

It's...Show Time

THE month of August sees two very popular Moorlands agricultural shows taking place in the area.

Firstly, the 46th annual Manifold Valley Agricultural Show takes place on Saturday August 8th at the picturesque site in Ilam Moor Lane, Ilam between 9am and 5pm.

Later in the month the 74th Ipstones Agricultural Show takes place on **Saturday, August 29th** at the recreation ground located off Church Lane.

The Manifold show will include heavy horses, horse and pony show, dressage and the ever-popular Chase me Charlie triple bar event. Livestock competitions will include open classes for cattle, sheep and poultry show. The hugely popular slow tractor race will again feature as a main attraction.

A fun dog show along with 40 classes for arts, handicrafts and home produce along with many trade stalls will be available for visitors. There will also be a parade of hounds, working gun

dog demonstration and a grand parade of prize winners and trophy presentation in the main arena.

The Ipstones Agricultural Show will start with a gymkhana at 9am and the judging of heavy horses, cattle, sheep and goats will begin at 10am.

The official opening will take place at 12pm by Judy Scott-Moncrieff.



Organisers have put together a wide range of entertainment for all the family led by the Mountain Bike Aerial Display Team. The team has wowed crowds worldwide since 1996 and has the UK's top riders including former

World and British Champions.

Visitors will be amazed with flips, spins, hops, balancing tricks and other stunts.

They will be joined in the main ring attractions by the Mighty Smith Strongman Show.

Adrian Smith, 5th in the World's Strongest Man and three times Winner of UK's Strongest Man Competition, presents a show geared for family fun with visual humour and audience participation.

A host of trade stands, along with a licensed bar will also be available.

Welcome to the August Communities Newsletter

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CHURCH ROTA, IPSTONES — AUGUST 2026

Church Liturgical colours G=green R=red P=purple W=White	1 st Sunday 2nd August 2026 9 th after Trinity/Proper 13 G	2 nd Sunday 9th August 2026 10 th after Trinity/Proper 14 G	3 rd Sunday 16th August 2026 11 th after Trinity/Proper 15 G	4 th Sunday 23rd August 2026 12 th after Trinity/Proper 16 G	5 th Sunday 30th August 2026 13 th after Trinity/Proper 17
	Evensong 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11am	Morning Worship 11am/Pet service	Morning Worship 11am Compline 7.30pm	Joint Service with Chapel 10.30am
	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Welcomers	Ruth Flint / John Flint	Ann Jackson	Zoe Johnson Pat Nash	John Flint	Volunteers
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Eucharistic Assistant	N/A	Jacquey Millward	N/A	N/A	N/A
Refreshments	N/A	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

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Lectionary Readings	Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 17: 1-7 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Genesis 45: 1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28	Exodus 1: 8-2: 10 Psalm 124 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26 Romans 12: 9-end Matthew 16: 21-end
Warslow	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Carol Richardson	<i>To other services</i>
Elkstones	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	3.00pm Evening Worship Toby Gaddum	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>
Butterton	<i>To other services</i>	3.00 Evening Worship Roger Cutts	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	1.00pm Wakes Service Toby Gaddum
Onecote	9.30 Holy Communion Rev'd Carol Richardson	9.30 Morning Worship Roger Cutts	<i>To other services</i>	9.30 Morning Worship/Pet Service Toby Gaddum	<i>To other services</i>
Ipstons	6.30pm Book of Common Prayer Evensong Toby Gaddum	11am Holy Communion Rev'd Arthur Hack with Baptism	11.00 am Morning Worship/Pet Service Toby Gaddum	11.00 Morning Worship Roger Cutts 7.30pm Compline John Flint	10.30am Joint Service with Methodists at St Leonard's Roger Cutts

News From The Pew

What a glorious summer we are having. The sunshine always reminds me of God's creative power; the heat and light it gives the world. The blue sky and sunshine always lift my mood, whatever I am going through at any given moment in time.

However, the sun can be our friend and can equally be our foe. As I write some parts of the world continue to go through drought, there are wildfires in Spain and other parts of the world are experiencing extreme heat. In the UK some water authorities have now imposed hose pipe bans.

I feel so blessed that we live where we do up here in the Staffordshire Moorlands where we don't tend to get the full force of the weather extremes that other parts of the UK do. I don't think I thank God enough for His provision of warmth and light.

As we know the opposite of light, is darkness and that can shroud our own lives in many different ways as it does the world. Some may feel that with everything going on in the world today that it feels like we are constantly living in darkness, despite the light that this weather is giving us.

When we live in personal darkness the world can feel a very lonely and sad place, and for many this is their reality regardless of what is happening in other people's lives around them.

The Bible has lots to say on this subject. For example, we read in the book of Colossians chapter 1 verse 13, 'He (that is Jesus) has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness.'

The story is told of Jimmy Wayne who never knew his father, and his mother spent more time in prison than out. When Jimmy was twelve, his mother was released from jail and took up with a troublemaker.

They loaded him into the back seat of their car, and for a year that was his home.

Then one day, they dumped him at Pensacola, Florida bus station and drove off. He had no home, no future, and no provision. While wandering through a neighbourhood, he spotted an older man at work in his garage wood shop. He approached the elderly gentleman and asked if he had any work.

Not only did he give Jimmy Wayne a job, but he also took him in to live with him and his wife. Having a home to live in was like heaven to Jimmy. Still, in spite of their kindness, he refused to unpack his bag. For four days, his plastic bag sat on the floor, full of clothes, ready if the husband and wife changed their minds. It took several days, a dozen or so meals, and more than one heart-to-heart conversation. But they finally persuaded Jimmy to trust them to care of him.

Perhaps you question your place in God's family or His love for you. God answered that question at the cross. When Jesus died, the heavenly vote was forever cast in your favour. 'He has rescued (you) from the kingdom of darkness and transferred (you) into the Kingdom of his dear Son.'

Our churches across our Family Group have services on Sundays throughout each month. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or simply come and have a chat, please do come and see us.

Before I finish, you may want to know what happened to Jimmy Wayne? He took his place in the family, got an education, and became a country music singer and songwriter.

St. Leonard's Ipstones

St Leonard's Church, Ipstones



As we continue to enjoy this beautiful weather at the moment, we are already past the longest day of the year. We don't want to think about the nights drawing in, just yet!

The school have had their end of term activities and said goodbye to pupils moving on to their next chapter. We wish them all well and hope that they settle in when they start again in September.

