



Communities Newsletter

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton, and Warslow with Elkstones

JULY 2026

Major Concerns over Speeding in Village 30mph Zone

SPEEDING through Ipstones village is becoming a major cause for concern after vehicles have been recorded travelling at speeds way above the 30mph limit.

The data from the community speed watch volunteers suggest that speeding is evident after undertaking speed watch sessions.

At a recent speed watch check, volunteers of the scheme, which is 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.

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.



Froghall Road, Ipstones where several vehicles have been recorded as travelling well above the 30mph limit

Welcome to the July 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 Rota & Services

CHURCH ROTA IPSTONES JULY 2026

(If you cannot do the date allocated, please arrange a swap)

Church Liturgical colours G =green R=red P=purple W=White	1 st Sunday 5 th July 2026 5 th after Trinity/ Proper 9 G	2 nd Sunday 12 th July 2026 6 th after Trinity/Proper 10 G	3 rd Sunday 19 th July 2026 7 th after Trinity/Proper 11 G	4 th Sunday 26 th July 2026 8 th after Trinity/Proper 12 G
	Name	Name	Name	Name
Welcomers	Ruth Flint John Flint	Ann Jackson	Zoe Johnson Pat Nash	Volunteer
Readers	Linda Malyon David Jack	Ann Jackson Jacquey Millward	Zoe Johnson Ann Jackson	Ruth Flint David Jack
Eucharistic Assistant	N/A	Jacquey Millward	N/A	N/A
Refreshments	N/A	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

SERVICES IPSTONES JULY 2026

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Lectionary Readings	Genesis 24: 34-38,42-49, 52-end Psalm 45: 10-end Romans 7: 15-25 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end	Genesis 25: 19-end Psalm 119: 105-112 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Genesis 28:10-19 Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Genesis 29: 15-28 Psalm 105: 1-11 Romans 8: 26-end Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	
Warslow	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	11.00 Holy Communion TBC	
Elkstones	<i>To other services</i>	<i>To other services</i>	3.00pm Holy Communion Revd Arthur Hack	<i>To other services</i>	
Butterton	<i>To other services</i>	3.00 Evening Worship Clare Day	11.00am Holy Communion Revd Arthur Hack Incl baptism	<i>To other services</i>	
Onecote	9.30 Holy Communion Revd Arthur Hack	9.30 Morning Worship Roger Cutts	<i>To other services</i>	9.30 Morning Worship Roger Cutts	
Ipstones	12.30 Baptism Rev'd Arthur Hack 6.30pm Book of Common Prayer Evensong	<i>To other services</i>	11.00am Morning worship Roger Cutts	11.00 Morning Worship David Jack 7.30pm Compline John Flint	

News From The Pew

Two months ago, I was writing to you from the Isle of Mull in glorious sunshine. Today I write to you in glorious sunshine from a village called Otterlo, which is about 12 miles outside the city of Arnhem, The Netherlands.

Arnhem is probably most famous for Operation Market Garden in 1944, during World War 2. The purpose of the operation was to establish a 62-mile (100 km) allied invasion route into northern Germany by capturing a series of key bridges across Dutch rivers.

I have been here before and studied in depth the story behind these incredibly courageous men from a variety of nations, who were prepared to give their lives for others.

I am here at the European Transplant Games, representing Great Britain, one of 24 nations taking part in the Games.

I am surrounded by incredibly courageous people who too have been close to losing their lives, through illness and organ failure. And then have gone through organ transplantation, extending their lives through incredible medical advances to compete in sport on an international stage.

Listening to their stories is quite humbling and makes me realise how precious life really is and therefore how important it is that we make the most of our time here on earth. Not knowing what our physical and spiritual futures hold.

As Christians, we believe that there is another life beyond this physical one on earth and we have a hope for the future. In the Bible in John's Gospel, we read the following 'Jesus answered, "*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*"' — John 14:6 (NIV).

Google AI gives a sound explanation of this verse as follows:

The Way: Jesus is the specific path to God. Rather than merely pointing to a set of rules or a philosophy, He identifies Himself as the singular route to salvation and a restored relationship with God the Father.

The Truth: Jesus is the embodiment of absolute truth. He acts as the ultimate reality and the complete self-disclosure of God, contrasting with the confusion, deception, and moral ambiguity found in the world.

The Life: Jesus is the source of all physical and spiritual life. He possesses self-existence and offers eternal life to those who believe in Him.

I come back to the glorious sunshine in The Netherlands, understanding it is very warm in the UK too. We are all so blessed to experience our seasons and God's creation in this world. At the same time, all the competitors here feel equally blessed that we have been given a second chance of life through organ donation and transplantation.

We celebrate with each other and thankful to those who gave us their organs through the own loss of their own lives, with the exceptions of live kidney donors. We have a week of competition across many sports, regardless of any medals won, we will all celebrate life as winners.

I pray that we as Moorlands communities will not become complacent in our own lives, that we understand the importance of our neighbours, families, our faith and most importantly God.

Blessings,
—Toby

Ipstones Cemetery

Planned changes to cemetery rules are put forward

MAJOR changes are being planned to safeguard space in Ipstones cemetery.

Ipstones Parish Council has adopted a new rule for interments in the village cemetery.

The criteria for people to be buried in Ipstones Cemetery is that they must have been living in the parish at the time of death or have lived for more than 60 per cent of their life in the parish.

It was also agreed that no reserved plots would be allowed.

At a recent parish council meeting, councillors stated that the cemetery was filling up and that the council had to protect residents as they pay council tax to maintain the area.

