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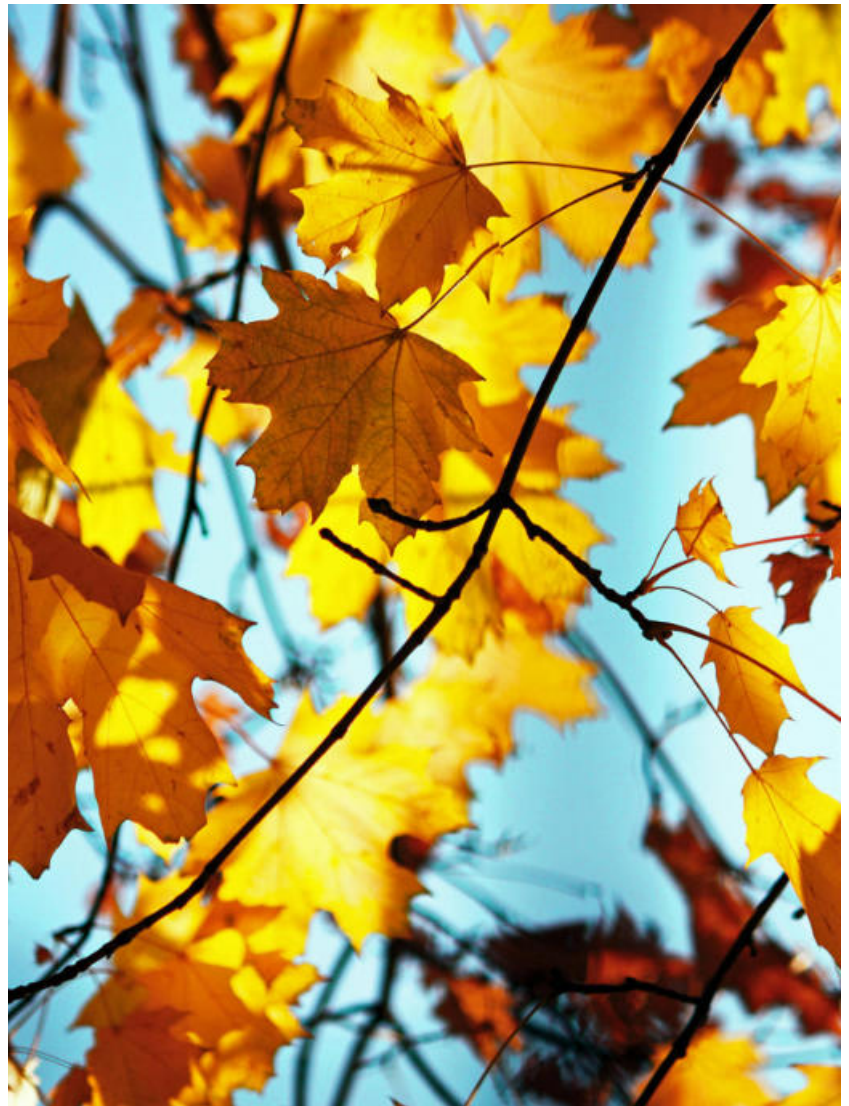
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# Communities Newsletter

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton, and  
Warslow with Elkstones



## Welcome to the October 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 *(October 2025)*

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**A**utumn has come early this year and, as it draws in I sometimes muse on how loss is very much part of the mood, the loss of the summer, the warmth, the fruitfulness and the busyness. And as the changing season rolls by, so we look towards the changes in our church year in October, with the rest of the harvest festivals, the stewing, baking, and freezing of fruit, the making of jams and chutneys all ending appropriately enough with All Souls.

**All Souls** is a time to remember with love as well as sadness. It brings back memories, of those we love, but have lost, a long time ago and much more recently. Many well-known members of all our villages have died this last year, so our All Souls Services will be particularly poignant. We will be remembering all who have died and naming all who we are asked to name, lighting a candle for each of them as we go. Please let me have names by 31<sup>st</sup> October, for the services at Onecote (9.30) and Ipstones (6.30pm) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**October** is of course pretty busy in our communities, as we enjoy a range of community activities and events, and prepare for fewer events as the nights draw in. A bit like the last flourish of the autumn leaves – talking of which it's a bumper year for conkers – please send your children or grandchildren to the vicarage drive for conkers!!!

I am busy too, partly with the normal life of a vicar, and partly because I am Nurse Ratchett to Emma, who had a total knee replacement in September and is slowly recovering. Knees are horrid operations to rehabilitate from so I do not mind repaying the nursing she gave me one little bit.

**I am very grateful** to the generosity of everyone in our churches given a fairly big chunk of my time is spent with the Waterfall and Longnor family groups of churches at the moment.

**I am struck** daily by the many small acts of kindness I see around me, and the care folk take of each other. St Leonards is very much a place of sanctuary for some folk, and its lovely seeing it being used for reading, and quiet times of writing and reflection by individuals. The tea and coffee is always available in the kitchen area (with dried milk) so if folk are using it as a “place to be” feel free to help yourself.

**And then** we are on the roll towards Christmas. There is a reassurance in the annual roll of the year that I take comfort from. Somehow it makes me feel safe in God's hands, in the creation he made, with the rhythm of worship developed from Jesus's life and death 2,000 years ago.

**We know that** the world is at times a scary place. Human life is fragile, and we all face many challenges over our life span, The stresses of life can at times be overwhelming. But the joys in life more than compensate.

**This morning**, the view as I drove over the tops back from a joyous collective worship session at Manifold School (*miming the actions for the parable of the sower together – stomp stomp, throw, throw, peck peck, wither wilt, choke choke, and a giant leap of joy for flourishing wheat*) made my spirits lift and my heart rejoice. Whatever the weather, whatever the challenges, Jesus' promise holds good. We are held in God's hands. We know, as Mother Julian said, with God, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

Have a great October everyone.