We are now looking forward to holidays and trips out and of course **Ipstones Show** at the end of August. Parents will be helping children to prepare their display for the horticultural tent where they can proudly show them to friends and family.

During the school break there will be a **holiday club** in the Methodist Sunday School Room.

It will be held on each Thursday in August on the **6th, 13th, 20th and 27th** from 10am until 12 noon.

This will be for children aged between 5 and 11 years and will have lots of games, crafts and stories and will also be free of charge.

The village is now complete again with it's three public houses now that the Marquis of Granby is fully open. There have been lots of positive comments about the food too.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, hoping that the weather stays good for us.

Date for your diary

Harvest Supper, Monday, **October 5th**.

More details to follow in next month's magazine.

PRAYER CORNER

Heavenly Father, we praise you because you have created a world that is beautiful and awe inspiring. When we think about the size of the universe, or when we hear the sound of crashing thunder or feel the power of the waves breaking on the seashore, we remember what a great God you are.

Then we see the little things like the pattern on a butterfly's wings, the colour of feathers on a duck, the different shapes of leaves on the trees, and we realise that as well as being a very powerful and mighty God, you also care about little details, and have a great sense of beauty. Help us to appreciate all that you have made and to enjoy this world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ipstones Methodist Church

Wesley's Chapel and the Museum of Methodism:

A London Pilgrimage of Faith



In the heart of London, just off the bustling City Road, stands a building of profound significance: Wesley's Chapel.

Often called the "Cathedral of World Methodism," this chapel and its adjoining museum offer a unique window into John Wesley's spiritual journey and the birth of a global movement.

A Chapel Born of Vision

John Wesley, an Anglican priest whose heart was transformed at Aldersgate in 1738, spent decades travelling and preaching across Britain. By the 1770s, his London base at the Foundry Chapel was no longer adequate.

In 1776, Wesley purchased land on City Road, and the new chapel, designed for both preaching and communion, was opened on 1 November 1778. This building marked Wesley's determination to create a lasting home for a movement rooted in personal faith, social justice, and practical Christianity.

Wesley's Final Home

Next door, Wesley's House was built in 1779. Here, Wesley spent the last eleven winters of his life, dying in his bedroom on 2 March 1791. Visitors today can walk through his study and see his prayer room.

The Museum of Methodism

Beneath the chapel lies the Museum of Methodism, refurbished in 2013.

It tells the story of Methodism from its 18th-century origins to its global spread, featuring original letters, Wesley's pulpit, and artefacts from missionary work around the world.

The museum invites us to trace Wesley's journey from his Anglican roots, through his evangelical

awakening, to his vision for a church that cared for the poor, the sick, and the enslaved.

For Methodists and all seekers of faith, Wesley's Chapel remains a place of pilgrimage, memory, and inspiration, a living monument to a journey that began in London and changed the world.

My visit to this place in 2012 became the inspiration for my role as a Local Preacher in this Circuit.

—Roger Cutts

SERVICES IN AUGUST

- **August 2nd at 10.30am** — Rev Julie Hassall
(Service to include Holy Communion)
- **August 9th at 10.30am**
Mr Howard Monks
- **August 16th at 10.30am**
Local arrangement
- **August 23rd at 10.30am**
Circuit Service with Holy Communion at Wellspring
(No service at Ipstones Methodist Church)
- **August 30th at 10.30am**
Mr Roger Cutts at St Leonards Church

Coffee, toast, cake and chat
In the Methodist schoolroom

August 4th, & 18th
Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

Everyone Welcome!



St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

St Bartholomew's Church

We continue to manage the Interregnum, thankfully with the guidance of Toby Gaddum.

Clare Day officiated at Evening Worship on Sunday 12th July.

Rev Arthur Hack officiated at a Holy Communion service which included a Baptism on Sunday 19th July at 11am.

Our next services are Evening Worship with Roger Cutts on Sunday 9th August and our Wakes Service on Sunday 30th August at 1pm with Toby Gaddum taking the service.

The Lottery Ball Draw was at Warm Welcome on Tuesday 7th July.

First prize of £40, Liz Buxton.

Second prize of £20, Les Bassett.

Third prize of £10, Jackie Fernihough.

The next Draw will take place at Warm Welcome on Tuesday 4th August.

The PCC meeting took place on Monday 27th July at 2pm at the History Centre.

Butterton Wakes, Sunday 30th August

An emergency situation. At the time of preparing this magazine input, we don't have a Wakes Queen or even a Wakes King.

Nevertheless, we will start the day's festivities with a service at 1pm in Church followed by the procession to the village hall with Warslow Band leading the way.

If anyone reading this knows of a young lady or lad with Butterton connections and who is at least 12 years of age, and who would jump at the chance of wearing a crown, then please let Maggie Risby know as soon as possible.



The wakes committee welcomes any help on the day, even if it's only for a couple of hours. Donations of raffle, crazy card game and tombola prizes would be gratefully received.

Wakes draw tickets are out for sale at £1 each; a book of five for £5. Contact Maggie for your supply. Lots of great prizes including an Altrad Belle wheelbarrow and Black Lion voucher.

Butterton Village Hall

The Summer Fair on Sunday 5th July raised approximately £550 for hall funds.

Thanks to everyone who made that possible. We hope a good time was had by all.

Bingo took place Friday 24th July. The Repair Cafe was on Saturday 18th July.

Dog Training at the village hall has had to be cancelled until further notice due to Karen being unwell and in hospital. We send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Butterton Parish Council

A meeting was held on Tuesday 28th July at 7pm at the village hall.

St Luke's Onecote



Trust in the Lord, and do good. Dwell in the Land and feed on his faithfulness. —Psalm 37:3.

Flower festival

We've certainly had a very busy June and July this year, what with the flower festival in June and last weekend with our Summer Fete and Party in the Paddock. It was all very well attended, we aren't sure what the final total will be, as there are still some funds to come in.

We must thank everyone who helped in any way, whether it was by running the stalls, sorting out the electrics and also the bakers. Not forgetting Julie and Graham Riley who yet again let us use their field for the event. Many thanks everyone.

Fabric Fund

I am now collecting for this year's fabric fund. It is still £12.00 per number. I will be getting in touch with people by phone, soon.

Harvest Festival

Our next event at church will be our Harvest Festival on September 27th at 7.30pm. Which service it will be we are not sure just yet, if you have any produce to bring to put in church, this can be done a couple of days previous to the service.

