

Village & Community Magazine

October 2024

Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United



As a result of the severe thunder and lightning on Saturday 21st of September we have been without an internet connection until Thursday 10th of this month. This has meant we have been unable to retrieve emails necessary for the completion of the October issue.

We would like to apologise to anyone who wanted certain events included in this edition but their date has passed.

There have been others in Butterton and the surrounding area who have had similar problems. Ours was exceptional in that it has taken so long to get it resolved and we can only excuse it as "an act of God" which was beyond our control.

Hopefully normal service will prevail for the November edition...

DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER EDITION is 6am on MONDAY 28th OCTOBER

Input from you all will 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.

Wonderful Waxcaps



By October, the areas of long, meadow grass within a churchyard or cemetery will have been mown short and raked, making it is easy to wander around and look for colourful fungi. Old grasslands, like those found in burial grounds, have a fabulously complex web of life beneath the sward, of which fungi are a key part. These grassland fungi, which are different species from those found growing on trees or on deadwood on the ground, are 'indicator species' showing an observer that this grassland is precious, has not been ploughed, fertilised or treated with chemicals for a long time (if ever).

The **mycelium** of the fungi is the part below ground, this consists of thread-like '**hyphae**' which may be connected to a range of grasses, mosses, trees and flowering plants. After rain, and often in the autumn, the mycelium pushes up the fungal equivalent of a fruit above the ground where we can see it. Fungi are largely made of water and so can appear quickly, pumped up by hydrostatic power. The purpose of this is to spread the species far and wide, with a single mushroom able to contain vast numbers of microscopic spores. In the grassland the fungi you find might be waxcaps and pinkgills both of which are shaped like a small mushroom, or spindles and earth tongues, both of which are long and thin. Many fungi are long-lived and may not fruit every year, some only fruiting once in a decade so are rarely seen. They continue to grow and spread beneath the ground however.

Grassland fungi have long captured our imaginations as their names indicate. Look for scarlet, parrot, snowy, butter and ballerina waxcaps. How about skinny club, crested coral, golden spindles or hairy earthtongue.

Although shiny and brightly coloured, these grassland fungi can be difficult to identify as they can change colour with time. Some of the colours are water soluble so fade or change quickly, particularly if it rains. They are however delightful to look at, and even if you don't know which waxcap or spindle you are looking at, the presence of these grassland fungi is relevant and worth recording. If you take a photo of the top, side and ideally the underside showing the gills where the spores are found, it may be possible for someone to identify it, particularly if you use the iNaturalist app on a smartphone or tablet.

Grassland fungi need our help so please look after them. Always rake off the cuttings after mowing, strimming or scything grassland, whether it is long or short grass. This helps to keep the soil fertility low which the fungi need, as do the wildflowers. Avoid any chemicals and keep grasslands managed with regular cutting so that they don't turn become coarse and rough. You may be rewarded with a scattering of colourful fungi looking like jewels across the sward. As well as looking pretty and adding to the richness of biodiversity they, and the other plants, lichens, invertebrates and microbes are all storing carbon in our soils, one of the many natural solutions to climate change.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*, harriet@cfqa.org.uk,





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For workers, shoppers, walkers, cyclists, visits to the area's market towns and major attractions, or simply a trip to your favourite hotel, restaurant or pub. **Leave the car (or motorhome) behind and make your journey with us!** Cycles and dogs welcome please mention when booking.

Booking: Booking is simple and can be made up to 2 hours before travel time. Monday - Saturday by phone or text and 24 hours in advance by email (to ensure availability). **Call: 01335 342951, Text: 07946 365256, mail: bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk**

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WARM WELCOME



AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON

DATES THIS MONTH:

Tuesdays:- 15th & 29th October - 10.30 to 12.30pm



POP IN FOR A CAT AND A COFFEE / TEA

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

New & Local

Would you know what to do if you found someone, probably someone you know, unconscious?

