

**November
2025**

£1

Contents

Contacts	2
View From The Vicarage	3
Church Services/Rota	5
St Leonard's Church	7
Butterton Correspondent	8
St Lukes Onecote	9
Ipstones Methodist Church	10
Elkstones & Warslow News	11
Lectionary Readings/Life Events	12
Family Warm Welcome	13
Ipstones Memorial Hall	15
Ipstones Folk News	17
Ipstones Historical Society	18
Ipstones Gardening	19
Help Appeal	20
Ipstones Writer's Group	22
Ippy Book Club	23
Eat Out Locally	24
Little Ipstones Kitchen	25
Appeals/Ads	26
Quiz	27
Event Posters	28

Communities Newsletter

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton, and
Warslow with Elkstones



Welcome to the November Communities Newsletter

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

If you have an event/group that you wish to advertise, simply email us at:

moorlandsa9@gmail.com

Editorial Team

Executive Editor

Rev Jane Held
Tel: 01538 262116
Mobile: 07771 556391

Design & Typesetting

Tony Brookes

Printing & Production

Pam Ramsay

Advertising Support

Position Vacant

Copy deadline for the
December edition is:

Tuesday 25th November

All copy to be sent to:

moorlandsa9@gmail.com

Clergy Addresses & Phone Numbers

Vicar: Rev Jane Held

The Vicarage, Church Lane, Ipstones. ST10 2LF.

Tel: 01538 262116 or 07771 556391

Email: jane@janeheld.co.uk

Minister of the Methodist Church

Ipstones and Onecote: Rev Julie Hassall
19 Shelley Drive, Cheadle ST10 1XR.

Tel: 01538 751907

Email: julie.hassall@methodist.org.uk

Village Contact Numbers

St. Leonard's Ipstones

Robert White (*churchwarden*) 01538 266891
Jacquie Millward (*churchwarden*) 07799780561

St. Luke's Onecote Janet Stone (*churchwarden*)

Jean Tickell 01538 304334 (*churchwarden*)

St. Bartholomew's Butterton

Rachel Hopper 07709 039147 (*churchwarden*)
Maggie Risby 01538 304115
(*PCC secretary and churchwarden*)

Ipstones W.I. Jane Fleet 01538 260074

Ipstones Historical Society

Alison Cartledge

Ipstones and Foxt Senior Citizens

Jean Goodwin 01538 266831

Ipstones Memorial Hall Bookings

Jane Fleet 01538 260074

Ipstones British Legion

Margaret Burnett 07973 480184

Ipstones Parish Council

Judith Ward 07973 522861

Ipstones Agricultural Society

Andrew Stevenson 01538 266317

Captain of Bells

David Jack 01538 266902

Village of Ipstones Common Good Trust

Barry Shuttleworth 01538 266633

Friends of St. Leonard's

Ann Jackson 01538 266840

Ipstones Tiny Tots Nursery 01538 266000

Ipstones Creative Writing Group 01538 266633

Ipstones Community Choir

Denise Rowe 07739 179722

Who Is Missing?

Get your community listed here for **FREE**



WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

Search for: @themoorlandschurches.staffs

SUBSCRIPTIONS

You can subscribe to a colour version of this magazine, emailed directly to you, **Interested?** Contact Rev Jane

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

I am sure I have started my November “*View from the Vicarage*” every year with the same statement! “*The nights are drawing in*” and they certainly are. The clocks go back in October and November means dark mornings and dark evenings. I am not sure your hothouse flower of a Vicar is really looking forward to winter. It’s wet and cold already, after a bit of a false hope with a very dry and mild early part of the month. The vicarage is already being heated to a comfortable 23 degrees, my vest is on, the thermal leggings are ready, hats and gloves sorted and ready and my jumpers are out and already being well used.

October seems to have passed in a bit of a blur, partly because Emma’s knee did not heal properly after her operation (*she was allergic to the stitches they think!*) and we had to spend a huge amount of time at the Spire in Macclesfield. It really drives home how important good care is when something does go wrong, and the Spire Team were, without exception outstanding. Thank you to the NHS who funded the whole gig!

Of course, October was Harvest month. 29th September Onecote Pie Supper and Sale; 6th October Ipstones Pie and Pea Supper and Sale of Produce; 12th October, Warslow Harvest and giveaway and 13th October Butterson Pie and Pea Supper and Sale of Fruit & Auction. And every single one a triumph too. People organised, turned out, donated, sang, prayed, and ate pie and peas as well as buying generously at each sale. We were also blessed with an address from Lindsey Stockton from Leek Foodbank at Ipstones, and action singing from the children. Add in a couple of other harvests across the Deanery and your vicar was in danger of turning into a pie herself!! I was rather grateful to Bishop Matthew who visited the Waterfall Family Group on Butterson’s Supper Night meaning I only got to the auction – and scored a great jar of chutney too. And there were of course also 2 very joyful school harvest services which I loved. Imagine my shock when I heard radio 2 playing Cauliflowers Fluffy this morning!

October also included the whole range of special services, baptisms, weddings and funerals. It is such a privilege to walk alongside people at such key times in their lives, and to serve as best I can. Anyone who says the church is no longer relevant to our lives needs to see how church can bring joy and care, support, comfort

and laughter into people’s lives.

I can sometimes feel a bit topsy turvy when moving from a joyful event to a sad one but am so glad we are still sought out when needed.

November is a big month too. As well as marking the inexorable march towards the Christmas Season, it hosts two very important services in the month. Sunday 2nd November is the Feast of All Saints and is traditionally when we hold services to commemorate the departed (otherwise known as All Souls). I find All Souls incredibly moving and always cry, sniffing as discretely as possible whilst leading the services that are taking place at Ipstones (6.30pm), Onecote at 9.30am and Warslow 11.00am. As the candles are lit the churches fill with a sense of warmth, love and comfort. We remember always with both sadness and hope and cherish the memories the service brings.

And then its **Remembrance Sunday**, with the mix of formality, respect, tradition, and poignancy. Starting with Ipstones Schools Service at the Cemetery at 10.00am on the 7th November with songs, readings and prayers led by the children, and the Cornet played by Mike – all are welcome. Remembrance Services at Onecote and Ipstones on the 9th and a service at Butterson at 11.00am on the 11th November. Wearing our poppies is one way to show our respects, and being at one of the ceremonies is another. As the world gets more and more mired in war and tension and threats we need to look forward praying for peace as well as backwards with thanks for what was done previously. Our service personnel are right out there again, working to maintain peace quietly and without fuss day by day.

And last but not least at the end of November its Christmas tree Festivals and Lights Nights, Christmas Markets and the packed run up to Christmas via the 4 weeks of Advent. It may be dark and dreary outside, but in November our lives are full of activity, reflection, thoughtfulness, hope life and light, thanks be to God.