The evening after will be the pie supper with home-made desserts as usual.

Things at church appear to be going quite smoothly service-wise, which is a great relief to us all.

All our five churches are doing their best to support each other.

That's all for now,
Best Wishes,
Jean



Warslow News

St Lawrence Warslow News



CHURCH TEAM

Deputy Church Wardens:
Judy Prince & Myrtle Alcock

Treasurer: Emma Gould

The months ahead

We are now in vacancy.

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

Quieter month

Well July has been a quieter month after all the excitement of our Flower Festival in June.

We had our first Evensong for a long time on 21st June. It was taken by Debra Tickell, who is training to be a Reader. The congregation enjoyed the service and fellowship afterwards with a brew, cake and chat. Thank you, Debra!

Manifold School leavers

We welcomed the Manifold Leavers – Cian, Maddie, Eddie and Jack and their families into Church for their Leavers Assembly on 16th July 2026.

This was a service of great joy with a spirit of hope and thanks. Thanks to Mrs Proctor, the pupils and the school staff for their hard work and Emma Gould and Judy Prince for arranging matters in the absence of a Vicar.

We hope everyone enjoys the great weather, holidays, and all the crops are safely gathered in.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Harvest Festival and Quiz.

Watch this space more information next month...

St John's Church, Elkstones

Our next Service will be Evening Worship at 3pm on Sunday 16th August, led by Toby Gaddum.

Flower Festival

The weather was kind to us for the entire Wakes and Flower Festival weekend, which was 'book-ended' by a very entertaining talk by Luke Beckett of Peakrill Walks on 'Folklore in the Peak District' on the Friday evening, and the Festival Service on the Sunday Evening followed by the traditional Ashbourne Town Band concert and beef baps.

Very many thanks to everybody who put so much of their time and effort into making the church, churchyard and village green look so beautiful, and whose combined teamwork made the whole event into a most enjoyable fundraiser for our lovely little church.

Your hard work is much appreciated and valued, and in total raised £2100 to help pay the church's bills.

Harvest Festival

Plans are now in hand for our Harvest Festival, which is due on Sunday 20th September, so please keep this date free on your calendars.

We hope to have the festival on that evening at 7pm as usual, followed by the traditional pea and pie supper and raffle, and the Monday evening sale at 8pm in church, when the raffle will be drawn. More details to follow next month.

Cleaning and Flowers for August: Margaret Grant

Thought For The Month

Thought For The Month

It's been an exciting few weeks recently with football and tennis matches taking the headlines. It can be exhausting just watching the energy required to be at the top of the game, especially as many matches were played in exceptionally hot weather.

Many who have holidays booked throughout August will be looking for warm sunshine to aid their time of rest and relaxation.

Life's expectations can often feel overwhelming in their demands. It's easy to take on too much and then feel constant tiredness gradually creeping up on us.

We can struggle when we always carry and try to juggle, too many of life's expectations.

This was never God's design for us!

Jesus, when he came to earth, was in constant demand, but took time away from crowds to rest and pray. *"Be still and know that I am God"*—Psalm 46 verse 10.

This invitation can be comforting when we are burdened with so many expectations and demands of life. He encouraged us with these words—

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light"
—Matthew chapter 23 verses 29 and 30.

Do you find yourself weary with all you do? Jesus has words of comfort for you—
"Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"
—Matthew chapter 11 verse 28.

What a wonderful promise that is!

As we adopt the way Jesus lived on earth, and come to depend on His wisdom and strength, we can get to know peace in our lives.

Loving Father,
Help me to understand that your love for us brings me peace and rest from the burdens I carry. AMEN

Ipstones Historical Society

The Ipstones
Historical Society
met on June 25th,
2026 for a talk



given by Jenny Lingham on the subject
of the life of Robert Hooke.

The speaker explained that Robert Hooke was born in 1635 and was an eminent scientist who investigated many things related to physics. He was associated with advancements in knowledge relating to capillary action, barometric pressure, pendulums to name but a few. His most famous was Hooke's law on the stretch of springs.

Hooke was born on the Isle of Wight but attended Westminster school and later Oxford University. He began working as a doctor's lab assistant, but he also built precision instruments for clients.

During his time in school and university he became friends with Sir Christopher Wren and eventually assisted Robert Boyle in his scientific experiments. Boyle recommended Hooke to the Royal Society, and he became a member helping other scientists with their work.

In 1662/63 Hooke published a book on Microscopy Observations with associated detailed drawings of insects he looked at. He was the first person to use the word 'Cell' in a microbiological context.

Hooke also wanted to create an accurate sea going clock to aid navigation. Unfortunately, most of Hooke's work started to suffer as more and more demands were placed upon his time by others wanting help at the Royal Society.

The Great fire of London in 1666 inadvertently benefited Robert Hooke who created a plan to rebuild central London and his base in Gresham College became a hub for this work.

In later years Hooke became more bad-tempered and angry as the Royal Society tried to dispute payments for his work, and Isaac Newton used Hooke's ideas on colours and planetary motion and gravity without acknowledging him. A Dutch scientist also used his sea-going clock work and created the instrument claiming it as his own.

Robert Hooke died in 1703 as a pauper but in his base at Gresham College £8,000 was discovered in a chest, which the Royal Society claimed and used on refurbishments.

The August meeting will be in Ipstones on the subject of growing up in the 1950's.
All are welcome.

Members £1.00

Non-members £4.00 on the door.

Save The Date

Midsummer Open Gardens
in Ipstones 19th & 20th June, 2027

*With delicious home made refreshments
at Ipstones Memorial Hall*

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



Family Warm Welcome

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

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 Louise@podumpilates.com
	Ipstones Writers — 1.45pm (<i>last Tuesday of month</i>)	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 (<i>2nd Wednesday of month</i>)	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 (<i>last Thursday of every month</i>)	Alison Cartledge 01538 266048
FRIDAY	Seated Pilates — 12noon	Louise 07956 675683 Louise@podumpilates.com
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:
Saturday 29 th August	Ipstones 74 th Agricultural Show	Jeff Chadwick 07765 236824
Monday 7 th Sept. 6.30pm	Ipstones Community Supper Club Supper & Reflexology Talk	Margaret 07973 480184 Sally 07768 173850
Fri. 18 th Sept. 7.30pm	Funhouse Comedy Night	Denise Rowe 07739 179722 deniserowe1@yahoo.co.uk
Sat. 19 th Sept. 2–4pm	Ipstones Memorial Hall Cuppa and a Chat & Book Sale	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633
Sat. 26 th September 6.30pm for 7pm	Ipstones British Legion Last Night of the Proms	Margaret Burnett 07973 480184
Sat. 12 th Dec. 2pm–4pm	Ipstones Memorial Hall Village Cuppa and a Chat	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633

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

250 CLUB

IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL

250 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW

July 2026 draw

£20	No. 61	Jessica Shuttleworth
£15	No. 39	Alex Nadin
£10	No. 201	Emma Evans

250 CLUB

Village News

New 300 Club Is to Be Formed

DUE to a heavy demand last year, a village 250 club is to expand.

