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Welcome to the August Communities Newsletter

This is our community newsletter, with information about the Benefice, and what is happening in and around the local community.

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View From The Vicarage This Month *(August 2025)*

Writing this, looking out at my Watership Down of a garden where another brood of teeny baby rabbits appeared this week, I wonder what the collective noun for a bunch of baby rabbits actually is, (*see below for the answer!*), then marvel at the greening of the lawn (*scrubby grass*) after all the rain. July was scorching, wasn't it, for so long we almost got used to it. Even I got to the "*shirt with short sleeves, no vest and no sweatshirt*" level. And as you know it needs to be high 20's for me to feel warm. I know we all love the sun, but it was good to get some rain too, before the grass dies off and the cattle get hungry.

As well as scorching, July was nicely busy. We have enjoyed a calm and steady period in church life except for the success that was the Onecote fete and party in the paddock. That was an absolute triumph of a day. Although visitor numbers were lower than hoped for it was really great, the product of a huge amount of very hard work on everyone's part, with fabulous weather and a lot of fun (*and it made a very satisfying amount of money too*). The winner of the vintage vehicle competition was from far flung parts and never have I seen a vehicle like it (*see photo*), the raffle was very generous, and I smashed 5 plates with my 6 golf balls – a very enjoyable moment or two! In the evening the Band were brilliant, the bar busy and the dancing legendary. I managed a slightly careful wiggle or two (but failed in getting Emma to her feet). It was just amazing to see Toby Gaddum, with his huge boot, slowly but steadily recovering from complex major surgery, there with family. Another month or so and he will be back in action as part of our ministry team.



August is bidding fair to be far less warm, quite a bit wetter and still, events wise, much quieter than usual until the end of the month. It must be the school holidays if the rain is back. Indeed, I know it is, because of going to the fabulous Leavers Show at St Leonard's School. They truly were incredible as they managed to create a wonderful Wind in the (*Ipstones*) Willows. We send our love and best wishes to the 14 leavers and look forward to meeting the nine new starters in September. School will be a far quieter place without those fabulous 14 year 4's!

If families are feeling the pressure of entertaining their darlings (*and they truly are lovely much of the time*) we are (*our methodist colleagues and ourselves*) running a Summer Holiday Club every Thursday in August, from 10.00am to 12.00

noon for 5-11 year olds (*roughly – a bit younger and a bit older is fine*) at the Methodist School Room and Chapel. The club is free (*donations are welcome though*) and each week will be part of the "On your Marks" theme, with craft activities, games, an interactive story, songs, and a light sandwich snack. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay if they want to.

The end of August is of course very busy. We have the Butterson Wakes on the 24th August, beginning with crowning the new Queen at Church at 1.00pm and then on to the village hall for the Wakes Fair. We (*the 6 churches*) will be represented with a staff with craft activities for children. Why not come along to see us as part of your Bank Holiday weekend – apparently some folk in Butterson say that Winter begins at Wakes each year, and last year it was very very cold and windy. Let's hope it's a glorious day this year. Whatever the weather though it is a great event.

And we will also hope for a good day's weather for Ipstones Agricultural Show the following Saturday at the Memorial Hall. The Ipstones Show is always a truly good day out, despite the weather. This year the Church stall (*again with craft activities*) is in the Hall which is a bit of a treat! Again why not come and see us. Events like these are part of the glue of rural community life, one of the many reasons I love being your vicar. And it has been that way for at least 2,000 years.



Village life in Jesus' time was equally marked by celebrations, events and get togethers, shows and markets. Jesus enjoyed a good time too. He knew that enjoying

things together and sharing food, drink and warm hospitality essential parts of living a faithful and Godly life. In a way, it was almost as important to Jesus as prayer and contemplation. Hospitality is something characteristic of all the villages in the family group of churches I serve and the wider Deanery, Something to give thanks for.

*Ps. The correct term for a baby rabbit is a **kit** or a **kitten**. Some other names for a group of rabbits are a **herd**, a **nest**, or a **warren**.*

—Revd Jane

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jane Hete".

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Church Services

AUGUST 25	1st Sunday 3rd August	2nd Sunday 10th August	3rd Sunday 17th August	4th Sunday 24th August	5th Sunday 31st August
<i>Liturgical colours</i> (G=green; P=purple; W=white; R=red)	7th after Trinity/Proper 13 (G)	8th after Trinity/Proper 14 (G)	9th after Trinity/Proper 15 (G)	10th after Trinity/Proper 16 (G)	11th after Trinity/Proper 17 (G)
Lectionary	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	Genesis 15: 1-6 Psalm 33: 12-end Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40	Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11: 29 -12:2 Luke 12: 49-56	Isaiah 58: 9b-end Psalm 103: 1-8 Hebrews 12: 18-end Luke 13: 10-17	Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Ipstones	6.30pm Book of Common Prayer Evensong (David Jack)	11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Jane) 7.30pm Compline (JF)	11.00am Holy Communion and VJ Day (Revd Jane)	11.00am Morning Worship (Roger C)	To other services
Onecote	9.30am Holy Communion (Revd Jane)	To other services	9.30am Morning Worship (Roger C)	To other services	10.30am Ecumenical Benefice Service Holy Communion (Revd Jane)
Butterton	To other services	2.00pm Baptism (Revd Jane) 3.00pm Evening Worship (RC)	To other services	1.00pm Wakes Service (Revd Jane)	To other services
Berkhamsytc	To other services	To other services	To other services	To other services	To other services
Warslow	11.00am Morning Prayer (Janet McNicol)	To other services	11.00am Holy Communion (David Watkin)	To other services	To other services
Elkstones	To other services	To other services	3.00pm Holy Communion (Revd Jane)	To other services	To other services