If not come along to **DOCTOR-LED** training in CPR, CHOKING and DEFIBRILLATOR USE.

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

It's FREE, ALL are welcome, REFRESHMENTS will be provided.

It's in Alstonefield Village Hall on Saturday 2nd November 10am - 11.30am.

If you would like more information, please phone Meg on 01335 310488.

STANSHOPE HALL B&B HOUSEKEEPING VACANCY

www.stanshopehall.co.uk

Stanshope Hall has been running as a B&B for 37 years and enjoys excellent reviews and ratings on TripAdvisor, Booking.com and Airbnb. We are looking for someone to join our cheerful and committed housekeeping team on Saturday mornings as required (usually 10.30 – 1.30pm) and every other Sunday (usually 10.30 – 2.30pm) to change beds, clean bedrooms/bathrooms and other general domestic duties. Additional hours during the week to cover staff holidays etc. also possible. Excellent rate of pay.

For more information contact Naomi on 01335 310278 or 07973 858398.

Your Community Magazine – Funding Available

As per Septembers edition I still have some funding available. No applications were received from Ilam, Warslow or Wetton. Should you have a community project in mind, preferably one that serves all ages in your community there is still a little time to apply. Please send your applications (form at the rear of this document) to:

Community Magazine, Trees Cottage, The Causeway, Butterton, Leek, Staffordshire ST13 7SP.
Closing date for applications for funding is Sunday 10th November 2024.

Public urged to have their say in future Peak District National Park plans

Those who live, work in and visit the Peak District National Park are being asked for their views on strategic planning issues as part of a Local Plan Review consultation – the first review of its kind in around 15 years.

The National Park Authority's Policy & Communities team will seek views on house building, developing business and commercial properties, as well as protecting green spaces and the environment.

A series of roadshows will also take the message to villages across the Peak District with locals invited to come and learn more about how to take part. The consultation will be starting on 7 October and running until to 29 November 2024.

Following the consultation, the next Local Plan is expected to be shorter than previous plans and will combine information previously included across two separate documents – making it easier to understand and use.

Ken Smith, chair of the Peak District National Park Authority, said: "To misquote a Monty Python line: 'What has the Local Plan ever done for us?' I can tell you that the answer includes affordable housing schemes at Bakewell, Bradwell, Taddington, Winster and Youlgrave; approvals for alternative renewable energies at Aldwark and Meerbrook; improvement of the visitor experience at Millers Dale station; replacement of two village halls at Over Haddon and Parwich; business developments at Deepdale and Riverside in Bakewell; replacing older buildings with new ones that support our policies for conservation and recreation, such as the Boot and Bike hotel in the Hope Valley.

"These examples of positive recent developments show how important the Local Plan is; it's rooted partly in statute to conserve the special character and appearance of the National Park, but also in people's aspirations for what building development is wanted and which green spaces need to be protected in the areas that are important to them. Local Plans capture these aspirations as a strategy for what can be developed and what needs to be protected, and set policies that make such aims possible when we come to make decisions on planning applications. That's why we want people to take part in the consultation and let us know their views."

The Peak District National Park Authority's new local plan will shape future development in the National Park to 2045.

Planning policies set out in the new plan will guide decisions on development proposals and planning applications in the National Park – including everything from housing to quarrying.

Adele Metcalfe, policy and communities team manager for the Peak District National Park Authority, is responsible for carrying out the consultation. She said: "The new Local Plan will identify where development can and cannot take place in the National Park for the next 20 years, so we're expecting it to be of interest to everyone that lives and works in, visits or does business in the National Park, as well as those that care for it.

"We want the local plan to reflect the needs of our communities so we want to encourage everyone to have their say. This is a great opportunity for people to tell us what issues and options are important to them for future developments in the Peak District National Park."

The public consultation runs from 7th October to 29th November, 2024.

The consultation document will be online and accessed via an interactive portal as well being available as a downloadable pdf. Visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/localplan for more information.