For the 12-month period for 2026/2027 Ipstones Memorial 250 club will now be known as a 300 club.

Tickets for the new club are now on sale for £5.

Your number will then be entered into a monthly draw. The first prize will be £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10.

Ticket numbers will be drawn at the monthly meeting of the hall committee.

An additional Christmas draw will be made, which will have a prize of £100.

The tickets are now on sale from the village shop (*courtesy of the proprietor*) from Julie Riley on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8am and 1pm.

They can also be obtained from Heather Morris. Please text 07432 873605 or any Memorial Hall committee member.

All proceeds raised will go to maintaining the hall and recreational ground.

Another Scam Alert From 'TAKEN IN'

For the second time in four weeks I have been taken in by scammers, but this time it was so believable...

SO BE ON YOUR GUARD!

I cannot understand how I fell for this one. On FaceBook, catching up one afternoon I came across a friend request photograph (*not in the format usually on FaceBook—a small white square picture of 'People you may know'*).

This time a larger rectangle picture of someone I didn't know, so I immediately clicked on the DECLINE option underneath the picture.

Within a second or so, a flashing warning told me not to switch off the computer, but ring the Microsoft Support Team on 0800 088426 immediately, and technicians would walk me through things to resolve the blocked situation.

I did this, and a convincing woman talked me through things, obtaining access to my computer eventually transferring me to her 'senior'—a chap



who told me he could fix anything for which there would be a charge of £20.

I entered my bank details on the screen as requested. Eventually the phone went dead and when I tried to ring back the call was 'unobtainable'.

Alarm bells began to ring, and thankfully I rang the FRAUD DEPARTMENT at my bank straight away who immediately blocked my card and online banking account, ensuring it was all safe.

However, the next day—returning a call to my bank—I was told that a £100 transaction request for a gift-card had been attempted, but this was consequently reported as FRAUDULENT. I was reassured my account was safe.

So be on your guard with this one. I think most people would click on 'DECLINE' if they received a friend request from someone they didn't know.

A very shaken 'TAKEN IN'.

Village News *(continued...)*

JUST THINKING AS I WALKED DOWN THE LANE THIS MORNING...

Walking down the lane with Ashe this morning, I did wonder about writing this, but here goes...

After our lives changed dramatically in March after 58 years of marriage, with much adjustment all round, I reflected on what I have heard people say—'*Ipstones is such a friendly place*' and yes, it does come over that way, but will say when personal circumstances change, it feels a very lonely place indeed.

Over the last three months or so, I have reconnected with that friendly place, both of us having been previously socially isolated for quite some time, feeling alone and overwhelmed at times.

In recent times, lots of kind gestures have come my way, which have been appreciated...people have randomly turned up to mow the front lawn, to trim the hedge, there have been flowers on the doorstep, help was readily given after a car flat battery

incident in Leek, help with new things like mountains of paperwork to get me focused and on track, help with the minefield of things technical, pointed me in the right direction to sort out '*the powers that be*', taken me out for coffee and catch ups, been at the end of the telephone 24 hours a day if I just needed to chat about things, messaged to say '*I am here if you need anything*', and not forgetting my lovely Friday afternoon friends at Warm Welcome who have supported me in '*wobbly moments*' and there have been quite a few over the last few months, and fellow 'Scribblers' at Ipstones Writing Group who have been there with hugs and kindness.

So sincere thanks for being there for both of us during such emotional and challenging times.

We came to Ipstones with three small children in 1984, embraced village life, and this is where my home will remain.

Sincere thoughts,
—Geraldine Shuttleworth.

More drivers caught breaking 30mph speed limit

A LARGE number of vehicles are using the B5053 road through Ipstones village with many breaking the 30mph speed limit.

The community magazine reported last month that a speed watch check, undertaken by volunteers of the scheme, which is run in conjunction with the police, showed during a one-hour morning check between 7.50am and 8.50am, 314 vehicles travelled through Froghall Road. During this time more than 50 vehicles were recorded as travelling at speeds above the 30mph. Some vehicle speeds were recorded up to 63mph. Now a follow up late afternoon check has been concluded, which took place between 4pm and 6pm. Data showed that 535 cars travelled through Froghall Road during this time with several breaking the speed limit.

Thirty-three drivers were caught travelling well above the limit. The parish council is also concerned about the vehicles speed at the top of High Street as you enter the village.

The authority has received numerous complaints from residents living in the vicinity.

Now councillors are looking to install a gated entrance with marked speed signage. These would be situated on the verges warning drivers that they are entering a speed restriction zone. The council is also looking at finding a solution for the congestion in the middle of High Street which has impeded emergency vehicles.

More volunteers are required to join the volunteer speed watch team and would be most welcomed.

Please contact the clerk of the council for further details on **07973 522861** or email: **clerk@ipstonesparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Village telephone box to remain operational

THE red telephone kiosk situated in the centre of Ipstones is to remain operational.

Earlier this year Ipstones Parish Council had been notified of BT's proposal to remove the public pay-phone located outside the Marquis of Granby, as it is claimed it had little usage.

Now the parish council has received notification that although there had only been 52 calls made from the kiosk during the last year; mobile coverage had been assessed as insufficient.

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

The council made a formal objection to its removal on the grounds 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 council added that Ipstones was 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 pay-phone retention, the kiosk meets the test for continued public safety value.

It was also felt the kiosk provided 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.



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 has now requested that BT fulfil its maintenance commitments and also a new payment machine is installed.

Newsletter Update / Warm Welcome

Magazine Update

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their magazine subscription for April 2026 to March 2027. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps keep the magazine going strong.

