



# Communities Newsletter

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton, and Warslow with Elkstones

JUNE 2026

## Churches to Stage a Flower Trail

*A STUNNING array of colour is set to be on display at churches across the Benefice during June.*

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton, Warslow are staging a collective **flower festival** trail this month.

Based on a theme of 'Pilgrimage' or 'Journey through Life' the flower festivals will be open to visitors on Saturday and Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The weekend festival will be launched on Friday night, June 5<sup>th</sup> when Ashbourne Town Band will entertain visitors at 7pm in St Leonard's Church in Ipstones. Tickets are £8 per person on the door. St Leonard's Church will then be open between 10am and 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. Refreshment will be available.

St Luke's Church in Onecote are having Pilgrimage as their theme. The church will be manned from 11am until 5pm. Volunteers will be serving soup and rolls, tea and cake. A Songs of Praise service will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday evening.

Butterton church will be open between 10am and 4pm on both days. Volunteers will be serving refreshments of tea/coffee and cake during the event, along with a raffle.

Warslow St Lawrence Church will be open on 6<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> June between 11am and 5pm. Home-made refreshments will be served daily.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June a quiz and supper in the evening will take place at 6pm. Tickets are £5 each.

A Song of Praise Service will be held 5pm on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>.

St John's in Elkstones are staging their flower festival from Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June between 10am and 5pm.

The theme for the flower festival will be Knightage. Refreshments will be available during the event.

On Sunday night the annual wakes service will take place at 7pm followed by Ashbourne Town Band.

### Treasure hunt and hog roast

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> a walking treasure hunt around Ipstones village is to be held.

It will take place between 3pm and 5pm, starting from St Leonard's Church. It will end at Colstone Heath Farm in Church Lane. This will then be followed by a hog roast, bar and games. For further information contact Rob on 01538 266891.

### Party in the Paddock

St Luke's Church in Onecote would also like to invite visitors to a Party in the Paddock which will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 1pm and concludes at 5pm.

There will be usual stalls and a bar, not forgetting a show of vintage tractors and any other vintage vehicles, which is always very interesting.

From 7pm onwards there will be music from Stepping Lane to entertain visitors.

Tickets are on sale for £10.

The BBQ will be available as well as the bar.

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## Welcome to the June 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:

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# Church Services

Church Liturgical colours G =green R=red P=purple W=White	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity G	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 2 <sup>nd</sup> after Trinity G	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 3 <sup>rd</sup> after Trinity G	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 4 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity G
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-12 Romans 4: 13-end Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	Genesis 18: 1-15 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8	Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10 Romans 6: 1-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-end Matthew 10: 40-end
Warslow	7.00pm Flower Festival Service Sharon Ford	<i>To other services</i>	3.00 Evening Worship Debra Tickell	<i>To other services</i>
Elkstones	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	7.00pm Wakes and Flower Festival Revd John Hall	<i>To other services</i>
Butterton	3.00pm Flower Festival Service Toby Gaddum	3.00 Evening Prayer Roger Cutts	10.00 Holy Communion Revd Carol Richardson	<i>To other services</i>
Onecote	7.30pm Flower Festival Service Debra Tickell	9.30 Morning Worship Toby Gaddum incl Baptism 10.45 Baptism Revd Jane Held	<i>To other services</i>	9.30 Morning Worship Debra Tickell
Ipstones	6.30pm Flower Festival Evensong Roger Cutts	11.00 Holy Communion Revd Arthur Hack (incl Baptism) 1.00: Civic Service for the Mayor of SDC Revd Arthur	11.00 am Morning worship Roger Cutts	11.00 Morning Worship Debra Tickell 7.30pm Compline John Flint

## PRAYER CORNER

O God, give me in my life the fruit of peace.

Help me to take things calmly.

Help me not to get in a panic when things go wrong.

Help me not to worry but to take things as they come.

Help me not to be nervous but to keep cool when I have something important to do.

Help me never to lose my temper, no matter how annoying things or people may be.

Keep me calm and steady, so that others may be able to rely on me.

This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen

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# Newsletter News

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## THE NEWSLETTER:

### IMPORTANT

A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

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This Communities Newsletter plays an important role in the life of our villages and churches.

Founded as a church magazine it was then given a grant to become a church and community magazine. Over the years it has moved to 50% church and 50% community news. The church leads it and underwrites it. It just breaks even!

A lot of volunteer labour goes into it, and the volunteers are an essential part of production.

We are absolutely delighted that Les Jackson, known to many in Ipstones, has volunteered to take over from Revd Jane as the Editor, beginning in May 2026. There is a new email to send everything too – [Moorlandsmag@outlook.com](mailto:Moorlandsmag@outlook.com) from May. June, July and August editions are “safe”.

BUT... and it is a VERY BIG BUT, Tony is standing down in July (*August edition*). We desperately need a new Designer who can put all the contributions together and present them as well as Tony does.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** if you are computer literate, and can create well designed pages from a wide range of contributions, consider volunteering as the magazine designer. IF no one volunteers we are looking at the magazine having to stop production which would be a tragedy.

If you are interested in volunteering about a day a month to ensure we can stay in production, please contact Les Jackson:

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A poster for the Warslow Church Flower Festival. The background is a collage of various flowers, including red and white roses, and green foliage. The text is arranged in a central white box with a gold border. At the top left, the title 'WARSLOW CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the title is a small square photograph of a stone church building. Below the title, the dates and times 'June 6th & 7th 11am-5pm' are listed. Further down, the event 'PILGRIMAGE A Life's Journey' is mentioned. Below that, a 'QUIZ' is advertised for '6th June 6pm — £5', with 'Homemade Refreshments Served Daily' noted underneath. At the bottom, 'SONGS OF PRAISE' is listed for '7th June 5pm'.

**WARSLOW  
CHURCH  
FLOWER  
FESTIVAL**

June 6th & 7th 11am–5pm

**PILGRIMAGE**  
A Life's Journey

**QUIZ**  
6th June 6pm — £5  
Homemade Refreshments  
Served Daily

**SONGS OF PRAISE**  
7th June 5pm

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# Thought For The Month

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Famous musicians will often tell of hours of hard slog to learn their instrument. Also, how important it can be to play in a group or orchestra.

Certain skills in music, having to keep time, following a conductor's lead, or playing quietly or loudly all need to be precise to get the best results.

Our community choir was superb at the service for Jane's farewell- what a glorious sound they made. Asking any of those singers to go it alone would not have had such an impact!

Jesus told of giving out talents (currency) to produce more. One man was given five and made 10, another two and made four, but a third man hid his in earth to keep it safe so nothing was able to grow from it!

Jesus was illustrating how if everyone plays their part, how important that is. Not everyone has the same gift, but if we work together we get the best results. Making the effort is the key.