Paper copies of the consultation document will be in local libraries, at the National Park headquarters at Aldern House in Bakewell, at constituent local authorities' offices, and with all Peak District National Park parish councils.

People are invited to attend one of the consultation events that will be held at different venues in the National Park, including: Memorial Hall at Hathersage on 10th October; Memorial Hall at Parwich on 14th October; Sports Club at Hope on 15th October (1pm-5pm); Community Hall at Tideswell on 17th October; Village Hall at Youlgrave on 18th October; the Burton Institute at Winster on 21st October; Village Hall at Warslow on 22nd October; Village Hall at Low Bradfield on 8th November (4pm-8pm). These events will all take place between 3pm and 8pm, unless otherwise stated.

A full list of local consultation events will be available on the National Park Authority website or by calling 01629 816200.

The Peak District National Park Authority is required to carry out the public consultation in accordance with Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended and Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012).

S.M.D.C & High Peak Borough Council

Grants are open now and the deadline for submissions is Sunday 10th November 2024

SME Innovation and Growth

Grants up to £15,000 are available to SME Businesses located within Staffordshire Moorlands District Council area, who are looking to grow their businesses through innovation.

Funding may be used to support all areas of business innovation leading to the creation of new products, services, markets, and an increase in employment (new jobs).

Rural Business Development

Capital Equipment Grants of up to £15,000 are offered to established Rural Businesses located within Staffordshire Moorlands who are looking to grow or diversify their businesses.

Funding is available to support all areas of rural business development leading to the creation of new jobs, products, services and markets, and to help boost community cohesion.

Full details of the grants can be found here

For any questions, please email ukspf@staffsmoorlands.gov.uk

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High Peak
Borough Council



STAFFORDSHIRE
moorlands
DISTRICT COUNCIL

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE



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**Grindon Village Hall
Sunday 13th October**

**TABLE TOP
SALE**



Indoor only and limited spaces.

**Table costs £10 or
£15 for a large one.**

Set up 9.00 a.m.

Doors open 10:00 a.m. to 14:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be available.

To book a table call Becky

01538 304494

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH BUTTERTON



PIE & PEA SUPPER

FOLLOWED BY
SALE OF FRUIT AND VEG
AUCTION

MONDAY OCTOBER 21st
2024

BUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL
6.30 FOR 7.00pm START

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
£10.....Children £5

INCLUDES DESSERT, TEA AND COFFEE
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM BARBARA
MAGGIE and RACHEL





Christmas Wreath Workshops 2024



Morning Workshops

9.30am – 12noon

Afternoon Workshops

2pm - 4.30pm



**Saturday 30th November or
Sunday 1st December**

**Come along and create your very own Christmas
Wreath(s)**

Venue - Waterhouses ST10

**£28 – this will include all you need to create your
wreath**

If you have some finishing touches to personalise your wreath, please bring them. Additional Christmas items to add to your wreath are available to purchase.

Please bring gardening gloves secateurs/scissors.


To book your place on one of the workshops
or for further details

please phone/text/email/message - 07714041682

or Suemlovatt@gmail.com.

Payment required on booking. Limited places available.

I'm also currently taking orders for Christmas wreaths (Doors or Graves) and Table decorations. All individually made - for collection/local delivery priced £18-£30.



The Old Dog

INDEPENDENT | LOCAL | FRESH | INCLUSIVE

WHAT'S ON

2nd October - Autumn Menu Launch

New seasonal menu released with something for everyone on all occasions

6th October - Dovedale Dash Trail Race

Join us after the Dash for a Sunday Roast or a Roast Beef Cob

Sharing Pie Night - Wednesdays

Wednesdays are all about Sharing Pies at The Old Dog

Fortnightly Social Run Club - Wednesdays

We have a growing Running Club as we build our community, join us at 1830 to either join our flat run or hit the hills with our second group. Re-group after a steady 45 mins run to have a drink afterwards, warm up in front of the fires!