—Revd Jane

Family Group Of Churches

Who is who in our family group of Churches in 2025/26

Church	Name and Job	Contact Details
All Churches	Revd Jane	jane@janeheld.co.uk 07771 556391 and 01538 262116
	Roger Cutts (reader)	roger.cutts@btinternet.com 01538 266862
	Toby Gaddum (licensed lay minister)	toby@gaddumandgaddum.co.uk
St Leonards and Berkhamstych	Rob White (churchwarden)	robwwhite@icloud.com / 01538 266891
	Jacquey Millward (churchwarden)	jacquey.millward@gmail.com / 07799 780561
	Ann Jackson (deputy churchwarden & lay chair)	annjackson840@hotmail.com
	Pam Ramsay (treasurer)	pamela.ramsay@btinternet.com
	Jackie Worrall (secretary)	ipccmrsjworrall@gmail.com
Onecote	Jean Tickell (churchwarden)	jeantickell55@gmail.com / 07368 135758
	Janet Stone (churchwarden)	janet@onecotegrange.co.uk / 07398 232793
	Debra Tickell (secretary)	tickell.d@kevi.org.uk
	Vicky Buttress (treasurer)	victoriabuttress58@hotmail.com
	Carole Jackson (lay chair)	carole.jackson@gmx.com
Butterton	Maggie Risby (churchwarden & secretary)	maggie.risby@btopenworld.com / 01538 304115
	Rachel Hopper (churchwarden)	the.hopper.family@gmail.com / 07709 039147
	Lily Hambleton-Plumb (deputy churchwarden)	heathyroodsfarm@aol.com
	Patrick Bailey (treasurer)	patrick.bailey@hotmail.co.uk
Warslow	Judy Prince (deputy churchwarden)	judyprince29@yahoo.co.uk
	Emma Gould (treasurer)	gouldemma80@gmail.com
	Janet McNicol (secretary)	janetmcnicol@yahoo.co.uk
Elkstones	Myrtle Alcock (church leader)	01538 304225

Church Services

Church Liturgical colours G =green R=red P=purple, W=White	1st Sunday November 2nd All Saints (R)	2nd Sunday November 9th 3rd before Advent Remembrance (R)	3rd Sunday November 16th 2nd before Advent ®	4th Sunday November 23rd Christ the King (R)	5th Sunday November 30th Advent Sunday (P)
Lectionary	Isaiah 1: 1-10 Psalm 32 2 Thessalonians 1 Luke 19:1-10	Job19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2: 1- 5, 13-end Luke 20: 27-38	Malachai 4: 1- 2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 10: 12-18 Matthew 4: 18-22
Warslow	11.00 All Souls Morning Worship Janet McNicol and Baptism Rev'd Jane	<i>To other services</i>	11.00am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane 1.00pm Baptism Revd Jane	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>
Elkstones	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	3.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Jane	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>
Butterton	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i> (Remembrance 11 th November 10.45 Revd Jane)	<i>To other services</i>	10.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Jane	<i>To other services</i>
Onecote	9.30 Holy Communion All Saints Rev'd Jane	9.45 Remembrance Rev'd Arthur Hack	<i>To other services</i>	7.30pm Christmas Tree Festival service Toby Gaddum	<i>To other services</i>
Berkhamsytc	<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>
Ipstones	11.00 Children and parents Carole Jackson 6.30 All Saints Rev'd Jane	10.30 Remembrance at hall and parade Rev'd Jane 10.45 Remembrance Rev'd Jane 7.30 Compline Roger Cutts	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Arthur Hack	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Jane	11.00 Family Group Advent Sunday Holy Communion Rev'd Jane 1.00pm Baptisms Rev'd 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

Ipstones Rota

Church ROTA Ipstones November 2025

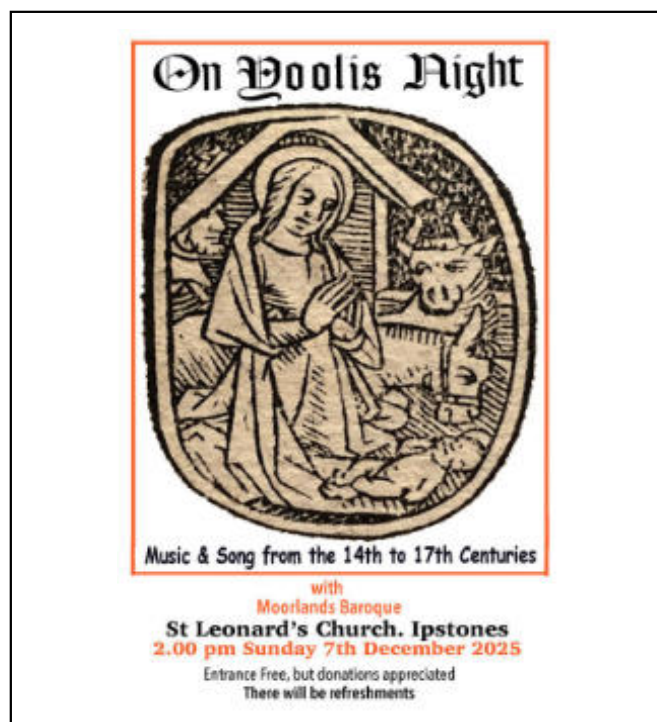
If you cannot do the date allocated please arrange a swap and make a note of the changes on the clipboard in church

<i>Welcomers/Sides People</i>		
Sunday	Name	Name
2 nd November	Children and Parents team	n/a
9 th November	Zoe Johnson	Pat Nash
16 th November	Ann Jackson	Volunteer on the day
23 rd November	Volunteer on the day	Volunteer on the day
30 th November	Volunteer on the day	Volunteer on the day
<i>Readers</i>		
2 nd November	The children	The children
9 th November	RBL	Parish Council and Fire Brigade
16 th November	David Jack	Zoe Johnson
23 rd November	Ann Jackson	Jacquey Millward
30 th November	Jean Tickell	Rachel Hopper
<i>Eucharistic Assistant</i>		
2 nd November	n/a	
9 th November	n/a	
16 th November	Jacquey Millward	
23 rd November	Ann Jackson	
30 th November	Patrick Bailey	
<i>Refreshments</i>		
5 th October	Children and Families Team	
12 th October	Volunteers	
19 th October	Volunteers	
26 th October	Volunteers	

Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes

If you have collected a Samaritans purse shoebox from one of the Churches: St. Leonards, St. Lukes or St. Bartholomews, **please note** the filled boxes need to be back in these Churches by 9th November, ready to be taken to the collection point. Thank you.

Any enquiries please ring Lily on 304397 or ring Carole on 266352.



St. Leonard's Ipstones

St Leonard's, Ipstones

What an amazing Harvest Festival we had.

The flower arrangement and displays were fantastic, and the Church smelt fabulous. Huge thanks to Jackie and her small and talented flower team for all they did. It was way beyond anything we could ask for. The service was great too, with a lovely group of children and their families leading the singing, readings and prayers and a great address from Lindsey Stockton, the Manager at Leek Foodbank. Lindsey said she thought I enjoyed the action song more than the children and she was right!! Thank you to everyone who brought goods to offer. We donated all the tinned and dried food to the foodbank – about 60kg worth, and the fresh produce went to the Harvest Supper Auction, raising funds for St Leonards and for Mary's Meals – a charity that feeds 8,000 children across 8 countries every day at their schools.

And as for the **Harvest Supper** – a great night, with 90 plus folk sitting down to eat Ann Mace's fabulous pie and peas (thank you Ann as always for being such a brilliant chef) and the wonderful desserts ALL produced by Pam Ramsay...a true treat with apple crumble, trifle or roulade! Julie Riley and Jackie Worrall were great door-keepers and raffle sellers. Jackie Wibraham sorted the flowers and a lovely team set up, washed up and cleared away. Thank you too to the Watkins family for so generously sponsoring the event through a huge offering of fruit, vegetables and flowers and to Rob Watkins for auctioning everything so skilfully. We are still finalising the accounts, but we think we have made about £1,200.

We are looking forward to a busy November at St Leonard's. We start with our All Souls Service at 6.30pm on the 2nd November. This is a service to commemorate those we have lost and loved, I will read out all the names of those people I am requested to, as well as light a candle for each one. A quiet service, with quiet music, incense, thoughtful prayers and readings, all are welcome, whatever your faith or belief.

The following Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**, although we begin with a night making poppy wreaths



and flags in church on the 5th November with the rainbows, brownies and guides. Our Remembrance Services begin on Friday 7th November at 10.00am in the Cemetery, with the children from St Leonards and their families. The children will lead that service and will plant 130 crosses to commemorate all who have served in our armed forces. On Sunday 9th November, we begin at the Memorial Hall, at 10.15am with an Act of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths in the Hall. This will be followed by the procession down to St Leonards ready to begin the service of remembrance at 10.50am. The service is jointly led by our Methodist colleagues and ourselves, and as always we will be joined by the Royal British Legion, Parish Council, Fire Service, uniformed organisations and a wide range of colleagues. Please do join us if you can.