SPECIAL SERVICES

REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES (All at St Leonard's Ipstones)

MON-THURS: 8.30am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 10.00am Prayer Café. 15 minute service, then coffee and chat

SATURDAY: 9.00am Morning Prayer

Church open daily 8.30am until 5.00pm

KEY: JH Jane Held; RC Roger Cutts; TG Toby Gaddum; AH Arthur Hack;
JMcn Janet McNicol; CJ Carole Jackson; JF John Flint; DJ David Jack

Ipstones Rota

Church ROTA Ipstones August 2025

If you cannot do the date allocated please arrange a swap and make a note of the changes on the clipboard in church

Date	Welcomer	Sides People	Reader	Reader
3rd August	No morning service	No morning service	No morning service	No morning service
10th August	David Jack	—	Jacquey Millward	Jeanne Cookson
17th August	Jeanne Cookson	—	David Jack	John Flint
24th August	John Flint	—	Ann Jackson	Volunteer on day
31st August	To Onecote	To Onecote	To Onecote	To Onecote

Date	Eucharistic Assistant	Refreshments
3rd August	No morning service	No morning service
10th August	Jacquey Millward	Volunteers
17th August	Ann Jackson	Volunteers
24th August	David Jack	John and Ruth Flint
31st August	To Onecote	To Onecote

St. Leonard's Ipstones

St Leonard's, Ipstones



A quiet month, July!
We pootered along, just
ticking over quietly,
enjoying services taken by Carole, Roger, John and
Revd David with a guest appearance from Revd
Jane! The Children and Parent's Service was I am
told, great fun, with a picnic down the central isle
due to the threat of rain. It is always worth a trip
into church to see the results of the children's
efforts at the Children and Parents Service,
displayed on the Board and on the wall by the
children's books and second-hand bookstall by the
prayer tree.

The prayer tree is well used. The prayers hung on it
are prayed for every morning by Revd Jane at
8.30am (*9.00am on Saturdays*) and every so often
after 3 or 4 months they are taken down ready to
make room for others. Please do let Revd Jane know
if you want them to stay on the tree longer than 3
months. The really nice thing about St Leonards is
the level of prayers said daily, what with the prayer
tree and the candle stand. Even if nothing else
happened in the building, it is serving its purpose.

We also heard some great bell ringing in July. The
Bell Tower is often visited by Bell Ringers from other
Bands (*Tower Teams*). As our Tower Captain reports
in his article, the Brownies visited the Bell Tower
too. New Ringers are always very, very, welcome!
The regular band rehearse on Thursdays, and
training is provided from day 1!
We are very lucky to have such a good band.

The Ipstones and Villages **Community Choir**
rehearses fortnightly in Ipstones church 2 times over
6 weeks (*and at Foxt on the other fortnight*).

Their last choir session before the summer break
was on 22nd July. They too are well worth hearing
but also joining. Its great fun, a good workout
(*singing is far better than the gym in my humble
opinion*) and everyone enjoys themselves. No
singing talent needed, just a willingness to get stuck
in and enjoy. We will advertise their start date after
the summer. Just roll up, introduce yourself to Alex
our amazing Director, and join in, but remember to
bring your own mug for the tea break!

We are taking a break from events and fundraising
activity (*but direct giving monthly, or at intervals is
still always very very welcome*) until our next big
event, Harvest Supper on the 6th October, but other
things keep happening. On the 17th August at
11.00am our service will include a commemoration
of VJ Day – which is actually on the 15th August.

The 80th anniversary of VJ Day marks the end of the
second world war in Japan. The 80th anniversary of
VJ Day is a moment of profound significance for our
nation. It is a time to remember with deep gratitude
the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for
the freedoms we enjoy today. In an increasingly
dangerous world, all our churches have been asked
to participate in these commemorations, to ring
their bells, to offer prayers for peace, and to provide
spaces for their communities to come together in
remembrance. As we honour the past, so we will
renew our commitment to building a more peaceful
and just world for all.

Have a very happy and peaceful August, enjoy
holidays if you get them, enjoy a quieter time and
lets pray for good weather.

St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

Butterton News for August 2025

St Bartholomew's Church

Best wishes to Rev Jane for her recovery from her op. Looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Warm Welcome sessions continue to be the highlight of the month. Next meetings are Tuesdays 5th and 19th August. Meet in Church between 10.30am-12.30pm. You don't have to be a Buttertonian to attend....Everyone welcome.

Wakes Service is at 1pm on Sunday 24th August. The fun begins after the service at the Village Hall at approx 2pm.

Again this year we are having the **Jam Jar Flower Festival** to help celebrate the Wakes.

For a £1 donation per jar you can put an arrangement in Church in memory of a loved one. Labels, ties and some extra jars will be available.

If these could be in place please on the Saturday preceeding the festivities.

July Lottery Ball winners are:

1st Prize of £40 John McDermott

2nd Prize of £20 Lionel Redfern

3rd Prize of £10 Rev Jane.

Butterton Village Hall

A very busy July and August. Two christenings, a 90th birthday, a visit from the Repair Cafe, Summer Fayre, Dog training and Pilates.

Apologies to anyone who turned up at the Hall after reading this magazine last month when the Summer Fayre was supposedly on 6th July. At the last minute we had to postpone due to staff illnesses and shortages. We are definitely holding the Fayre now on Sunday 3rd August.

