

## Concerns raised over proposed wind farm

**MAJOR concerns have been raised over proposals to build a wind farm near Ipstones Edge.**

OPD Energy have applied to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion for the proposed development of a wind farm at Padwick Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Ipstones.

The proposed development would comprise of eight turbines with a hub height of 115 metres, (377 feet) a maximum tip of blade height of 196 metres (649 feet) and a combined output of approximately 49.9MW.

The proposed development occupies approximately 148 ha and is located at Padwick Farm, Bradshaw Lane, approximately 1km north of Ipstones and 3km southwest of Leek.

A report to planners said: "It is accepted that there is the potential for significant environmental effects associated with the proposed development and as such the applicant has voluntarily screened it in as EIA development and is now seeking the Local Planning Authority's Scoping Opinion for the EIA.

"The applicant is OPD Energy, an Independent Power Producer with proven experience and a wide portfolio of projects operating throughout Europe, developing renewable energy projects, including solar and onshore wind from site identification and project inception, to permitting, construction and operation.



"The current land use of the site and surrounding area is predominantly for agricultural purposes.

"The proposed development will comprise the installation of

eight turbines along with the necessary associated infrastructure for electricity generation and connection to the existing electricity network.

"The proposed development will also involve environmental enhancements in line with, as a minimum, meeting biodiversity net gain requirements.

"The completed wind farm will have an electricity generation capacity of 49.9 MW and an operational life of approximately 35 years.

"The number of people employed during the construction phase will vary according to the stage of construction of the proposed development. Initial workforce numbers will be low with a focus on enabling works including the construction of a site compound and access improvement works.

"A peak workforce of 30 people is anticipated where civil works and electrical works overlap with the turbine installation teams. This is expected from months 12 to 18."

***See page five for more on this story.***

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# Community speed watch group suffer from abuse

**A CALL has been made for drivers to show more appreciation to volunteer community speed watch group members after they received abuse.**

It comes after Ipstones speed watch group, which is run in conjunction with the police, have completed speed checks in Froghall Road.

One session 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.

Next a follow up late afternoon check was 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.

Now a third check has taken place between 7am and 9pm where more than 300 vehicles passing through the village with several checked at speeds way above the 30mph limit.

A spokesperson for the group said: "The people who volunteer for community speed watch give up their own time, free of charge, to help keep our villages and towns safer.

"They are not there to inconvenience anyone; they are there because they care about the safety of every member of the community.

"Imagine a vehicle travelling through a village above the speed limit and a child suddenly runs into the road. Those extra miles per hour could be the difference between stopping safely and a life-changing tragedy.



"If you were driving at a safe, legal speed, could that accident have been avoided? It is a question every driver should ask themselves.

"Making rude gestures, sticking your tongue out, mouthing insults, or behaving disrespectfully towards speed watch volunteers achieves nothing. These volunteers are trying to protect you, your family, your neighbours, and even those who choose to mock them.

"One day, it could be someone you love crossing that road. If community speed watch prevented just one serious accident or saved just one life, surely it is worth supporting rather than ridiculing.

"Instead of arrogance and disrespect, let's show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to help make our communities safer for everyone."

**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](mailto:clerk@ipstonesparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

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# Family Group Of Churches

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# Turbines would span higher than Blackpool Tower

**TWO parish councils along with many individuals have objected to a proposed wind farm near Ipstones Edge.**

Ipstones and Bradnop Parish Council have forwarded objections while Cheddleton Parish Council has raised concerns over the proposed development at Padwick Farm, Bradshaw Lane, Ipstones.

The site lies near the border of Ipstones and Bradnop parishes.

The main concern is size of eight turbines which would have a height to the top of the blade of 198 metres (649 feet) and would have a major impact on the sensitive area.

The turbines would be higher than Blackpool Tower which stands at 518 feet (158 metres).

Objecting to the development Ipstones Parish Council said: "Ipstones Parish Council reviewed the submitted documentation for application SMD/2026/0326 at the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2026 and formally requests that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

"The scale, height, and landscape prominence of the proposed turbines—combined with the sensitive geological, ecological, heritage and residential context—mean that only a comprehensive, site-specific EIA can adequately assess the likely significant environmental effects.

"Under the EIA Regulations 2017, Schedule 2, wind energy developments require EIA where:

- The development is likely to have significant effects on the environment due to size, location, or cumulative impact.