We celebrate **Advent on 30th November** in a church fully decorated with the Annual Lights Night Christmas Tree Festival. The Festival itself is opened on Friday 28th November from 5.00pm, with mulled wine, mince pies, and glorious Christmas trees all displaying memories of Christmas. It's a brilliant event and having had a sneak preview of some of the plans I know it will look beautiful. As it is the same night as the famous Ipstones Christmas Market it will make a great night out for the whole family. It also marks my 4th anniversary here in this glorious village and part of the world. Remember the SNOW that night. I hope we do not have a repeat!!

During Advent the Fellowship Group is meeting on 18th November, 2nd December, 9th November and 16th December, at 7.00pm at the vicarage (except 9th December at the schoolroom) to continue to explore Luke's Gospel, as well as socialise, laugh, catch up and pray together. Anyone is very, very, welcome to join us for good or just for Advent.

Beer and Blessings (our new roving pub service each month will be on 25th November from 7.00pm at the Old Red Lion Ipstones. Join us for a good social night, ending with a little prayer service.

We have gratefully received 2 substantial donations in memory of Rita Wainwright (£375) and Marion Sale (£290) following their funerals.

May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

Have a good November everyone – see you in Church.

St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

Butterton News for November 2025

Harvest and Pie and Pea Supper

As always, the church looked beautiful for Harvest. Roz and Damien's wedding flowers from 4th October had lasted well and helped boost the displays.

On Monday evening 70 + people gathered together at the Village Hall for the traditional Pie and Pea Supper and as always, the menu was mouthwatering.

After the meal Les Bassett our Auctioneer got into full flow and lots were snapped up quite quickly.

In total approx £880 was raised. £100 will go to Mary's Meals, a charity that aims to provide life changing school meals to hungry children around the world.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening a success, especially non-PCC members. We couldn't have done it without you. Also thank you to everyone who donated produce, desserts and raffle prizes.

Warm Welcome dates

Tuesday 28th October, Tuesday 11th November, Tuesday 25th November.

October Lottery Ball winners

1st prize of £40 — James Hambleton Plumb
2nd prize of £20 — Tricia Tomlinson
3rd prize of £10 — Peter Gibbs

Beer and Blessings

Come and join us at the Black Lion on Tuesday 28th October from 7pm.



Act of Remembrance

Tuesday 11th November at 10.45am at the Church gate.

Live Nativity

Saturday 20th December. This will be an evening to remember if all Rev Jane's wishes are granted. We think we have an Angel Gabriel and possibly Baby Jesus. The animals so far include a horse, sheep and a donkey. There is trouble trying to

locate 3 camels! More on this in following issues...

Butterton Village Hall

The next event at the Hall is the Pig Racing night on Saturday 25th October. A chance to place a bet on your favourite pig and perhaps get lucky. This is always a hilarious evening. Refreshments will be served. 6.30pm start and free entry.

Other dates for your diaries:

Saturday 6th December- Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th December- Christmas Bingo

Butterton Parish Council

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm at the Village Hall

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

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in me." Psalm 51:10

We've certainly got a busy month in front of us at church. We begin with the Commemoration of the Departed. This begins at 9.30am with Revd Jane. There is a paper at the back of the church if you would like to add the names of those you would like to be remembered in the service.

We have our Remembrance Sunday Service at 9.45am on Sunday November 9th, this will also be a Holy Communion service led by Rev Arthur Hack.

Next we have our Christmas Tree Festival which will begin on November 21st at 6pm with Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by home made mince pies and mulled wine.

The most important part will be an early visit from Santa! Naturally with a sack of presents.

On November 29th at 7pm we have a concert provided by Ashbourne Town Band. Tickets will be £10.00 with refreshments included, if you would like tickets then please get in touch with either myself on 304334 or Janet on 304 218. Please try to join us at the concert is a lovely way to start Christmas.

The day after this on November 30th we have Advent Sunday with a Benefice Family Group service at St Leonards in Ipstones at 11am.

Last of all, congratulations to all those who have won prizes in our 100 Club draws, as you know this is also called the Fabric Fund as the money raised helps to pay towards the upkeep of the church building and anything that needs doing inside.

The winners are as follows:

August 2025

1. Wendy Weaver
2. John Stone
3. June and Steve Berresford

September 2025

1. Rachel Hill
2. Peter Turner
3. Pam Berry

With Best wishes to everyone, Jean.

Ipstones Methodist Church

November 2025



In my previous articles I noted that there were in the past two branches of the Methodist Church in Ipstones – Wesleyan and Primitive.

What were the essential differences between these two branches of Methodism?

- Both groups trace their theological roots to John Wesley, focusing on personal salvation, holiness, and scriptural authority.
- Primitive Methodists emerged in the early 1800s as a revivalist offshoot, seeking to restore the original fervour of Methodism, which they felt had become too conservative and formal under Wesleyan leadership.
- Wesleyan Methodists practiced chapel-based worship with more formal liturgy and ordered governance, appealing to middle-class and artisan communities.
- Primitive Methodists favoured open-air preaching, spontaneous worship, emotional revival meetings, and a more democratic, locally governed structure, attracting poorer groups such as labourers, mill workers, and miners.
- Primitive Methodists were closely linked to working-class activism and social justice, with members involved in early trade unionism and local politics.
- Their chapels were less ornate and their religious meetings often included enthusiastic singing, testimony, and revivalist practices such as camp meetings, most famously at Mow Cop just a few miles from here.
- Wesleyan Methodists promoted education and self-improvement, often aligning with the values of middle-class society.

- Over time, differences softened, and both branches joined with United Methodists in 1932 to form the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

I wonder which branch of Methodism we would most closely identify with today?

—Roger Cutts

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

November 2nd

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

November 9th

Join with St Leonards for Remembrance Service at St Leonards at 10.30am
Mr Arthur and Mrs Eva Massey

November 16th

Dr Lynne Bradbury at 10.30am

November 23rd

Circuit Service at Wellspring Cheadle at 10.30am

November 30th

Mrs Gill Meredith at 10.30am

Coffee, toast, cake and chat
In the Methodist schoolroom

November 11th & 25th
Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

Everyone Welcome!



Elkstones & Warslow News

Warslow news

Warslow Hall Pop Up Coffee Morning: Many thanks to all who supported, helped and sent donations to keep Warslow Church open and part of the community. We raised £600.00 - Roger Pegg.

The Vicar and P.C.C. of Warslow Church gratefully thank: Roger Pegg, his team and contributors for their sterling efforts and dedication to the Church. Maggi Rowlands and the book club for their kind donation to the Church. Anon for their Harvest Donation.

"Thank you" to everyone who contributed in any way to our Harvest Thanksgiving service.

Thank you to Judy Prince for officiating with the Book Club.

Sunday 2nd November: All Souls' service, followed by Holy Baptism 11am.

All Souls' is when we remember, by name, all those who have died in the Longnor Benefice during the past twelve months.

It is also a chance for everyone to remember, with joyful assurance and thankfulness, all the loved ones we have lost over the years from our families and communities. All are very welcome.

Elkstones news

Sunday 2nd November. 11am. All Souls' service, followed by Holy Baptism at St. Lawrence Church, Warslow.

All Souls' is when we remember, by name, all those who have died in the Longnor Benefice during the past twelve months.

It is also a chance for everyone to remember, with joyful assurance and thankfulness, all the loved ones we have lost over the years from our families and communities. All are very welcome.

Revd Jane writes

I am slowly getting to know everyone involved with the church in both villages and am grateful for the warm welcome I have been given. The communities are very different, and the role church plays in community life is too, but I am very interested to hear from people what they think we do well and what we could change.