Now we are in an Interregnum (gap between one minister leaving and another arriving), it is more important than ever that we all work together to keep our Christian commitment going as we all keenly feel the loss of vicar Jane.

*"We are many parts of one body and we all belong together"*  
*—Romans chapter 12, verses 4&5*

If we all work together whilst awaiting new leadership, we will get the best results.

Your gift, however significant you feel it might be, will be warmly welcomed. Jesus does not look at what you have but how you use it!

Heavenly Father,  
Help me use the gifts I have, to your glory. Amen.

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# News From The Pew

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I am writing to you as we approach the end of May. The sun is warm and spring feels as though it has now finally settled. I love the fresh colours at this time of year, especially the variety of green shades from the trees and the grasses. A timely reminder of God's amazing creation, that we are so blessed to live amongst.

As a rural community I do feel that we have a distinct advantage over our urban counterparts that we get to see creation in all its glory every day, whatever the weather.

May has been a busy month with not one but three major Christian festivals. Firstly, we had Ascension Day on 14<sup>th</sup> May where Jesus Christ was taken up to Heaven in full view of His disciples on the Mount of Olives. I wonder how the disciples felt as they saw their Lord taken up in the air in His new body.

We then had Pentecost on 24<sup>th</sup> May, which was the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon 120 of Jesus's followers and disciples. They had shut themselves away in an upper room in a house with the door firmly locked and the Holy Spirit came upon them as 'tongues of fire' which rested on each of their heads. What an amazing sight and experience that must have been.

Finally, we have Trinity Sunday which is held on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It is here that we celebrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three persons in one Godhead.

It has been a busy time for our Family Group of churches too, with May being the month for all our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. We are beginning to settle into our new routine of life without a vicar. Everyone is being hugely supportive, so my thanks go out to you all.

We look forward to June, where our highlight is our collective Flower Festival on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June. We have a theme of 'Pilgrimage' or 'Journey through Life' and Warslow, Butterson, Onecote and Ipstones churches are all taking part. We launch our Flower Festival weekend with the Ashbourne Town Band playing a concert at St Leonard's Church at 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are £8 per person on the door. We encourage all our communities to come and support us over this weekend. It would be lovely to see you all.

We also have a number of baptisms in June across our churches, and we welcome those families into our church family.

Please get in touch if you have a particular need for prayer.

Blessings, —*Toby*

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# St. Leonard's Ipstones

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## St Leonard's Church, Ipstones



Another busy month has gone by, people taking over jobs from Rev Jane, whoever thought she managed to do so much!

A good fundraiser was held by the children and parents of St Leonard's school with their bingo raising a brilliant amount. Well done to everyone involved.

Our services in the last month have been well attended with the team carrying on in their normal efficient way. The Easter services have now ended, and we look forward to **Whit Sunday** with the hope of much warmer and drier weather to come and to our joint service with the Methodists at the Chapel on Trinity **Sunday 31st May**.

Please don't forget that we have the food bank boxes in the porch for any donations.

We are now looking forward to the Flower Festival weekend beginning on **Friday 5th June** with the concert by the Ashbourne Town Band in Church. Tickets are £8 on the door with refreshments available for a donation and the **Summer Treasure Hunt and Hog Roast on Saturday 20th June** for which plans are well under way.

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## Magazine Subscriptions

About 95 per cent of magazine subscriptions have now been collected.

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If you would like to be added to the email list, please send me a message at: [roger.cutts@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.cutts@btinternet.com)

Many Thanks—Roger Cutts

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# A letter from Rev Jane and Emma

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PH36 4LW

20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear all

My view here is a very different one from the vicarage, towering rocky hills, a flash of sea and the mountains and hills of Rum, Eigg and Muck, with sheep, lambs, red deer and highland cattle all wandering around, if you can see it for the rain that is. The weather has in fact been pretty good. Mild, and mostly dry and sunny.

The week we moved in was amazing – bright sun, 18 degrees all week. Practically everything is unpacked and places found for it all and given how much we found we did not need we are now familiar faces at the local tip (*open Tuesdays and Thursdays 12.00-2.00*). It is staffed by Sheen, who is a crofter, a board member at the Community Centre with me, a wild swimmer, and was born here so knows everyone (*and their rubbish*). Everyone has 2 or 3 jobs here!

I am still reeling from the most amazing send-off ever. I have put a photo of my Deanery/Family Group gift on this letter for you all (*top left*). It is amazing and has garnered lots of comments and compliments. It is in pride of place outside the house, sturdy enough to withstand our local highland cows when they lean on it! Words cannot be found to say enough thank you's.

And the same for the deluge of other gifts and cards I/we received. I have not yet been able to send personal thank you's to everybody, and will deliver many of those when I am back in the Family Group on the 14<sup>th</sup> June as I do not have addresses for so many of you but here is a general and deeply heartfelt and grateful thank you for everything: plants;



flowers; seeds; a baby tree; chocolates; biscuits; framed and personally chosen pictures and photographs; books; gift tokens; gifts of money; james; scarves, shawls; a t-shirt; a Gaelic bible; (*working on my Gaelic! – it's the hardest of languages to learn, believe you me*), little decorations and of course prayer cards, and so very very, very many cards. Each carefully chosen, and very meaningful, so many lovely words and wishes, and so much love. We are truly blessed by it all.

We both miss everyone, of course, and retirement feels very, very, different indeed. However, the communities here are nearly as warm and welcoming as you all are, and we are being absorbed into West Coast life quickly. It does take a lot more planning of course, and time, since everywhere is so far away. We have been happily welcoming various friends and family to stay which has meant busy days and carefully planned shopping trips.

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## A letter from Rev Jane and Emma *(continued...)*

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A trip to the post office takes 1 hour each way, so we only go when its essential and we include any other things in the trip like grocery shopping, a visit to the ice-cream shop and so on. Like the Moorlands there is a lot going on, with various clubs and groups, visiting bands, and community events. The Farmer's Market is fortnightly in the hall, the best bread is sold at the gate of a house, as are cakes, eggs etc, and if we need petrol, we get the ferry to Mull!

Because of the absence of a shop (*although the new one is being built very, very quickly indeed*) we have a small pop-up shop in the community centre, and I volunteer to staff it for 5 sessions a week. A great way to get to meet folk but it takes some getting used to using an electronic till and sum-up! And as for adding up ...well you know my ease with numbers (*not*). Hopefully we will get a temporary post office too in due course...but that takes time and training, (*luckily, I have been spared that which is a relief*).

I am attending the Church of Scotland Church on Sundays, and everyone is lovely. A warm brand-new building, it's very, very different physically and liturgically (*service wise*) but worship is worship and I am glad of it. I went to see Bishop David a couple of weeks ago (*the Diocese Office and Cathedral are in Oban*) and once my police checks come through, I will be able to exercise my PTO.