- The site lies within or near sensitive environmental or heritage receptors.

"The parish council therefore requests that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council does not progress the application until a full EIA is completed and publicly consulted upon."

Bradnop Parish Council have also objected to the proposals.



"In their objection to planners the council said: "Padwick Farm meets multiple triggers:

- Elevated topography with wide visibility across the Staffordshire Moorlands and beyond.
- Proximity to SSSI, Sites of Biological Importance, local wildlife sites, priority habitats, Multiple Conservation Areas and listed buildings.
- Potential for geological instability due to historic mining and natural features.
- High likelihood of significant residential impact (noise, flicker, lighting).
- Potential for increased flood risk in areas identified on the Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning and in any relevant Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Therefore, a full and detailed EIA is

not only justified but essential."

Cheddleton Parish Council said: "Cheddleton Parish Council are particularly concerned about the potential impact of a wind farm of this scale within such a sensitive rural landscape.

Given the proximity of designated landscapes and environmentally sensitive areas, including SSSI interests, we believe the environmental assessment should give detailed consideration to landscape character, visual impact, ecology, public rights of way, residential amenity and noise.

On the information currently available, we are minded to object until these issues have been fully assessed and understood. The parish council seeks further information on this application before reaching a definitive position."

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# Church & Rota Services

## CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026

| Church              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> September 2026              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> September 2026              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                              | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> September 2026                          |
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| Lectionary Readings | Exodus 12: 1-14<br>Psalm 149<br>Romans 13: 8-end<br>Matthew 18: 15-20 | Exodus 14: 19-end<br>Psalm 114<br>Romans 14: 1-12<br>Matthew 18: 21-35 | Exodus 16: 2-15<br>Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-end<br>Philippians 1: 21-end<br>Matthew 20: 1-16 | Exodus 17: 1-7<br>Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16<br>Philippians 2: 1-13<br>Matthew 21: 23-32 |
| Warslow             | <i>To other services</i>                                              | <i>To other services</i>                                               | <i>To other services</i>                                                               | 11am Holy Communion incl baptism<br>Rev. Nicola Pepper                             |
| Elkstones           | <i>To other services</i>                                              | <i>To other services</i>                                               | 7pm Harvest Festival<br>Toby Gaddum                                                    | <i>To other services</i>                                                           |
| Butterton           | <i>To other services</i>                                              | 3pm Evening Worship<br>Debra Tickell                                   | 11am Holy Communion<br>Rev. Arthur Hack                                                | <i>To other services</i>                                                           |
| Onecote             | 9.30am Holy Communion<br>Rev. Arthur Hack                             | 9.30am Morning Worship<br>Roger Cutts                                  | <i>To other services</i>                                                               | 7.30pm Harvest Holy Communion<br>Rev. Arthur Hack                                  |
| Ipstones            | 6.30pm Book of Common Prayer<br>Evensong<br>Roger Cutts               | 11am Holy Communion<br>Rev. Carol Richardson                           | 11am Morning Worship<br>Toby Gaddum                                                    | 11am Morning Worship<br>Roger Cutts<br>7.30pm Compline<br>John Flint               |

## CHURCH ROTA, IPSTONES - SEPTEMBER 2026

| Church<br>Liturgical colours<br>G =green<br>R=red<br>P=purple<br>W=White | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> September 2026<br>14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity/<br>Proper 18<br>G | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> September 2026<br>15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity/Proper<br>19<br>G | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> September 2026<br>16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity/Proper<br>20<br>G | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> September 2026<br>17 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity/Proper<br>21<br>G |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          | Evensong 6.30                                                                                                 | Holy Communion 11 am                                                                                          | Morning Worship 11am                                                                                          | Morning Worship 11am<br>Compline 7.30 pm                                                                      |
|                                                                          | Name                                                                                                          | Name                                                                                                          | Name                                                                                                          | Name                                                                                                          |
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| Eucharistic Assistant                                                    | N/A                                                                                                           | Jacquey Millward                                                                                              | N/A                                                                                                           | N/A                                                                                                           |

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# News From The Pews

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**I didn't know that 2026 marks 100 years since A. A. Milne created Winnie-the-Pooh. I only know this fact as a special event was held at the RSPB Coombes Valley Nature Reserve in mid-August.**

The Reserve was turned into the 100-acre wood as described in A. A. Milne's books and several volunteers read stories of Christopher Robin's adventures with the host of his marvellous characters, to a number of visiting children.