17th October - Monthly Quiz Night

Booking recommended for our popular Quiz which takes place on the third Thursday of each month, 8pm start

31st Oct - Halloween Musical Bingo - £20/head

Two course meal and welcome Halloween drink followed by Musical Bingo and a sing along as we play, 7pm start

The Old Dog
Spend Lane
Thorpe
DE6 2AT

Wednesday to Saturday 12:00 - 22:00
Sunday 11:45 - 20:00

www.theolddog.co.uk

Tedesca Quartet



Coffee Concert

St Peter's Church

Alstonefield

DE6 2FX

Tickets £22

To book, contact Margaret:
cohenmargaret@aol.com, 01335 310381,
07506687660; or Richard:
munceyrichard@gmail.com

Haydn Quartet Op 74 No 3 in G minor
"The Rider"

Brahms Quartet Op 51 No 1 in C minor

Beethoven Quartet Op 59 No 2 in E minor

11 AM

Saturday, 9th November 2024

ALSTONEFIELD



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

[Sunday Services in October](#)

St Peter's Alstonefield

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, 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.

Hilda Leason

Andrew, Liz and family would like to thank all those who took the time to send beautiful cards and messages of condolence following the death of mum, Hilda Leason. The very generous donations came to £665 which is being divided between the Air Ambulance and the Wetton & Alstonefield First Responders.

"We are so lucky that the Tedesca String Quartet are coming back to play for us again in Alstonefield on Saturday November 9th. This time the concert will be in the morning, 'a Coffee Concert', and will be held in St Peter's Church, which the quartet knows has a good acoustic as they have played there before. I will be serving tea/coffee and cake in the interval in the Church. I do hope you will not miss this golden opportunity to hear three beautiful quartets by Hadyn, Brahms and Beethoven superbly performed live on our door step".

Margaret

Ed's Note: Poster on the 10th page

Alstonefield & District RVS Friendship Club Welcomes New Members and Visitors

Wednesday 6 th November 2.00pm	Alstonefield Village Hall £6.00	Lisa- our very own Post Lady- has another "string to her bow" Please join us to hear Lisa play her bagpipes. Event includes our traditional cream tea
Wednesday 4 th December 12.00pm	Venue to be confirmed	Christmas Dinner.
Wednesday 1 st January	No meeting	

Please join us at one or more of the events in our programme.

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

Chair: Mr R Hignett (07904 187785)

Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

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

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

Alstonefield Parish Council

has a vacancy for

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Average 4 hours per week (to be worked flexibly from home). LC1 Scale SCP 13 - 23 (£13.97 to £16.67) dependent on experience and qualifications.

We are seeking to appoint a Clerk/RFO who will be responsible for preparing agendas and minutes for Parish Council meetings (7.00 pm on a Wednesday, every six weeks), for managing the finances, administration of the Parish Council, handling correspondence, the website and providing advice to Councillors. As the Responsible Financial Officer, you will be required to manage the online banking, arrange the payment of accounts, monitor the council's accounts, and prepare records for audit purposes, PAYE and VAT. Our annual precept is £8,500.

Ideally, applicants will have relevant qualifications and experience together with strong organisational, communication and IT skills. A laptop will be provided.

An interest in local community matters is essential and, while experience of local authority administration would be preferred along with a CiLCA qualification, training and support will be provided. Further information on our parish and parish council, can be found at www.alstonefield.org/community/parish-council/

To apply, please write, summarising your strengths and experience in relation to this role, together with a current CV to clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk

Alstonefield Village Hall

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

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

Charlotte Jordan

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

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

“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



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BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held:
01538 262116

Church Warden:
Maggie Risby 304115
Rachael Hopper

Deputy:
Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Services in October

20th 6.00pm Harvest Service

October Altar Flowers: Harvest Donations

October Cleaning Rota: Maggi Rowland

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.

The Harvest Service at St Bartholomew's is Sunday 20th October at 6pm and the Pie and Pea Supper is Monday 21st October (ticket only - £10 from Maggie, Barbara or Rachel) at the Village Hall.