During discussions councillors feared that people from outside the parish and with little connection to the village wanted to be buried in the cemetery as it was a lot cheaper to purchase plots here.

The council asked the clerk to establish the longevity of the cemetery at the current average rates as it was felt that some money should go each year to be ring fenced to purchased new ground in the future.

However, a member of public felt it was a material change. She explained that had she known of the planned change she would have acted to purchase a plot before the implementation.

Councillor Birch advised that the reason the change had been introduced was due to the speed at which the cemetery was filling up.

The clerk queried how the requirement for living in the parish for 60 per cent of a person's life was to be proved and who by. It was agreed that the onus was on the family and undertakers to provide the necessary proof and that the person must reside or have resided in the parish not just owned property.

Councillor Malyon proposed a grace period of three months for the purchase of plots for residents.

Residents felt the implementation of the regulations required good publicising. It was also suggested to look at the possibility of purchasing land in the parish.

Following further discussions, the proposed grace period of three months for the purchase of plots for residents was carried. This was to be from July 1st to September 30th.

For further information contact the clerk on 07973 522861 or email clerk@ipstonesparishcouncil.gov.uk

PRAYER CORNER

Father God,
Thank you that you made Sunday a day of rest.

Thank you for this time we can spend with our families and friends.

But don't let us forget Lord, that Sundays can be especially lonely for those people who have no family.

Help us to remember to share your day with those who may need our Love and friendship. —Amen

St. Leonard's Ipstones

St Leonard's Church, Ipstones



Well June is more than halfway through and what a busy month it has been so far.

Festival of Flowers

Our Festival of Flowers started at St Leonard's with a concert by The Ashbourne Town Band who played a varied programme, we particularly enjoyed the Sound of Music medley.

The Flower Trail around the parishes followed and was very successful, raising lots of funds for all of the churches. It was very well attended by locals and people from further afield and the comments were all very complimentary.

The amazing people who put the displays together deserve all of the praise, where do they get their ideas and inspiration from?

The refreshments and beautiful cakes were all greatly enjoyed by the visitors too.

Civic Service

We then held the Civic Service at St Leonards for Councillor Linda Malyon.

This was attended by many of her friends and colleagues and council members from other towns. There were songs from the Community Choir and the Rainbows and Brownies.

It began with a procession from the Memorial Hall to where everyone returned after the service for refreshments. This also meant the return of Rev Jane, albeit temporarily!

Treasure hunt and hog roast

Now that summer has arrived, everyone will have lots of sporting entertainment to enjoy with the World Cup and Wimbledon.

The weather was kind to us for the Walking Treasure Hunt and Hog Roast on the 20th.

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the day and it was very well supported.

People were seen around the village studying the clues before making their way back to Coltstone Farm to hand in the answers!

Hoping that the weather stays fine for us for a little while longer.

Hog Roast Raffle

We have an unclaimed raffle prize from our function on Saturday, June 20th.

If you have ticket 675 please contact Jackie Worrall on 01538 266811.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Treasure Hunt and joined the Hog Roast afterwards. You made the event fun and a great success!

Letter from Revd Jane and Emma

Halo, ciamar a tha thu, (*otherwise know as hi, how are you*). I told you I was working on my Gaelic! Not that I have got much beyond greetings!

We were not expecting to write again so soon, but on my trip down to Staffordshire last weekend, Toby Gaddum gave me another hugely generous, overwhelming farewell gift, which Pam Ramsay sourced so we absolutely had to write and say another huge thank you.

It's an amazing gift voucher for a famous whisky distillery, with its own hotel and restaurant (*with Michelin Stars no less*) Glen Turret, near Pitlochry. We are booking in for a stay in spring as it's fully booked to the end of this year and are already very excited about it.

So, a billion thank you's in advance.

We are both fine and still loving everything about our new life (*despite missing the Moorlands*). Emma reckons we are in danger of becoming two mad reclusive ladies, but since I am meeting loads of folk through volunteering in the community shop, I don't think reclusive comes into it.

I expect Sue Gould in Ipstones Post Office will laugh buckets when she hears I will be doing postmaster training in Glasgow in the autumn, as a Director of the Community Centre where we are opening a post office in July. (open for 6 hours a week!). The previous PO closed when the village shop shut last October.

We are experiencing the edge of the heat wave – 19 degrees out there today. It's beautiful in all weathers.

We have been lucky to meet up with the Clulow's from Flash on their mega Scottish camper van trip a couple of weeks ago, and we bumped into Maggi and Brian Rowland from Butterton in Tobermory yesterday when we were over doing the shopping (its rather nice going shopping by boat!).

Have a great summer everyone, and thank you again

Love Jane and Emma

St Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondent

St Bartholomew's Church

Flower Festival

Friday 5th saw shipments of props and flowers moving into the church ready for the weekend flower festival.



The Book Club began constructing a huge display showing their own personal journeys through life through flowers and various items. Butterton History Group worked on the theme of the Ecton Copper mine and the journeys of our own miners to various points of the world following the local mines running down in the mid 1800's.

Welly boots full of flowers decorated the pew ends. The parish council sponsored a pedestal arrangement. Kim Kirby produced the Wizard of Oz display with the yellow brick road. Kim also had two milk churns full of white flowers at the porch entrance that depicted the Milk Grotto of Bethlehem.

Other displays included the 'Beating of the Bounds' and a quiz display celebrating the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Peak Park.

Refreshments were available over the weekend, as was a raffle. Nearly £600 was raised over the weekend and the Book Club donated their takings of £120 to add to the pot.