I will mostly do holiday cover for Fort William, Glencoe, Onich, Ballachulish and so forth, but may also end up covering in Mull and Iona which currently are supported by the Dean of the Cathedral in Oban. I am going to the Diocesan Study Day next week which is nice.

Magnus is very happy and loves his morning walks on the beach or up on the hills. He sits in the garden ensuring he says hello to everyone passing by and whining at the sheep and cows. We think he misses his friends Meg, Sadie and Jeager, and his romps with Josie (*and his lovely walkers too*) but he is enjoying life.

I hope to catch up with folk when down, and once again a huge thank you from us both

—Jane and Emma

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IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL

## Community Supper Club

A simple supper  
followed by a **Reflexology** talk  
from Kelly (*Elysium Reflexology*)



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### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

6.30pm–9.00pm at Ipstones Memorial Hall

Includes jacket potato and fillings supper  
(bring your own drinks)

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**£8 per person**

Booking essential (*to help with catering*)

Tickets available from:

Margaret **07973 480184** or Sally **07768 173850**

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*Proceeds will go to maintaining Ipstones Memorial Hall as a community facility for all*

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# St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

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## St Bartholomew's Church

Following the APCCM, I can announce that the Churchwardens remain the same, Maggie Risby and Rachel Hopper. Deputy Churchwarden- Lily Hambleton-Plumb, Treasurer and Lay Chair- Patrick Bailey, Secretary-Maggie Risby, Minutes Secretary- Sheila McDermott, Deanery Synod members- Patrick Bailey and Rachel Hopper, Safeguarding Officer- Lily Hambleton-Plumb. Other PCC members are Barbara and Maurice Woodward, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland and our new member Jacqui Salt.



Since the APCCM we have held one PCC meeting, mainly to discuss the upcoming flower festival. Plans seem to be moving slowly but surely towards an end result. We think we have all windows and pedestals covered. Due to secrecy, I am unable to divulge any more information!

We will be serving refreshments of tea/coffee and cake during both days and a raffle. As we are not professional flower arrangers, there will be various associated displays put together by the History Group, Book Club, Wakes Committee and PCC members. The church will be open between 10am and 4pm. Hope to see you all there as part of the Flower Trail.

Rev John Hall celebrated Holy Communion with us on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May and we look forward to welcoming Archdeacon Megan on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm for Holy Communion.

### Lottery Ball Draw

May winners were first prize of £40, Monty Steele, second prize of £20, Isla Bagshaw and third prize of £10 (fanfare please) Jane Held.

### 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

We wish one of our readers, Doris Wentworth, a very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for 9<sup>th</sup> June. Happy birthday Doris and have a lovely day. I think there might be a cake for you at Warm Welcome that day. Warm Welcome mornings are Tuesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Butterton Village Hall

A busy month. The Duke of Edinburgh completed their hire of three days over three months at the village hall

where map reading skills and first aid were taught before they ventured forth around our lanes. They enjoyed the hall so much that they plan to return next year.

The AGM was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The committee was re-elected en bloc. Chair- Hilary Bassett, Treasurer and Booking Secretary-Maggie Risby, Secretary-Sheila McDermott, Minutes Secretary- Marjorie Renshaw plus Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was bingo night. Thirty attended and funds were raised towards the maintenance of the hall. The next bingo session will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Pig Racing is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. This promises to be an hilarious evening with plenty of competition between the pigs and their owners.

June looks like being just as busy with hires for dog training classes, Pilates, a birthday party and a christening.

### Butterton Wakes

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Black Lion. Things are moving towards the celebration of the Wakes on August Bank Holiday Sunday.

### Butterton Parish Council

The APM was Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Jenny Land was re-elected as Chair, Mike Stone- Vice Chair and Website Manager. Also, Darren Kirby, Karen Salt, Peter Tomlinson, JonBoy Hewitt and Tracey Perkin. Clerk- Maggie Risby.

The PC continues to work hard on progressing road repairs, grit piles and dog poo problems amongst many other situations. We are grateful for the regular attendance of SMDC Councillor Jonathan Kempster at our meetings who helps us progress many items on the agenda.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm at the village hall.

### Butterton History Group.

Things are quiet at the moment apart from working towards a contribution for the flower festival.

Grants are being applied for, for assistance in transcribing some very old 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century documents. We welcome a visit on the 20<sup>th</sup> June from an ex-pat in New Zealand. Rod Smith is coming to visit the archives to look for any information on one of his ancestors.

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# St Luke's Onecote

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*"Hope in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of His countenance." Psalm 42:5*

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The weather must have heard all our prayers; it does buck you up when it's warm and sunny.

## **Flower festival**

We will have to hope the weather continues into June for our Flower Festival. This year we are having Pilgrimage as our theme.

The church will be manned from 11am until 5pm. We will be serving soup and rolls, and we will be having a service of Songs of Praise at 7.30pm on Sunday evening. Do try to join us if you can.

## **Party in the Paddock**

A reminder about our Party in the Paddock which is to be held on July 18th. It begins at 1pm and concludes at 5pm.

We have the usual stalls and the bar, not forgetting our show of vintage tractors and any other vintage vehicles, this is always very interesting.

After that from 7pm onwards we have music from Stepping Lane to entertain us. Tickets on sale for £10. The BBQ will be available as well as the bar.

## **Walk and Talk**

Janet has also started up a "Walk and Talk" group. The next walk will be on 1.6.26 beginning at church at 7pm. After that the next one will be on 18.6.26 also starting at the church at 7pm.

Nearly forgot, any baking or items for the tombola on fete day will be a much appreciated.

## **Golden wedding**

Our congratulations go to Janet and David Mellor who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last month.

I think this is all for now, hoping to see you soon.

Best Wishes to all. —*Jean*.

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# Ipstones Methodist Church

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## St Columba: Missionary of Iona



June 9th is the feast day of St Columba, one of the great missionary saints of the Celtic world. Born in Ireland in the sixth century, Columba was a monk, scholar, and missionary whose life was marked by faith, learning, and a remarkable sense of calling.

After leaving his homeland, he travelled to Iona, a small island off the west coast of Scotland, where he founded a monastery in 563.

From Iona, Columba and his companions helped bring the Christian faith to many in northern Scotland. His monastery became a place of prayer, study, hospitality, and mission, and Iona soon became one of the most important centres of early Christianity.

Columba's influence went far beyond his own lifetime, shaping the spiritual character of Celtic Christianity with its love of scripture, community, creation, and faithful witness.

Today, St Columba still speaks to us. His life reminds us that God often works through small communities in quiet places, and that devotion, learning, and service can have a lasting impact. In remembering him, we give thanks for a saint whose faith helped shine the light of Christ on Iona and beyond.