Butterton History Group

Following two generous donations we can now have a more befitting plaque in Church for 'Our Men'. The present plaque was only ever meant to be temporary and sadly one of the men's names is incorrectly spelt...



The 80th anniversary of the 'real end' of WW11 is soon to be commemorated on 2nd September. We will be holding a ticket only event at the Village Hall on Friday 5th September. There will be food, a bar and entertainment by 'The Rockabilly Dolls' (a 40's style band of three girls who will be singing for us). Tickets £10 available from Maggie Risby.

VE Day was commemorated by placing poppies adjacent to the homes of our

16 Doubly Thankful Men ie where they lived on enlistment. We decided to hold our event in September as Eddie Mollatt (sadly no longer with us but our last man standing) always said that the War wasn't over for everyone on VE and VJ Days. He himself a Navy man was clearing wrecked ships way beyond the end of the War and there were men still serving in the Far East...

Butterton Parish Council

The PC hosted an event on Saturday 12th July at the Village Hall. The Repair Cafe proved to be a very popular session and all the repairers were kept busy for the four hours with 37 repairs.

The next PC meeting is **Tuesday 29th July**, 7pm at the Village Hall. Following this the next is 9th September.

Butterton Wakes, as already mentioned, is on Sunday 24th August. As always lots of planning is going on in the background in order to make this another successful year. Thanks to Kim and Darren Kirby and the Wakes Committee for all their hard work.

The now traditional **Scarecrow Festival** will also be in evidence before and after Wakes Day. The theme is 'Jubilations and Celebrations'. Maps will be made available nearer the time.

Butterton Bus Shelter continues to be a very magnetic pull for many people. The turnover of goods is tremendous and there are bargains to be had. The saying One man's trash is another man's treasure is certainly true! Please give generously.

Anyone wishing to book the Hall, please contact:

Maggie **01538 304115**

Access the website via: butterton.org.uk

St Luke's Onecote



From Jean Tickell on behalf of St Lukes

"Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and feed on his faithfulness" Psalm 37:3

Well. what a sizzler we had for our Fete and Party in the Paddock. I think we all reached melting point! Seriously though, we were so lucky with the weather and we had plenty of visitors but the footfall was not as good as last year, there always seems to be something else at the same time.

The band *"Sound Party"* were extremely good, playing music that we all knew. Thanks go to all those who helped in any way, especially the electrical side and general setting up. They know who they are and we do appreciate all that was done.

We seem to have been planning for so long and now it is over for another year. Our thanks go to Julie and Graham Riley for the use of their field.

Our services in July have been good, on 6th July, Debra led our Morning Prayer and on July 20th the Venerable John Hall took our Holy Communion service. He led a lovely service and it was nice to meet him and his wife.

At this point I will mention our own Rev Jane. Thankfully she has made wonderful progress after her operation and I believe she has been resting (that's what she says anyway!) It is wonderful to see her so much better.

As I mentioned last month, I am now collecting this year's fabric fund subscriptions. It is still £12 per number.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers go to Rick Ford's family at the sad news of his passing. I'm sure he will be remembered as a family man and of course by his music. May he rest in peace.

My best wishes go to everyone.
—Jean.

Ipstones Methodist Church

SERVICES DURING AUGUST



August 3rd

Mrs Heather Hayward at 10.30am
Rev Julie Hassall at 10.30am
(Service to include Holy Communion)

August 10th

Rev Julie Hassall and Rev Denise Williamson
Circuit Service at Trinity Church, Leek at
10.30am

August 17th

Local arrangement at 10.30am

August 24th

Miss Jo Powell at 10.30am

August 31st

Mr Roger Cutts
Joint service with St. Leonard's Church at St.
Luke's Church, Onecote at 11.00am

Coffee, toast, cake and chat
In the Methodist schoolroom

August 5th & 19th

Tuesdays 10.00am – 12noon

Everyone Welcome!



Elkstones & Warslow News

St John's Church, Elkstones

This month's service will be at 3pm on Sunday 17th August led by Revd Jane.

August Cleaning and Flowers – Margaret Grant

We were very sad to hear of the death of Robert Faulkner on Monday 7th July, and send our condolences to his wife Liz and all his family.

Rob has been a major part of Elkstones life for the 50 plus years that he and Liz have lived in the village.

He was a faithful and stalwart supporter of Elkstones Church, was a Parish Councillor and Chairman of Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council for many years, and until ill health began to take its toll, he spent a good many years as secretary of the Elkstonians Village Society, producing the monthly Newsletter for much of that time, as well as doing the Elkstones entries for the Longnor Benefice magazine and the local Community Magazine, complete with his 'Rob's Rambles' and jokes.

He will be a sad loss to the village.
Rest in peace Rob.

Warslow news

Janet McNicol writes:

Not much to report this month ?

We wish Dorothy Mellor a very happy "*special*" birthday last month. Congratulations, Dorothy!

There are still some outstanding monies for the Longnor Benefice magazine. *Please can you let Janet McNicol or Judy Prince have the subs owing.*

Services for August: 3rd Morning Prayer at 11am with Janet McNicol and 17th Holy Communion at 11am with the Revd. David Watkins

Revd Jane writes:

Sadly, I have not been able to take a service at Warslow in July or August, and I am grateful to Janet and visiting priests for picking up the "slack" as it were. After the tough and busy times in June, Warslow alongside their former colleagues in the Longnor Benefice and their new colleagues in the Butterton, Ipstones, Onecote, Elkstones and Warslow Family Group of churches had a much quieter July, and August too is quiet. This may be a good thing given how much is going on elsewhere.