At the time of writing, we have very few tickets left. Sorry if you don't manage to get one.....

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for September

1 st	Hilary Bassett	(48)	£40.00
2 nd	Terresa Machin	(148)	£20.00
3 rd	Lily Hambleton Plumb	(15)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday October 12th in Church at 11.00 am.

Don't Forget

'Warm Welcome' Tea Coffee Mornings at St. Bartholomew's Tuesday's 15th & 29th October
10.30am 'til 12.30pm,



**Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 18th October
Butterton Village Hall
11am - 2pm**

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.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 18th October- Macmillan Coffee Morning, 11am – 2pm at the Village Hall
- Sunday 1st December- Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th December- Christmas Bingo

Again, we have to apologise to everyone who wants to use the Play area and visit to find the locked gates onto the Village Hall grounds. We cannot expose ourselves to another trespass episode..... For the time being, this is how it has to be.....

Anyone wishing to book the Hall, please contact Maggie on 01538 304115

Message From the Community Bus Shelter



The Butterton Bus Shelter has reverted to its normal function; we have closed after six months of successful trading and fund raising. There was a lot of work involved in keeping the Shelter pristine and maintaining the quality and when the weather turns, it is no longer viable to keep it going.

We were open for exactly 180 days – that makes at least 540 visits to the Bus Shelter by the Shelter Elves; it has raised a record amount for local causes with many people happy that their unwanted books and bric-a-brac have found new homes.

As usual this year we have made grants to causes which have a local impact: the Air Ambulance, Mountain Rescue and the Manifold Pre-School. We also made a grant for a local person who recently recovered from a brain tumour, for the Brain Tumour Charity. Additionally, we hold funds to cover the cost of the proposed Memorial Garden for St Bartholomew's once the church authorities allow it. The Bus Shelter Charity which is called Butterton Community Giving Charity will hold its AGM in November, and we will update after this on decisions made for the future.

Thank you to everyone who has brought books or bric-a-brac to the Bus Shelter, and to those who have made donations for items. If you have something that you would like to donate, if at all possible please hold on to it until next spring when we will be opening again. In the meantime, please do not leave anything in the Bus Shelter.

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

Butterton Village Wakes Summer Festival

August Bank Holiday Sunday saw the return of the annual Butterton Wakes and with the weather mostly playing ball we saw a good turnout of people. The Wakes Queen Church Service was held in *St Bartholomew's Church* and conducted by the Reverend Jane Held followed by the march to the Village Hall accompanied by the fantastic Warslow Silver Band.

We saw the retirement of our Wakes Queen Aurora, who has done fantastic job over the last year and crowned the new Wakes Queen Isabelle. Thank you, Aurora & family, for all your hard work and fundraising efforts, Aurora has raised a grand total of £950 this is being split between the Church & Village Hall with a focus on allowing accessibility for music provision for youngsters.

We continue to make use of all the excellent village hall facilities with a fabulous range of craft and trade alongside café within the village hall then a large marquee outside with the bar hosted by Matt and Hannah at the Black Lion where all proceeds from the bar are to the Wakes fund. Thank you, Hannah and Matt and all the people who volunteered on the bar.

This year saw entertainment from another new band Fever Train who certainly got the party going and judging by the cries for more we didn't want it to end. Children's Entertainer Silly Sonny provided a good Punch and Judy show with walkabout magic and balloon models, this seemed to be a massive hit with both children and adults alike. We were also pleased to receive some funding towards the entertainment from County Councillor Gill Heath from her community fund & thank you to Councillor Jonathan Kempster for his support in helping us access available funding and whilst we were too late for some of the options for this year, we will explore these for future years.

Whilst we kept some of our traditional games and as always, we had some amazing prizes on our grand prize draw – a huge thank you to our local businesses and private donations, especially Altrad Belle for the giant orange wheelbarrow donation.

