**Saturday 12th July**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Village Hall**  
**Wetton Road**  
**Butterton**

Last repair booking-in  
at 1.30pm

## WHAT WE FIX

- Domestic mechanical appliances
- Electrical appliances (no microwaves)
- Clothing & textile repairs-not alterations
- Computer hardware and software
- Toys & Teddies
- Minor bike repairs & safety checks

## FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



Grab some refreshments while you wait, have a chat and be part of this award winning community-led project.



Repairs are free, voluntary donations welcome. If replacement parts required you will need to cover costs.



Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group  
[www.moorlandscclimateaction.org.uk](http://www.moorlandscclimateaction.org.uk)  
[repaircafe@moorlandscclimateaction.org.uk](mailto:repaircafe@moorlandscclimateaction.org.uk)

## VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME



Supported by the Staffordshire  
Moorlands District Council Community  
Climate & Nature Action Fund



## ELKSTONES



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

**Rev'd Jane Held**  
**01538 262116**

### Sunday Services in May

**18<sup>th</sup>      3.00pm      Holy Communion**

**Cleaning & Flower Rota: Elizabeth Buxton**

### Notice of Preparation of new Electoral Roll

Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 12th May, 2025. The new Roll will take effect on 27th May, 2025 - the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Being on the Roll entitles people to attend the APCM and take part in the proceedings, and shows their commitment to the churches of Warslow and Elkstones. Application form for enrolment can be found in each church and should be returned no later than 12th May. If you have any questions about the Electoral Roll, please do not hesitate to contact Janet McNicol (Electoral Roll Officer for Warslow and Elkstones)

- Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.30pm. St. Lawrence Church, Warslow
- Parochial Church Council Meeting, Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm. St. Lawrence Church, Warslow

The website for Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council is: [warslowandlekstonespc.org](http://warslowandlekstonespc.org)

The Alstonfield Deanery Mission Area Team has recently been reorganised, and Warslow and Elkstone Churches have now been welcomed into the care of the Rev. Jane Held, who is the Interim Priest in Charge of Butterton, Ipstones with Berkhamsey, Onecote with Bradnop, and now Warslow with Elkstones.

Rev Jane is based in Ipstones and can be contacted as follows:

Tel: 01538 262116; mob. 07771 556391; email: [jane@janeheld.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk)

Facebook page: Ipstones, Onecote and Butterton Benefice.

or search for: @themoorlandschurches.staffs

**Our thanks to Fr. John** for his care for us over the last few years, but we hope to see him again now and then, when Deanery Mission Teamwork sends him our way.

### **Flower Festival Planning for June**

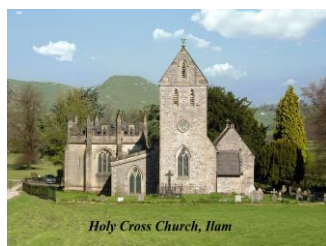
The Flower Festival will take place over the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June, and on the final evening, our Flower Festival Service will be accompanied by Ashbourne Town Band, after which there will be the usual band concert, with a small bar outside. There will be a tombola and raffle during the weekend – Myrtle (01538 304225) or Hazel (01538 304303) will welcome prizes for these, which can be left in the front porch of Townway House, or please ring Myrtle or Hazel if you need them to be collected.

Plans for the organising of the Flower Festival are now well in hand so if you feel willing and able to take part in any way, especially if you can do one of the flower arrangements, please ring Myrtle. All help of any kind will be much appreciated.

### **Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council.**

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council at Warslow Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 p.m. The agenda is currently displayed in Elkstones Notice Board on the Village Green, and also can be read along with the minutes of the last meeting at: [warslowandelkstonespc.org](http://warslowandelkstonespc.org)

## **Ilam**



### **Sunday Services in May**

**11th 10.30am Holy Communion**

**All are most welcome**

**Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin**

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day: 07774 980647**

### **May Flower and Brass Rota**

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Wiltshire	Flowers & Brasses
16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Miss E Clewes	Flowers & Brasses
30 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> (June)	Mrs C Rowlinson	Flowers & Brasses

Our May service will be one of Holy Communion starting at 10.30am on 11<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome

### **VE Day 80**

Ilam will be celebrating VE Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Beechenhill Farm, Ilam from 5pm to 9pm with high tea at 6pm. All welcome. RSVP to Cathy, Lindsay or Ellen

### **Carol Hudson**

We send our best wishes Carol Hudson and wish her a speedy recovery following her recent illness.

## **Ilam Parish Council**

**Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368**

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

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

The next meeting and AGM is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 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 15<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

All meetings are held at Ilam School at 7pm

### **Ilam School**

As we approach our Easter break, we are taking a moment to reflect on all of the wonderful adventures we've managed to pack into a busy half term! We're so grateful to be able to offer the children learning opportunities that go above and beyond, we hope that they create lasting memories for our children.

Recently, we invited all of our school community mums in for a special Miss Lisa Mother's Day roast dinner. It was a wonderful event and the children loved having their special guests in school.