As a Family Group of churches, we held a few Pet Services during August and along with the wonderful animals from A. A. Milne's world we blessed some wonderful pets. Mostly dogs, but also a cat named Charley and a very grumpy hedgehog.

To me animals are the most wonderful part of God's creation, and I think we as humans resonate most with stories about animals when they involve moral issues.

Some of the quotes from the Winnie-the-Pooh stories could easily come from a Christian Daily Devotional.

For example, "Sometimes," said Pooh, "the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."

"Promise me you'll never forget me because if I thought you would, I'd never leave."

"What day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today," squeaked Piglet. "My favourite day," said Pooh.

As I write to you, it is a very gloomy morning and I have to confess that there is a feeling of autumn in the air, a season I love. But I can't help thinking that despite the extreme heat of this summer, life still moves along at a great pace.

We hit a new month, and the children will soon be going back to school and the rest of us automatically move into our autumnal routines. The nights are drawing in and before we know it, it will be Harvest, Remembrance and Advent.

I don't mean to wish our lives away, but the start of a new season always brings us thoughts about the future.

As a Christian I do think about my future and what that looks like hand in hand with God. The stories of animals and God's creation, help me know that there is more beyond this world.

The great Albert Einstein was travelling on a train from Princeton, New Jersey. When the conductor came through collecting tickets, Einstein grew frantic because he couldn't find his ticket. The conductor reassured him. "Dr Einstein, I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry, I know who you are." Einstein replied, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I am going!"

As we start this autumn, I ask you. Do you know where you are going?

**Toby Gaddum**

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# St. Leonard's Ipstones

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**The summer months are flying by so quickly, most people will have had their summer holiday by now and are thinking ahead to Autumn and everything that follows.**

We have had a joyful month at St Leonard's with Baptism's the reading of wedding Banns (giving more happy events to look forward to) and a new one for us, a "Pet Service" taken by Toby, included in our morning worship.

We had a joint service with the Methodists to enjoy, its lovely for everyone to join in together.

During August we have experienced extreme weather conditions due to the heat, with many fires across the Moorlands. We give our thanks to the firefighters and many others who have helped

combat any danger or damage that may have been caused.

We also had an event that only happens "Once in a blue moon" which was a partial Eclipse.

The last one which was a full one back in 1999. There were many different views on the experience this time, some did not notice that it happened and others were really excited about the images that were captured. It really depended on where you were at the time and the quality of equipment to view it from.

As I write this, we are now looking forward to the Ipstones Agricultural Show at the end of August, which has had to make some changes to the horse jumping events. After all the safety of both horse and rider is paramount.

Hoping that everything went well and that the weather was kind to us on the day.

## Prayer Corner

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking;  
God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;

God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;  
God be at my end,  
And at my departing. *Amen*  
(16th century prayer by  
Sarum Primer)

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# Ipstones Methodist Church

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## Links with the past

In a recent conversation with Stan Clowes (Retired Local Preacher), Stan recalled hearing the preaching of two particularly renowned Methodist preachers: Leslie Weatherhead and E. W. R. Sangster.



Dr Leslie Dixon Weatherhead (1893–1976) was one of the most widely heard English preachers of the twentieth century. A Wesleyan Methodist by training (at both Cliff College and Richmond Theological College), he served in Farnham, Madras (now Chennai), India, Manchester and Leeds before becoming minister of the City Temple in London from 1936 to 1960. Weatherhead was elected President of the Methodist Conference in 1955–56.

Many people in the North of England remember him from his earlier appointments. He served at Oxford Road Methodist Church in Manchester, and he was a muchinvited preacher across the region. Stan recalled hearing Dr Weatherhead speak and was struck by the warmth of his personal faith and the intellectual clarity that made his ministry so memorable.

Another great preacher of the same era was the Revd Dr William Edwin Robert Sangster (1900–1960). Born in humble circumstances in Shoreditch, London, he came to faith at a Methodist mission and, after serving in the First World War, trained for the ministry at Richmond College.