In many ways I have realised that life in Warslow is less intertwined between church and community than in some other villages, but I hope we can interact more between church, village hall and parish council? A joint event for Easter might be a really good thing to do? Maybe we could involve the school too, as I am getting to know the children well having been going into school for nearly two years now. Any ideas – let me know! I quite fancy a Teddy Bears Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt!

We are looking forward to two different Baptisms (or Christenings as many call them) this coming month, Annie Hallam and Ivy Peach. It is always really good to have a baptism, and we are delighted their families have chosen to have their little ones baptised into the Church Family. Congratulations in advance to them both.

Thank you to Warslow for hosting a visit from the Butter-ton Book Club to see the church and hear all about its fascinating history from Maggi Rowland (who used to live in Warslow. She and I would be really interested in any evidence people might have, for the installation of those beautiful mosaics in the byzantine style. Rumour has it they were put in by Italian prisoners of war, but that does not match with their age! Do let Revd Jane know if you know!

Warslow Hall Pop-Up Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported, helped and sent donations to keep Warslow Church open and part of the community.

We raised £600.00 —*Roger Pegg*.

The Vicar and P.C.C. of Warslow Church gratefully thank: Roger Pegg, his team and contributors for their sterling efforts and dedication to the Church.

Maggi Rowlands and the book club for their kind donation to the Church.

Anon for their Harvest Donation.

Judy Prince for officiating with the Book Club.

Lectionary Readings/Life Events

Weekly Lectionary Readings

set Bible readings for November 2025

Sunday 2nd November: Isaiah 1: 1-10; Psalm 32; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19:1-10

Sunday 9th November: special Remembrance readings
OR Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9;
2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20: 27-38

Sunday 16th November: Malachai 4: 1- 2a; Psalm 98;
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

Sunday 23rd November: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday 30th November: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 10: 12-18; Matthew 4: 18-22;

Life Events

(October 2025)

Funerals

Rest in Peace and Rise

29th September

Rita Wainwright

at Ipstones

11th October

Ralph Critchlow

at Onecote

Baptisms

Welcome to your Church Family

5th October

Archie William Swindells

at Onecote

26th October

Louie Gordon Graham

at Ipstones

Weddings

Many Congratulations

4th October

Damian Barlow and Roz Lees

at Butterson



Ipstones Village Shop

Traditional Shop & Post Office

Mon to Sat 6.30am–7pm

Sunday 8am–4pm

*Serving the people of Ipstones
for over 100 years*



Proud to support the Church Magazine

SAMUEL SIGLEY AND SONS

Funeral Directors

Est. 1869

Lyndhurst House,
Queen Street, Leek

**N. A. F. D.
Rolls Royce Fleet**

Tel: 01538 382048

ALLISON'S CLEANING SERVICES

*A friendly reliable cleaning service
which includes:*

- Household Cleaning
- Weekly or Fortnightly Slots
- One-off Deep Cleans
- Helping Hands for the Elderly

Call Allison on:

07507 512530

Fully Insured
References Available
12 Years Experience

Family Warm Welcome

family
**Warm
welcome**
a warm space for all

2pm–5pm every Friday

At The Methodist School Room,
Brookfields Road, Ipstones

drop in for:

- Food & Drinks
- Jigsaws, Games
- Company and Conversation

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:

Rev'd Jane Held on 01538 262116 or Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

TREVOR BOWYER — ELECTRICS —

Reliable Local Tradesman

Small & large jobs welcome

For a **FREE** no obligation quote

Call Trevor: **01538 755962**

(mobile) **07711 520621**

Work guaranteed & certified to latest
18th edition IEE wiring regulations



Ipstones Tiny Tots Nursery

Church Lane, Ipstones. ST10 2LD



Telephone **01538 266000**

Email: office@ipstonestinytots.co.uk

Website: www.ipstonestinytots.co.uk

Caring for Children 6 mos to 9 yrs 7.30am – 6.00pm

Open 51 weeks a year | Flexible Care / Hourly Rates

FREE funded spaces for all 3 and 4 year old children
(and some 2 year olds)

OFSTED rated '**OUTSTANDING**'



Registered Ofsted No. 218443
Registered Charity No. 1035202



Ipstones *online*

The community Facebook page for Ipstones and the surrounding area

Organising an event?

Advertise it **FREE** on the Ipstonesonline Facebook page

Visit Facebook and search for **Ipstonesonline**

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

Warm Welcome

THINKING OF FRIDAY FRIENDS

Walking on the Rec. with my canine companion this morning, beautiful autumn colours, and leaves falling like confetti, the song Autumn Leaves came to mind, my thoughts quickly turning to Friday Friends, and what an enjoyable time we had at Warm Welcome yesterday...

There was little structure, no quiz and only one crossword puzzle around the table, as friends comfortable with each other, sat and chatted, ate delicious food along with a cuppa, just 'putting the world to right' on various topics.

I cannot recall everything, but we shared thoughts on how lucky we are to have Rob the Ippy Butcher, we spoke of one 'senior' with a special personality, no longer with us, and holidays with her in Tunisia and Turkey. We spoke of how the Communities Newsletter has developed over the last few years, with circulation increasing and one recent Ipstones resident told us how she looks forward to receiving her copy to *'know what is going on'*...and I do know she does the quiz with her sister when she visits!

What I do remember though, is we laughed a lot, and it felt warm, cosy and very relaxing, and the time just flew by.

Thanks to all the volunteers who work tirelessly every week baking cakes, making soup, and just turning up, ensuring we have this very special facility in our community, so if you haven't done so yet, think about giving Warm Welcome a try. It takes place every Friday from 2pm–5pm in Ipstones Methodist School Room, with some folk popping in and out for a short time, others staying most of the afternoon, it's up to you.

I always look forward to Friendly Friday, and have recently met a lovely couple who have lived in Ipstones for around 10 years, and someone I used to see with her two dogs when taking our son to Ipstones School back in 1986, but if it wasn't for Warm Welcome our paths probably would never have crossed.

Thanks again Friday Friends.

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:
Sun. 2 nd November 2pm	Halloween Party	07970 053312 or ipstonesstleonardspta@hotmail.com
Sat. 8 th Nov. 7.30pm	Ipstones & Foxt Frothblowers sale	Gene Goldstraw or see poster in village shop and pubs.
Sat. 22 nd Nov. 2pm–4pm	Village Cuppa, Cake and Catch-Up	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633
Fri. 28 th Nov. 3pm–8pm	Ipstones Christmas Market	Linda Malyon 07824 449178
Sat. 7 th Feb. 11am (Gallery)	Ipstones Memorial Hall Centenary Event Group <i>Everyone welcome to share memories of the Hall.</i>	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633 mhallcentenary@gmail.com
Mon. 2 nd March 7pm	Storytelling Evening	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633

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

250 CLUB

October 2025		
£20	No. 151	Paul Grigg
£15	No. 239	Mark Edwards
£10	No. 135	Bethany Boyce

250 CLUB

Ipstones Folk News

Ipstones Folk News

We held our usual Sing-around on the third Wednesday of October at the Methodist Church. About 10 singers turned up and we enjoyed a wide variety of music with a break for refreshments. On this occasion we met in the Schoolroom as it was cosier and more convenient for a smaller number.

This month, November, is a bigger event with a guest musician the very talented Kath Ord supported by the far from Unhappy Mundys (Tim

and Ann) who will entertain us with a variety of musical offerings for the first half.

We are expecting a sell-out evening please see separate poster for ticket details or phone me on 07979755210.

That's on Wednesday 19th at the Methodist Church – doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. start.

—Roger Cutts

At Ipstones Folk Club in the Staffordshire Moorlands
On Wednesday 19th November
at the Methodist Church, ST10 2LY

Kath Ord

Presents the-
Joni Mitchell
Songbook

Supported by The Unhappy Mundys

Doors 7.00 for 7.30pm £ 10 per head
Book Tickets by text or phone 07494 738 939
or by Email to peacethroughfolk@gmail.com
Or via <https://wegottickets.com/event/677180> (+ £1 if booked online)

Ipstones Historical Society



The Ipstones Historical Society met on 25th September 2025, in the Memorial Hall extension for a talk by Jenny Lingham on the subject of eyesight correction through the ages.