Special thanks also to Donna & Andy and their team who organised the BBQ and jacket potatoes alongside Harveys at Waterfall for the loaning of their hot plate and Oak Moor Farm for the loaning of their Jacket potato oven.

For the second year running we had a very competitive & fun tug o'war hosted by our very own Vic Astle, it is fair to say a huge effort was put in and the local Butterton team very nearly took the win but didn't quite have the stamina at the last pull! Best get practising for next year. Huge round of applause to all the children that had a go for the fun pull too – well done. Thank you Vic so much. Watch out next year there will be a trophy for the winning team to defend.

As always events like this cannot take place without support from our local community, a huge thank you to all those who provided equipment from straw bales to potato ovens, created bunting, volunteered, donated cakes/prizes, brought raffle tickets and came along to celebrate with us. We have a few final bills to come in but can then give you're a full update on the day's fundraising. A big thanks to the wonderful committee who behind the scenes put in so much time and effort across various areas to ensure we run a good event, promote it and ensure we can continue too.

Special thanks for the great photos captured during the day goes to Cliff Salt, who captured the heart and soul of our community – please check out the Butterton Doubly Thankful page and the Butterton Wakes Facebook page.

Any feedback on the day please let me know – thank you once again.

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.

A representative from Staffordshire Police attended the last PC meeting to discuss possible measures that could be implemented to reduce 'joyriding' at the Swainsley Tunnel.

Councillor Jonathan Kempster also attended. He is always welcomed to the meetings for his valuable input and suggestions on many topics.

We are trying very hard to get the sunken trenches filled in the Middle of Town, **Something SCC** seems to deem 'non urgent'. Please take care driving through the lane. We encourage anyone with any highway problems to use the SCC Reportonline facilityas often as possible!!

Further Meetings for 2024 are 22nd October & 3rd December.

ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Services in October

20th 3.00pm Holy Communion

Flowers & Cleaning for October: Katy Parkinson

Well, we have had quite a variety of weather in the past few weeks, cold wet rain, followed by several days of a beautiful Indian Summer, followed by thunder and lightning storms overhead, which took out the electricity in the area. This was just a brief outage for some but lasted up to 17 hours for others, depending on which part of the Moorlands you are in. Fortunately for me it was fairly brief, but it was a very sharp reminder to me of the week in November 2021 when we in Elkstones were all snowed in for three days without electricity. It brought home to me the need to make sure, with the onset of colder weather, that we have alternative lighting and means of cooking, and of heating the house, especially those like me whose main heating is now via electric radiators.

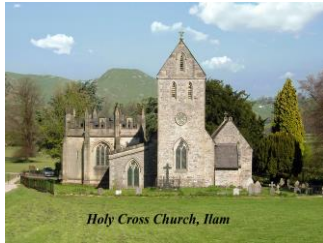
St John's Church October dates: Sunday, 20th October, Holy Communion at 3 p.m.

We had a good Harvest Festival Service on the 15th September, and were pleased to welcome several former Elkstones residents, plus friends who came from other nearby churches and villages to support our own congregation at Harvest time. It was lovely to be able to join in the traditional Harvest hymns and then to chat to people afterwards while tucking into the wonderful pea and pie supper and puddings that we were all able to enjoy when the Service was over. Many thanks for those who provided the supper and the teas and coffees, and who helped to clear up afterwards, as there was a lot of work involved and your efforts are much appreciated.

The Harvest Sale on Monday was well supported, and at the end of the evening, after the Sale and Raffle takings were added to the Supper takings and the rest of the weekend's income, the total raised for church funds was £1210.07, a fantastic result which will help to keep our church open. Many thanks to all who provided the beautiful flower arrangements, and also Harvest Goods for the display at the Harvest Service and for the Sale. A big thank you as well to those who provided Raffle prizes, and bought tickets, and to all those who came to the Sale and bid so generously. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Elkstonians Annual General Meeting: The village AGM will take place this year at Bank House, at 8 p.m. on Thursday 24th October. Please come along and bring some ideas for the coming year, and enjoy some refreshments and a natter with friends and neighbours.