Our churches are still influenced by Celtic Christianity today, and many of the songs in our hymn books have come from the Celtic tradition.

—Roger Cutts

## SERVICES DURING JUNE

- **June 7th** at 10.30am  
*Miss Coral Robinson*
- **June 14th** at 10.30am  
*Rev Julie Hassall*
- **June 21st** at 10.30am  
*Mrs Gill Meredith*  
*(Service to include Holy Communion)*
- **June 28th** at 10.30am  
*Mrs Beryl Stew*

Coffee, toast, cake and chat  
In the Methodist schoolroom

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Tuesdays 10am – 12noon*

**Everyone Welcome!**



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# Elkstones News

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## St John's Church, Elkstones

Our next service will be the Flower Festival Service at 7pm on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, taken by The Rev. Jonathan Hall. Musical accompaniment will be supplied by the Ashbourne Town Band.

The service will be followed by a band concert and refreshments.

Cleaning and Flowers for June – Myrtle Alcock

**Flower Festival on the theme of The Knightage – Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**The festival is open daily from 10.30 a.m. until 5pm each day, with refreshments available.**

The subject of this year's Flower Festival will be '*The Knightage*' so the flower arrangements will be based around any part of the life or career of anyone who has been knighted, i.e. entitled to call themselves Sir or Dame.

There is lots of scope to choose someone from the past or someone still living, and there are still one or two spaces available, so if you will be prepared to do an arrangement, please ring and let Myrtle know now, before the programme goes to press!

Also, if you can provide cakes for the refreshments and/or volunteer to serve on the refreshment rota or the tombola rota, please let Myrtle know as soon as possible (01538 304225). There are still spaces left on the refreshment rota for Friday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning.

Offers of raffle prizes and tombola prizes are still welcome.

Hazel Bailey is collecting things for the tombola, and is currently very short of items, so please let Hazel know (01538 304303) if you can supply prizes. Thank you in anticipation!

**We look forward** to welcoming lots of visitors, both over the Flower Festival weekend and also at the Festival Service followed by the band concert on the Sunday evening, with lots of tasty refreshments to accompany the music!



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# Warslow News

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## ST LAWRENCE WARSLOW NEWS



**CHURCH TEAM:** *Deputy Church Wardens:*

Judy Prince and Myrtle Alcock

**Treasurer:** Emma Gould

### THE MONTHS AHEAD

We are now in Interregnum.

As noted, Toby Gaddum and the Leadership Team are working hard to maintain 'service as usual'. We are truly blessed to have him taking the helm! Thank you!

If you have any needs such as a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral Service or any other ministrations your first port of call is either Judy Prince 07768 340253 or Emma Gould 07989 294809.

### FUNDRAISING

Flower Festival: 6th and 7th June 2026 – Pilgrimage – a life journey.

Thank you to the exhibitors who have kindly offered to do a display! There is always space for anyone who would like to take part – please let Judy or Emma know.

As noted, before, the displays do not have to be biblical just a personal interpretation of the theme.

No pressure or prior knowledge required just a willing heart!

Our flower festival will be open on 6th June and 7th June 2026 between the hours of 11am and 5pm.

On Saturday 6th June 2026 we will have a quiz and supper in the evening at 6pm. Tickets are £5 each - come and have some fun!

For catering purposes please let Emma or Judy know that you would like to come.

### SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of an event or celebration or simply make a donation - please contact Emma or Judy.

If you could donate a raffle or tombola prize – please contact Judy. Thank you in advance!

### SERVICE

Our Song of Praise Service will be 5pm on Sunday 7th – do come and join in with our celebrations!

### THANK YOU

We thank Wayne Bester for his kind donation of a Hoover to the Church – much appreciated!

### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

We wish Roger Pegg a belated Happy 80th Birthday! We thank him for his continued support to our Church.

We are glad to hear that Dorothy Mellor is improving!

### RECENT SERVICES

We have been blessed with some excellent services – we thank Rev. David Watkin for his service in April and Rev. Carol Richardson for our May Service – both joyous and uplifting services!

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# Ipstones Parish Council News

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## Parish Council Produce Neighbourhood Plan

AFTER several months of work Ipstones Parish Council has produced a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The plan is presently being registered with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and will run between 2026 and 2040. Once registered it will then go on public consultation for around six weeks.

It sets out a community driven vision for the villages of Ipstones and Foxt, along with the hamlets of Berkhamstych and Consall Forge aiming to preserve their rural character, enhance local facilities and guide sustainable development.

The parish also takes in areas of Winkhill and Froghall which covers a large part of the former Thomas Bolton copper works.

The plan addresses housing needs with a focus on infill and brownfield sites, supports local businesses and leisure opportunities and prioritises environmental protection, heritage conservation and infrastructure improvements.

Developed through extensive consultation and research, the plan seeks to balance growth with the preservation of the parish's unique landscape, current and future residents.

The plan supports infill development for the villages of Ipstones and Foxt where some sites already have planning permission.

Regarding Bolton Copper Works, the plan supports redevelopment of the site to include new retail business units, retail outlets and leisure, with apartments above.

The parish council feels this would bring in much needed jobs and affordable apartments.

Building apartments above would help to rectify contamination fears as it is felt that residential homes should not have gardens due to the related fears. As the site sits next to woodland, river, canal, a heritage railway and picturesque walks, there would be plenty of areas and activities for residents to enjoy.

The parish is located on the gateway to the Peak District National Park which gives added pressure on the poor road network in the area as tourists flock to the picturesque area. Heavy HGV's use on the roads also causes major concerns.

Several parts of the parish are served by many narrow and some single-track unclassified roads.

Data from the community speed watch volunteers suggest that speeding is evident by vehicles passing through Ipstones and Foxt.

The data shows that 548 vehicles, including HGV's pass through Ipstones in a period of two hours with more than 50 clocked well over the 30mph speed limit. In Foxt 80 vehicles were passing through the community in a two-hour period.

In Berkhamstych on the A523 Leek to Ashbourne Road more than 1,000 vehicles can use the road in a two-hour period.

The plan highlights infrastructure deficiencies on the road network which the council aims to find a solution.

High Street in Ipstones is congested regularly. Vehicles are parked in a long line on the right-hand side going north and then on the left-hand side leaving a small pinch gap for vehicles to get through.

This has caused a fire engine and an ambulance on separate occasions to be impeded on getting to their locations on emergency calls. There is also video evidence of a parked car in collision with a caravan while being towed by a vehicle.

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## Ipstones Parish Council News *(continued...)*

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During a parish survey there was strong support for an extension of yellow lines for about two or three metres, while some argued more were required.

The parish council is working with highways to find a solution to the problem along with the speeding of vehicles at the top side of High Street and also along Froghall Road.