He also ministered in the north of England, including Scarborough and Leeds, where in 1936 he succeeded Leslie Weatherhead at Brunswick Church. In 1939 he became senior minister at Westminster Central Hall, where his Sunday evening services regularly filled more than 2,000 seats. During the Blitz he preached through air raid warnings, sometimes telling nervous hearers, “Those of a nervous disposition may leave now,” before continuing.

Sangster was elected President of the Methodist Conference in 1949–50. He was also an early supporter of the evangelist Billy Graham, whom Stan also heard preach. These links with the past help us to keep our sense of tradition and the continuity of faith.

If you are a younger person, try having a conversation with someone in their 80s and see what they can remember.

Just as an aside, the writer of this article actually saw Pelé play. What other historical personalities can you remember? Why not write to the editor of this magazine and share your memories?

Roger Cutts

(Biographical details prepared with the assistance of Perplexity AI)

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## Services for September all at 10.30am

September 6th: Mr Howard Monks

September 13th: Rev Julie Hassall

September 20th: Mr Arthur Massey

September 27th: Mr Richard Bagworth  
(Harvest Festival)

**IPSTONES  
METHODIST CHURCH**

*invite you to join us for*

**COFFEE  
TOAST  
CAKE & CHAT**

 COFFEE

 TOAST

 CAKE

 CHAT

 **September  
1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

 **10am to  
12 noon**

 **In the  
Schoolroom**



*Good coffee  
Good food  
Good company  
Great chat!*





*Everyone Welcome!*

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# St. Bartholomew's Butterton Correspondence

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## St. Bartholomew's Church, Butterton



**August has been relatively quiet, but we are 'gearing up' for the Wakes at the end of the month.**

Sadly, as I go to print, we don't have an incoming Queen but there will still be a Wakes service at 1pm on Sunday 30th August, led as always by the Warslow Silver Band.

Then the procession to the village hall where all the fun begins. We don't want it too hot and we definitely don't want it to rain!

The Jam Jar festival has become a Wakes tradition. For a £1 donation per jar, you are invited to place a jam jar of garden flowers in church in memory of a loved one. This can be done on Friday or Saturday prior to Wakes Day. Labels will be provided.

Thanks to Roger Cutts for leading Evening Worship on Sunday 9th August. Toby Gaddum will lead the Wakes Service for us.

**Upcoming services:** Evening Worship on Sunday

13th September at 3pm to be led by Debra Tickell and Holy Communion on Sunday 20th September at 11am to be led by Rev Arthur Hack.

**Our treasurer Patrick Bailey** is mending well after his 'freak' climbing accident on 19th July. He is a very lucky man.

**Lottery Ball Draw winners for August were....**1st prize of £40, Jenny Hurst; 2nd Prize of £20, Cath Rhead and 3rd Prize of £10 Sam Gibbs.

**Warm Welcome dates-**

Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th September.

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### Butterton Village Hall and The Wakes

We will host the Wakes on Sunday 30th August. Anyone who has a spare hour or two on Saturday 29th from 9am to help prep the Wakes would be welcomed with open arms!

We need people with muscles to help with lifting and carrying, erecting bunting and gazebos etc. Then of course on the Monday we need to clear it all away again! If you have a couple of hours to spare on the actual Wakes Day and would be willing to man a stall, help with refreshments etc then please let Maggie know.

**Bingo:** This will be on Friday 25th September at the village hall.

**Thanks** to Les Bassett for filling some of the potholes at the Hall.

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### Butterton Parish Council

The PC has a vacancy for one councillor. Please contact Clerk Maggie for further details. You must live in Butterton and be 18 years or over.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm at the Village Hall.

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# St. Luke's Onecote

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*I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4*

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**Our fete and Party in the Paddock were held on 17th July, it was a lovely sunny day, and everything went off well, especially the Party in the Paddock in the evening, the music was great from Stepping Lane, and everyone enjoyed the tractor pull!**

The total profit this year was £2787.00 less £500 for our music and £475 for the marquee. So, this year everything went very well indeed. A marvellous result.

All being well our next fete and Party in the Paddock will be held on July 17th, 2027. Yes, I know it's a long way off, but while we are thinking about it, we are aware we are all getting older.

What I'm coming round to, is to ask if there is anyone at all that could help us for an hour or two in setting up. At present the same team are running the event all day and also in the evening. It would be great if we could especially get help in the evening for the bar and BBQ! Have a think and let us know.