We are pleased to say that the price remains at just £1 per issue—still excellent value. Following feedback from readers, it is clear that many people continue to enjoy receiving a printed copy, and we are currently producing around 170 copies each month.

Printing is carried out in-house in the church vestry, which allows us to keep costs down and maintain good value for all our readers.

The magazine is very much a shared effort, and we are always glad to welcome new helpers. If you would be willing to assist—perhaps by taking a turn on the copier or helping with distribution—please do get in touch.

We are also looking for someone to take on the role of Advertising Manager, which would play an important part in helping to cover production costs.

On-Line Readers

Did you know that the magazine is also available online? A full-colour PDF version can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4128/news/notice-sheet/grid/>

While there is no set charge for the online edition, donations are warmly welcomed and help support the ongoing work of producing the magazine. Contributions can be made to the following account:

Bank Account Name: PCC of Ipstones (St Leonards)

Sort Code: 01-05-02

Account Number: 02071150

For any further information or to volunteer to help with the magazine please contact me on: 07979 755210 or roger.cutts@btinternet.com

Many Thanks, —Roger Cutts

WARM WELCOME WITH A WIMBLEDON THEME

It was STRAWBERRIES, SCONES & BUBBLES at Warm Welcome at the end of Wimbledon's first week, and what a great afternoon we had, with an overwhelming amount of support, so much so, an additional table had to be put up to seat all the visitors.

The volunteers were kept busy providing cream teas for everyone, and the 'Nonsecco' went down a treat. Two Cheadle residents, who spent their childhood in Ipstones popped in and met up with folk they knew, and chatted to those they didn't.

That is what Warm Welcome is about, enjoyable conversation and friendship.



Warm Welcome

The Orange and Date scones were popular, and although the recipe appeared in the Newsletter way back, here it is again for those who tasted them and want to bake them at home.



ORANGE AND DATE NO FAIL SCONES

Ingredients

600g SR flour

100g caster sugar

100g cold butter, cut into cubes

3 eggs

300g unsweetened natural yogurt

2 handfuls of chopped dried dates

Zest of 2 oranges

Demerara sugar for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 200 fanbake/gas 6

To Make

Put the flour, sugar and butter into the bowl of a mixer with paddle attachment. Mix on slow to medium speed until butter is incorporated and mixture is fine crumbs. Add the remaining ingredients and mix on low speed until everything is combined. Be careful not to over mix.

Tip mixture on well floured board, and roll until about 5cm thick.

Use scone cutter to make about 18 scones.

Place on baking sheet lined with baking paper.
Brush with milk and sprinkle with demerara sugar.

Bake for approx. 12 minutes until lightly browned.
Cool on wire rack. Serve with butter.



Many thanks to the team of volunteers who turn out every Friday to make things happen...your efforts are really appreciated by us all who enjoy Warm Welcome on Fridays from 2p.m. at the Sunday School Room, along School Green, Ipstones.

Everyone is always welcome, and if you haven't tried it yet, maybe think about popping in some time soon.

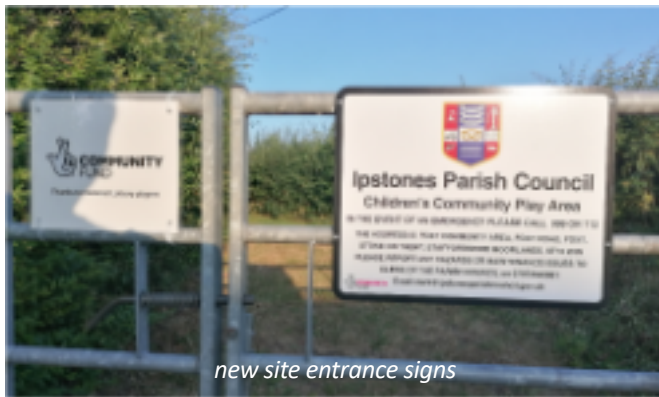


Local Interest

New Play Area Is Officially Opened In Foxt

A NEW £20,000 children's play area was officially opened on Saturday, July 18th. The new facility had been spearheaded by Ipstones Parish Council with a £20,000 grant from the Community Lottery Fund.

The official opening was performed by the Chairman of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and the chairman of Ipstones Parish Council, Councillor Linda Malyon.



new site entrance signs

The site, which is accessed from opposite the village hall, only had a small older range of equipment. Now youngsters from the village and the surrounding areas can enjoy the new equipment set in a country atmosphere.



some of the new equipment

The opening day involved a teddy bears picnic along with a summer fair in the village hall.

The upgrade was requested at an Ipstones Parish Council meeting by residents in Foxt.

People also signed a letter of support at a Foxt Village Hall Christmas Fayre. The application for the money, the written specification for equipment, the site meetings with the six potential suppliers were organised and attended by the parish clerk and Foxt councillor Mike Birch.

All decisions on supplier short listings and final selection were made during parish council meetings.

Councillor Birch said: *"Ipstones Parish Council are delighted to have worked closely with The Foxt Village Hall Committee, the residents of Foxt, the National Lottery and the equipment supplier (ESP-Play of Burnley) to deliver the celebration event. When a community works together on a large project such as this everyone gives freely of their time and experience to deliver the result. It is fantastic to see so many young people attend the event and take part in the activities both here on the Foxt Community Area and in the Foxt Village Hall"*.

"Ipstones Parish Council would like to thank ESP of Burnley for the quality of their design, equipment, installation, value for money and overall professionalism. Thanks also go to the National Lottery for the provision of funding which made the project possible."



other new equipment

Road Race / Folk Club News

Road Race Results

ROAD runners from several counties took part in the annual Ipstones Five run on Sunday, July 19th.

The day started with a junior 2k fun run which attracted 35 runners.

The main five-mile road race attracted 169 runners.

The winner was Paul Tatler of Stoke on Trent AC in a time of 26.05; in second place was Marcus Pearson of Stoke FIT in a time of 27.12, in third place was Pat Buckingham in 27.57.

The junior race was won by Samuel Jones in a time of 6.08 minutes; second Alfie Harrison in 6.14 and in third place was Jesse Meylan in 6.15.

Proceeds from the event raised funds for the County Air Ambulance Trust Appeal; Fire Fighters Charity and Blood Bikers.



Runners get ready to start the main five-mile race

Folk Club News

Last month we commemorated the anniversary of the loss of our dear friend Rick Ford.