At 3pm on Sunday we celebrated with a well-attended Songs of Praise with Toby officiating.

As I type, the flowers are still hanging on, scenting the whole church.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful event, enjoyed by all our visitors.

Lottery Ball Draw at Warm Welcome

1st prize of £40 went to Xander Steele. 2nd prize of £20 – Margaret Dutton (x) and 3rd prize of £10 – Tim Mollatt. Next Warm Welcome is on Tuesday 7th July when another draw takes place.

Butterton Village Hall

Friday 12th June was **Pig Racing night**. Although attendance was disappointing, we had a good night.

Jack Bagshaw was presented with the Andrew Wint Memorial Trophy and £141 was raised for hall funds. Thanks to Gwen Bagshaw for donating hot dogs and bacon baps.

A **Summer Fayre** will be held on Sunday 5th July, 1pm – 4pm at the village hall. All the usual fun of the fair. If the weather is kind, then some stalls could be outside. Please contact Hilary Bassett on 01538 422314 for more details.

Saturday 18th July is the return of the **Repair Cafe** between 10am – 2pm at the hall. Please see the posters displayed for the types of repairs offered.

Friday 24th July is **bingo** night. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Butterton Parish Council

The council met on Tuesday 16th June. Themes discussed were Ecology in the Churchyard.

Proposals for supplying and filling of grit bins for the upcoming winter, the disappearance of the brown bins and appearance of food waste bins, along with grants available for various projects, potholes and general maintenance in the parish were discussed. The next meeting is Tuesday 28th July at 7pm at the village hall.

Happy 107th Birthday Nancy

A Happy Birthday to Nancy Coates of Ecton who was 107 years old on 13th June.

What an age and what a lady!!!

Prayers Following Accident

As I type, your prayers are asked for one of our residents, Kevin Fox, who is seriously ill in North Staffs Hospital following an accident at Bottomhouse on 12th June.

St Luke's Onecote



And The heavens will praise your wonders, O Lord;
—Psalm 89:5.

I have to report, to begin with that we have had a very successful flower festival.

It has been interesting to see how different people have interpreted our theme which was Pilgrimage or Journey through life.

We had a lot of visitors over the two days who passed on some lovely comments.

Many thanks to everyone who helped us in any way, whether it was serving on the rota, making soup or baking cakes It all has been very much appreciated. We also had a very well attended Songs of Praise.

Now our thoughts turn to July 18th and our Summer Fete, which begins at 1pm until 5pm.

We have all the usual stalls and games, cakes and refreshments together with the BBQ and also the well-stocked bar. The entrance fee is £2.00 and children under 14 are free.

Beginning at 7pm we have Stepping Lane's Band night, tickets are £10.00 each.

Do come and join us—it will be a good day.

Here we must thank Julie and Graham for letting us use their field once again.

Nearly forgot, we must also pray for some good weather, which makes the day!

Baptisms

Last Sunday we had not one but two separate Baptisms at church with our Revd Jane officiating. The first one was Emily Florrie Critchlow, and the second was Edie Grace Iliff. Great that we have two more joining our church family.

Fabric Fund

I am now collecting for the Fabric Fund for 2026. As you know you can send a cheque, cash in an envelope put into Debra's letter box, I think these days the bank transfer is favoured by most.

Here are the winners for April and May 2026:

April:

1. Barbara Wibberley
2. Diane Jagers
3. Lucy Davies

May:

- 1: Laura Melland
- 2: Swancott family
- 3: Janet Stone

Sympathy

Now, our sympathy and prayers go to the family of the late Mrs Dawn Grindey who passed away a few days ago. The family are very well known to us all, we send our love and thoughts to them all.

As well as this we have lost Mrs Mary Sotheran, who along with husband John and family lived at Old Hall, Onecote for some time. We send the family our sympathy and love at this difficult time.

Best wishes to everyone. —Jean.

Ipstones Methodist Church

The Methodist Church and Schoolroom continue to be well used and full of life.



Our regular activities include fortnightly coffee mornings (*held on alternate Tuesdays from 10am to midday*), along with the ever-popular craft club, folk nights, and a variety of occasional meetings.

There is always something happening, and everyone is welcome to come along.

We are grateful that the leak in the church skylight has now been repaired, thanks to a generous grant from Peace Through Folk.

They are now also making use of the gallery to store some of their sound equipment.

Attention is now turning to the Schoolroom roof, where further repairs will be needed. We are currently seeking grants and may also be organising some additional fundraising in the coming months.

Meanwhile, the woodwork around the Schoolroom doorway has been repaired and will soon be freshly repainted, helping to keep the building looking cared for and welcoming.

Although we are a small congregation, we continue to find many ways to support and serve our local community. We are looking forward once again to being part of the Ipstones Show at the end of August.

This year we are excited to be using a new resource—the Circuit Trailer—a converted trailer equipped for serving refreshments. With it, we will be able to offer our much-loved cream teas at the show.

And speaking of cream teas, our Warm Welcome afternoons continue every Friday from 2pm to 5pm in the Schoolroom. On Friday 3rd July, we will be marking Wimbledon fortnight with cream teas and strawberries. It promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon, and everyone is very warmly invited to join us.

Friday 3rd July 2pm to 5pm cream teas at Warm Welcome in the Methodist Schoolroom

SERVICES DURING JULY

- July 5th at 10.30am
Rev Julie Hassall
- July 12th at 10.30am
Local Arrangement
- July 19th at 10.30am
Dr Lynne Bradbury
- July 26th at 10.30am
Mr Arthur & Mrs Eva Massey

Coffee, toast, cake and chat
In the Methodist schoolroom

July 7th, & 21st

Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

Everyone Welcome!