*Pictured left and above is the problem congestion is causing in High Street*

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## Thank You Roger for Going the Extra Mile

There is always lots of chat and banter at Warm Welcome, and today Roger went the extra mile, by going to the shop to buy cream, then back home to pick up the mixer to whip the cream to add to the delicious scones, which were a real treat.

Conversation continued around the table, as it does at WW, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July it was decided, CREAM SCONES AND STRAWBERRIES will be served Wimbledon Style, with a glass of bubbles, so hope you will be around the table with us.



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# Local Interest

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## JUST A THOUGHT...

Walking on the recreation ground in Ipstones this morning with Ashe, reflecting on how fortunate we are in Ipstones, having different places to pop in for a cuppa and catch up, with volunteers committed to projects ensuring these opportunities exist, where we are always made to feel welcome, are sure to know some of the other folk gathered around the table, making for an enjoyable time during what might be a very long day for some of us.

So, for me this morning, its tea and toast and other snacks at the **Sunday School Room** between 10am and 12pm. This happens a couple of Tuesday's each month and is always enjoyable.

Every Friday, again at the Sunday School Room, its **Warm Welcome** between 2pm and 5pm offering just what it says...a Warm Welcome. Lively, friendly, banter around the table, maybe a quiz or group crossword or two, as well as a jigsaw corner for the enthusiasts. Delicious cakes and snacks to accompany unlimited cuppas.

One Sunday morning recently, I caught up with a dear friend at Dolly Birds Café at the Memorial Hall, where we enjoyed a late breakfast and 'natter' which we both found beneficial, agreeing we must do it again soon.

LOOKING FURTHER AFIELD...

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Since the covid pandemic, spontaneous dropping in on each other appears to have fallen by the wayside, which seems a real pity, so come along to Ipstones Memorial Hall to catch up with friends and neighbours and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and a cuppa.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** between 2pm and 4pm its **CUPPA, CAKE AND CATCH UP**, and on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12** there will be a Christmas themed raffle as well.



Please support these village gatherings. They don't just happen...sincere thanks to all the volunteers who ensure they do.

No need to feel lonely in Ippy. —*Geraldine*.

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# Ipstones Historical Society / Hall Centenary

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The Ipstones Historical Society met on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for its annual general meeting.



The AGM commenced with our current president welcoming everyone to the meeting. He then personally thanked the committee members for their continued commitment to the society and for their hard work in keeping the Ipstones Historical Society running.

A new committee was duly elected for the forthcoming year with all the current members retaining their posts from last year. It was agreed to keep the annual subscriptions the same for the forthcoming year as the society was on a good financial footing.

The **new programme of events** was outlined as follows:

**28<sup>th</sup> May** – Unpicking the threads, *by Shaun Farrelly*

**25<sup>th</sup> June** – The Life of Robert Hooke,  
*by Jenny Lingham*

**30<sup>th</sup> July** – outing to be advised

**27<sup>th</sup> August** – Growing up in the 50's, *by Bill Durose*

**24<sup>th</sup> September** – Proverbs and Idioms,  
*by Steve Williams*

**29<sup>th</sup> October** – Leek, Polish connections, *by Barbara Grzegorzek*

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – Mines of the Peak District, *by Byron Machin*

**December** – *no meeting.*

The society was asked for any further suggestions for forthcoming speakers or outings.

It was suggested that a talk on the history of Ipstones made by the society could be a possible way to keep speakers costs down and at the same time attract local members. The meeting was rounded off with cheese and wine.

Finally, our booking secretary would like me to invite anyone who reads these notes to get in contact with the society if they have any suggestions whom we could approach as new speakers for our meetings. The pool of speakers has diminished in recent years, and it would be greatly appreciated if suggestions could be made for new topics or people to address any of our future meetings.

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The next meeting will be on May 28<sup>th</sup>, when we have a fascinating talk on unpicking the threads. All are welcome, members £1 and non-members £4 on the door.

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## Family Warm Welcome

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# family warm welcome

*a warm space for all*

**2pm–5pm every Friday**

*drop in for:*

At The Methodist School Room,  
Brookfields Road, Ipstones

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

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:

Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

## 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

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# Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

## What's On: Regular activities to join

	ACTIVITY	FOR MORE INFO:
MONDAY	Computer Classes	Sally Wilson 07768 173850
TUESDAY	Seated Pilates – 11am (weekly)	Louise 07956 675683 or <a href="mailto:Louise@podumpilates.com">Louise@podumpilates.com</a>
	Ipstones Writers – 1.45pm (last Tuesday of month)	Geraldine 01538 266633
	Yoga – 5:45pm (weekly)	Natalie 07970 940718
	Ipstones Youth Club	Heather 07432 873605 and Nikki 07734 421972
WEDNESDAY	Dolly Birds Café – 9am – 2pm (weekly)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	Ipstones WI – 7.30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month)	Jane Fleet 01538 260074
	Rainbows – 5pm Brownies – 6pm Guides – 6.30pm } (weekly—term-time only)	Call 0800 169 5901
THURSDAY	Yoga – 9:30am (weekly)	Louise 07736 351257
	Well Street Medical Practice Clinic – 10am (weekly)	Well Street Practice Reception 01538 753114
	Indoor Bowls – 7pm (weekly)	George Ratcliffe 07837 451829
	Ipstones Historical Society – 7.30pm (last Thursday of every month)	Alison Cartledge 01538 266048
FRIDAY	Seated Pilates – 12noon	Louise 07956 675683 <a href="mailto:Louise@podumpilates.com">Louise@podumpilates.com</a>
SATURDAY	Dolly Birds Café – 9am–1pm (weekly)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
	Little Kickers Football – 9:30am (weekly)	Steve North
SUNDAY	Dolly Birds Café – 9am – 1pm (weekly)	Ann Mace 07518 472770
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

Anyone is welcome to join these events.

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

	ACTIVITY	FOR MORE INFO:
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm	<b>Ipstones Community Supper Club</b> <i>Jacket potato supper &amp; Reflexology talk</i>	Margaret 07973 480184 or Sally 07768 173850
Tues. 30 <sup>th</sup> June 12noon	Ipstones & Foxt Senior Citizens Coffee Morning	Margaret Stevenson 07496 103022 Linda Malyon 07824 449178
Sun. 19 <sup>th</sup> July from 9.45am	<b>Ipstones 5ish Road Race</b>	Linda Malyon 07824 449178
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Ipstones 74 <sup>th</sup> Agricultural Show	Jeff Chadwick 07765 236824
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30pm	<b>Funhouse Comedy Night</b>	Denise Rowe 07739 179722 <a href="mailto:deniserowe1@yahoo.co.uk">deniserowe1@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Sat. 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2-4pm	Ipstones Memorial Hall <b>Cuppa and a Chat</b>	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept. (time tbc)	Ipstones British Legion <b>Last Night of the Proms</b>	Margaret Burnett 07973 480184

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

### May 2026 draw

£20	No. 203	Sue Gould
£15	No. 121	Jack Boyce
£10	No. 98	Dan Scragg

250 CLUB

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## Village Phone Box in Danger of Being Removed

IPSTONES Parish Council has been notified of BT's proposal to remove the public payphone located outside the Marquis of Granby, Ipstones as it is claimed it has little usage.