A founder of Peace Through Folk and celebrated local singer songwriter.



On Wednesday 14th July a good number of us met in Ipstones Methodist Church to sing some of our own songs, and to watch and listen to some of Rick's recordings.

To Rick, living in a remote farm on the Morridge, supply of wood was a constant need so his songs '*It's frightening how the wood pile goes down*' and '*Chainsaw Man*' were particularly well received. It was almost as though he was still with us.

On the night when England were knocked out of the World Cup, we all agreed that we had much preferred spending the evening with Rick.

Our next event is on **Wednesday 19th August** —see separate poster.

This will be a ticketed event with guest singers Tom Perry and Clive Brooks, plus support acts.

Tickets from Roger Cutts **07979 755210** (please call or text) or on the door from 7pm at £10 each.

Ipstones Folk Night

Peace through Folk Newsletter July to November 2026

Future Ipstones Folk Club events - in the wonderful acoustics of The Historic
Ipstones Methodist Chapel

*-on the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated **

Wednesday August 19th -

Guest night with Tom Perry & Clive Brooks

A cappella close harmony folk singing at its finest
"-no better duo the Everlys of folk!" (Tom Reid)

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.

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 or from Malc (07494 738 939), or Roger Cutts,

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



September 16th - Sing (& play) around - free admission

October 21st - Sing (& play) around - free admission

Saturday November 14th *



"An Earth Peace Day Gathering" with Reg Meuross and friends

including - Leek Peace Choir, Lester Simpson, Penny Barfield,
the Unhappy Mundys Stephen Edkins and others for a musical celebration of

**Peace, Friendship, Reconciliation, Kindness and
the survival of a sustainable Planet Earth.***

Inclusive ticket £15 for the afternoon and evening sessions -

which will also comprise a variety of artists and a singing workshop with Leek Peace
Choir. For more information please email: peacethroughfolk@gmail.com

or text or call: 07494 738 939

Ipstones Writers' Group

Of Course No One Realised It At The Time - Growing Up In THE 50's And 60's.

We were happy and carefree, growing up during the 1950's, in our close knit community, in a market town in the Staffordshire Moorlands...it's geographical isolation miles away from neighbouring communities, separated by moorland and rolling hills, made it that way—close knit that is.

The industrial towns of The Potteries to the south, and Derbyshire's Buxton, a more gentile sort of place with its Georgian and Victorian architecture, where some folk went on the bus for their annual holiday, to the north.

With similar working class backgrounds, most of our parents, and their's before them, working in low paid employment, in the town's textile mills, we got along together just fine.

We played out in the street on our bikes, on trucks our dads or elder brothers had made out of bits and piece found in the shed, or on roller skates, much to the annoyance of some neighbours.

We went on picnics, built dens and lit camp fires in the fields near our homes on the council estate. In Springtime we would gather large bundles of blue-bells from the woodland, and as Autumn approached, we picked blackberries, returning home with dripping bags of ripe fruit, purple stained fingers and faces, anticipating the crisp pastry that would encase the berries along with chopped apple, and served for tea with thick hot custard. There was no fancy crème fraiche, yoghurt or cream in those days, just custard or maybe evaporated milk.

Of course, no-one realised it at the time, at the age of 11 as we started a new journey - grammar or secondary modern, just how quickly time would pass by, and those stray white hairs would start to appear in our 'crowning glory' followed by fine lines that appeared suddenly out of nowhere on previously smooth, youthful faces.

Between the ages of 14 and 15, I attended the Underwood Secretarial College, in Hanley in the Potteries, situated over a bank in the centre of town. Hanley seemed a world away with it's hussle and bussle, crowds of people, big shops to look round during the mid day break, cafes to visit, and the record shop which had booths where you could listen to the latest music, though you couldn't afford to buy. All so very different from my hometown, where most family run businesses, butchers, grocers, greengrocers, bakers and the pie shop - oh yes the pie shop - ran along Derby Street, the main thoroughfare of our little town.

Never giving a thought back in the day, as to how mum and dad could afford to pay the fees at the secretarial college, let alone the bus fare each day, it wasn't until I reached motherhood with very little spare cash in my purse, did I come to appreciate the sacrifices they must have made themselves to enable me to have 'The Underwood experience'. Recalling how they used to say that a secretarial course would stand me in good stead, and dad saying 'You will always be able to get a job' and he was right.

Some interesting and not so interesting jobs came and went because of those secretarial skills.

As the 50's turned into the 60's my interest in collecting autographs and taking pictures on the cheap plastic camera of the day, of any stars I was able to engage with, began. A school friend Pat, who lived a few doors away, shared my interest in the pop world, and we went on very many autograph hunts over the next few years, both locally, and in Blackpool, an autograph hunter's paradise.



A job as a reporter on the local newspaper, the Leek Post and Times, came my way giving the opportu-

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

nity to get back stage at Leek Town Hall to meet the stars, many who were to become household names as the decade progressed, The Hollies, The Tremoloes, Alvin Stardust, then Shane Fenton, and the Rolling Stones on the cusp of big time stardom, to name just a few.

I would get a few lines for a story to accompany the official photographs, and keep the scary sub-Editor, Eric, happy. Of course, my friend Pat came along to, and so my Book of Memories commenced.

She reminded me recently, when a group called The Beatles, appeared on the same bill in Hanley, as Roy Orbison, Gerry and the Pacemakers and Helen Shapiro, around 1962, we couldn't afford tickets for the show, so spent the afternoon in the street chatting to other fans, and taking pictures of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Helen Shapiro—these pictures proudly stuck in the Book of Memories.

Looking back, there must have been more sophisticated, streetwise girls hanging around those stage doors, who may have been looking for something more than we were, but at the time, we were just so unaware.



I have so many more memories of those great times, but Newsletter space is limited...my curling, fading photographic images now getting on for 70 years old, have generated so much interest on social media, on local radio, and are a valuable record of a special time in the history of British music. Of course no-one realised it at the time.

Hope you have enjoyed this trip with me down memory lane.