—Revd Jane



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# Church Services

OCTOBER 25	1st Sunday 5th October	2nd Sunday 12th October	3rd Sunday 19th October	4th Sunday 26th October	1st Sunday 2nd November
<i>Liturgical colours (G=green; P=purple; W=white; R=red)</i>	<i>Trinity 16/Proper 22 Habakkuk 1: 1–4; 2: 1–4 Psalm 37: 1–9 2 Timothy 1: 1–14 Luke 17: 5–10 (G)</i>	<i>Trinity 17, Proper 23 2 Kings 5: 1–3, 7–15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2: 8–15 Luke 17: 11–19</i>	<i>Trinity 18, Proper 24 Genesis 32: 22–31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3: 14–4: 5 Luke 18: 1–8</i>	<i>Last after Trinity Ecclesiasticus 35: 12–17 Psalm 84: 1–7 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18 Luke 18: 9–14</i>	<i>All Saints Isaiah 56: 3–8 Psalm 33: 1–5 Hebrews 12: 18–24 Matthew 5: 1–12</i>
<b>Warslow</b>	11am Morning Worship (Janet McNicol)	2pm Harvest Festival (Revd Jane)	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	11am Morning Worship (Janet McNicol)
<b>Elkstones</b>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	3pm Holy Communion (Revd Jane)	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>
<b>Butterton</b>	<i>To other services</i>	3pm Harvest Festival (Revd Jane)	<i>To other services</i>	10am Holy Communion (Revd Jane)	<i>To other services</i>
<b>Onecote</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (Revd John Austerberry)	9.30am Morning Worship (Roger Cutts) 12.30 Baptism (Revd Jane)	9.30am Holy Communion (Revd John Hall)	<i>To other services</i>	9.30am Holy Communion All Saints (Revd Jane)
<b>Berkhamsytc</b>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>
<b>Ipstones</b>	11am Harvest festival with school (Revd Jane & Carole Jackson) 3pm BCP Evensong (David Jack)	11am Holy Communion (Revd Jane) 7.30pm Compline (Revd Jane)	11am Morning Worship (Toby Gaddum)	11am Holy Communion (Revd Jane) 12.45pm Baptism (Revd Jane)	11am Children and parents (Carole Jackson) 6.30pm All Souls (Revd Jane)

## 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

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# Ipstones Rota

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## Church ROTA Ipstones October 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
5th October	Jackie Worrall	Volunteer on the day	The children	The children
12th October	Zoe Johnson	—	Jacquey Millward	David Jack
19th October	Ann Jackson	—	David Jack	Zoe Johnson
26th October	Volunteer on the day	—	Ann Jackson	Jacquey Millward

Date	Eucharistic Assistant	Refreshments
5th October	<i>No morning service</i>	<i>No morning service</i>
12th October	Jacquey Millward	Volunteers
19th October	Ann Jackson	Volunteers
26th October	David Jack	Volunteers

### A Change to Our Holy Communion Practice

We have been given notice that, liturgically and theologically we should no longer be following the approach to Holy Communion allowed during and immediately post Covid of allowing individuals to receive the wafer/bread/host after it is dipped in the wine (*intinction or simultaneous administration*).

We have been asked (*and rightly so*) to discontinue the practice as of the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 after giving communities notice of our intent to do so and fully restore the administration of the sacrament in both kinds of bread broken to symbolise Christ's broken body and wine in one cup. The theological rationale for only using one cup passed to all communicants is that the common cup is a symbol of unity in Christ and the spiritual "wholeness" of Christ's blood in one vessel. One body, one blood, as Christ commanded us to feed on at the Last Supper. The unity of and in Christ contained in the blood and bread is a sacramental act, spiritually and symbolically allowing us to become one with Christ

From the 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will no longer administer wafers dipped in wine. However, for those who remain concerned about the common cup, it is theologically and spiritually acceptable for to receive in one kind only, by only partaking of the bread. This is a sacramental act in its own right.

Incidentally research shows that the common cup is not a vehicle for the transmission of infection. Alcohol and silver together are both antibacterial natural disinfectants, and the rim is wiped with a clean starched white cloth, which adds to the hygiene of the ritual.

I appreciate for many this is a significant and maybe unsettling change, that is hard to understand or follow. Please do feel free to talk to me if you wish to explore it further.



—Priest in Charge; Ipstones with Berkhamstych,  
Onecote with Bradnop and Butterson

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# St. Leonard's Ipstones

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## St Leonard's, Ipstones

**It's Autumn.** It's the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness, of harvest suppers and auctions and of course of Harvest Festivals.

I wonder whether I can teach the congregation to sing cauliflowers fluffy? The children certainly know it! So yes, the big- ticket item for October is Harvest Festival on the **5<sup>th</sup> October**, at 11.00am

**This is a joint service** involving all the church family, especially the Children and Parents group, as well as children and parents from St Leonard's School, and it will very much be a family service. The children will do the readings and prayers and we will all learn a sensory prayer as well. Carole is doing harvest crafts for the children after the service and the lovely parents and children volunteers will help with refreshments. All your favourite harvest hymns (*and maybe the Harvest Samba and Autumn Days too!*). The traditional giving of harvest gifts will take place at that service, and they will be split between the foodbank and the auction afterwards. And best of all, no sermon. Instead, Lindsey Stockton from Leek Foodbank is going to talk about their work

**Harvest Festival Supper is on 6<sup>th</sup> October** and this year, to avoid the challenges that arose last year that I described last month (*it was ALL Revd Jane's fault!!!!*) tickets must be bought and paid for in advance. Bring your own drinks. We will have a Bottle Raffle, and of course the auction of harvest goods after the meal. Donations for the raffle or harvest auction would be very gratefully received. The tickets are available from Revd Jane 07771 556391 or [jane@janeheld.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk) and also from the Shop (*coordinated by Julie Riley*). Tickets are the same as last year at £10.00 each and half price for under 16's.