Following a council meeting the authority has registered its complaint against its removal stating it is a listed building structure and therefore cannot be removed.

The council has now written a formal objection to its removal on the grounds of:

### 1: Listed Status and Statutory Considerations

The kiosk is a Grade II listed structure, and therefore a designated heritage asset. Its continued function as a working telephone kiosk forms part of its historic and architectural significance.

Removal of telephony equipment would materially alter its character and would require listed building consent. The parish council considers that the proposed decommissioning would be inconsistent with the preservation of the asset's historic function.

### 2: Rural Location and Public Safety Provision

Ipstones is a rural parish with limited mobile coverage in parts of the settlement and surrounding hamlets. The kiosk is situated on a busy B-road and serves as the only public payphone for several miles.

Although recorded usage may be low, the kiosk provides an essential fallback means of communication for residents, visitors, and road users in circumstances where mobile signal is unavailable or devices are inoperable. Under Ofcom's criteria for assessing payphone retention, the kiosk meets the test for continued public safety value.

### 3: Emergency Use and Resilience

The kiosk provides a resilient, non-mobile-dependent communication option in the event of emergencies, power outages, or network failures. The parish council considers that its removal would reduce emergency communication resilience in a rural area where alternative facilities are not readily accessible.

### 4: Maintenance Commitments

BT representatives confirmed to the parish council in 2025 that the kiosk was scheduled for repainting and maintenance during the current year. The kiosk has received minimal maintenance for a considerable period, and its condition does not reflect its listed status.

The council therefore requests that BT fulfil its maintenance commitments rather than pursue decommissioning.



# Ipstones Folk Night

Ipstones Folk Club in the Staffordshire Moorlands ST10 2LY



*"-no better duo - the Everlys of folk!" (Tom Reid)*

**Supported by Rich Heady and friends**

£10 per head Doors 7.00 for 7.30pm

- to book tickets for this event email to [peacethroughfolk@gmail.com](mailto:peacethroughfolk@gmail.com)  
or from Malc ( 07494 738 939), Roger Cutts, Tom, Clive or Rich

Or buy online via <https://wegottickets.com/event/690497> (£10 + WGT booking fee)

## Peace through Folk Events June to November 2026

Join us at our regular Folk Club sessions on the third Wednesday of each month,  
including occasional **guest nights\***

at The Methodist Church, Ipstones, ST10 2LY, Staffordshire.

June 17th - Sing (& play) around

July 15th - Sing (& play) dedicated to Rick Ford

**\*August 19th - Guest night with Tom Perry & Clive Brooks**

Tom & Clive have been performing together at folk clubs and festivals since 2011, having become well known over the years for their fine solo singing and performances with various other groups. Their repertoire, which is delivered a cappella, consists of traditional songs and contemporary pieces written in the traditional vein. Most of their songs have choruses and audiences are encouraged to join in.

September 16th - Sing (& play) around

October 21st - Sing (& play) around

**\*November 14th - Peace Concert with Reg Meuross—details TBA.**

Contact for more information and advance ticket bookings:  
by email - [peacethroughfolk@gmail.com](mailto:peacethroughfolk@gmail.com) or text or call: 07494 738 939

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# Ipstones Folk News

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## Folk Club News

Ipstones Folk Club at Ipstones Methodist Church is fast becoming one of the leading folk venues in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

In May, we had the great privilege of welcoming the internationally renowned folk duo Karen Pfeiffer and Paul Walker. Karen, originally from Stuttgart in Germany, and Paul, from the Potteries, bring their cultures together in eclectic style, especially in their song “Auf Wiedersehen, Me Duck.”

“So, that’s it for another year,  
Goodbye, my friends, good luck,  
We’ll see you in a field somewhere,  
Auf Wiedersehen, me duck!”

These words were inspired by our own MC, Malcolm Hawksworth, as he bid farewell at the end of a festival.

This time we did not need to meet in a field — instead, we were comfortably gathered in our own Methodist Church, with an enthusiastic audience of more than 60 people, supported by the Leek Peace Choir, beautifully conducted by Penny Barfield.

And then to Paul and Karen themselves: we were treated to a wonderful mix of songs, ballads and stories, almost all written by Paul, who showed his excellent guitar skills, while Karen impressed us with her remarkable virtuosity on a variety of wind instruments — which, to quote another review, looked like a collection of plumbing equipment.

Both performers sang superbly, with close harmonies and strong solo voices, and they frequently encouraged the audience to join in with the choruses.

Paul is still hoping to receive an award for his songwriting, and in his usual self-effacing style, he shared his disappointment in “The Rejected Songwriters’ Club.”

As so many traditional folk songs feature murder and mayhem, “The Ballad of the Queen of May” was no exception — or was it? Paul and Karen gave the tradition a fresh and imaginative twist.

It was a great turnout from the Ipstones folk community, and the evening was one to remember. If you were there, you will surely treasure it for a long time; if you missed it, do look out for future events at Ipstones Folk Club.

We are especially grateful to Malcolm Hawksworth and Peace Through Folk for supporting Ipstones Methodist Church and helping to raise the profile of Ipstones in the Staffordshire Moorlands folk scene.

**Our next meeting** will be a Sing-around on Wednesday, 17th June at 7.30pm.



*Pictured above:* Karen Pfeiffer and Paul Walker at Ipstones Folk Club

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# Ipstones Writers' Group

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## WRITING FOR FUN WITH THE IPSTONES WRITERS

After a cuppa and a slice of Genoa cake at the April get-together of Ipstones Writers, the five-minute spontaneous writing task was around the word ORANGE...a colour, or is it a fruit?

A couple wrote about it being a very in vogue colour during the 1960's when they bought their first houses. One spoke of a tall cylindrical floor standing lamp with an orange plastic shade, very trendy back in the day, and another of how his girlfriend was in tears when he wanted to paint the lounge orange and lime green.

Someone said they didn't like to eat oranges as they are too messy for their liking, although spoke of liking its citrus uplifting scent, a top note in the aromatherapy world, and the pleasure of lighting an orange and spice wax melt in the evening, its scent wafting through the house.

It had been a craving during a pregnancy, along with thick home-made marmalade, and others spoke of tangerines being in their stocking at Christmas.