## Harvest Festival

Now our thoughts turn to the Harvest festival. This year the service will be held in Church at 7.30pm on Sunday, September 27th with Holy Communion led by Rev Arthur Hack.

We will be decorating the Church late afternoon on Saturday 26th after the wedding, if you have

any flowers or produce to give and time to help us decorate, that would be great.

## Pie supper

The pie supper will be held on the following Monday evening September 28th in the village hall. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Then afterwards the sale of produce by one of the Watkins' firm. Do come and join us, it's always a laugh! Don't forget we always serve homemade desserts too!

## Bike ride

We have quite a brave young lady living Onecote. Laura Mellor has completed a 53.2-mile bike ride (sponsored), from Liverpool to Chester and back again. She has raised £500 for our Church and Asthma and Lung UK. Very well-done Laura and many thanks.

Thanks to Toby and Rachel for organising the services for all the Churches which remain good. Many thanks to you both.

With best wishes Jean

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# Warslow News

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## St. Lawrence Warslow News



### CHURCH TEAM

Deputy Church Wardens:  
Judy Prince and Myrtle Alcock  
Treasurer: Emma Gould

### The months ahead We are now in 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.**

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer and feel refreshed for autumn. We pray for anyone returning to education and hope God goes with you.

We have had some lovely services since last writing. We welcomed Rev David Nicol in July and Rev Carol Richardson in August – thank you to both.

Our next service is Holy Communion on 27th September at 11am when we have a Baptism – this is always a joyous occasion – we look forward to welcoming the family and friends in this celebration.

### Harvest Festival

We look to Harvest, which will be 11th October 2026 at 11 a.m. We have decided to not do the traditional auction, instead will ask for dry goods that we will share with the local food bank.

### Harvest quiz

We will be doing a Harvest quiz on 10th October at 6:30pm with food. Tickets from Judy and Emma – booking preferred for catering purposes. We look forward to a fun night!

## St. John's Church, Elkstones



### Harvest Time

#### Saturday 19th September, decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival

We will be meeting to decorate the church at 2pm on Saturday 19th, so please come along and help to create an attractive display for the Harvest Festival.

It's always good to have lots of colourful fruit and vegetables for the altar display and also cakes and produce and any other edible and saleable items for the table display – all will be gratefully received.

If you can't get to the decorating afternoon, but can provide some offerings, these can be left in the front porch at Town Head Farm, Lower Elkstone, a day or two before the Saturday.

#### Sunday 20th September, Harvest Festival at 7pm led by Toby Gaddum.

Please come along and join friends and neighbours for the Harvest Service, which will be followed by the traditional Pea and Pie Supper and raffle, and which is always a lovely gathering together.

#### Monday 21st September, Harvest Sale at 8pm in church, when the raffle will be drawn.

Prizes for the raffle are also needed, so if you are willing and able to provide a raffle prize, please give to Myrtle during the week before the Harvest, or leave in the front porch at Town Head House.

Finally, many thanks to Toby Gaddum for stepping up to lead the August Evensong Service and the Harvest Service during the current interregnum. It is much appreciated.

#### Cleaning and Flowers for September – Margaret Grant

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# CATHEDRAL TRAVELS - ROGER CUTTS

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*Roger Cutts and his wife Dora are on a pilgrimage to visit all 42 Cathedrals in England. As they travel around the country, the couple share their experiences in part one of a series of stories for the community magazine*

## Cathedral challenge for local couple

### Cathedral Travelogue Part 1

Did you know you can get a Cathedral Passport in which you can collect a stamp from every Cathedral in England?



### A Cathedral Journey Begins:

Hereford and Leicester

Our journey to visit all forty-two cathedrals of England began in the summer of 2025, with two memorable visits to Hereford and Leicester.

### Hereford Cathedral – 2 August 2025

My first visit was to Hereford Cathedral, coinciding with our holiday at the Three Choirs Festival. This long-established festival, shared between Hereford, Worcester, and Gloucester, has been going in one form or another for more than 300 years.

It centres on the great Anglican choral tradition, with a rich programme of sacred music, concerts, and services, drawing people from all over the country.

There was something rather special about arriving at Hereford during the festival. The Cathedral already has a strong sense of history, with its Norman nave and later Gothic work, but the music brings it alive in a different way.