Our speaker began her talk by explaining to the group the practical reasons for eyesight problems and how the eye focuses light, depending upon certain factors. Myopia (short sightedness) and Hypermetropia (long sightedness) is caused by either the shape of the eye ball or the loss of elasticity of the lens to correct sight.

In ancient history Seneca the younger discovered that letters could be seen better by viewing them through a globe or a glass filled with water. The Roman Emperor Nero wore emerald glasses to view the gladiator games. Even the Vikings produced lenses out of rock crystal however, it is generally accepted that the Italians invented modern glasses in the thirteenth century.

Early lenses were convex and two magnifying glasses were riveted together. Improvements came later with the evolution of 'Pence – nez' or nose pinch joined lenses. The first bifocals were developed in 1784 by Benjamin Franklin and by 1825 George Airy corrected Astigmatism. Edward Scarlett invented modern style glasses which hooked behind the ears and by the 1930's glasses were seen as medical appliances. It wasn't until the 1970's that the wearing of glasses became more fashionable and designers began to create their own ranges.

The development of contact lenses began in the Victorian era and by 1880 Adolf Eugen fitted the first ones made of blown glass. Obviously these were quite dangerous and by the 1930's the lenses were made of plastic.

Eye surgery has been attempted as early as the 5th century BC for correcting cataracts and many other horrible procedures were undertaken. In 1748 the first surgical removal of a cataract was made in Paris and more modern advancements occurred in 1978 when implants were inserted. Today lasers are used routinely to correct problems.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on 30th October for a talk by the Red Haired Stokie on the subject of the chained oak at Dimmingsdale. The November meeting is about glass flamework. The fee for Society members is £1.00, non-members £4.00 on the door.

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

Ipstones Gardening

Jobs for November

- **Raise planted containers** on to pot feet, bricks or similar to prevent them sitting in water, and the compost from becoming waterlogged during the winter, which can kill your plants.
- **Sow broad bean seeds** for the earliest crops next year. For best results, plant in well-drained soil in a warm, sheltered spot. In colder areas, cover the soil and developing plants with cloches.
- **Dig up**, or bring in pots of cannas and dahlias once their leaves are blackened by frost. Cut back the stems to 2.5cm/1inch from the base and overwinter in a frost-free place.
- **Take hardwood cuttings** of shrubs, such as roses, dogwoods (Cornus), mock orange (Philadelphus), flowering currant (Ribes) and forsythia. They're the easiest cuttings to root.
- **Don't slip up this winter!** Make patios, paths and steps safer by cleaning them and removing moss and algae with a pressure washer or a chemical cleaner.
- **Get the mower serviced** soon, before the rush starts after Christmas.
If the weather's mild, the grass will still grow, so you might need it back sooner than you think!
- **This is the perfect month** to move deciduous small trees, shrubs and climbers that are growing in the wrong place. Dig up a large rootball, re-plant with lots of compost and keep well watered.
- **Rake up fallen leaves** from flower borders and the lawn. If left, they'll look a mess, damage or kill plants underneath them and provide ideal shelter for overwintering slugs and snails.
- **But don't waste those leaves.** Put them in a thick black bag, mix in some grass clippings and make a few holes in the bottom. In 12 months you'll have a wonderful compost to enrich your soil.

- **This is one of the best months to plant garlic.**

Make sure to buy autumn planting/overwintering varieties from a reputable supplier. Barlic bought in supermarkets is not suitable for our climate.

Bents Garden and Home



If you're a Christmas fan,
Bents garden and home is a *must visit*.

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00pm

Sunday : 10:30am – 4:30pm

(Store open for browsing from 9am)

Bank Holiday Opening Hours

Friday/Monday : 8:30am - 8:00pm

Contact

Bents Garden and Home
Warrington Road, Glazebury
Warrington WA3 5NT

Telephone: 01942 266300

Email: heretohelp@bents.co.uk



Help Appeal

HELP Appeal: improving emergency care beyond hospital helipads

When people hear about the HELP Appeal, many immediately think of lifesaving NHS hospital helipads that enable air ambulances to land directly at hospitals, dramatically improving patient outcomes in emergencies. While this remains a cornerstone of its mission, the charity's impact extends far beyond helipads. The HELP Appeal is also a vital funder of another essential resource in emergency care: **critical care cars**.



Advancing emergency care beyond the helipad

Critical care cars are a lifeline for emergency medical teams, ensuring rapid response times and the highest level of care for patients in urgent need. They provide support when helicopters can't fly due to inclement weather or when an incident has occurred in a built-up area where a helicopter cannot land. They ensure specialist teams reach patients quickly, no matter the circumstances. Each car represents not just a vehicle, but a crucial piece of a larger emergency care network that saves lives across the country. The HELP Appeal has funded over 30 to date with more in the pipeline.

Hospital grade treatment at the scene

Equipped with advanced medical equipment and staffed by air ambulance teams, or volunteer emergency medics (from the British Association for Immediate Care, who support the ambulance service in critical incidents), these vehicles bring hospital grade treatment directly to the scene. In

many cases, this rapid intervention can mean the difference between life and death, whether it's responding to a major road traffic collision, a cardiac arrest or a complex trauma in an urban environment.



Filling in vital gaps in emergency services

The HELP Appeal's funding of these vehicles reflects a deep understanding of the challenges faced by emergency services. Helicopters, while extremely fast, are not always available, especially during poor weather conditions. Moreover, urban environments often pose logistical issues that make helicopter landings impossible. Critical care cars step in to fill this vital gap, ensuring that no matter the time or place, expert medical help is never too far away.

In extending their support beyond helipads, the HELP Appeal demonstrates its wide-ranging support for emergency care charities, going wherever it is needed to ensure more lives are saved. Through the continued funding of critical care cars, they ensure that support is not only airborne, but always accessible, regardless of the terrain or weather.

To find out more and support the HELP Appeal, which has funded 55 NHS hospital helipads to date, with 40 more in the pipeline, please visit:

www.helpappeal.org.uk

Leek Foodbank



Registered Charity No. 1153990 in England and Wales

September 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:

Total vouchers fulfilled	=	106	(86)
No. of Adults fed	=	158	(118)
No. of Children fed	=	92	(71)
Total no. fed	=	250	(189)

So, as you can see, a much busier month than September last year, and I think that this is going to be the way things are from now through the winter. We are seeing a greater number of people who are having to use the Foodbank on a regular basis, and we have 30 clients who have had more than 3 vouchers in 6 months. Although some of these clients are sadly substance dependent, more than 50% of them are not, but just struggling with the cost of day to day living. We continue to support all our clients with as many different agencies as we can persuade to come to the Foodbank and chat to them about their issues, but for some there are few if any answers.

One of the things I am highlighting in my harvest talks is that the need for Foodbanks is a year round thing, not just at harvest and Christmas when we get our most generous donations. So, I am, even in the midst of this season of giving, still attaching our regular 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;
Dog and cat food – wet and dry.

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 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*)

A huge thanks to Lindsey for her great address at Ipstones Harvest Festival.
The collection went to the Foodbank.

Ipstones Writers' Group

WRITING FOR FUN WITH THE IPSTONES WRITERS

Just back home from a get together of Ipstones Writers, thought I had better *'put pen to paper'* as I didn't make many notes this morning—lots of laughter mixed with tears, as we chatted together and shared our stories and poems around *'My Mistake'*.

A new member calling us her *'fellow penners'* which the group seemed to like, commented, as we have done many times before, at the diversity of stories and poems around the same few words, which was certainly the case this morning.