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 Interregnum.

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 07768340253 or Emma Gould 07989294809.

Tim Robinson

Many congratulations to Tim, our Christmas Soloist, and The Hawkstone Farmers Choir for winning Britain's Got Talent – what a wonderful achievement and great exposure for Farming!

Fundraising

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

Despite the rainy start we had a successful Flower Festival. We raised just over £500. Donations are still coming in – please pass anything to Emma Gould. We received many pleasing comments.

We had many wonderful and thought-provoking arrangements – around our theme of Pilgrimage a life's journey – Grief, A trip to the Shops, The Peak Pilgrimage, Gardening, Camino de Santiago, Marriage, Education, Prayer, Blackpool Illuminations, The Harpur Crewe – a pilgrimage over 600 years, Farming and Triathlon.

Our Pilgrimage through the Bible by prayer featured the wonderful Gould Family Bible, kindly donated to the Church by Miriam Kirkham and Margaret Gregory.

Thank you to our talented and local arrangers Brenda Oliver, Carole Hunter, David Gordon and Laura Peach, Dorothy Mellor, Jenny Riley, Roger Pegg and Pat Thompson, Judy Prince and Emma Gould.

It was especially pleasing to welcome new arrangers and see their wonderful talent! We hope to see you again! Thank you for your time, inspiration and donations of flowers.

It was particularly poignant that Dorothy Mellor, a stalwart of the Church for too many years to mention, still did an arrangement! You have always been a great inspiration to many. Thank you!

Thank you to Sonya and Brian Boughey for the beautiful blooms from their garden – some might say prize winning!

Thank you to our lovely bakers Margaret Massey and Jenny Riley – we had excellent feedback on how delicious your bakes were!

We had a quiz on Saturday night which was very well attended – thank you to all for coming and to Suzanne Astle for helping to serve the food. Thank you to Emma Gould for the food and quiz – great fun!

Our Flower Festival concluded with a Song of Praise which was taken by Sharon Ford. Sharon put together an excellent service which encapsulated the spirit of all the displays and linked thoughtfully to our theme. Thank you Sharon and also to our friends from Longnor for attending! Thanks to Ged for his usual excellent playing of our organ – you make it talk!

Thank you to Judy Prince for organising and undertaking her infamous raffle.

Thanks also to Elliott Gould for preparation work and Stuart Gould for putting up and taking down the banners.

Warslow News *(continued...)*

Most of all thank you to all who came to view the festival, gave raffle or tombola prizes – without you there would be no point

Last but, by no means least thank you to Andrew Phillips for his assistance with the heavy lifting.

Belated Birthday Wishes

We wish Doris Wentworth a belated Happy 90th birthday! It was lovely to catch up with her at the festival.

OUR NEXT SERVICE:

26th July at 11am HOLY COMMUNION.

Thought For The Month

Many of you will know of school children taking exams at this time that could shape their future. It is a stressful time, but one that hopefully will be fruitful.

Knowing one group who revised together to achieve their goals worked well, then unexpectedly one died. The group were profoundly shaken- after all they were supposedly in the prime of their lives.

They decided to support the sister of the deceased. In time they attended her wedding and travelled to a baby shower years after her brother's death. They loved the brother and passed that love on.

Jesus said:

“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another”

—John chapter 13 verse 34

This is living Christianity to the full,
caring for those in need whatever that may be.

Services and events

We are working together in church to continue with services and events while we wait for a new vicar. There is much work going on in the background all the time, by a dedicated few.

The flower festival with the theme ‘Pilgrimage’ was superb.

The friends of St Leonard's would love to welcome more people to join them in putting on more events like that. Is that something you could help with? Contact Ann Jackson, who will tell you more about it.

Heavenly Father,
Help me to open my eyes to see where I can help those in need. AMEN

Local Interest

Flower trail attracts large numbers of visitors

A COLLECTIVE flower festival trail attracted a host of visitors last month.

Ipstones, Onecote, Butterton and Warslow churches staged the festival trail.

Based on a theme of 'Pilgrimage' or 'Journey through Life' the flower festivals organisers had supplied a stunning array of colour for visitors.

The weekend festival was launched on Friday night, June 5th when Ashbourne Town Band entertained visitors in St Leonard's Church in Ipstones.

In **Ipstones** many village organisations had created floral displays all around the windows in the church.

A spokesperson said: "We received a lot of visitors during the weekend event, which had been organised by The Friends of St Leonard's Church.

"To conclude the weekend festival a Songs of Praise was held in the church on Sunday night."

The flower festival raised £400 for the church.

In **Warslow** visitors again flocked to St Lawrence Church for the festival.

A spokesperson said: "We received a lot of visitors during Saturday and Sunday, who were treated to homemade refreshments.

"A successful quiz and supper were held on Saturday night."

The event raised just over £500 for church funds.

A Songs of Praise was held on Sunday night.

At St Luke's Church in **Onecote** organisers were kept busy serving refreshments including soup and a roll to a host of visitors.

A spokesperson said: "The festival was very well attended. We had soup and rolls for dinner along with cakes and other refreshments. The event raised just over £1,000 for church funds."