—Geraldine

Avril Prima enjoyed watching lots of tennis last month and was inspired to write the following:

Lines Turned at a Tennis Match

English Rose at Devonshire Park
Watching tennis - what a lark!
Strawberry teas and ice cream cones
And I'm supporting Pinnington-Jones

Seagulls screech across the sky
Baking sun is riding high
Cups of tea and clotted scones
Still I'm backing Pinnington-Jones

Some distractions in the crowd
Radios blaring far too loud
Mobile phones in tiresome tones
But it's set point to Pinnington-Jones

This is going rather well
He's going to win, I can tell
I can feel it in my bones
Game set and match to Pinnington-Jones

He's done it and I'm so impressed
My heart is beating in my breast
All aflutter sighs and moans
I'm in love with Pinnington-Jones

Ipstones Writers' Group / Eat Out Locally

Rosie O'Hara

on behalf of Ipstones Writers' Group

THE topic for our meeting was 'the unwritten rule' and, true to form, we all came up with something very different.

To start with a short poem taking a very negative view of the unwritten rule by focusing on the 'un' prefix and using this to play on a number of 'un' words (*unkind, unwary for example*).

Our second contributor commented on five different unwritten rules.

The first of these being that our master cake baker will always denigrate her efforts and, equally, the cakes will always be delicious! Another was that things that seem easy or straightforward inevitably turn out to be complicated.

Next, we had an exploration, in rhyme, of all of those do's and don'ts we encounter in childhood. Intended primarily, no doubt, to keep us safe as we grow up and explore the world; to the child's eye, of

course, they are barriers and/indicators of something exciting and therefore meant to be broken.

This is possibly even more true as we encounter the strict regime of school. It was noted however, that many of these early unwritten rules we carry with us into adulthood. How many of us, for example hear ourselves repeating our own parent's words the minute we produce our own offspring?

Finally, we were treated to an overview of 'generational rules', particularly how the concept of kindness has underpinned the worlds' religions. For example, 'do as you would be done to' is not just a Christian concept but is reflected in Confucianism, Sikhism and many others. It is also culturally ever-present; Mrs Do-As-You-Would-Be-Done-By from Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies* is a prime example.

Tea and cake followed and, missing the taskmaster due to illness, we decided to forego our usual five-minute writing task and enjoyed a 'Freeform' natter.

Cobbles Coffee Shop

Longnor, SK17 0NT

A short pleasant drive takes you to the picturesque Market Square in the village of Longnor near the Staffordshire Derbyshire boarder, where you will find Cobbles Coffee Shop.

Cobbles is small, but light, bright, cosy, relaxing space to sit and watch the world go by, chatting to a friend over good quality coffee, with something from the tempting cake selection, or maybe breakfast or lunch. A friend and I did just that a few weeks ago.

The menu includes a full English, tasty filled oatcakes with extras on the side, unusual quiches served with salad and coleslaw, all reasonably priced and locally sourced.

A friendly welcome is also on the menu, and your canine companions are welcome as well.



Not many places are open on Monday in these parts, but Cobbles Coffee Shop is. (*closed Wednesday and Thursday*).

Will certainly return, and highly recommend.

The Armchair Travellers

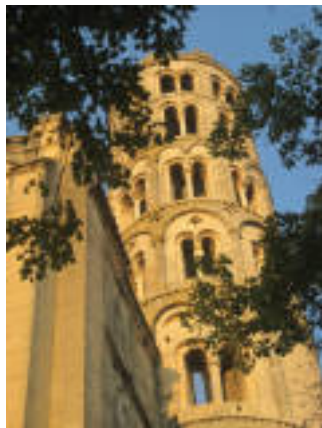
Uzès — *France*

We discovered Uzès in the Gard region of southern France years back quite by chance, and have visited on several occasions over the years, as it has culture, history and retail therapy in abundance, so something for everyone.

Ideal for a few days or longer, it is easy to get to from several airports in the UK, and on the French side there are several airports near to Uzès. We did a short flight from Luton to Nîmes, and Uzès is just 16 miles north, but best to google to check out what suits your own requirements.

We have stayed in various accommodation, a *Chambre d'Hôte*, and various apartments around the town. The last time our holiday home, a comfortable place overlooked the Place au Herbes, the main square of the town surrounded by cafes to sit and watch the world go by.

Uzès's location makes visits to pretty and atmospheric Cassis on the Mediterranean coast, Nîmes and its amphitheatre, the Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard, Aigues Mortes with its medieval ramparts and interesting little shops and cafes, The Camargue area and the interesting city of Aix en Provence, all doable for day or evening drives.



This small town comes alive for the Saturday market in the Place au Herbes, it's home since 1214, where passionate producers of olive oil, cheese, wine, herbs, vegetables and pastries set up their tempting stalls, together with artisan people offering pottery, leather goods, artwork and lots more.

The annual Truffle Festival is held every year during the third weekend in January, when tastings, cookery demonstrations, and truffle sales take place. If you do go this weekend, be sure to book your Saturday evening meal out in advance, as Uzès is extra busy at this time.

Enjoy your trip.

Little Country Kitchen

I think a generous chunk of cake and cuppa is always a treat, however your day pans out...

I have a couple of recipes for SPICED APPLE CAKE, in fact one was included in the Café Connect Cookbook published way back, but I find this one much easier and quicker to put together.

This delicious version keeps well in the fridge for 2-3 days, travels well, and freezes well, which is useful as it is a large cake serving 10-12 people, so for a small family eat some now either warm as a pudding with cream or custard, or cold with a cuppa, and freeze the rest.

You can vary as you wish, make it GLUTEN FREE or not, add walnuts or not, depending on any allergies.

SPICED APPLE CAKE

Preheat oven to 170 fanbake/gas 3.

Line a 23cm/9inch springform cake tin.

Ingredients

250g/8oz butter

1 cup caster sugar

2 eggs

2 cups SR flour or gluten-free flour

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

2-4 tart apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (I used cooking apples so used 2 large Bramley)

1 cup raisins, sultanas or golden raisins (or mixture of both)

1/2 cup walnut pieces (optional)

To Serve *(optional)*

1/4 cup walnut pieces and icing sugar to dust.

To Assemble

Melt the butter in a large pot. Remove from the heat and mix in sugar, then eggs. Stir in the flour, cinnamon, baking powder and baking soda just enough to blend evenly, being careful not to overmix. Then add apples, raisins or sultanas, and walnuts if using.

Transfer to the prepared tin and bake until risen and golden and the top bounces back when pressed (about 1 hour). Allow to cool for 15 minutes before removing from the tin.

If you wish add extra walnut pieces and dust with icing sugar before serving.