**September** has been a month of change tinged with sadness and a sense that bigger changes may come. We really have felt the loss of key members of our congregation over the last couple of years and it now beginning to have quite an impact. Over the last two years some very key members of our church family have died and with Jeannes move and Ruth and John's illness just how much they have been doing to keep church going has been very exposed, I am very glad to report that Ruth is slowly on the mend but she will not be back to full health for quite some time, and sadly John is unwell too. As key members of the congregation, their absence is very keenly felt, although the churchwardens and younger PCC members are doing their best to keep things going.



**So very sadly** some things will inevitably have to give. The first is Prayer Café on a Friday morning. Down to 2 or 3 folk, we have sadly decided to stop running it from the end of September. Over the years it has provided a popular quiet hour of worship, coffee and chat, but fewer and fewer have been coming and there are not enough people available to lead it every week.

**The second** is the challenge of printing the magazine each month. Roger and Pam have done the bulk of the task for a couple of years now, and it is a time consuming, if only once a month, job. It can be done in about 3 hours. Revd Jane is putting a rota together (*training available*) and hopefully one or two of our readers would be willing to do one or two slots a year. Please speak to Roger Cutts, Pam Ramsay, Zoe Johnson or Revd Jane if you are willing to do a stint. We would really appreciate it! We hope eventually to be able to afford to send Community News out to Printers to complete but until then its volunteer effort in printing AND delivering it. (*Additional delivery volunteers would be very welcome too*)

**And finally** in terms of jobs that need done with no one to do them, Jeanne Cookson has for years repaired the kneelers in church when the hooks are pulled off, or the stitching goes. The kit is all waiting for a new volunteer who really enjoys sewing and crafty repairs. Please get in touch with Revd Jane if you are the one!

**Looking ahead** we remember all those we have loved and lost at our All Souls Candlelight Service at St Leonards at 6.30pm on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. Please either email Revd Jane [jane@janeheld.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk) or phone 01538 262116 or return the form below with the names of those you wish us to name and pray for.

**Looking further** ahead the Comedy Night is on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm. Tickets from Denise on 07739 179722

**And a bit further ahead**, the GREAT NEWS FLASH at St Leonards Ipstones Church Film Festival on the **15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. We are showing Frozen in the morning (dress up, and sing, dance and enjoy it- under 10's or even under 80 year olds). And for the slightly more grown ups we are showing Mama Mia in the evening, and we can all sing along to that!

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### St Leonard's Ipstones All Souls Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 6.30pm

Please remember:

Return to Revd Jane: in the box in church or  
at the vicarage by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

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# St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

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## Butterton News for October 2025

### St Bartholomew's Church

Harvest Pie and Pea Supper-  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Doors open at 6.30pm and Pie and Peas served at about 7pm. Bring your own drinks. Tickets are £10 and available from Maggie, Barbara and Rachel. Les Bassett is our Auctioneer for the evening so that ticks the entertainment box!

Harvest Service is **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at 3pm.

### Lottery Ball Draw

September Prize winners are- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £40- Liz Buxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £20 is Julie Prince and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £10 is John Murray.

We are all looking forward to Roz Lees and Damian Barlow's wedding on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.** We wish them all the very best.

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Beer and Blessings evening at the Black Lion.  
Do come along at 7pm.

A short **Act of Remembrance** will be held at the Poppy memorial at the church gates on:  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.45am.

Vicar Jane is getting very excited about the possibility of a Live Nativity, beginning at 3pm at the Church on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and ending at the Black Lion. If anyone would like to take part then please contact Vicar Jane. I think Angel Gabriel's part has been allocated but we are looking for a pregnant lady!!!!!!

More in the next issue.....



### Butterton Village Hall

Fundraising activities coming up include Pig Racing on **25<sup>th</sup> October**, Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** and Christmas Bingo on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.** Put these dates in your diaries. More details in next issue.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hilary Bassett is hosting a Coffee morning on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at Butterton Village Hall, 11am – 2pm.

### Butterton History Group

The much-awaited Commemoration of 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the actual end of WW11 event took place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** We gathered at the Village Hall and had as near as possible street party themed Refreshments served by Pam Nadin and her team. The Rockabilly Dolls entertained us and we followed up with a Quiz and a Raffle. A great evening was had by all. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and the Team of helpers who set up and deconstructed the event.

A sum of £161 was sent as a result of the proceeds from the Raffle to SSAFA.

**Butterton Parish Council** meets again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the Village Hall.

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

Access the website via: **[butterton.org.uk](http://butterton.org.uk)**



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# St Luke's Onecote

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From Jean Tickell on behalf of St Lukes

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*"Let my mouth be filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day" —Psalm 71:8*

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Well, as I write these notes Autumn seems to have started. Chilly mornings and everything that goes with them. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival and Pie Supper with the sale of fruit etc. I hope that I will be able to say next month that it was a success.

It was with sadness that we had the Memorial Service for the late Rick Ford at St Lukes. It was a marvellous service arranged by his musician friends and family, there was also a screen put up by the altar so we could all see Rick singing his songs. He also wrote his own obituary.

The whole service was led by our own Revd Jane. The very high regard felt for Rick was shown by the amount of people that attended. We offer our sympathy and support to his family and friends, Rest in Peace Rick.

At church our thoughts go on a few weeks to our Christmas tree festival. Our theme this year will be "What Christmas means to me". We are always pleased to have new arrangements so if you haven't joined in before, please feel free to do so. Please give myself a ring on 01538 304334 or Janet 01538 304218 if you would like to join in.

Now I have the sad news to report that I'm sure you will have already heard of the passing of Mr Ralph Critchlow. Ralph and Hazel have been great supporters of St Luke's along the years along with their family. I'm sure all of you who knew Ralph will agree, we have lost quite a character.

We offer our sympathy and love to Hazel and all of the family. Rest in Peace Ralph.

I think that's all for this month, before all the fun begins next month, more details will be appearing soon.

Best wishes to everyone,  
Jean.