Ilam



Vicar: In Vacancy
Contact & Reader:
Clare Day 01538 381773

13th

Sunday Services for October
10.30 Harvest Service

October Flower and Brass Rota

18th & 25th
1st & 8th Nov.

Mr I Smith
Mrs D Flynn

Flowers & Brasses
Flowers & Brasses

Wedding of Dulcie and Corey: We send our good wishes to Dulcie and Corey on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday 12th October 2024. All are welcome in church to witness this happy occasion.

Harvest Service: Our lay lead harvest service will take place on Sunday 13th October 2024 at 10.30am and we look forward to welcoming all

Harvest Supper and Sale: Our Harvest Supper and Sale will take place at Dovedale House on Sunday 13th October with doors opening at 6.30pm and food being served at 7pm. For tickets, please contact Joan, Ellen or Richard.

ILAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

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Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 12th November 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.

We would like to say Thank you to Ian Frith for organising the Village tidy up. Thank you to everyone who came to help, the village looks *Beautiful*

Ilam School

It has been a joy to have the children back in school and wonderful to welcome all of our new pupils! Once again, our school is bursting with fun and happiness!

We've enjoyed getting back into the routine of school life and hearing all about the adventures of the children from over the summer break. We're pleased to have our swimming and forest school lessons running weekly once again, as well as Primary Stars joining us for our PE lessons. Our football focus has been a huge success, and the children enjoyed attending their cluster event in Parwich, meeting other local schools for competitive sport. We love these events and our children always make us feel very proud of their skill and sportsmanship.

We've welcomed Nathan, Pastor of Ashbourne Baptist Church and Open the Book back for our much-loved collective worships. We love the joy of these music and bible story-based gatherings and feel very lucky indeed to have them visit our school.

We also celebrated Jeans for Genes Day in school, a cause close to our hearts. With a sea of denim across the classrooms, the children looked amazing as they raised money for this very worthy cause!

As we approach the end of September we are preparing to say goodbye to our much-loved Mrs Nottage. Following 34 years at the school, Mrs Nottage will be embarking on her next chapter in life enjoying a very well-earned retirement. With various celebrations taking place across the school on Friday 27th September, we hope to make this a day for all to remember within our school and local community.

Mrs Nottage, for many years you have been at the heart of Ilam school, touching the lives of many for generations. The warmth and love you bring to our school will be dearly missed but as you very well know, you will always have a place here with us. There are no sufficient words of gratitude for the years that you have dedicated to our beautiful school, no sufficient measure for the impact that you have had on the many lives that you have touched. We wish you every happiness and hope to give you the send-off that you truly deserve!

As we look to the rest of the year, our school diary is full of exciting adventures ready to be enjoyed. Please do contact us if you'd like your child to be a part of our happiness!

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



St. Lawrence

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Rev'd John Bains
01298 83411

Deputy Warden:
Judy Prince
01298 84351

Services in October

Do come and join us, you will be very welcome
Flower Rota: Rachel Moorcroft

St. Lawrence

Sunday 27th October HARVEST FESTIVAL 3pm

Harvest gifts are very welcome and these may be left at the back of the church. Better still, do come along on the Saturday afternoon and help to decorate our beautiful church. We look forward to seeing you at the service, all very welcome.

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

Advance Notice: Carol service, Sunday 22nd December. 3pm.

Congratulations to Shirley and Martin Trafford who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Also, congratulations to Victoria and Zak Cross on the safe arrival of their daughter, Nelly Yasmina who was born on 5th September.

On Saturday 7th September Amy Victoria Hallam and Andrew John Hallam were married at St. Lawrence Church. We wish them well as they start their new chapter together.

We welcome into the village Roberta and Mark, and hope that they will be very happy in their new home.

We were very sorry to hear of the sad passing of Margaret Coates of Longnor, recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

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Sunday Services in October

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