The Warslow and Elkstones PCC is a small (very small) group of folk and currently do not have much capacity to do much in the way of fundraising or community events. Income is dropping and we are struggling a little to pay our way. It is such a lovely church, and it would be great to see it used more...for community events, activities, shows, concerts etc maybe as well as Sunday Services. A good church is a living active lively church and a free venue is a community asset after all.

I am very, very, keen to see Warslow flourish, alongside Elkstones, (but at the moment the faithful few are a bit tired) and I would be interested in meeting with the folk of Warslow to talk about what you all would want from the Church. I will be holding a public meeting in the Autumn, (we will send out leaflets and notices nearer the date) to hear from you all (both the good and the bad stuff please). If you want to tell me what you think and want but don't want to go to a public meeting and speak out in front of others, just write to me at jane@janeheld.co.uk, or phone on 07771 556391

Every blessing

—Revd Jane

Lectionary Readings/Life Events

Weekly Lectionary Readings

set Bible readings for August 2025

Sunday 3rd August

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23;
Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3: 1-11;
Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 10th August

Genesis 15: 1-6; Psalm 33: 12-end;
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 17th August

Jeremiah 23: 23-29;
Psalm 82: Hebrews 11: 29 -12:2: Luke 12: 49-56

Sunday 24th August

Isaiah 58: 9b-end: Psalm 103: 1-8;
Hebrews 12: 18-end: Luke 13: 10-17

Sunday 31st August

Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18: Psalm 112:
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Life Events

(July 2025)

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for the
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Thought For The Month

What do you remember from your childhood?

Do you think first of the bad things you'd prefer to forget, or the good events that created happiness?

Perhaps you recall times when you made a hash of things, but someone was kind enough to forgive you.

Psychologists say the strongest influence on our present is often our past!

Few things are more effective than the right words at the right time.

"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, & healing to the bones"

—*Proverbs chapter 16, verse 24*

You may still be harbouring resentment against someone who hurt you in the past. Letting go of it, by forgiving that person, frees you to live well in the present.

Not letting go only hurts the person who can't forgive.

Every time you actively resent someone, you give them a piece of your heart, a piece of your attention, and a piece of your mind.

Ask God for forgiveness.

He will freely grant it, so that you never need be concerned about it ever again.

"Forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" —*Colossians chapter 3 verse 13.*

Heavenly Father,

Help me to forgive, so that I can live freely in the present. AMEN

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Visit Facebook and search for **Ipstonesonline**

Or write the details down and post to: 26 Froghall Road, Ipstones. ST10 2NA

Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

What's On: Regular activities to join

	ACTIVITY	FOR MORE INFO:
MONDAY	Ipstones Writers — 11am (<i>last Monday of month</i>)	Geraldine 01538 266633
	Baby Ballet — 1.30–2.30pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Miss Becks 07831 966476
	Pilates — 6pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Louise@podumpilates.com
TUESDAY	Seated Pilates — 11am (<i>weekly</i>)	Louise 07956 675683 or Louise@podumpilates.com
	Yoga — 5:30pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Natalie 07970 940718
	Ipstones Youth Club — 7pm–9pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Heather 07432 873605 and Nikki 07734 421972
WEDNESDAY	Dolly Birds Café — 9am – 2pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	Ipstones WI — 7.30pm (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)	Jane Fleet 01538 260074
	Rainbows — 5pm Brownies — 6pm Guides — 6.30pm } (<i>weekly—term-time only</i>)	Call 0800 169 5901
THURSDAY	Yoga — 9:30am (<i>weekly</i>)	Louise 07736 351257
	Well Street Medical Practice Clinic — 10am (<i>weekly</i>)	Well Street Practice Reception 01538 753114
	Indoor Bowls — 7pm (<i>weekly</i>)	George Ratcliffe 07837 451829
	Ipstones Historical Society — 7.30pm (<i>last Thursday of every month</i>)	Alison Cartledge 01538 266048
SATURDAY	Dolly Birds Café — 9am–1pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
SUNDAY	Dolly Birds Café — 9am – 1pm (<i>weekly</i>)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	Little Kickers Football — 9:30am (<i>weekly</i>)	Steve North
ALSO	Ipstones & Foxt Senior Citizens several times a year	Jean Goodwin 01538 266831
	Ipstones British Legion — several times a year	Margaret Burnett 07973 480184

Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

What's On: Special Events Open To All

We'll be adding community events throughout the year, so check back each month to see the list grow.

	ACTIVITY	FOR MORE INFO:
Saturday 2 nd August 5pm–8pm	Viking Pizza Van	Viking Pizza 07448 857782
Saturday 30 th August	Ipstones Agricultural Show	Jeff Chadwick 07765 236824 www.ipstones-show.co.uk
Tues. 23 rd September 6.30pm	Ipstones Supper Club With wellbeing talk from Kate Haigh, Be Calmed, Leek	Save the date! <i>Tickets available soon</i>
Sat. 27 th September time TBC (<i>evening</i>)	Ipstones British Legion Last Night of the Proms	Margaret Burnett 07973 480184
Friday 10 th October 7.30pm	Funhouse Comedy Night	Denise Rowe 07739 179722 denise_rowe1@yahoo.co.uk
Sat. 11 th October 11am	Ipstones Memorial Hall Centenary Event Group	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633 mhallcentenary@gmail.com
Friday 5 th December	Ipstones Entertains	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633

To book the hall for a regular or one-off event,
please contact **Jane Fleet** on **01538 260074**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT IPSTONES YOUTH CLUB

Following the Memorial Hall renovations a new committee was formed and eventually the Ipstones Village Youth club was resurrected...Then covid hit and along with all communal activities we had to close again. Eventually we were able to get back up and running, however despite the very hard work of the committee—which includes youth leaders and volunteers—this has become more and more difficult for a number of reasons:

- Lack of youth leaders
- Lack of volunteers
- Finances

And so, we arrive at a committee meeting today, 3rd June 2025, and are advertising for a Youth Leader for the Autumn opening in September '25. If we are unable

to recruit a suitable youth leader, then it is with great sadness that we have to say that we cannot move forward, and the youth club will close.