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## Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes

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It's that time of year again when we look forward to Christmas and to how we can help others. So this year we hope to fill some Samaritans purse shoeboxes with small gifts for children who are less fortunate than our children.

The shoeboxes will be left in the Churches and will contain a leaflet of instructions, for example, what can be put in the shoeboxes and what is not allowed eg liquids!

You'll find the shoeboxes in St. Leonards, St. Lukes and St. Bartholomews from 5th October. Filled boxes need to be returned to these Churches by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like boxes and can't get to one of these venues please ring Lily on 304397 for the Butterson, Warslow, Elkstones area and ring Carole for the Ipstones and Onecote area. I hope you enjoy buying gifts for these special children.

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# Ipstones Methodist Church

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## OCTOBER



In my previous article, I noted that the 'Old Chip Shop' (*dated 1837*) in Ipstones was the original Primitive Methodist Church.

The Staffordshire Moorlands area is deeply connected to the origins of Primitive Methodism, which emerged from a revival centered at Mow Cop on the Moorlands' edge in 1807. This area was the scene of the first "Camp Meetings"—open-air religious gatherings—that challenged conventional Methodist practice and led to the formation of Primitive Methodism under the leadership of Hugh Bourne and William Clowes, both local men from the North Staffordshire district.

The movement soon spread from small communities such as Ramshorn (*Ramsor*), which became one of the first centres of Primitive Methodist preaching and circuit organization in the Moorlands area.

The Moorlands region, with its villages of miners, potters, and farm labourers, provided fertile ground for a faith that was democratic, enthusiastically evangelical, and closely tied to the working poor.

Numerous primitive Methodist chapels and sites in the Staffordshire Moorlands testify to the movement's roots and enduring legacy in the area. Mow Cop itself remains a landmark in British Methodist history, and communities throughout the Moorlands played a key role in shaping the identity and spread of Primitive Methodism in the 19th century.

Eventually the original Wesley Methodists and the Primitive Methodist reunited to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain in 1932, although they still maintained their separate congregations for some time.

Next month I will explain more about the differences between the Wesleyan and Primitive congregations.

Meanwhile our School Room continues to be used for a variety of activities such as Coffee, Toast and Chat on alternate Tuesday mornings and Warm Welcome every Friday afternoon. Please come and join us.

—Roger Cutts

## SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

- **October 5th**  
Rev Julie Hassall at 10.30am  
(Service to include Holy Communion)
- **October 12th**  
Mr Mark Fallows at 10.30am
- **October 19th**  
Local arrangement at 10.30am
- **October 26th**  
Mrs Heather Hayward at 10.30am

Coffee, toast, cake and chat  
In the Methodist schoolroom

**October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

**Everyone Welcome!**



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# Elkstones & Warslow News

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## St John's Church, Elkstones

This month's service will be Holy Communion at  
**3pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

## October Cleaning and Flowers

—Katy Parkinson

September's Harvest Festival was a very enjoyable and colourful occasion, with a very interesting address given by Rev. Jane on today's highly relevant farming and climate topics.

It was lovely to welcome several old friends of Elkstone Church from places far afield, and to value their continued support.

## Church Gate

The gate into the church yard is in urgent need of repair and attention to both the stone supports which are leaning out of true, and the woodwork which is weathering away. All the quotes obtained for the work show a cost of well over £1000.

To this end we are very grateful for a grant of £250 from The Community Magazine's closing down kitty, to start off a fund to pay for the work.

We would be grateful to anyone who feels able to give a donation to take the fund forward.

**Please contact Myrtle on 01538 304225** if you feel that you would be able to make a contribution, whether large or small.

## Village News

The Elkstonians' AGM will take place at 8 p.m. at Bank House, on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

Please come along to discuss the future of the Society, and enjoy a cuppa and a natter among friends and neighbours.

## Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council in Warslow Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. To see the Agenda and the Minutes of the last meeting please visit:

[www.warslowandelkstonespc.org](http://www.warslowandelkstonespc.org)

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## Warslow

A quiet month in Warslow, so here are a few words from the worship song "*Autumn Days*" by Estelle White.

Autumn days when the grass is jewelled and the silk inside a chestnut shell.

Clouds that look like familiar faces, and a winter's moon with frosted rings.

Whipped up spray that is rainbow-scattered, and the taste of apple pie.

Scent of gardens when the rain's been falling, and a minnow darting down a stream.

So I mustn't forget, no I mustn't forget, to say a great big thank-you, I mustn't forget.

This autumn there are lots of fruits : apples, pears, plums, raspberries...and conkers, acorns, hazel nuts...  
A time of plenty before the winter storms begin!

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**Services during October** at St. Lawrence, Warslow:

- **5th October** *Morning Worship*
- **19th October** *Holy Communion*

We look forward to welcoming friends old, and new.

# Lectionary Readings/Life Events

## Weekly Lectionary Readings

*set Bible readings for October 2025*

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; Psalm 37: 1-9;  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111;  
2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 121;  
2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17; Psalm 84: 1-7;  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

## Life Events

*(September 2025)*

### Funerals

*Rest in Peace and Rise*

3<sup>rd</sup> September

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# Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

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## NOTES FROM IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL

### CHRISTMAS CUPPA, CAKE AND CATCH UP

Apologies for the incorrect date in the last Newsletter, this event will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, from 2p.m. when there will be a raffle with a Christmas theme.

**JUST AN IDEA...**if anyone with artistic talents is able to offer their services as a gift wrapper, please get in touch with us to arrange this facility, and discuss the necessary gift wrap materials.

### MEMORIAL HALL MEMORIES

Some interesting documents have recently come to light, so please come along to the The Gallery on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, for more information, and to share thoughts and ideas on ways to celebrate the centenary of the Memorial Hall and Grounds in 2028.

At the moment, an exhibition and get-together with afternoon refreshments over the weekend following midsummer day in 2028, is just one idea. Photographs, documents and shared memories are needed to make this happen ensuring an enjoyable event for our community.