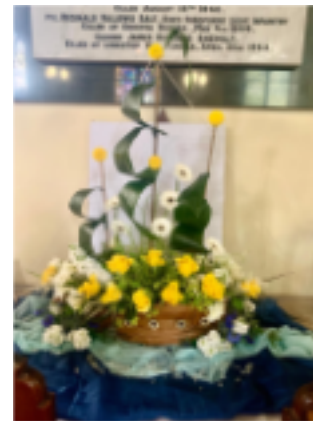
The church also held a Songs of Praise to conclude the weekend event.

St Bartholomew's Church in **Butterton** flower festival was also well attended.

A spokesperson said: "We received a good attendance to our event, with donations, refreshments and a raffle we raised £588. The book club who did a large display donated an additional £120 making a total of £708.

"Many of the floral displays were created by local organisations."

To conclude the weekend event a Songs of Praise was held.



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 18th. 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.

Ipstones Historical Society

The Ipstones Historical Society met on 28th May 2026 for a talk given by Shaun Farrelly on the subject of unpicking the threads.



The speaker told the society that he had been inspired to create this talk by a friend who said it was a fascinating story. It concerns the creation; invention and eventual production of the humble sewing machine.

There are a few people that could be attributed to inventing the sewing machine however, our speaker thinks that Elias Howe, born in America is probably the best candidate. He had early employment making carding paddles to make thread.

He worked in a factory in Boston and tinkered with machinery, but when two men came in one day saying they had built a sewing machine, but it didn't work, he had an idea. Elias began a lifelong project to create a working machine, and he saw that having two interlocking threads was the way to go.

A friend lent him \$500 to kick start the venture and the first machine was cumbersome and difficult to operate. He persisted and by 1845 developments produced a seam and this allowed him to make the first men's suits. He tried to market the machines but at \$250 they were too expensive.

Elias went to London to try and sell his idea but again this led to failure. By the time Howe returned to America he found that his machines had been mass produced by other companies. He took them to court and won his case against infringement of copyright. Isaac Singer had to pay Howe one million dollars.

From that time onward Elias Howe received payments for all machines produced and the Singer Company developed and improved his idea. They made the machines faster, added treadles and allowed them to be bought on hire purchase. The government boosted the machines sales by using them to make army uniforms for the American Civil War.

Many further improvements have been made to sewing machines since this time such as rotary machines and the toothed bar under the foot to push the fabric through automatically. Howe died aged 48 and in 1940 America honoured him with a set of stamps.

There were other inventors over the years of many types of a form of sewing machine, but none were patented or worked like Howes invention.

The next meeting of the society will be on **25th June**, with a fascinating talk on the life of Robert Hooke. The July meeting will be our annual outing which is to be announced shortly. All are welcome, members £1.00 and non-members £4.00 on the door.

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 (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 nd 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 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:
Sun. 19 th July from 9.45am	Ipstones 5ish Road Race	Linda Malyon 07824 449178
Friday 31 st July 7–9pm	Fused Glass Workshop	Paula Andrews 07879 368811
Saturday 29 th August	Ipstones 74 th Agricultural Show	Jeff Chadwick 07765 236824
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	Geraldine Shuttleworth 01538 266633
Sat. 26 th Sept. (time tbc)	Ipstones British Legion Last Night of the Proms	Margaret Burnett 07973 480184

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

The **Annual General Meeting** of Ipstones Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground takes place this month. It will be held on **Monday, July 13th** at 7.30pm in the Blore Suite.

IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL

250 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW

June 2026 draw

£20	No. 92	John Richards
£15	No. 107	Tony Copeland
£10	No. 115	Paul Emery

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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.

A warning has been issued

after a villager became a victim of fraud. An expert, who has the experience of providing scams awareness information and supporting victims of fraud, along with the victim, have written the attached as a useful guide to readers to prevent further villagers becoming victims of fraud.



Be on Your Guard...

When I shared with friends an upsetting incident, a couple of them said it would be a good idea to put something together for the Newsletter. So, I'll call myself, "Taken In..."

Mid-afternoon, the phone rang. I picked up and a man who spoke with an accent from another country told me he was from Microsoft. He told me the reason for his call was because my computer was being invaded by hackers who were spending money on my cards. I asked if he was going to try and sell me protection for my computer. He repeated the reason for his call and that he could block the hackers for me to prevent any further activity from them.

I asked how did I know he was a genuine caller, and not a scammer. He was very convincing, saying he wanted to help me, and why would Microsoft ring other than to be helpful? The call continued and I cannot believe that I was persuaded to let him have access to my computer, but the man kept saying I needed to do this so he could block the hackers.

I began to feel quite stressed and when he asked for a payment of £3, I said I would pay on my credit card as this would be safer. He told me only debit cards were accepted. I repeated that I didn't want to enter my bank details on the screen and he said, "Well how are you going to pay so I can do the work to block the hackers?". So, yes, I entered my bank details.

By now, I was feeling even more stressed and quite nauseous. Then, the camera light on my computer came on and I realised that the man could see me. This felt even more stressful. He told me, "Calm down friend and shut your mouth." I said I was going to end the call as I had now been on the phone for 1½ hours. He said, "If you end the call, your computer will be blocked."

Village News *(continued...)*

I did end the call, and the computer was immediately blocked. At this point, I crumbled.

So, I called my bank. Within a few minutes I was talking to their fraud department. They checked my account and thankfully no money had been taken. The bank blocked my account and debit card, suspended my online banking and ordered me a new card. I was very tearful, feeling stupid at being taken in by this man. The bank was very helpful and said I'd been a victim of a very elaborate scam.

My computer is being professionally cleaned up, but at what expense?

I have spoken to someone with a lot of experience supporting victims of fraud. They reassured me that **anyone** can have a vulnerable moment where they become a victim of fraud. That's all it takes and we often don't realise we're vulnerable at the time.