We are also currently advertising on appropriate sites for a youth club leader and we will meet again early August to make a decision. We would like to thank the young people and their parents/ carers for their support and patience.

We will update you as soon as we have news. Anyone interested in finding out more about being a youth leader, volunteering or fundraising whether it be weekly or on a rota, please contact: Nicki 07734 421972 or Heather 07432 873605. (*please text or phone and leave a message and we will get back to you*).

Many thanks,
Ipstones Village Youth Club Committee

Notes From The Tower

Reproduced from
'The Ringing World' — 4th July 2025

The other day my wife showed me an inspiring and encouraging article in an online newspaper. It was the story of an elderly lady who had enjoyed singing all her life but at the age of 60 her voice had begun to fail. Understandably she was distressed and wondered if anything could ever fill the void that singing had left behind. One day while sitting in her garden she heard church bells ringing, and thought how lovely it sounded. The next day a tradesman called at her house who happened to be a bell ringer. He put her in touch with the local tower captain and at the age of 67 she climbed a church tower for the first time. At the age of 70 she rang her first quarter peal. At the age of 80 she rang eight different methods, one to mark each decade of her life. Like singing, she discovered that bell ringing was a way of expressing her joy in life, and she has no plans to stop as she aims for 90.

As we grow older, we will all have concerns about the future and whether we will be able to continue enjoying the things we love to do in life? Will the time come when we begin to feel we are just too old to keep going? Scripture encourages us to have a positive attitude to growing old, and continuing to live by faith, trusting in the promise of god's word.



God has a plan and purpose for us, even in the latter days of our lives. He will not abandon us.

The psalmist tells us that as we believe in God, we will *"still bear fruit in old age"* (Ps 92:14). In the prophesy of Isaiah we find god's promise, *"Even to your old age and grey hairs, I am he who will sustain you. I will carry you and rescue you"* (Is, 46:4).

As far as God is concerned, we are never too old to serve Him. He will continue to be with us and keep us to the end.

There are always things to do and learn.

So let us look forward in faith as the years go by, trusting that, *"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint."* (Is. 40:31)

—Rev. George Cringles, Church of Scotland

The other week, we hosted a group of Brownies in the Tower. They climbed the ladders up to the belfry to see the bells and each had a go at ringing a bell, including some of their leaders. We hope that one or two of their number will decide to join us as bell ringers.

—David Jack (*Tower Captain*)

Ipstones Historical Society



The Ipstones Historical Society met on 26th June 2025, in the Memorial Hall extension for a talk by Philip Brough on the subject of Woodhead Hall RAF Cheadle during World War II.

Mr Brough introduced the subject of Woodhead Hall by stating that most people in the area still refer to it as the 'Air Ministry' listening station. Our speaker had to research this on the internet as the people in Cheadle who worked there during the war wouldn't speak about what went on there.

Originally Woodhead was first mentioned in the Totmanslow Hundred Roll in 1275 and the building has over time been demolished and rebuilt passing through many owners. Prior to the Second World War the Allens owned the hall and it was then leased to the government in 1938. They constructed a spy listening station and it was classified as a Y = station. This was an Ultra Secret spying camp which was to listen in to all air craft communications sent out by the Germans. Everyone who worked there had to sign the official secrets act and no information was circulated to the workforce; everything was on a 'need to know' basis.

The communications intercepted came from Morse code scrambled by the Enigma Machine which the listeners wrote down and the documents were sent to Bletchley Park for deciphering. Cheadle became vitally important in defeating the Nazi's and they even began to decode messages when Bletchley Park became overwhelmed with the sheer amount

of messages being issued. The smallest and seemingly most insignificant information intercepted was crucial to intelligence and this could give an idea of the amount of war machinery being manufactured. As an example, when the Nazi's produced a plane they had to test the new radio on each aircraft, this was intercepted by Woodhead Hall and we knew the exact amount of aircraft they had. Air raids could be known about through triangulating radio broadcasts and even naval/troop movements could be deciphered.

After the war Cheadle continued to operate switching to Cold War interceptions. It wasn't until 1995 when the listening station was closed and Woodhead Hall was put up for sale.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be our summer outing on 31st July to tour Utttoxeter.

Usual meetings will resume in August with a talk entitled *"keeping off the rocks"*.

The fee for Society members is £1.00, non-members £4.00 on the door.

Community Cookbook

Community Cookbook – send us your recipes!

Here in 'Appy Ippy' we have a wonderful community, and in recognition of the many village groups which help to keep this alive, the Memorial Hall committee are hoping to produce a Community Cookbook.

We would like you to send us your favourite recipe/s and let us know which group you would like to represent. You can do this as an individual or get together in your groups to send your recipes. You can send as many recipes as you like and they can be any meal; breakfast, lunch or dinner; starters, main course or desserts; soups, snacks or cakes.

I have compiled a list of the organisations and groups I know of (*see opposite*). Please let me know if I've missed anyone out.