The political connection particularly in Ireland was mentioned, as well as William of Orange, and the Netherland football team.

One word can produce so many different thoughts, and just wondering what results we will get around the writing prompt for next time - A DAY IN THE LIFE...Enjoy, —IPSTONES WRITERS.

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**When a picture** popped up recently on Jane's facebook page, I immediately recognised Competa in Andalucia southern Spain, where she and Emma were holidaying. I had sat in that village square way back, enjoying leisurely lunches with friends, and people watching.

I started to reflect on the white villages further east, between the coast and the city of Granada. I was in the small village of Pampaneira, walking through the

alleyways lined with shops, took in views down the valley towards the sea, marvelling at those strange, tall mushroom shaped chimneys on the rooftops, enjoying coffee in the square under the Spring sunshine, even though there was a slight nip in the air, and of course, I shopped the shops. I really was there, and when I went to bed that night it was even more real.

A story I had penned in 2020 set in those hills popped into my mind. I called it **THE BRIDGE...**

Like most communities in Spain, the village square of Pampaneira has several benches around its perimeter, a couple pulled together, occupied every day by the elder statesmen of the village.

Eduado and Pablo had joined the mid-morning gathering of craggy bronzed faces, after their retirement some twenty or so years before. By the natural process they had worked their way towards the top of the pecking order, which was currently headed by Carlos, well into his nineties, followed closely by Matias.

The men would start to appear around 10 o'clock – the steady, rhythmic tap-tap of walking sticks on the flag stones heralding their arrival. They would sit chatting, watching the daily comings and goings, disappearing as hunger pangs set in, and the sun rose higher in the sky just after noon, returning after their siesta to enjoy the late afternoon sun.

On cooler days, the menfolk would still be on their benches, scarves tucked into pullovers underneath jackets, woollen socks in their boots, complete with flat cap, straw Panama, trilby or baseball cap, some worn at a jaunty angle.

Only rain drove them to seek shelter under the covered terrace at the local hostel, where they would take over the white plastic tables and chairs, still observing the scene. On the coldest of days, they would retreat inside, sit round the huge roaring log fire by the bar, enjoying a glass or two of something to keep warm.

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

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There was an unwritten understanding among the brotherhood, that they would meet every day of the year, come what may, Christmas day being the only exception. Despite one of them being picked up every day in a chauffeur driven car which would head north to Granada, most worked locally on the land or in village businesses. They were all equal now, so worktime chat was strictly taboo.

Life centre's on its pretty square dominated by the 16th century Iglesia de Santa Cruz, flanked by attractive white houses many with deep covered terraces decked out with loads of pots of colourful flowers of all kinds, and bunches of peppers and garlic hanging out to dry.

Its labyrinth narrow streets reach out up the hillside from the square, where small workshops jostle for position with more of the characterful white houses, built out of huge boulders, their roofs being supported with tree trunks, topped with very tall mushroom-style chimneys, designed to take the wood-smoke away from the village.

It's here the small Monday market sets up early morning, more for the locals than tourists. Often community members of the nearby Buddhist Meditation Centre, O Sel Ling, wearing robes of saffron and burgundy, make their way down the mountain to the market, to buy food and sell their bits and pieces.

On several visits we have stayed at Hostal Pampaineira, just off the square, run by Alfonso and his family—basic, but comfortable. Alfonso being known for his Plata Alpujarreno, a local dish from the Alpujara mountain region, of potatoes, fried eggs, cured ham, Morcilla a blood sausage, sweet peppers and chorizo, wholesome and satisfying.

One chilly morning I remember us driving to Trevelez, the highest village in mainland Spain, some 4,500ft. passing acres and acres of beautiful almond trees in full blossom along the way. We joined the locals in a café, sitting in front of a massive ancient woodburning stove enjoying a Plato Alpujarreno,

when through the window I noticed a man on horseback laden with panniers, riding slowly down the mountainside into town, from who knows where, probably to stock up on supplies.

With backgrounds poles apart, Eduardo and Pablo's friendship developed over the years as they became more like brothers, chuckling together during good times, and supporting each other when times were hard. One had seen the other being whisked off to Granada in that chauffeur driven car most mornings, as he tended his sheep and goats on the mountainside just north of the village.

One afternoon it was too hot even for these two elderly Spaniards, so they decided to go and sit on a recently installed bench in a shady spot underneath the bridge at the entrance to the village. The river a mere trickle in summer, large flat stones on its bed, worn smooth by centuries of winter torrents, were exposed. Sometimes during winter the village would be cut off from the outside world by landslides, the daily bus to Granada unable to get through.

Eduardo notices his pal was slower and not as chatty today, nothing he could put his finger on. Their progress to the bench was slow.

Pablo sighed as they sat in the shade, gazing at the narrow road snaking its way down the mountain to the coast in the far distance. He seemed to be deep in thought, so there was little conversation.

The men must have dropped off to sleep for a while and Eduardo awoke with a shiver. He turned to his pal and said, *'Better make our way back, they will have supper ready and wonder where we have go to'*.

Pablo didn't reply. His head was slumped forward.

As a tear rolled down his cheek, Eduardo reached for the silk handkerchief in his top pocket, picking up the Panama hat beside him.

—Geraldine Shuttleworth. August, 2020.

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# Eating Out Locally

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**RASA** — 14 Terrace Road, Buxton



With an empty page in my diary, and wondering what to do with myself, I was pleased to see a message on my laptop from a friend who suddenly had an unexpected free day, and did I fancy a drive out for coffee?...funny how things happen sometimes.

Within half an hour on a bright sunny morning, we were driving over the moorland to Buxton, and found ourselves at RASA, somewhere my friend had researched did *'proper'* coffee.

It is a tiny place, just seating for about eight people, with a couple of extra tables on the pavement for people watching. We were made to feel very welcome, and the owner was very knowledgeable

about his coffees and hot chocolate, which my friend said had so many depths of flavours.

My tipple is coffee which was rich and smooth and went down well with a cake on the side.

Chatting to this young man, we discovered his other business in lower Buxton, **the Chakra Lounge**, at 50, Spring Gardens, SK17 6BZ, somewhere the other half and I had enjoyed lunch some time ago. The Chakra Lounge has a menu blending exotic flavours of Eastern culture, with more well-known favourite dishes from the West.



I think these venues are well worth a visit and come highly recommended.

Hope you enjoy as much as we did.

—*Geraldine Shuttleworth*

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## Advanced Notice:

A date for your diary...

The magnificent  
**Treasure Hunt and Hog Roast**  
is back this year. **20th June.**

*More details to follow...*

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# Little Country Kitchen

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Sometimes I get up, put the coffee on which is automatic really, but then just don't know what I want to eat for breakfast.