It isn't dependent on intelligence, financial knowledge or status.

And, it takes a long time to recover, as trust in others and yourself has been smashed.

Following our conversation, we would like to share the following information and aide memoire to help others avoid becoming victims of fraud:

- **Remember**, anyone can become a victim of fraud – that includes you and your loved ones.
- **It's not only online** - fraudsters can contact you by phone, email, online, by post or on the doorstep.
- **Fraudsters operate** from anywhere – home and abroad, so they can speak with any accent.
- **If someone** confides in you that they have been a victim of fraud – please be kind to them, as you would with any victim of crime.

Remember SUNTAN to help you spot a scam and beat the fraudsters...

S	SPECIAL	Fraudsters may give you a special offer that's just for you, or make you feel special and they're doing you a favour.
U	URGENCY	They will try to get you to act without thinking or having a chance to speak to someone. They may try to scare you.
N	NOT EXPECTED	You didn't ask them to get in touch.
T	TIMING	They may contact you at usually busy times of the day, when you're distracted. They may link "offers" to events throughout the year.
A	AUTHORITY	They will impersonate the bank, police, internet providers, computer software companies or other organisations you normally trust.
N	NO THANK YOU!	Fraudsters use some or all of these tactics. If you spot any of them: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put the phone down• Close the door Don't click on links or reply to emails or online.

Village News *(continued...)*

If you have been targeted by a fraudster, you should never be afraid or embarrassed to speak up. People want to help.

- **ALWAYS** contact your bank (*even if you haven't lost any money*). They can help you keep your money safe. You can contact your bank's fraud department by **calling 159**.
- **TELL** someone. This could prevent someone else becoming a victim and will help your recovery.
- **REPORT IT.**

Phone calls: Phone Report Fraud on **0300 123 2040**

Scam text messages: Forward the message to **7726** to alert your mobile provider.

Scam emails: Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk for the National Cyber Security Centre to investigate.

Postal scams:

Send the original letter and envelope in an unopened, sealed poly-bag to **Freepost Scam Mail**.

Reporting fraud gives the authorities a picture of what is happening, so they have more chance of combatting fraud. It will also help your recovery.

Further information:

- Age UK produce a FREE comprehensive guide "Avoiding Scams". It can be downloaded at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud/scams-guide/> or, you can order one by calling 0800 678 1602 or emailing: orders@ageuk.co.uk.
- Age UK Cheshire produce a free monthly Scams Awareness Newsletter to keep you up to date with current scams to look out for. It is available online at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/cheshire/activities-and-events/scams-awareness/>
Report Fraud national website: <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

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

A lovely summer treat is waiting for you at the Ipstones Warm Welcome event.

On **Friday, July 3rd** it is scones, strawberries and bubbles day from 2pm.



It will be held at the Sunday School room opposite to the Methodist Chapel on School Green.

Visitors always receive a warm welcome.



Ipstones Folk Night

Peace through Folk Newsletter issued 21st September 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

July 15th - Sing (& play) around - free admission doors open 7.00pm
- dedicated to Rick Ford, a founding director of Peace through Folk who passed away on 13 July 2025. Normal sing-around, in turn for all who want to sing or play, interspersed with videos recorded by Rick

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

Ipstones Folk Club in the Staffordshire Moorlands ST10 2LY

on
**Wednesday
19th August**

A cappella
close harmony
folk singing at its finest

Tom Perry  **Clive Brooks**

"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
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)

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.

Ipstones Writers' Group

WRITING FOR FUN WITH THE IPSTONES WRITERS

Our last meeting was on the 26th May with the subject set 'A Day in the life.....'

As always, it is quite extraordinary how different each piece is and how imaginative some of the stories are. I love listening to all the interpretations.

We heard of a scullery maid working in a grand house having occasionally been asked to cover for the house maid or nursery maid. On this day, it was her day off and she was walking home to see her family to tell them of her promotion to lady's maid.

Next came the story of finding a secret door in the garden and having breakfast laid out for her when she went though. Sadly, discovering it was all a dream as she awoke.

We heard of the May fly who lays 10,000 eggs but only lives a day. And another about the sparrows active in the garden throughout the year, especially when feeding their young.

Then, simply standing and watching the world go by from a front door in the village, awareness of the tractors busy with mowing passing back and fore in the recent mini heat wave.

Inspired by a memory of a Beatles song about a day in the life, another wrote of daily mundane experiences and how they are adapting to a big change in their lives.

I think though for all, and certainly for me, it was Linda Alcock's piece that stood out and moved us all; you can read below. One of the things that blows me away about Linda's writing is that she writes by hand and just lets her pen flow. Yes, the odd word crossed out and exchanged for another, but I think she's brilliant and brings so much history, often about life in Ipstones years ago, to the table. I've typed this up and hope it's all accurate as I can't get hold of Linda to check.

As always cake and tea or coffee for all before our five-minute quick write, this time on tractors.

Lots of reminiscing from folk around tractor stories over the years. Mostly positive and relating to small children and not so small adults getting excited to see them, especially when it was a rare occurrence if they lived in towns or cities. Of course, the Manifold Show, slow tractor race got a mention, the highlight of the show each year.

Next month we meet on **Tuesday 30th June** and the subject to get our heads around is: *'the unwritten rule!'*

A Day in the life —by Linda Alcock

A day in the life of two old crows,
Wise as owls and know how it goes,
Sitting, watching as the world goes by,
All is gone in the blink of an eye.