- Book Club
- Bowls Club
- British Legion
- Community Choir
- Craft Club
- Frothblowers
- Guides, Brownies and Rainbows
- Historical Society
- Methodist Church
- Parish Council
- Rambling Wombles
- Senior Citizens
- St Leonard's Church
- St Leonard's First School
- Tiny Tots
- Warm Welcome
- Women's Institute
- Writing for Fun

You can contact me for more information on: **07802 477881** and recipes can be emailed to: **rosieoh0454@gmail.com**

I look forward to seeing all your recipes!

Many thanks, Rosie O'Hara (*on behalf of Ipstones Memorial Hall*)

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NEWSLETTER June 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters.

So, here we are in summer, having passed the longest day, so probably about two months before the Christmas cards appear in the shops! Sorry!

As usual, I will start with the figures for last month with a comparison to the same month in 2024:

Total vouchers fulfilled	=	71	(77)
No. of Adults fed	=	93	(98)
No. of Children fed	=	49	(70)
Total no. fed	=	142	(168)

We are seeing a steady number of clients, and an increasing number who are visiting us regularly as they simply do not have enough money to cover all their outgoings. Speaking to other Foodbanks, this is very common, and we are all very flexible regarding the theoretical 3 vouchers in 6 months rule. Having said that, we do still expect our clients to fully engage with financial and budgeting advice in order to continue receiving support from the Foodbank.

Our stock levels do remain low, and here, as usual, is our **shopping list**:

Longlife semi-skimmed, milk, Fruit squash, Pasta sauce, Longlife sponge puddings, Tinned carrots/corn/peas, Tinned rice pudding, Coffee-100/200gm, Instant mash(single/family), Noodle snacks, Pasta, Tinned custard, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Rice – 500gm/microwave pouches, Pasta-n-sauce/instant noodles, Tomato ketchup, Chocolate – single bars and multipacks, Dry/wet cat & dog food, Jam, Tinned potatoes.

PLEASE NO BAKED BEANS, SOUP OR TINNED TOMATOES, THANK YOU

Household cleaning products:

Washing up liquid, Multi surface cleaner (no bleach), Cleaning cloths/sponges, Laundry liquid/capsules/powder.

Toiletries:

Shampoo and conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Deodorant (male & female), Razors and shaving foam, Nappies, Toilet rolls.

And please, if any of you have any good quality carrier bags, these would be very gratefully received.

If you are a donor, please try to deliver your donations at the Foodbank on Tuesday and Friday between 10.00 am and 12 noon – as it gets very busy with clients after this time. Alternatively, you may use any of our Permanent Collection Points which are still available at various locations listed on our website <https://leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. We are also able to collect any large donations - please contact the Foodbank to arrange this.

If any of you would like to discuss anything relating to the Foodbank or arrange a visit, please contact me at projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or on 07916 005064. Thank you all for your ongoing support for all that we do. Best wishes

Lindsey Stockton, Project Manager

Ipstones Writers' Group

WRITING FOR FUN WITH THE IPSTONES WRITERS

It was full table at the June get together of Ipstones Writers, with lots of chat and laughs as we shared our stories.

After coffee and cake someone always choses a writing prompt, and this time we wrote for ten minutes around childhood memories of a relative or neighbour, which produced some interesting recollections.

One of the group shared how she spent lots of time with a favourite Aunt, who read bedtime stories, taught her household tasks and was with her the first time she went into the sea.

Someone said they had adopted elderly neighbours wherever they had lived, and enjoyed spending time with them.'

There was Lady, a small woman with a friendly face, where as a small boy mother had sent him next door to borrow a cup of sugar. She became like a second mother to him, and was always known as 'Lady.'

She had a dislike for fatty meat, and on a visit to Auntie Claire, the posh one of the family, Sunday tea was a ham salad. On discovering the ham had a ring of fat around it, she cut it off and pushed it under the plate. When the plates were cleared, her mum was horrified, but the posh one just winked and took everything away.

Meeting up with cousins at his dad's funeral recently, at the gathering after the service the cousins in turn remarked 'Do you remember when?'

Fond childhood memories of a cousin living a few doors up the road, more like sisters, losing touch when their secondary education took them on different routes, and one of them moved to the other side of town. They had met up the previous week, the first time for 18 years, when one who now lives in Portishead, Somerset, was on a bus tour of the area and how emotional, though joyful, the meet up had been.

One spoke of mum who enjoyed baking and cooking good plain food, recalled putting a sock on the end of her bed on Christmas eve. It was one of the pair she was going to wear the next day, but after being stuffed with an orange, sweets and nuts, she ended up wearing one sock that was longer than the other!

Catching two buses to visit grandparents on Saturday afternoon, granny was usually in the kitchen preparing tea, so time was spent with grandad, and as a small child she was always fascinated by his gold watch and chain.

So, we do write for fun, some write poems, others write stories...way back when we had our first instructions from a published writer, and Ipstones Writers were born, we were told stories can be very short, just a few lines or paragraphs, and a story is a story as long as it has a start, a middle and an end.

—Geraldine and The Ipstones Writers.

Ipstones Writers' Group *(continued...)*

Sea senses

Sitting on a rock, beside the sea,
The smells and sounds, encompass me
Eyes closed, breathing deeply,
My joy, in such simplicity

A gentle breeze, a quiet night,
Just for now I choose, no sight,
Waves breaking, a calming rhythm,
Evening prayer, in the life of a pilgrim.

Crepititious crackle of shingle on the shore,
(crackling/rattling/arthritis)
Footsteps, castles, cleansed from day before.
A sense of serenity on this balmy, briny evening,
Peace, suddenly broken, with gulls squawking and
mewling.