I recalled a recipe given to me by a friend way back, for **Breakfast Banana & Walnut Muffins**, and despite extensive searches among my extensive recipe collection, I was unable to find this recipe.

Hearing a discussion about a recipe in the Newsletter a few months ago...perhaps time for another cake. This time **Cherry, Almond and Coconut Slice**.

## BREAKFAST BANANA & WALNUT MUFFINS

Makes 9 muffins in tulip muffin cases, which I place in muffin tins for support.

Preheat oven to 190 fan bake/gas 5

### INGREDIENTS

115g butter, softened

100g brown sugar

3 ripe bananas, mashed

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

115ml milk

2 eggs

175g wholemeal SR flour and 100g white SR flour

**OR** same amount of wheat bran which I didn't have in the pantry.

1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda and ¼ teaspoon salt.

Handful of chopped walnuts – more or less to your own taste.

### TO MAKE

Cream butter and brown sugar until well mixed.

Add bananas, milk, vanilla and eggs and mix.

Combine flours, baking powder, baking soda and salt, and add to the mixture.

Add walnuts and carefully mix.

Put into muffin cases and bake for 15–20 minutes until skewer inserted into centre of muffin comes out clean.

*I think the muffins are best eaten warm.*



## CHERRY, ALMOND AND COCONUT SLICE

Makes about 12 pieces.

### BASE

1½ cups plain flour

¾ cup desiccated coconut

½ cup brown sugar

½ teaspoon sea salt

180g butter, chopped

### TOPPING

60g butter, chopped

¼ cup caster sugar

2 tablespoons cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

150 g sliced almonds

50g thread coconut or slithers cut off coconut chips



### TO ASSEMBLE

½ cup red berry jam of choice.

670g jar of pitted cherries, well drained and patted dry.

Grease a 30cm x 21cm slice tin and fully line with baking paper.

Preheat oven to 170 regular bake/gas 3

**BASE** put the flour, coconut, sugar and salt in a food processor and pulse to combine. Add butter and process until everything is damp and starting to clump together. *(Or use rub-in method if you don't have a food processor).*

Tip into the prepared slice tin and press down firmly to form an even base.

Bake for 15 minutes, until golden and firm.

Put aside for 15 minutes to cool.

**TOPPING** Melt the butter, sugar, cream and vanilla together gently in a medium pan, then stir in the almonds and coconut, turning so everything is well coated.

**TO ASSEMBLE** Stir the jam and cherries together, then spread evenly over the cooled base.

Spoon over the topping. Bake for about 20 minutes, or until golden and set.

Leave to cool in the tin before cutting.

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# Ipstones Gardening

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## Jobs For June

This is the main month for planting up beds and borders with summer bedding plants, and planting up summer containers and hanging baskets. Plant thickly for the best displays.

If you need quick growing climbers to hide eyesores, then grow annual climbers such as morning glory (Ipomoea), canary creeper (Tropaeolum peregrinum), sweet peas and purple bell vine (Rhodochiton).

Grow great value plants that will brighten up your garden for years. Sow seeds of perennials like aquilegia, lupin, delphinium and achillea, then plant out the young plants.

For a bumper crop of tasty tomatoes, start feeding with Flower Power as soon as the first fruits begin to form. Feed outdoor tomatoes once a week, but indoor ones twice or three times a week.

Keep clematis well watered during the summer. In hot sunny spots, cover the soil around their stems with stones, compost or bark chips to keep the roots moist and cool.

Once broad bean pods start to develop, pinch out the tops of the plants. This boosts the crop, as well as helping to keep blackfly at bay. Give them a liquid feed too.

Strawberry plants should be replaced every two to three years with fresh plants. Grow your own from runners—shoots with young plants attached. Root them, still attached to the plant, in pots of compost.

Give your house plants a summer holiday. Pop them in the garden for the summer in a sheltered spot on the patio. Don't forget to water and feed them along with all your other patio plants.

Plan ahead for winter and spring and sow seeds of winter and spring-flowering bedding—such as pansies, polyanthus, wallflowers, Sweet William and bellis daises.

Wherever possible, deadhead azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons after flowering. Feed regularly and make sure they don't dry out during the summer, otherwise the flower buds may drop off next year.

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## PLACES TO VISIT

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### Jacksons Nurseries

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**Telephone:** 01782 502078

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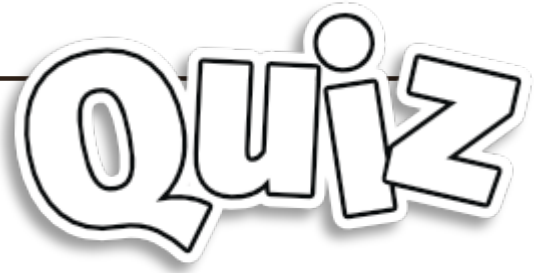
Friday - 8:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday - 8:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday - 8:00am - 4:30pm

Last hot food orders in the tea room 3:30pm





# AROUND THE ROYALS QUIZ

1. What dynasty do the Monaco Royals belong?
2. In what year did Grace Kelly marry Prince Rainer of Monaco?
3. Monaco's Royal Residence is known as?
4. Albert II of Monaco is married to?
5. Who is the current monarch in Holland?
6. What is the name of the Swedish Royal family?
7. Where was Prince Phillip born?
8. What is the real name of the British Royal family?
9. What is the hobby of Princess Catherine?
10. Which football club does Prince William support?
11. What is the full name of Queen Elizabeth II?
12. Who was the first Royal Bride to have a college degree?
13. Which Royal is a trained calligrapher?
14. What year did Windsor Castle catch fire?
15. Who is Princess Ann married to?
16. How many grandchildren did Queen Elizabeth II have?
17. Who 'snuk' Princess Diana into a gay bar?
18. How many ravens must live at the Tower of London?
19. What gift did Queen Elizabeth give to her staff every Christmas?
20. Where was Princess Elizabeth, and why was she there, when she became Queen?

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## May Quiz Answers: ACROSS THE DECADES

1. Brad Pitt and Angelina Joli   2. Zumba   3. Tomagotchi   4. Britney Spears   5. Euro   6. Monica Lewinsky  
7. Titanic   8. TLC   9. John Mayor   10. Margaret Thatcher   11. Flash Dance   12. Alfred Hitchcock  
13. The Young Ones   14. Dynasty   15. Michael Jackson   16. Bob Geldof   17. Ringo Starr   18. John Lenon  
19. Canada   20. The marriage of Lady Diana Spencer and Prince Charles
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# Events

## The Friends of St Leonard's Church

invite you to start our flower festival by joining us for a concert performed by

## The Ashbourne Town Band

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

7.00pm at St Leonard's Church, Ipstones  
Cakes and drinks available for a donation

Tickets £8 per person on the door

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Contact Ann Jackson  
07840 201982

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