The horses rounded up, like a herd of cows,
Stood right by the goats and sows.
Their byre is empty, the floor swept clean,
no one would know where they'd been.

The straw blown away, as well as their hay,
didn't give them a chance to even say neigh.
The dogs skulked about, knowing something was up,
The cats meowed by the little pup.

The friends are parted I'm sad and indeed,
What a way for the world to lead.
The village lads normally quiet and shy,
thought that the work had passed them by.

A loud shout went up, 'come on you men
As I call you again and again.'
Their parents were quiet and didn't speak,
that was the Wednesday we go to Leek.

To take the animals fed and fat,
But on the wall the farmer sat,
His heart cried out for his youngest lad,
a good honest youth, and not so bad.

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

The usual shenanigans of village life,
now to go, replaced by strife.
The mother stood at the kitchen sink,
she couldn't eat; she couldn't drink.

Life for her had come to a halt,
They would soon be getting a mighty jolt.
The boys went to town, In their leather soles,
signing up, not playing bowls.

Laughing, joking and playing the fool,
soon they would be out of God's rule.
Rolling up at the local town hall,
the men all thought they'd have a ball.

Over the seas to a foreign shore,
wondering and waiting for what's in store.
It didn't take long for a bell to ring,
the orders came like a sharp sting.

The kings shilling on the table lay,
greedy hands were kept at bay.
You're going home, return in a day,
you've done nothing yet to earn your pay.

Uniforms were piled in neat high piles,
they reached up till they hit the tiles.
Trousers, shoes, shirts and boots,
Out of the door, the young dog scoots;

No animals here, they're not allowed,
Signed up and cheered on, by a gathering crowd.
Goodbye for now, dear parents of mine,
no more for a while, with you to dine.

A route march ensued, to the barracks nearby,
they reached there before you could say bye.
Waving hankies held aloft,
don't start crying, you'll look right soft.

Headquarters reached and an evening meal,
keep your gear, so no one would steal.
The boats moved up to carry their load,
it was to be a grizzly road.

Landing in France, the March goes on,
sadness spread for everyone.
Many pals fell over the years,
Didn't call majors boss, or even sirs.

You did a job and did it well,
oh, the tales that they could tell.
Much blood was spilt on the battlefields,
Hope to good peace, it yields.

The two old crows sat on their perch,
thinking the farm was in the lurch.
I don't give much for their chances in France,
they hopped about as if in a trance.

Four long years had passed by,
As the two wise birds flew over the sky.
I see a figure and recognise,
I may be wrong; I have bad eyes.

He's back, he's back, they called as one.
The day is over, the battle won.

Eating Out Locally

Tea Junction, Hulme End



If you want a nice ride out in the countryside to find a nice place for lunch or coffee and cake, then try the Tea Junction at Hulme End. I'm a regular visitor there.

The staff are so friendly and welcoming and there is a good choice of food, from Cornish pasties to baked potatoes, paninis to sandwiches.

My favourite is the sandwiches, made on a fresh farmhouse loaf and served with crisps, salad and coleslaw, all freshly prepared when you order. There's a good choice of fillings and the choice of cakes is amazing, I am often tempted.

There is plenty of space outdoors when the weather is good plus a fenced off area, so you feel safe if you've got children or dogs.

You can just call for an ice cream too if you've had a walk down the Manifold valley.

I really recommend you try it! —*Carole*

Little Country Kitchen

I am sure lots of us have old cookbooks on the shelf that are used very occasionally, and maybe only for one or two favourite recipes. Well, mine is one of the very first cookbooks I bought back in 1984 when the former Cauldon Lowe school was a craft centre.

The Complete Farmhouse Kitchen Cookbook, published to accompany a TV series by Yorkshire Television, is held together by tape, its pages now having turned brown at the edges.

Yesterday, a wet and windy home alone kind of day in early June, watching afternoon TV, I suddenly felt like something sweet, but didn't want to spend too much time in the kitchen, so it was a quick batch of old fashioned Rock Cakes, and I was soon back to Escape to the Country, with a couple on a plate and a cuppa on the side.

A simple and quick recipe, perhaps for those who don't bake much, or one to do with children or grandchildren? With a good result the Rock Cakes keep well for a few days in an airtight tin, or eat some now, and save the rest for another time as they freeze very well.

OLD FASHIONED ROCK CAKES

Preheat oven to 220/fan bake 200/gas 7.
Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.

Ingredients

225g/8oz self-raising flour

½ level teaspoon salt

125g/4oz firm butter

3oz caster sugar

40g/handful of sultanas (I found I had bought a bag of mixed berries by mistake, but the chopped sour cherries tasted good)

15g candid peel (none of that in my pantry so substituted chopped apricots)

1 beaten large egg and 2 tablespoons milk

Caster sugar for dredging

Method

Put flour and salt in a bowl and rub in the butter. Add sugar and fruit.

Mix to a stiff consistency with the beaten egg and milk.

Using two forks dipped in milk to put mounds on the prepared baking tray, leaving them rough and space between them. Dredge with caster sugar.

Bake in hot oven for about 12-15minutes – check after 12 mins. until firm and slightly golden.

Cool on a wire rack.

Happy baking and hope you enjoy your effort.



Ipstones Gardening

Jobs For July

For brilliant pots, baskets and window boxes, keep the compost well watered and feed twice a week with Flower Power. Remove flowers and seedpods as the flowers fade to keep plants flowering.

To ensure lots of flowers on your wisteria next year, cut back all the whippy growth to five to seven leaves from where they join the woody growth. And give them a good feed.