I open my eyes, and I take in the view,
Skimming low on the water, Cormorants flew
As the sun sets low on the horizon, I spy,
Singing seals, on rocks, close by.

A change in the air, sultry and steaming
Far out to sea, a storm is looming.
Time to climb back, up the cliff path high
As the wind and I give a sibilant sigh. *(hissing sound)*

Reaching the top, I look back on the sea,
Waves are now crashing, no birds, no seals.
Flecks of foam, fly high on the air,
As I feel the wind and the rain in my hair.

Fearsome and menacing the swell seems to be,
the change came so quickly; a prayer for all at sea.
I pause and I gaze, from where I stand,
As a ship appears from a far distant land.

And with it, it seems, comes clearer skies
The storm clouds above, are fast moving by.
I sit by the door, and I watch in awe,
As a band of light shines through the squall.

Now moonlight and starlight are filling my view,
Sparkling and shimmering on the sea's dark hue.
As fast as it came the storm has passed by,
A tranquil and silent night is nigh.

—Sarah Burgess-Parker

August 2022 Ipstones writing group – The sea (290)

The Changing Seasons

— By Rosie O 'Hara

Sweltering
Unrelenting
Mercilessy
Melting
Everything
Roasting

Amber
Umber
Turning
Underfoot
Muddy
November

Wildly
Icy
Numbing
Toes
Endlessly
Raw

Sapfilled
Plants
Rising
Inspiring
Newly
Green

On Reflection

ON REFLECTION...If you see someone collecting for charity, or a worthy cause, please don't walk by without a glance, and you may trip up if you walk looking at the floor! At least give them a smile, make eye contact, or say 'No thank you' if you aren't able to throw a few coins in their bucket, or you don't want to, but please don't just walk on by.

Recently we had our first collecting experience in torrential rain in Ashbourne, wearing coats we thought were water proof, for a charity close to home for us. During our stint we only got one person who stopped and put a couple of coins in

our bucket, and actually had a brief conversation with us.

It made me reflect on these volunteers, their stories and motivation behind them being on the street with a bucket. I will certainly make sure I have some coins when I am next out shopping, even though I don't usually 'do cash'.

Thank you for reading my reflections, and hope you will join us in carrying some loose change when you are out and about.

—*Geraldine and Barry Shuttleworth.*

The Armchair Travellers

A few days in Cadaques, Northern Spain

With budget flights taking about 2 hours 10 minutes from Manchester to Gerona in northern Spain, a few days away in picturesque Cadaques, is well worth thinking about.

About an hour's drive north from Gerona, either by hire car or public transport, on the northern tip of the Costa Brava, a world away from the busy resorts of Tossa del Mar, Rosas or Lloret, Cadaques is a charming fishing village, or is it a small town? set around a remote bay with a permanent population of just 2,700.

It has a picture book waterfront, little boats bobbing up and down with the ever-changing rhythm of the sea, where café bars pop up during the summer, disappearing just as quickly once the season draws to a close and things get sleepier. Cadaques is slightly upmarket, though not snobby, the church of Santa Maria tops the hill, where whitewashed houses, many with blue shutters, some now turned into small businesses, art galleries, trendy clothes shops, tiny 6 table restaurants and cafes, cascade down towards the sea.

A cacti, olive tree, stone wall lined track over the headland leads to Port Lligat, where Salvador Dali had a very flamboyant house for many years, which is well worth a visit. It's quite a short walk.

Back to Cadaques shore, there is a dusty tree lined square, where locals play boules, so a great place to head to a bar for a glass of something while people watching.



Because of the flight time from the UK, and the short distance from the airport to Cadaques, it's ideal for a few days break.

Little Ipstones Kitchen

When someone told me about a new cookbook they had found, **Easy 10 by Amy Shepherd**, and the dishes they had cooked so far had all been good, I couldn't resist, so it was soon on its way to the Little Ipstones Kitchen.

EASY OVEN-BAKED LEMON RISOTTO

to accompany whatever you fancy, prawns, chicken, or scampi.

I discovered oven baked risotto a few years back, which saves so much time standing over a hot stove for ages, adding liquid little by little.

■ Ingredients for 4 people

Oil for frying
1 onion, finely sliced
1 teaspoons brown sugar
1 litre vegetable stock
1 zest and juice of an unwaxed lemon
1 tablespoon of dried oregano
140g (5oz) frozen peas
300g (10 ½ oz) arborio risotto rice
40g (1 ½ oz) Cheddar cheese, finely grated
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

■ Method

Preheat oven to 220/200 fan/gas 7
Heat a drizzle of oil in a large, ovenproof, lidded, non-stick casserole dish. Add onion and fry for 5 minutes, over a medium heat until soft.
Add sugar and stir for 1 minute.

Pour 900ml of the stock into the casserole, and set aside the remaining stock for later. Add lemon zest and juice, herbs, half a teaspoon of black pepper, the peas and rice. Season with salt to taste and bring to the boil. Place lid on, and transfer to the oven. Cook for 25 minutes.

Remove from the oven and add the remaining stock, and grated cheese, and stir well.

Serve with a little more black pepper to accompany whatever you fancy.