## 250 CLUB

After all expenses, the popular fundraiser Memorial Hall 250 Club, made a profit of £505.18, which will benefit Memorial Hall funds.

The cost of putting this fundraiser together are as follows:

- Staffs Moorlands District Council Licence £20
- Woodwards Printing £78.24
- Rymans envelopes £6.58p
- Total prize money £640

Many thanks to all those who bought tickets, sold tickets, and Good Luck for the next year.

If you want to know more about any aspects of the Hall and Grounds, please give me a call on 01538 266633.

—Barry Shuttleworth (*President IMH*)

# Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

## What's On: Regular activities to join

	ACTIVITY	FOR MORE INFO:
MONDAY	<b>Ipstones Writers</b> — 11am ( <i>last Monday of month</i> )	Geraldine 01538 266633
	<b>Baby Ballet</b> — 1.30–2.30pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Miss Becks 07831 966476
	<b>Pilates</b> — 6pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	<a href="mailto:Louise@podumpilates.com">Louise@podumpilates.com</a>
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	<b>Yoga</b> — 5:30pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Natalie 07970 940718
	<b>Ipstones Youth Club</b> — 7pm–9pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Heather 07432 873605 and Nikki 07734 421972
WEDNESDAY	<b>Dolly Birds Café</b> — 9am – 2pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	<b>Ipstones WI</b> — 7.30pm ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month</i> )	Jane Fleet 01538 260074
	<b>Rainbows</b> — 5pm <b>Brownies</b> — 6pm <b>Guides</b> — 6.30pm         } ( <i>weekly—term-time only</i> )	Call 0800 169 5901
THURSDAY	<b>Yoga</b> — 9:30am ( <i>weekly</i> )	Louise 07736 351257
	<b>Well Street Medical Practice Clinic</b> — 10am ( <i>weekly</i> )	Well Street Practice Reception 01538 753114
	<b>Indoor Bowls</b> — 7pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	George Ratcliffe 07837 451829
	<b>Ipstones Historical Society</b> — 7.30pm ( <i>last Thursday of every month</i> )	Alison Cartledge 01538 266048
SATURDAY	<b>Dolly Birds Café</b> — 9am–1pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Ann Mace 07518 472770
SUNDAY	<b>Dolly Birds Café</b> — 9am – 1pm ( <i>weekly</i> )	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	<b>Little Kickers Football</b> — 9:30am ( <i>weekly</i> )	Steve North
ALSO	<b>Ipstones &amp; Foxt Senior Citizens</b> several times a year	Jean Goodwin 01538 266831
	<b>Ipstones British Legion</b> — 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:
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm	<b>Harvest Supper</b> with Pie & Pea Supper, and Auction of produce	<i>Pre-booking essential</i> <b>Tickets available from:</b> Jane 07771 556391, <a href="mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk">jane@janeheld.co.uk</a> , or Ipstones Village Shop ( <i>Julie Riley</i> )
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm–8pm	<b>NEW</b> Monthly Youth Drop-in (9 – 15 year olds)	Nicki – 07734 421972 Heather – 07432 873605
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm	<b>Funhouse Comedy Night</b>	Denise Rowe 07739 179722 <a href="mailto:denise_rowe1@yahoo.co.uk">denise_rowe1@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	Ipstones Memorial Hall <b>Centenary Event Group</b> <i>Everyone welcome to share memories of the Hall.</i>	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633 <a href="mailto:mhallcentenary@gmail.com">mhallcentenary@gmail.com</a>
Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm	Ipstones & Foxt <b>Frothblowers</b> sale	Gene Goldstraw or see poster in village shop and pubs.
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2pm–4pm	Village <b>Cuppa, Cake and Catch-Up</b>	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 3pm–8pm	Ipstones <b>Christmas Market</b>	Linda Malyon 07824 449178

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

## IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL 250 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW

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# Ipstones Folk News

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## Ipstones Folk News

We held our usual Sing-around on the third Wednesday of September at the Methodist Church. About 12 singers turned up and we enjoyed a wide variety of music with a break for refreshments.

We also played a couple of videos from Rick Ford whose memorial service had been held at Onecote Church the week before. Rick is a much loved and much missed member of the Staffordshire Moorlands folk community.

Our next Sing-around evening will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:30pm at Ipstones Methodist Church.

Doors open from 7:00pm.

No charge but a small voluntary donation requested towards running costs.

We are also planning a guest night for **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** which should be something a bit special.

See below for further details. —Roger Cutts

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**At Ipstones Folk Club in the Staffordshire Moorlands**  
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# Ipstones Historical Society

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The Ipstones Historical Society met on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025, in the Memorial Hall extension for a talk by Shaun Farrelly on the subject of keeping off the rocks.

Mr Farrelly began the talk by outlining the birth of lighthouse construction which developed in the Tudor period from the initial use of beacons. These were under the remit of the Trinity Guild. The first lighthouses had to be financed by the builder and ships which passed them and sailed into port had to pay dues. This became quite lucrative and the crown eventually decided to stop this and bring the use and construction of lighthouses under the control of Trinity House.

From 1836 Trinity House had a right to buy the lighthouses and by 1845 customs and excise collected the due automatically from shipping. William Trench patented a lighthouse design in 1713 for the Skerries off Angelsey but unfortunately he dies and Morgan Jones acquires the project and by 1834 it is making a profit of £12,500. Morgan dies in 1841 and Trinity house buys it.

In the south, Eddystone reef also needs a lighthouse and Walter Whitfield Winstanley designs a primitive construction in 1695. This wasn't robust enough and had to be modified but it was destroyed in a storm in 1703. A series of further lighthouses continued to be built all had problems until the Douglass lighthouse opened in 1882.

Over the years, time and experience has meant that lighthouses had to be manned by at least three keepers to mitigate the perils of storms; falls; drownings; starvation; depression; fires and even murders. Hollywood has even made a film which was about this very macabre subject.