We chatted about a possible Story Telling evening with a bring and share supper, sometime early in 2026, as a social event, more than a fund raiser for the Memorial Hall, though being held in Ipstones, there is sure to be a raffle!

—More details to follow as the idea develops.

We enjoyed delicious cake over a cuppa, and with so much talk and emotion, our session just flew by, and all too soon it was time to go our separate ways, returning to the world outside The Gallery – after a tidy up of course.

—Geraldine (on behalf of the Ipstones Writers).

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

AN EVENING OF STORY TELLING WITH SUPPER

Ipstones Writing Group and the Ipstones Memorial Hall Committee are looking to plan an evening of story telling with a pot luck supper, on:

Monday 2nd March, at 7pm in the Blore Room.

The idea is for stories and poems to be shared, and can be something you have written, or something you have always liked.

Very much a social event, it will be free of charge, but participants are asked to bring a food item along for a shared supper. There will of course, be a raffle to raise a token amount for Hall funds.

—More details to follow later.

The world at my feet...Love Focus

—by Paul Holland

In a world where shadows fight
against our being, for our purpose our light.
Optimism opens the world,
So, make a positive start
do what's right, be your part.
As a beam of light,
from a greater source of purpose shines.
In each child's eyes I see born,
even those in pain, lost and war torn.
There from them, loves need,
to us our chance to return to love
for compassion we must heed.
There's no purpose or meaning
unless human minds, can vision and embrace
Loves healing.
Resound, then with natural spirit, breathing
profound.
For that light of hope and need,
for a child,
Loves answer must through us, be found.
Purge, disperse fear, cleanse tempest thinking.
Recalibrate minds capacity and beliefs,
its consciousness awaken, brighter and blinking.
Guide a leap of evolution and faith,
loves salvation of spirituality accept
then redeeming.

Ippy Book Club

People of Abandoned Character by Clare Whitfield

Marry in haste...Murder at leisure?

London, 1888: Susannah rushes into marriage to a young and wealthy surgeon. After a passionate honeymoon, she returns home with her new husband wrapped around her little finger. But then everything changes.

Thomas's behavior becomes increasingly volatile and violent. He stays out all night, returning home bloodied and full of secrets. The gentle caresses she enjoyed on her wedding night are now just a honeyed memory.

When the first woman is murdered in Whitechapel, Susannah's interest is piqued. But as she follows the reports of the ongoing hunt for the killer, her mind takes her down the darkest path imaginable. Every time Thomas stays out late, another victim is found dead. Is it coincidence? Or is her husband the man they call Jack the Ripper?

Our scores ranged from 2.5-4 with everyone (*but me*) reading and finishing.

A dark representation of Victorian Britain.

A gothic page turner.

Improved in the last third...

Twists and turns with varied subject matter from prostitution to homosexuality and murder.

Everyone agreed that all the characters were completely unlikeable.

October's book is: '**The Passenger**' by Ulrich Alexander Boschwitz and we're meeting on 11 November in Red Lion, Ipstones to review. We'll also be discussing '*Our Xmas Day Memories*' in terms of books for Ipstones Light Night and Secret Santa!

Good morning happy national poetry day!

We met early September to discuss '**Take Your Breath Away**' by Linwood Barclay.

When his wife Brie vanishes from their home one night, never to be seen again, people assume Andy got away with murder. The police can't build a case against him, but still his friends and neighbours abandon him.

Six years later, Andy's life is back on track, and he's settled with a new girlfriend. And when he hears his old house has been bulldozed and rebuilt, he's not bothered. Things are good.

But then one day, a woman who looks like Brie shows up at their old address, screaming 'Where's my house? What happened to my house?' before vanishing as quickly as she appeared.

And as dark suspicions resurface, Andy's future depends on discovering what the hell is going on. The trick is staying alive long enough to find out.

Readers comments included:

'Lots of twists and turns'; 'Middle of the road drama'; 'Formulaic'; 'Typical who dunnit'; 'Gripped at the beginning'; 'Page turner, wanted to know what happened'; 'Made for tv' - abit like an American episode of Vera!; 'Good beginning but petered off'.

We gave the book an average score of 2.5 out of 5. So we would recommend it.

We meet again Tuesday 7th October Red Lion to discuss our current read 'People of Abandoned Character' and issue our next book. We will also discuss our window for Lights Night on 28th November 'a Christmas memory' and our Christmas meal. —*All books are currently sourced via Cheadle library.*

A small poem for today:

'Take heed my friend, For you are never alone
For you walk with angels, Every day'

—Athey Thompson

Eat Out Locally

The John Hall Wellness Garden and cafe

A trip to the tip led to a delightful garden cafe surprise.

The John Hall Wellness Garden and cafe is situated in the old Brough Hall walled gardens right next door to the municipal tip.

We were seated in a sunny conservatory and served by volunteers who grow, prepare, serve and sell their own produce where able.

We had butternut squash soup and a roll with butter, very reasonable priced at £4.50

We also had a cheese oatcake with side salad, potato salad and cress for £4

The menu is vegetarian and ethnically sourced.

The cafe is open every day 10am–2.30pm (except Sundays)

And you can visit the garden and purchase seasonal plants every day.

The cafe was spotless, the food very flavoursome and great quality.

I strongly recommend a visit to the John Hall Wellness Garden and Cafe- a sanctuary for those who need it. —*Sheila Garner*

The Three Horseshoes

Blackshaw Moor, ST13 8TW

Another dining venue, just a short spectacular drive over Morridge Top from Ipstones, somewhere just a few miles away, which until recently I hadn't used.

In recent times I have enjoyed lunch with family, with friends on several occasions, and once lunch followed a relaxing facial in the spa.

If you pre-book you get a reserved table in the comfortable and spacious dining room with views to The Roaches, which usually has a buzz even on Monday! Alternatively, we have been 'walk ins' on several occasions, selecting a table in the bar area.

A modest size menu contains adequate choices, and the Philippine Chicken Skewers with five skewers, on a mango salad, comes highly recommended. If you can manage a dessert, the White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake is really good.

For those of a certain age, 'Seniors' a special deal of what is described as 'small' but it's not so small,

carvery...with a choice of dessert and excellent value at £12.95.

Monday is table service so no queuing which always feels a bit like 'school dinners'. Meat, Yorkshire Pudding, mash and roasted potatoes and parsnips, with delicious tasty gravy are plated and brought to table, along with a dish containing a good selection of vegetables. Extra gravy isn't a problem if you ask. Staff are attentive and efficient.

My husband and I, our son and several friends, all think lunch at the Three Horseshoes is a relaxing and enjoyable experience.

Enjoy, THE LUNCH EXPLORERS.



Little Ipstones Kitchen

Driving into the village one afternoon at the beginning of October, beautiful warm colours of orange, gold and red on the trees at the top of the High Street, caught my eye- a welcoming archway back home. Yes, Autumn had arrived, a favourite time of the year. A time for comfy clothes and tasty food.

A warming **Parsnip and Apple soup**, and a delicious slow cooked hearty **Chicken, Bacon and Potato stew**, to enjoy with a cuppa, using items most folk will have in the store cupboard, are the recipes selected for this edition of the Communities Newsletter, which have all been produced in the 'Little Kitchen' recently.

PARSNIP and APPLE SOUP

Ingredients to serve 4

1 tablespoon of olive oil and ¼ oz butter
½ Spanish onion, finely chopped and 1 garlic clove, crushed
2 teaspoons mild curry powder, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 ¼ lbs parsnips, chopped
1 large Bramley apple, peeled, cored and chopped
1 ¾ pints of hot chicken stock
6 tablespoons single cream and 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Heat the oil and butter in large saute pan over a gentle heat. Add onion, garlic and curry powder and sweat gently, stirring frequently, for 2-3 minutes until onion has softened. Add parsnip and season lightly with salt and pepper. Turn up heat and fry for 5 minutes or so, until the parsnips are golden.