Plants can suffer from extreme heat in greenhouses during hot weather. Keep them as cool as possible by adding extra shading to the glass and watering the floor in the morning and at midday.

To keep your roses blooming all summer, take off the old blooms as they fade to stop them going to seed. For an extra boost, give your plants a regular feed with Flower Power.

It's a great time to trim hedges. Cut the sides at a slight angle so that the bottom is a bit wider than the top. This helps strengthen the hedge and also lets light reach the base to prevent bare bottoms.

For the best crop of runner beans, keep them well watered, especially during hot weather. To help the flowers set, mist the plants in the late afternoon/early evening. Liquid feed them weekly.

If masses of green blanket weed is building up in your pond, remove it regularly by twisting it around a stick. And skim any floating weeds and debris from the surface with a net or sieve.

Many shrubs and climbing plants root from cuttings quickly now. Choose healthy shoots, take cuttings about 7.5–10cm/3–4in long, trim to just below a leaf joint, remove the lower leaves, dip in hormone rooting powder and place in pots of gritty compost.

If your bearded irises didn't flower too well this year, now's the time to lift and divide them, and replant the younger, stronger portions. Don't plant too deeply or they'll take a few years to flower.

If you're going away on holiday, get on top of any pests and diseases before you go. Give plants a good watering and feed too, and don't forget to mow the lawn.

PLACES TO VISIT



Fletchers Garden Centre

Not just a gardening centre, Fletchers is a destination centre offering a full-day experience combined with visiting the Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre, which is a must-see mini-zoo hosted on our site supporting rescued animals of all varieties.

Contact Us

Phone: 01785 851057

Email: rupert@fletchers-gardencentre.co.uk

Address:

Bridge Farm, Stone Rd, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6JY

Attractions

- Garden Centre
- Farmhouse Kitchen
- Crazy Golf
- Miniature Railway
- Play Area
- Wildlife Sanctuary
- Fletchers Reward Card



Home & Garden

From plants and outdoor living to hard landscaping or gifts and homewares, find everything for your home and garden.



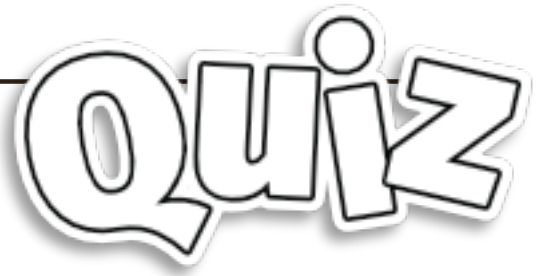
Farmhouse Kitchen

Our warm, friendly restaurant is the perfect place to grab a bite to eat with an extensive menu that has something for everyone.



Attractions

Something for all the family with mini golf, a ride on miniature railway, our popular play area or Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre.



Bits & Pieces Quiz

1. In David Hockney's painting 'Mr & Mrs Clark and Percy', who is Percy?
2. In which city would you find the Uffizi Art Gallery?
3. Which famous artist painted 'Starry Night'?
4. Which Shakespeare play features the character Shylock?
5. Who wrote the novels 'Animal Farm' and '1984'?
6. What plant is also known as Columbine and Granny's Bonnet?
7. Which plant has types called climbing, rambling, standard and floribunda?
8. In what year was the first episode of Coronation Street first broadcast?
9. In what year was the first email sent?
10. How many keys are there on a standard piano?
11. After amputation of his limb which famous potter had a wooden leg?
12. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize?
13. What is the smallest Country in the world?
14. In which part of the body would you find your smallest bone?
15. What is the chemical symbol for Iron?
16. What is the most abundant gas in the Earth's atmosphere?
17. In what year was the organisation NATO formed?
18. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?
19. What was the name of the trade route that linked the East and West?
20. If placed end to end which part of the Human Body would reach to the planet Pluto?

June Quiz Answers: ROUND THE ROYALS QUIZ

1. Grimaldi 2. 1956 3. The Pink Palace 4. Charlene, Princess of Monaco 5. King Willem-Alexander
6. House of Bernadotte 7. Corfu 8. House of Windsor 9. Photography 10. Aston Villa
11. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor 12. Kate Middleton 13. Megan, Duchess of Sussex 14. 1992
15. Sir Timothy Lawrence 16. Eight 17. Freddy Mercury 18. Six 19. Christmas Pudding
20. On an official visit to Kenya
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Events

QUIZ NIGHT

*Come and join us for a fun evening
At The Maquis of Granby Ipstones
1st of July Wednesday 6pm
£5 per person
Refreshments included*

*Raising funds for
Blood Bikes
Country Air Ambulance HELP Appeal
Fire Fighters Charity*

Contact Linda 07724449178 or Sue 07736309519

QUIZ NIGHT



IPSTONES 5'ish ROAD RACE 19th JULY 2026

Raising funds County Air Ambulance Trust Appeal, Fire Fighters Charity & Blood Bikers

5'ish Race starts at 10.30am

Up to 16 fun Run 9.45 am

Junior Run 9.45 am

Senior Run 10.30am

Tiny Totz 10.35 am free of charge

Juniors £7

Club members £17 non club members £10

Tiny totz race will run while the main race is in progress

Anyone wanting a stall please just turn up no charge but a donation would be good thank you.

To book for the Main Race please contact

Ken Rushton 07796567798

kennshton64@gmail.com

Online or paper entries from -www.ncma.org.uk

For anymore information please contact

Linda Malton 07824449178

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We are expecting a good field of runners please support them as they support us.

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