The sound of voices and instruments filling the space gave it a sense of being a living, breathing place of worship.

Among the highlights of the Cathedral are the famous Mappa Mundi, a fascinating medieval view of the world as it was understood in theological terms, and the chained library, which feels like stepping straight into the Middle Ages.

We were fortunate in being able to stay in the ancient traditional coaching inn opposite the Cathedral – The Green Dragon which provided an excellent base from which to attend the various events of the Three Choirs Festival.

### Leicester Cathedral – 13 August 2025

Less than a fortnight later, I travelled by train from Derby to Leicester. A pleasant journey, passing through a mixture of open countryside and the more industrial landscapes

of the Midlands—something of a reminder of the variety of England's character even within a relatively short distance.

From Leicester station, I walked into the city centre, which sadly shows various signs of economic decline, and made my way towards the Cathedral. I stopped for lunch at Café No. 7, just by the Cathedral precincts.

It's a friendly, welcoming place, serving good, freshly prepared food—simple, but very well done. It made for a pleasant pause before continuing the day, and it was nice to sit and gather my thoughts with the Cathedral close at hand.

Leicester Cathedral itself is smaller than some, but it has taken on a new significance as the resting place of King Richard III. His tomb lies in the chancel—a simple, dignified stone design that seems to invite quiet reflection rather than grandeur.

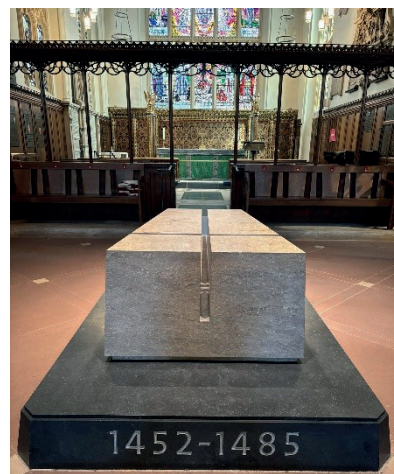
The story behind it is quite remarkable. After Richard was killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, he was buried at the Greyfriars friary in Leicester. Over time, the exact location was lost, and for centuries his grave remained uncertain. Then, in 2012, archaeologists excavating a city centre car park—on the site of the former friary—uncovered human remains.

Careful investigation, including DNA testing, confirmed that they were indeed those of Richard III. His reinterment in the Cathedral in 2015 drew national attention and gave Leicester a unique place in England's historical story.

After visiting the Cathedral, I went on to the King Richard III Visitor Centre. The museum does an excellent job of telling both the story of Richard's life and the extraordinary discovery of his remains.

A glass panel covers the site of King Richard's makeshift grave where you can stand on the exact place where he was buried.

Pictured is King Richard's tomb in the Cathedral and a Cathedral travelogue



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## Local Interest

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*Geraldine Shuttleworth meets the new owners of Beaver Hall Equestrian Centre in Bradnop*



### Plans in the pipeline for Beaver Hall

**THREE weeks after the Webster family, Dawn, Adam, Sophie, Imogen nine years old and Charlotte six, known in the equestrian world as The Webster Show Team, arrived at Beaver Hall, I sat down with Dawn in The Canter Café, listening as she enthusiastically shared her vision and plans for the business.**

There are certainly lots of plans in the pipeline!

When we chatted, the café was all very much a work in progress, as before the Websters thought of buying Beaver Hall, a family wedding, and a holiday on Italy's Amalfi Coast were already in their diaries.

Dawn shared her passion for horses, life as a trained florist and being a chef 'all over the place'.

The café continues to feel welcoming and friendly, a place for everyone whether they have a horse or not, with good food, great countryside views, and pets are welcome.

As well as the popular all-day breakfasts, lunch items, homemade soup, cakes and sweet treats will feature on the menu.

On Thursday, September 17th, between 2pm and 5pm, Dawn is planning a social get together for 'Seniors', when Afternoon Tea, consisting of a selection of sandwiches and cakes, cream scone with tea or coffee for £9.95. will be served. It is essential that you book your places on 07801 318523.

Outside the café, the caravan site is being re-instated with hook up for five, and space for others, together with ensuite glamping pods. Shower and toilet facilities on the site, will be available as a truck stop for those using the layby on the main road. Evening meals and an early start breakfast will also be available for truck drivers.