Today lighthouses aren't manned they are operated remotely from Harwich and they are only visited for maintenance purposes. The lights are LED and should be accompanied by a fog horn to warn shipping in low visibility.

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The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on **25<sup>th</sup> September** for a talk given by Jenny Lingham on eyesight correction through the ages. The October meeting will be about the chained oak at Dimmingsdale.

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

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# Ipstones Gardening

## Jobs for October

It's the best time of year for planting trees, roses, hedges, shrubs and most fruit. The plants will settle in over winter and get off to a great start next year.

Protect hardy fuchsias, penstemons and other slightly tender plants by covering the soil around them with a 10–12.5cm/4–5in thick mulch. Don't cut down the old stems until spring.

Prepare for cold weather. Insulate the greenhouse with bubble wrap. Turn off outdoor taps at the stopcock or protect them with lagging. Drain hosepipes and put them in the shed.

Overwinter young rooted geranium cuttings in a light, cool but frost-free spot. Keep them fairly dry, as they'll rot if they are overwatered. Take off any leaves that turn yellow.

Pick any remaining apples and pears before the weather turns. Eat any windfalls or damaged fruit, as they'll just rot in store. Remove and destroy 'mummified' fruit affected by brown rot disease.

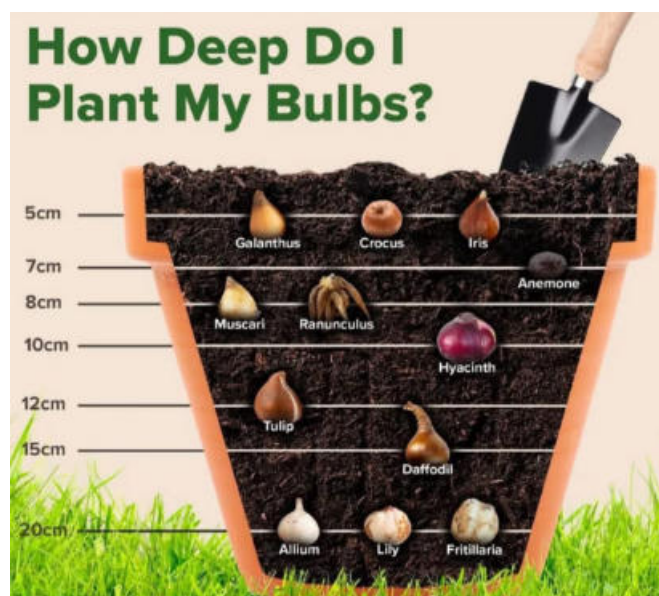
The grass is probably still growing, and will need a trim from time to time. Raise the cutting height to 4–5cm/1.5–2in, so you don't cut off too much. Brush away worm casts before mowing.

Check the stakes and ties on young trees, and make sure they are secure. Climbing plants may need tying in to supports, to prevent them getting damaged in winter gales.

Cut back bush roses by up to half to prevent wind rock, which can damage the roots. Some shrubs bormally pruned hard in the spring—such as buddleia and lavatera—can also be cut back.

Don't throw away growing-bags once the crops have finished. Whip out the old plants, sprinkle in some Growmore fertiliser and re-plant them with pansies for a splash of extra colour next spring.

Sort out dips and hollows in the lawn. Sprinkle over 13mm/half inch of compost and let the grass grow through. Add more compost at regular intervals through autumn and winter until the lawn is level.



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## August 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters.  
Welcome to the latest copy of our newsletter.

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

<b>Total vouchers fulfilled</b>	<b>= 82 (95)</b>
No. of Adults fed	= 118 (140)
No. of Children fed	= 68 (75)
<b>Total no. fed</b>	<b>= 186 (215)</b>

August has seen a lot of families struggling with the impact of having children home for the school holidays, and also the cost of everything needed for the return to school, notably school uniforms. The cost of uniform items often tips families over into negative budgets, leading them to needing support from the Foodbank. Apparently, some local councils do provide financial support for this, perhaps something I can discuss with SMDC...?

It has been a good month for donations, with the reintroduction of pick-up bags at Morrisons already showing an increase of 15% in stock donated, and I'm sure this will rise in the next few months as customers get used to having the bags back again. Also, we had an amazing food drive day at Morrisons, with a staggering 427kg of food donated. A huge thanks to everyone who supported us with donations on the day, plus of course to our amazing volunteers who turned out to drum up trade!

All our harvest resources have now been sent out, and I am going to have the pleasure and privilege of speaking about our work for five Sundays in a row to various congregations – along with a couple of

school assemblies midweek – let's hope I don't lose my voice! Seriously, I am delighted to have received all your invitations, so thank you so much.

Leek & District Foodbank: **07916 005064**  
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Our stock levels do remain low, and here, as usual, is our **shopping list**:

Longlife semi-skimmed milk  
Fruit squash, Jam,  
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, Tinned soup, Tinned potatoes

**PLEASE NO BAKED BEANS 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 10am 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.



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# Ipstones Writers' Group

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## WRITING FOR FUN WITH THE IPSTONES WRITERS

At the recent get-together of Ipstones Writers, after sharing a cuppa and a slice of something delicious, when asked to write about 'My guilty pleasure' we reflected on what a guilty pleasure is?

Ten minutes later, sharing our thoughts one told the group how she enjoyed settling down on the sofa with a coffee, when her husband was out, and having become a Youtube addict, shocked how 2 hours had flown by when the key turning in the lock heralded his return.

Someone confessed to enjoying a cream donut from the fridge during the night, unable to sleep.

On a sugar free pain management diet, she spoke of finding pleasure in the odd glass of wine, a scoop of ice cream – just one, and enjoying a piece of cake at Ipstones Writers.

Cake, crisps, peanuts and wine were the guilty pleasure of one, and his joy of food and cooking for those he loved, an occasional '*flutter*' and reading a good book were shared, while another spoke mischievously of writing stories leaving readers '*hanging*'.