Our older children ventured off to QEGS to watch their amazing Westside Story performance. With some familiar faces in the production, it was amazing to see our former pupils take to the stage. We watched with pride, well done everyone!

We also held our Aspirations Day in school and as we looked to the future with our children, we welcomed input from QEGS agriculture staff, Derby Museum, an Archaeologist, the police, first responders, the National



Trust and a lorry driver. It was a truly amazing day and the children left feeling thoroughly inspired!

With support from Lidl community projects, we also held a healthy eating day in school. The children made delicious foods for us to try and enjoy. From salsa to yogurt bark, wild garlic buttered bread to fruit kebabs and guacamole, we enjoyed every moment learning skills for life.

We've also had a little rebellion in school with our Break the Rules Day! The children stunned us with their colourful hair, nightwear, face paint and dress ups! It filled our school with joy!

As we conclude our last week of term, we've enjoyed a worship from our new Vicar Reverend Patrick. His interactive Easter story was great and the children asked endless questions to learn a little more about him. We look forward to the next visit!

We also enjoyed a visit from the National Trust in preparation for our workshop after Easter. We are so lucky to be working with them alongside their instructed artists Bruce Asbestos as they create a series of sculptures for Ilam Park. What a privilege!

We finish term with our Easter play telling our own version of the Easter story, a wonderful way to round things up!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter! Please do contact us if you would like to visit and see our beautiful school for yourself!

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

## **WARSLOW**



**St. Lawrence**  
**Vicar:**  
**Rev'd Jane Held**  
**01538 262116**  
**Deputy Warden:**  
**Judy Prince**  
**01298 84351**

### **Sunday Services in May**

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion

**Flowers:**

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

### **St. Lawrence**

We pray for anyone who is ill or waiting for an operation at this time. We especially think of Father Arthur Hack.

We would very much like to thank the person who repaired the collapsed grave near the church door recently. Please could you let us know who you are?

Thank you to Janet and to Roger Pegg for the lovely Easter flowers displayed for Easter Sunday.

You may have seen a new sign on the church gate from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. We have been waiting a long time for this sign to be put up and it commemorates two casualties of the First World War. The details we have been given are:

**Walter John Salt, Gunner, 112th Heavy Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 2nd November 1918 aged 24 years From Clough Head, Warslow**

**J.S. Wain, Private, North Staffordshire Regiment. Died 6th March 1919 aged 25 years. From Brownlow, Warslow**

***They are both buried in Warslow Churchyard.***

### **Notice of Preparation of new Electoral Roll**

Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than 12th May, 2025. The new Roll will take effect on 27th May, 2025 - the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Being on the Roll entitles people to attend the APCM and take part in the proceedings, and shows their commitment to the churches of Warslow and Elkstones. Application form for enrolment can be found in each church and should be returned no later than 12th May. If you have any questions about the Electoral Roll, please do not hesitate to contact Janet McNicol (Electoral Roll Officer for Warslow and Elkstones)

- Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.30pm. St. Lawrence Church, Warslow
- Parochial Church Council Meeting, Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm. St. Lawrence Church, Warslow



# WARSLOW

Join us for a  
'Bring your own Village Picnic'

Sunday 4th May

To Commemorate the  
*80th Anniversary of VE Day*

WARSLOW SILVER BAND (5.00pm)

Picnic Field, next to Village Hall. (Gate opens 2.00pm)

Marquee, Children's Games

Village Hall Bar.

Everyone Welcome

## Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

**Clerk:** Sandra Hampson email: [parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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***

\*\*\*\*\*

# **History of Hay Meadows**

**Presented by  
Ann Cantrell**

**of  
White Peak Farmers**

**Wednesday May 7th at 7.30 (doors open 7pm)  
Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL**

Hay meadows are ancient systems associated with farming and with which we have a long cultural association. The talk will present a history of hay meadows by taking a look at the different types of meadows that people and animals have developed over hundreds of years, and how and why they have shaped and managed them.

Ann is a farm and wildlife advisor who now works in a freelance capacity having previously had roles with organisations such as Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England and Peak District National Park. Her previous talk at History Live was hugely popular so we have invited her back!

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 [elspethjwalker@gmail.com](mailto:elspethjwalker@gmail.com) or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake! \*\*

[historylivewarslow@gmail.com](mailto:historylivewarslow@gmail.com) / 01298 84624 / 07786961219 / [historylive.co.uk](http://historylive.co.uk)

*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](mailto:dolanpauline@aol.com), 01889 590430, via our website [www.historylive.co.uk](http://www.historylive.co.uk) or at a History Live meeting.

**Everyone is very welcome to join us**



# **WETTON**



## **Sunday Services in May**

**18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am**

**Morning Worship**

**Vicar: Rev'd**

**Patrick Griffin**

**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 April draw were:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>David Hodgkinson</b>	<b>£54.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>Jo Hodgkinson</b>	<b>£36.00</b>

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 18<sup>th</sup> May.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE EDITION IS 6am on TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY**

*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.*