Add apple and stir for 1 minute, then pour in the stock and bring to the boil. Lower heat and simmer for 10-12 minutes until parsnips are tender. Take off heat and cool for several minutes, then transfer to a blender or food processor and whizz until smooth and creamy. Add a little more water if the soup is

too thick for your liking. Reheat gently, then stir in the cream and lemon juice.

Adjust seasoning to taste and serve piping hot with a drizzle of cream if you wish.

CHICKEN, BACON & POTATO STEW

Ingredients for 4–6 servings.

I cooked this in a slow cooker, but could be adjusted to oven cooking if you don't have one.

1 tablespoon of olive oil
6 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
12 rashers smoked streaky bacon, chopped
7oz finely chopped onion
12oz baby new potatoes
Few thyme sprigs,
7fl oz white wine and 18fl oz hot chicken stock
280 ml pot of buttermilk (*optional*)
Squeeze of lemon juice
1 tablespoon of dried tarragon
Small tin of sweetcorn (*optional*)

Heat oil in large pan and brown the chicken thighs for about 10 minutes until lightly golden. Remove and set aside. Add bacon and onion to pan, and brown these, too.

Tip everything, except buttermilk and lemon juice into slow cooker. Cover and simmer on high for 4–6 hours (*or most of the day on low*), until the chicken is really tender and falling off the bone.

Check the sauce, and if you like it a little thicker, strain it into a pan and boil until thickened and return to the pot. Stir in the buttermilk, and sprinkle in the lemon juice...adding a small tin of sweetcorn if you wish.

Serve with something green on the side.

Happy Cooking, **THE LITTLE IPSTONES KITCHEN**

Appeals/Advertisements



Moorlands Voluntary & Community Transport

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Love driving? Have time to spare?

Want to help others?

Moorlands Voluntary and Community Transport is looking for volunteer drivers who live in the **Ipstones** area, to take local people to medical appointments.

We will cover your out-of-pocket expenses.

All we ask is a little of your time.

For further information
please contact:

Sally Bentley
(Chief Officer) on

01538 386888

or email:

contact@mvct.co.uk



ONECOTE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Weekend of:

22nd NOVEMBER – 24TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 21st 6.30PM Carols around the tree

ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE

MULLED WINE

HOMEMADE MINCE PIES

Sat. 22nd Church open 11 – 5pm

Sun. 23rd Church open 11 – 4pm

Santa making a visit
on Friday night



Clowes Coaches



*British Coaching Holidays
and Mini Breaks*

Emerson Cottage,
Blackshaw Moor, Nr Leek,
Staffordshire ST13 8TP

Call: 01538 300730

Barrow Moor,
Longnor, Buxton
SK17 0QP

Call: 01298 83292

Website: www.clowescoaches.co.uk

All our holidays offer
Door to Door Services wherever possible
with **NO** extra charge

Farming Life Centre Befriending



The FLC's befriending service connects farming community members with passionate volunteers who understand rural life.

Support includes face-to-face visits and encouragement to join local groups, aiming to build friendships and combat isolation.

Could this be YOU?

Anyone can be a rural befriender—you just need to be reliable, caring, and have a few spare hours each month. If you're willing to offer companionship and a listening ear, we'd love to hear from you.

Or?

Are you aware of someone who might truly benefit from the companionship and support our service offers? We would absolutely love to hear from you and discuss how we can make a positive impact together.

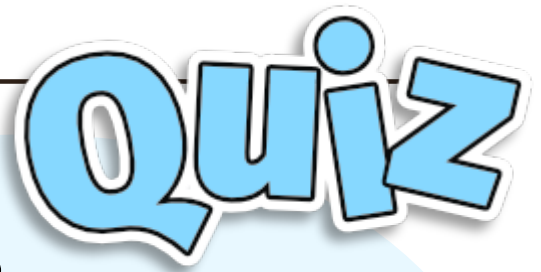
For more information:

Phone/Text: 07777 168857 or

Email: donna@thefarminglifecentre.org.uk

CHARITY NO. 1130259





DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE?

1. Which TV programme was broadcast live from Ipstones?
2. When did Ipstones declare UDI which made teletext?
3. When was the Nicholson Monument in Leek opened?
4. Name the 3 lions in Ipstones?
5. Where was the Navigation Inn?
6. The Tea Junction was formerly?
7. In what year was Leek Railway Station opened?
8. What is the highest point in Staffordshire?
9. Where can you see a double sunset?
10. What is the Winking Man?
11. Who opened Tittesworth Reservoir and in what year?
12. Which local canine recently appeared on TV in Four in a Bed?
13. Which ship's figurehead could be found in Lud Church years ago?
14. What 3 Shires meet and where?
15. Where was the Anzio Camp?
16. Where does the Queen of the Moorlands reside?
17. Who designed the iconic building that was the Nat West Bank in Leek?
18. Apart from Father Christmas, who visited Leek on Christmas Eve 1963?
19. Where was the Ragged School and what is it now?
20. Where was 'Donkey Bank College of Knowledge'?

Answers: A QUIZ OF TWO HALVES...IT CHANGED THE WORLD OR DID IT? & COSY UP TIME.

Recently chatting with a friend, she told me when her sister visits at the beginning of the month she always asks 'Have you got the Newsletter yet' and they sit down together and enjoy the quiz.

This is the first feedback I have ever received, and it was so encouraging to know it is enjoyed by some.

1. Malala Yousafzai
2. A giant leap
3. Neville Chamberlain
4. Blood, tears and sweat
5. Oliver Cromwell
6. The Iron Curtain
7. The moon
8. Margaret Thatcher
9. Martin Luther King
10. John Lennon
1. London
2. Nat King Cole
3. Raccoon
4. David Essex
5. Both refer to a state of warmth and comfort: COZY is American English, COSY is British English
6. Pavlovas
7. Chicken Soup
8. Particularly in the past, sausages had a tendency to burst or bang due to the high-water content used to stretch the meat.
9. Comfort food is said to often invoke positive nostalgic memories of home, childhood or cultural traditions.
10. December, January and February.

ONECOTE VILLAGE HALL
GROCERY/CASH BINGO – TUESDAY 4th
NOVEMBER, 2025.

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM, EYES DOWN 7.30PM
PRIZES – QUALITY GROCERIES AND SUBSTANTIAL
CASH PRIZES TOTALING OVER £120 (MORE PLAYERS
MORE CASH TO WIN).

10 GAMES OF BINGO PLUS TWO FLYERS. EACH
PLAYING FOR LINES, CORNERS OR 5 NUMBERS,
FOLLOWED BY FULL HOUSE ON EVERY GAME.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE OUR LUCKY 7 GAME TO WIN
A GROCERY SHOPPING VOUCHER.
NEW PLAYERS VERY WELCOME. FREE REFRESHMENTS
AT THE INTERVAL.



Kath Ord

Presents The Joni Mitchell Songbook

Supported by The Unhappy Mundys

Live event date: Wednesday 19th November 2025

Venue:

Ipstones Folk Club in the Staffordshire Moorlands
at the Methodist Church, ST10 2LY

Tickets can be booked by text or phone or from:

wegottickets.com/event/677180/

Photo calls and interviews can be arranged.

Contact: peacethroughfolk@gmail.com or call/text **07494 738 939**



About Kath Ord

Cumbrian-born multi-instrumentalist Kath (*now based in Leek, Staffordshire*) has a firmly established reputation as one of this country's most versatile session musicians, having toured and recorded extensively throughout the UK and beyond.

As violinist and vocalist she is known for her work with The Unthanks, Simply Dylan, The Horse Puppets, Skutch Manos and local band Vox Americana. Notable performances include Glastonbury's Pyramid Stage and the BBC Folk Awards at the Royal Albert Hall. Now she puts herself centre stage to express her passion for the music of Joni Mitchell.