Happy baking with the Little Country Kitchen

Ipstones Gardening

JOBS FOR AUGUST

Cut back English lavender once it has flowered. Take off the old flower stems and prune back approximately 2.5–5cm/1–2in of growth from the whole plant with shears.

To stop white powdery mildew from attacking plants like roses, sweet peas, Michaelmas daisies and grapes, it's important to keep them well watered and spray regularly with Plant Invigorator.

Take cuttings of bedding geraniums, fuchsias and marguerites. Use a gritty compost and they'll root quickly. By autumn, they'll be stocky young plants to overwinter indoors for flowering next summer.

Keep fruit and fruiting vegetables, such as tomatoes, regularly watered to stop the fruit splitting. Remove yellowing and any diseased leaves around the fruit to help promote ripening.

Trim back straggly shoots on pyracantha (firethorn). This will help tidy up the plant and show off the emerging berries even better.

Don't cut the lawn too close in hot dry weather. Adjust the blades to cut at a height of 4cm/1½in. In very dry weather, you may have to water it weekly to keep it looking green and growing strongly.

Pinch out the tops of outdoor tomatoes once they have set four trusses. They'll ripen faster, so you don't get left with lots of green tomatoes in the autumn. Leave bush tomatoes to grow naturally.

If you have gaps in your beds and borders, plug them with larger plants from garden centres. And if your patio is looking tired or uninspiring, pop in some large container plants for instant impact.

Pot up small herb plants into 15cm/6in pots of good potting compost. Pop them on the patio and keep them well watered. In autumn, move to the kitchen windowsill to harvest and use all winter.

Gently pull off suckers appearing around the base of grafted trees, shrubs and roses from where they join the roots. Don't cut them off or you'll end up with a forest of suckers!

PLACES TO VISIT

Fairways Garden Centre

Bullocks Lane, Macclesfield SK11 0HE

Telephone: **01625 618933**

Website: fairwaysgardencentre.co.uk



Leek Foodbank

People still in need of local foodbanks

MORE than 140 people required help from Leek Foodbank in June as families find the cost of living keeps rising. During the month 93 adults and 49 children were fed.

The monthly newsletter stated that they are seeing several clients in a position where they just don't have enough money to cover their outgoings and so have little option but to seek foodbank support on a regular basis.

Trussell Trust are just launching their Guarantee our Essentials Summer of Action, which is calling for the government to set up an independent process for setting the basic amount of Universal Credit, much like the one which already exists for setting the National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage.

The recommendation is that the level of Universal Credit should be decided by an independent panel of experts alongside those who have experience of living on it. The foodbank will be taking part in this campaign and are asking for people's feedback and support, which will then be passed onto the local MP.

June saw the official opening of Better Way Recovery based at Leek Moorlands Hospital which offers peer led support for anyone struggling with addiction. They work side by side with STaRS (Staffordshire Treatment and Recovery Service) to help people negotiate their journey to recovery, and a number of the foodbank clients are already attending their sessions on a regular basis.

The foodbank will have the Outside Arts stall in the Butter Market on Wednesday, August 12th and will be at Action West End's Family Fun Day at Westwood Recreation Ground on Saturday, September 5th.

The foodbank is currently in need of:

Longlife semi-skimmed milk, Fruit squash, Pasta sauce, Longlife sponge puddings, Tinned rice pudding, Coffee-100/200gm. Instant mash (*single/family*), Noodle snacks, Tea, Tinned custard, Tinned meat, Tinned fruit, Rice – 500gm bags, Pasta n sauce/instant noodles, Tomato ketchup, Chocolate – single bars/multi-packs, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned potatoes, Dog and cat food – dry and wet.

Household cleaning products required are:

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

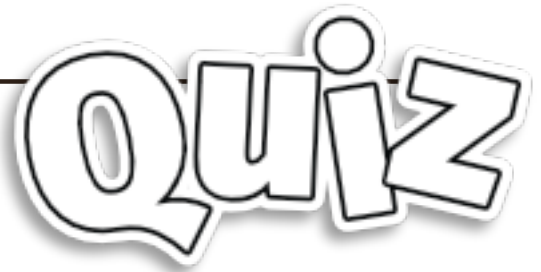
Toiletries:

Shampoo and conditioner, Soap and shower gel, Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Deodorant (*male/female*), Razors and shaving foam, Toilet rolls.

We are happy to receive donations of fresh fruit and vegetables and eggs as these are always a very welcome addition to the store cupboard essentials we give out to our clients.

But no refrigerated items thank you.

And if you have any good quality carrier bags we would very much like these please.



ON THE PLATE AND IN THE GLASS

1. Which pottery produced the design Botanical?
2. Who is best known for their vibrant Art deco inspired patterns such as Tennis and Blue Firs?
3. Jasper Ware is the inspiration of?
4. Blue and White pottery is the signature of which pottery?
5. I am a well known potter, currently renovating Capel Salem in North Wales, which will be my home and pottery studio. Who am I?
6. Which pottery, founded in 1913 and announcing its closure in 2025, was rescued by the grandson of its founder?
7. What 'Bubbles and Squeaks'?
8. What is the main ingredient of guacamole?
9. Sometimes known as 'Love Apple' what fruit am I?
10. What nut is commonly used in the manufacture of Nutella?
11. Where was the sandwich invented?
12. What is a tagine?
13. What is the classic Italian soup containing beans, veg. and pasta?
14. What is traditionally on the plate on the 25th January....main and pudding?
15. George Clooney advertises a well known coffee brand - which?
16. What type of juice is said to relieve urine infections?
17. What juice is used in a Bloody Mary?
18. What alcohol is in a Malibu cocktail?
19. What type of drink is Evian....and where is Evian?
20. What country does Pimms come from?

June Quiz Answers: BITS & PIECES QUIZ

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|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| 1. The cat | 2. Florence | 3. Vincent Van Gough | 4. The merchant of Venice | 5. George Orwell | 6. Aquilegia | | |
| 7. The Rose | 8. 1960 | 9. 1971 | 10. 88 | 11. Josiah Wedgwood | 12. Marie Curie | 13. Vatican City | 14. Ear |
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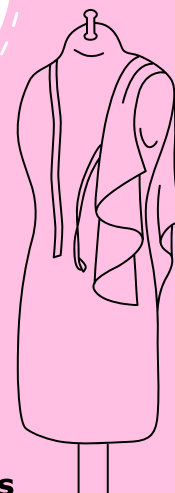
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