All too soon it was time to pack up, tidy up, and return to the outside world beyond The Gallery, with thoughts of the next writing prompt '**My Mistake**'.

So, until next time, enjoy writing, enjoy reading, and relax.

Best Wishes, Geraldine.

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## Indelible by Paul Holland

The ones we love, in our hearts.  
Time may take them away - circumstances,  
the universe - moves us on...  
Still true love is the indelible colours that  
are between us and stay within.

Friendship never dies in the places that matter  
inside us...  
We love, briefly and forever -  
for moments, and for lifetimes,  
Love is with us...  
It can be felt - and known, or given simply,  
Love fills us in certain moments that need no words.

It is remembered when other things are forgotten,  
like a true friend.

Beyond doubt and fear, or the mistakes we make,  
Love is a shining light, that we find in each other...  
Sometimes in those three truly magic words -  
that express wonder, meaning and purpose in life -  
"I love you", indelible our hearts desires...  
Indelible love is like stars in the dark,  
awesome, always there.

In our skies, in our hearts and minds passion,  
in our very souls, indelible, Love is all...

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# Armchair Travellers

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## REMINISCING WITH THE IPPY TRIPPERS

How did it all start, the other half asked recently? It's over 25 years since a group of Ipstones residents in their 50's and 60's, travelled around Europe, affectionately calling themselves the Ippy Trippers.

Sadly some are no longer with us, some have moved to pastures new, but many remain to reflect on memories of good times together, and hope some conversations will result.

We cannot actually remember how it all began, but our first adventure was a 24 hour hour 'Booze cruise' to Boulogne in France, everyone meeting at The Marquis for last orders before boarding the coach for our overnight journey to the ferry port of Dover. Our aim was to be back at The Marquis for last orders 24hours later.

Back in the day, it was enjoyable to visit the quaint town of Boulogne, lunch at Chez Jules in the square after the Saturday morning market was a favourite for some. Lunch was memorable - delicious chicken cooked in a creamy mustard sauce, brought to table in a copper pan over a flame.

A trip to a hypermarket enroute to Calaise for our return, was another feature - boxes of wine and French food specialities loaded into the boot of the coach, everyone ensuring they had stuck their names onto their purchases to make unloading on Ipstones Memorial Hall car park in the dark easier. Inevitable mistakes were rectified in the light of day.

The Ippy Trippers enjoyed holidays together in Amsterdam, Paris and Honfleur. On a five day trip to Nice by train, with an overnight stop in Paris on the outward journey one October, the only day the sun shone was the day we left Nice at 9.30am and yes, we did make The Marquis for last orders on this occasion.

On a trip closer to home by train from Stoke to Carlisle, an announcement on the train indicated the bar would open in half an hour, but the Ipstones bar was already open!

Sitting in a cafe, in Carlisle, watching the world go by, it was amusing to see two of the 'senior' passengers emerging from an Ann Summer's shop - naughty schoolgirls springs to mind!

After the coach trips ran their course, a smaller group of travellers holidayed in Tunisia and Turkey on several occasions, still calling themselves the Ippy Trippers. Happy Days.

—Geraldine Shuttleworth, *The Ippy Trippers*.

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# The Day We Went To...

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## Our Normandy trip

We set off from Staffordshire heading south to catch the Eurostar to Paris.

On arrival in Paris, we met our travel rep and travelled to Rouen to the hotel which would be our base for a few days. Rouen is the capital of Normandy and is a beautifully preserved medieval city. The Cathedral Norte Dame towers above the city and worth a visit, 2 smaller, but impressive gothic churches Saint Madou and Saint Ouen are also worth visiting.

There is much to see Le Gros Horloge is a 14c astronomical clock which is housed in a tall tower with many steps to ascend! but with a view worth the effort from the top.

Many buildings are half-timber and look beautiful adorned with numerous hanging baskets overflowing with colourful flowers. Some of the houses have jetty's overhanging the street to create more space.

There is a very interesting Joan d'Arc experience describing her life and also the place where she was burnt for the crime of witchcraft. Next to this site is now the Joan d'Arc cathedral with a large very colourful stain glass window

Rue eau de Robec is a delightful street which has a stream running through it. It is now a man-made stream, but originally it would flow past the drapers and dyers places and the water took on the colours as the dyers washed the fabrics and their hands in the water. Some of the houses still have "greniers a etente" roof extensions overhanging the buildings where the craftsmen dried their fabrics. It was described as a colourful display with a carnival feeling. Nowadays the street is lined with restaurants.

Another place worth a visit is Dame Cakes, the window adorned with numerous pastries, desserts and cakes. We entered and discovered a secret garden at the rear of the shop where we rested our aching feet and enjoyed tea and cake.

### Day 2 Honfleur

This pretty coastal town has a vast market winding from the quayside to St Catherine's church which is a wooden structure with a separate bell tower. In the market everything can be found from clothes and accessories to local food and cider. The fishing and sailing port is central to this charming town and is lined with restaurants specialising in sea food. A short walk past pleasant gardens along the promenade takes you to the beach.

### Day 3 Bayeux

Firstly, we visited the famous Bayeux tapestry depicting the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066, the battle of Hastings and establishment of William as King of England.

Bayeux itself is a lovely place to wander around with a river and water wheels. Lots of colourful baskets and displays and an impressive Cathedral dominating the centre of the Bayeux. After our visit to Bayeux we travelled the short distance to the war graves just outside the city where we respectfully walked amongst the graves in this peaceful and well-kept cemetery. I'm sure all our thoughts were on those brave soldiers.

Then on to Arromanches, a seaside town where the D Day landings took place.

The remains of the Mulberry harbour, an artificial port built to support the invasion can be seen. After leaving Arromanches we travelled to the British Normandy Memorial Ver- Sur- Mer. This is a very peaceful poignant memorial with meadow fields filled with 1,475 of the metal "Tommy" statues representing British soldiers, Sailors and Airmen organised by the charity Standing with Giants over-looking Gold beach—a very moving sight. I believe these are moving soon back across the Channel.