Ipstones Christmas Market

Ipstones Christmas Market

Friday 28th November | 3–8pm

at Ipstones Memorial Hall

*** FREE ENTRY**

• Stalls • Food & Drink • Grotto • Raffle

*This year, we are raising funds for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,
and Cheadle Animal Welfare*

To book a stall, or for more information contact:

Linda Malyon **07824 449178** email: lindamalyon@hotmail.com

ONECOTE VILLAGE HALL XMAS **GROCERY/CASH BINGO – TUESDAY 2nd** **DECEMBER, 2025.**

TO INCLUDE OUR SPECIAL XMAS RAFFLE – PRIZES

- **VARIOUS BOTTLES INCLUDING WHISKY AND WINES**
- **HOMEMADE XMAS CAKE**
- **XMAS CHOCOLATES**
- **NUMEROUS OTHER PRIZES**



DOORS OPEN 6.45PM, EYES DOWN 7.30PM

**PRIZES – QUALITY GROCERIES AND SUBSTANTIAL CASH PRIZES
TOTALING OVER £120 (MORE PLAYERS MORE CASH TO WIN).**

**10 GAMES OF BINGO PLUS TWO FLYERS. EACH PLAYING FOR LINES,
CORNERS OR 5 NUMBERS, FOLLOWED BY FULL HOUSE ON EVERY
GAME.**

**IN ADDITION, WE HAVE OUR LUCKY 7 GAME TO WIN A GROCERY
SHOPPING VOUCHER.**

NEW PLAYERS VERY WELCOME.

**FREE SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE INTERVAL TO THANK OUR
REGULAR PLAYERS AND TO WELCOME NEW PLAYERS WHO MAY
WISH TO JOIN US FOR BINGO IN THE NEW YEAR. ALSO A FREE TOT
OF SHERRY, WINE OR FRUIT JUICE WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Ipstones Agricultural Society

Christmas Poultry



Ipstones Memorial Hall

Church Lane, Ipstones

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Doors open

7pm

Eyes down

7.30pm

Great prizes, raffle, free refreshments

Festival Of Lights



**The Friends of
St Leonard's Church, Ipstones
Welcome you to our**

Festival of Lights

The theme this year will be
"A Christmas Day Memory"

To be held at St Leonard's Church,
Church Lane, Ipstones on
Friday 28th November 5 - 8 pm
the displays will also be available to view
over the festive season

Admission £2 on Friday 28th to enjoy
mince pies, mulled wine and music
by the Salvation Army.

Contact Ann Jackson
on 07840 201982

Event Posters



St Leonard's Church
Christmas Fair
Saturday 6th
December 2025
1pm to 4pm

Coffee - Cake - Crafts

Cake donations welcome on Saturday morning

Zoë Johnson 07858 747344

Church Lane, Ipstones



Christmas Tree Festival
Bradnop Village Hall

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November 2025
12 noon to 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

Special Performance by the Young Phoenix Choir on Saturday at 3pm

Stalls, games, tombola, raffle plus festive plants & wreaths

Our homemade refreshments are perfect to share with friends & family

Come and enjoy a nostalgic afternoon with a warm community welcome

All proceeds to Bradnop Village Hall



Serving Community
Serving God

St Luke's Church Onecote
Presents a musical spectacular with:

ASHBOURNE TOWN BAND

Start your Christmas with a live silver band and Christmas carols

Venue: St Luke's Church Onecote
ST13 7RU

Decorated with Christmas trees and candle light to create a magical atmosphere to get your festivities off to a warm and wonderful start

Saturday 29th November 2025
Tickets: £10

This includes finger food at the interval
Raffle prizes and warming mulled wine on offer
7pm Start

For tickets call: Jean 01538304354 or Janet 01538 304 218



WARM WELCOME

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 10.30 - 12.30

DATES IN SECOND HALF OF 2025
8TH JULY, 22ND JULY, 5TH AUGUST, 19TH AUGUST, 2ND SEPT, 16TH SEPT, 30TH SEPT, 14TH OCT, 28TH OCT, 11TH NOV, 25TH NOV, 9TH DEC, 23RD DEC

POP IN FOR A CHAT AND A COFFEE / TEA

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Advertisements

Graham Watkins & Co.

Chartered Surveyors, Estate Agents, Auctioneers & Valuers

- Sales & Valuation of Residential and Agricultural Property, Livestock and Chattels
- Free Presale Appraisals & Valuations • Farm Dispersal Sales • Compensation Claims
- Rental Service for Residential Properties • General Land Agency including Planning Matters
- Advice Regarding Basic Farm Payment and Cross Compliance

Attendance at Leek Cattle Market each Tuesday

Telephone: **01538 373308**

Email: **enquiries@grahamwatkins.co.uk**

CARL WIBBERLEY

Agricultural Contractor

Mole Control
(Ministry approved)

Spraying, Weedwiping
& ATV Grass Management



Telephone: 01538 266498

Mobile: 07970 700724
Mobile: 07968 796383

Four Seasons Gardening

Call Lesley on:

(mobile)

07977 350917

(landline)

01538 266810

T. BRINDLEY CARPETS LTD

Carpets and Vinyls
Supplied and Fitted

— 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE —

Tom Brindley

Master Fitter—Membership No. 1521

Tel: **01538 308770**

Mob: **07817 605880**



City
Guilts

All Aspects of Tree Surgery

- Hedge Cutting
- Crown Reduction
- Tree Felling
- and more...

Contact me for a quote:

07717 195604

merlinbrowntreeservices@gmail.com



Merlin Brown

TREE SERVICES

Advertisements

CurtainsUp

Made to measure window treatments

- Custom made blinds and curtains
- Full measurement and making service
- Curtain alterations also undertaken
- Friendly and local at competitive prices including collection and delivery

Claire Hardwick

Based in Oakamoor

Tel: **01538 702201**

mobile: **07979 942050**

clairecurtains@gmail.com



Moorland Classic Cars

VINTAGE • CLASSIC • MODERN

*Body Repairs, Paintwork
and Maintenance to
the Highest Standards*

Forest Side, Parknook, Ipstones, Stoke-on-Trent

Tel/Fax: **01538 266459**

THE
**LORNA
KNIGHT**

SEWING ACADEMY

...and Your Sewing Needs



- Sewing tuition
- Haberdashery
- Sewing machine sales
- Sewing machine servicing

info@lornaknight.com

07970 345628

Ox Haye Farm Barn, Bradnop ST13 7NX

www.lornaknight.com

Carpentry

& Woodwork Repairs

Carpenter with experience of:

- ♦ Window Repairs (Sash & Casement)
- ♦ Fitted Shelves
- ♦ Door Hanging & Repairs
- ♦ Flat Pack Furniture Assembly
- ♦ Gates & Fencing
- ♦ General Repairs

FREE ESTIMATES

To find out more, or discuss your ideas,
call Tony on:

07806 713495

www.leekcarpentry.co.uk



and



01538-260012

01538-399999

01538-388888

Smithy Garage

Bottomhouse, Near Leek,
Staffordshire

M.O.T. Tests

Servicing & Repairs

Tyres

Air Conditioning

Tel: 01538 304306

E & M Dakin

**Dry Stone Walling &
Garden Services**

— plus —

Good Dry Logs for Sale

Please contact us to discuss
your requirements

Tel: **01538 260056**

Mobile: **07810 371859**

CHURNET VALLEY VETERINARY CLINIC

124 Cheddle Road, Cheddleton, Leek,
Staffordshire. ST13 7HW

Surgery Hours By Appointment Only

Mon-Fri 9.00am-10.30am
4.00pm-6.30pm

Saturday 9.00am-12.00pm

24 Hour Emergency Service (365 days)

Telephone 01538 360222

www.churnetvets.co.uk

Will Leeson

Gas and Plumbing Services

**Boiler - Fire - Cooker
Services and Breakdowns**

Telephone:

01538 266699

Mobile:

07969 394196