ANOTHER HOT DAY, ANOTHER SAVORY TART..... OPEN LEEK & SAGE TART

Great to serve with a green salad for lunch or light supper

■ Ingredients

320g ready rolled sheet of puff pastry
40g (1 ¼ oz) butter
4 large leeks, peeled and cut into 2cm) slices
1 tablespoon chopped sage
Salt and black pepper
250g tub of ricotta cheese
2 eggs, beaten, plus extra to glaze if you wish
2 tspns chilli, deseeded and chopped **OR** chilli flakes
2 tablespoons chopped chives or parsley
Zest of one unwaxed lemon
2 tablespoons of pine nuts
30g (1 oz) Parmesan cheese – grated, plus some shavings

■ Method

Preheat oven to 220/200fan/gas 6 and place a large baking sheet in the oven to warm up

Heat butter in a frying pan and add the leeks. Cook over a medium heat for about 5 minutes, until soft and taking on a little colour, then add sage and cook for another minute. Season well with salt and pepper and set aside to cool a little.

Mix the ricotta and eggs together and then stir in the chilli, parsley and lemon zest and season with salt and pepper.

Carefully lay the puff pastry sheet on the hot baking sheet, and use a knife to make a 1 cm (1/2 inch) boarder around the edge, taking care not to cut through the pastry. Prick the base with a fork inside the boarder, making sure it has a good covering of fork marks.

Spread the ricotta mixture over the pastry, keeping the boarder clear, then spread over the leeks and finally scatter over the pine nuts and Parmesan cheese. If you wish brush the pastry border with a little beaten egg to give a nice colour and shine.

Bake on a high shelf in the oven for about 20 minutes, or until the pastry is golden. Top with a few more Parmesan shavings and serve with green salad. Happy cooking or assembling.

Eat Out Locally

MEHEK INDIAN RESTAURANT

A523 AT BOTTOMHOUSE ST13 7QN

Mehek Indian Restaurant is on the doorstep but not somewhere we have used very much over the years, although when we went with family to celebrate Father's Day it was good to see several groups of local folk enjoying the Sunday Lunch buffet – table service though.

Tables are attractively set out with linen cloths and what a treat to have a large linen table napkin, instead of paper ones. Staff were welcoming and attentive, and interacted well with our two small grandchildren, 3 and 1 years old. High chairs available for very little people.

The food brought to our table was well presented on lovely white dishes, was hot, crisp and delicious, with a good variety. The naan bread was particularly good, crisp on the underside, and not limp which is sometimes the case elsewhere.

An excellent Sunday lunch at a reasonable price.

We recently went to the launch of the Brunch Club which runs from 11a.m. – 3p.m. in a bright and sociable space. A wide variety of breakfast and lunch dishes and curry and sides available from mid-day.

Mehek have also introduced a Wednesday evening buffet from 5.30p.m. until 9pm.

A recent take out experience was just as delicious. Ordered with a pick-up time of 45 minutes, so the food wasn't waiting for me, I waited a short time for it, so again it was fresh and delicious. The short drive back home in Ipstones, ensured it was still hot when served.

We strongly recommend Mehek. Why drive to Leek for a take out when this excellent restaurant is so local?

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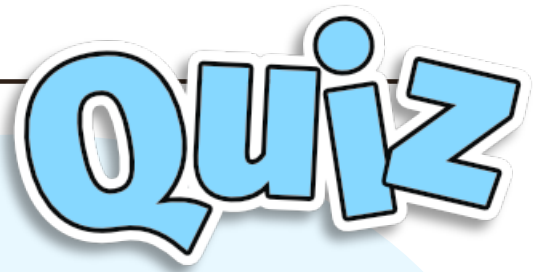
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Those Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer

1. Who famously sang – ‘Those lazy, hazy days of summer’?
2. What date starts summer?
3. Which summer blooming flower appears in Van Gough’s paintings?
4. Which essential vitamin does the body create from sunlight?
5. Which British city hosts the world’s biggest theatre event each August?
6. The Roman Goddess of summer is?
7. Where was the BBQ invented?
8. Which summer blooming flower has the nickname ‘Lily of the Incas’?
9. If rain falls on St.Swithen’s Day, according to British folk law how long will rain fall?
10. Which famous singer released the song ‘Summertime’ in 1935?
11. Where was Barak Obama born in August 1961 ?
12. Diana, Princess of Wales, died on 31st August in which year?
13. Where was the first British tramway opened in August 1860?
14. Which famous singer, born in August 1963, was married to Bobby Brown for 15 years?
15. Mother Teresa was born in August – where?
16. Which ocean dwelling creatures are you most likely to see sunbathing?
17. What fruit is the main ingredient of a traditional pina colada?
18. Name the summer zodiac signs?
19. When is National Lemonade Day?
20. Where would you be if you were in SW19?

Quiz answers—JULY—A PLATE OF FOOD FROM HERE AND THERE.

1. Calzone 2. Thailand 3. Key West USA 4. Australia 5. Naples 6. New Zealand 7. Africa
8. Sicily 9. Yoghurt 10. South Africa 11. Buffalow 12. Heston Blumenthal 13. Italy 14. Arborio rice
15. Crocus 16. ‘There is a type of cheese for every day of the year’ 17. Breakfast 18. Battenberg
19. Traditionally, knives and forks were considered too close to weaponry 20. Russia

WARM WELCOME

Children's August Holiday Club

Every Thursday in August 10am–12pm

At Ipstones Methodist Schoolroom and Chapel

- For ages 5–11 years
- Activities include crafts, games and stories
- Refreshments: sandwiches, cakes and snacks
- Cost: donations welcome

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10 games of bingo plus two flyers.

Each playing for lines, corners or 5 numbers,
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In addition, we have our lucky 7 game to win
a grocery shopping voucher.

This has accumulating funds and will be over £60.

New players very welcome. Free refreshments at the interval

SAFARI SUPPER



25th October 2025

Starting at 3pm

at The Red lion, Ipstones

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