There are 2 female metal statues of nurses, Sister Evershed and Sister Field who died saving 75 men from a sinking hospital ship.

On display are letters from soldiers to their family and responses from family members, a very difficult read.

### Giverny: Monet's House and garden

We walked around the colourful garden and pond, over the bridges and along paths under trees past flowers beds full of many different plants. The garden must have inspired many of Claude Monet's works. We then entered the house and caught a glimpse of Monet's creative world. The bright yellow dining room and the blue kitchen were a favourite.

From there we travelled to Paris to catch the Eurostar back to London. An added delight was driving around the Arc de triomphe and down the Champs- Elysees.

We had a fabulous time, had lots of delicious food, Asian, Moroccan and of course French included the delicious Camembert and the Normandy cider was the best cider we've tasted.

Hope you've enjoyed a little glimpse at our trip to Normandy.

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# Little Ipstones Kitchen

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With ink barely dry on the September Newsletter, on a wet and gloomy Sunday afternoon, thought I'd get on with a bit of baking, and with the Little Kitchen warm and cosy, my canine companion fast asleep, underneath the oven, thoughts turn to autumnal warming, comfort food. Even the on-line delivery driver told me the other day, how much she preferred winter food, and time for her to dust down the slow cooker, so comfort food is on the mind of lots of folk, not just mine and my cooking buddy!

At Warm Welcome last week, chat turned to food as it often does, and I mentioned **Butternut Squash and Coconut Soup** I had always enjoyed, and this week with the plum glut very much a topic of conversation, I said I was going to try a **Sticky Chicken and Plum Traybake**, and if it was a success I would share the recipe. It was - a success and delicious - so here is that recipe, which I hope is enjoyable.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH, CHILLI & COCONUT SOUP

3-4 SERVINGS

### Ingredients

2 tablespoons of olive oil  
500g butternut squash, de-seeded, peeled and cut into small chunks  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 large red chilli, finely chopped (*remove the seeds for a milder taste*)  
3 garlic cloves, sliced  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon fresh ginger  
500ml vegetable stock, made from stockpot  
200ml coconut milk  
Juice of 1 lime (*Fresh chopped coriander to serve*)

### Method

In a large pan heat the oil and fry the butternut squash for 2-3 mins, stirring from time to time. Add ground cumin, chilli, garlic and onion and continue to cook for a further 5 minutes until the ingredients start to soften. Add the remaining ingredients and mix together to evenly distribute. Bring to gentle simmer, and cook for about 20 minutes until the squash is cooked.

Liquidize with blender and serve with fresh chopped coriander if using.

## STICKY CHICKEN & PLUM TRAYBAKE

SERVES 4

I served this with rice which worked well, but think orzo pasta would be a good alternative.

### Ingredients

3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 ½ teaspoons of allspice (not mixed spice) and ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 clove of garlic, crushed  
1 large orange (scrubbed), zest and juice  
1 teaspoon fine sea salt  
1kg skin on, bone in chicken thighs  
1 tablespoon maple syrup  
500g plums, halved  
20g tarragon, leaves chopped – but I had to use about a teaspoon of dried tarragon  
20g pistachio kernels, chopped

### Method

In a large bowl mix the oil, spices, orange zest, salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Add the chicken, turn to coat, then cover and chill for at least an hour, or overnight in the fridge.

Preheat oven to 200.fan 180/gas 6.

Arrange the chicken quite snugly, skin side up, on a large baking tray. In a small bowl, mix the orange juice and maple syrup, then pour over the chicken. Roast for 20 minutes. Then add the plums to the tray, cut side up. Baste the chicken and plums and cook for a further 30 minutes or so, basting again half way through. Check that the chicken is cooked through, and no pink meat remains, and the juice runs clear.

Sprinkle over the tarragon and chopped pistachio kernels, and serve with rice or orzo pasta.

Happy Cooking, keep warm and cosy.

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All in all, a good choice and no rush for us to vacate our table, as we reminisced and turned back the years.

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1. 'One pen and one book changed the world' – who said it?
2. 'It was one small step for man'. What was it for mankind?
3. Who had 'Peace in our time'?
4. In 1940, taking office, what did Winston Churchill offer?
5. 'In the name of God go' – who said it?
6. What curtain came down in 1945?
7. Where did J.F. Kennedy say '*We go not because it's easy, but because it's hard*'?
8. Who was not for turning?
9. Who said 'I have a dream'?
10. Who penned the thought provoking Imagine?
11. Where was the film 'Love actually' set?
12. In 1946 who recorded 'Chestnuts roasting on an open fire'?
13. Which of these animals stores food instead of hibernating...raccoon, hedgehog, bat, bear?
14. 'A winter's tale' reached No. 2 in the 1983 music charts for which artist?
15. What is the difference between COZY and COSY?
16. What sweet comfort food in Australia and New Zealand is said to be named after a Russian ballet dancer?
17. What food is said to be good for the soul, and help heal cold and flu bugs?
18. Why are sausages called BANGERS in the English comfort food Bangers and Mash?
19. Why is Comfort Food so called?
20. Which months are considered to be winter?

### August quiz answers: FALLING LEAVES

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|--|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Harvest Moon  | 2. When SEPTEMBER ends   | 3. New York       | 4. The smell of rain            | 5. Festival of Light |           |
| 6. 30 <sup>th</sup> November                               | 7. Grapes  | 8. Pecan Pie      | 9. Tennis                       | 10. Brighton         | 11. Italy |
| 12. Peter Phillips, son of Princess Anne and Mark Phillips | 13. Seasonal Affective Disorder                                      | 14. Munich        |                                 |                      |           |
| 15. Chlorophyll  | 16. John Keates  | 17. Indian Summer | 18. Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius |                      |           |
| 19. Catch a falling leaf                                   | 20. United Nations ( <i>UN Charter took effect later that year</i> ) |                   |                                 |                      |           |

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