The Websters have developed a working hunter course arena for hire, and for more information on all things equestrian, contact Sophie by email on [beaverhallequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:beaverhallequestrian@gmail.com) or telephone 07801 318523.

Hope you will drop by The Canter Café soon.

**Open from 9.30am to 3pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday for now.**

Lots of luck to the Webster family. —Geraldine

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## Local Interest

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# Council chairman and town mayor to take on high speed zipline

TWO councillors are set to defy their fear of heights and speed as they take on the world's fastest zipline.

On Wednesday 1st October, Linda Malyon, chairman of Staffordshire Moorlands, and Charlie Smith mayor of Biddulph are stepping way outside their comfort zones and taking on the incredible Velocity zipline in Wales.

Linda said: "We are taking on the world's fastest zipline and we need your support.

"Are we scared?  
**Absolutely!**

"Are we doing it anyway?  
**YOU BET!**

"I am taking on this challenge to raise much-needed funds for three fantastic causes.

The HELP Appeal – County Air Ambulance; Fire Fighters Charity and Staffordshire Blood Bikes.

"These organisations do incredible work supporting people and communities when they need it most. Every pound raised can make a real difference — helping save lives, support firefighters and their families, and keep vital blood and medical supplies moving.

"Charlie is raising funds for the Mayor's Youth Activity Fund supporting local young people to access sport, creativity and opportunities regardless of their background."

## "WILL YOU SPONSOR US?"

"Whether it's **£5, £10, £20 or whatever you can afford**, every donation will help us reach our target.

**PETRIFIED OF HEIGHTS... STILL DOING A ZIPLINE!**  
(BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE WORTH IT)

**ME: WHY DID I AGREE TO THIS?!**

**LINDA: HOLD ON TIGHT... IT'S FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**

**CHARLIE IS RAISING FUNDS FOR MAYOR'S YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND**  
SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS SPORT, CREATIVITY & OPPORTUNITIES—REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND.

**ONE ZIP. BIG IMPACT!**

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER**  
AS WE TAKE ON THE WORLD'S FASTEST ZIPLINE **VELOCITY!**

**LINDA CHAIRMAN OF STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS**  
RAISING FUNDS FOR

- HHELP APPEAL COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE**
- FIRE FIGHTER CHARITY**
- STAFFORDSHIRE BLOOD BIKES**

**EVERY POUND RAISED SAVES LIVES**

**SCARED? ABSOLUTELY. DOING IT ANYWAY? YOU BET!**

**TWO CIVS. ONE ZIPLINE. ENDLESS COURAGE (WELL, WE'LL FAKE IT!)**

**ANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**ALL DONATIONS HELP CHANGE YOUNG LIVES AND SUPPORT INCREDIBLE CAUSES!**

"We may be petrified of heights, but knowing that our friends, local businesses and our community are behind us will give us the courage to step off that platform!"

To donate call 07581 066416 for Linda's Staffordshire Moorlands District Council charity.

For Biddulph Mayor Charlie Smith contact Biddulph town council on 01782 498480.

Linda added: "Please dig deep, share our challenge and help us make every frightening second of that zipline worthwhile!

"Every pound raised helps support incredible causes and can help change lives.

"Thank you so much for your support."

If you or your business would like to sponsor the councillors, please contact Linda.

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## Local Interest

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# Frothblowers pub sales to start

**SALES are to commence at the end of September by a village tradition that has been going for more than 70 years.**

Ipstones Frothblowers is a long-standing organisation which raises funds by holding auctions at pubs in the parish during September and October.

The sales are held at The Fox and Goose at Foxt and at The Marquis, The Red Lion and The Sea Lion, in Ipstones. Items auctioned off include cakes, jams, fruit, vegetables, bric-a-brac, flowers and household goods.

The volunteer-run group was launched in the 1950s following a flower and vegetable show at the former Red Lion pub in Ipstones Edge.

Exhibitors did not know what to do with the left-over items when the event had finished, so they were sold off to raise money for local pensioners who now receive a Christmas bonus from the group.

### **Sale dates are:**

Sea Lion: Sunday, September 27th

Red Lion: Saturday, October 3rd

Fox and Goose: Saturday, October 10th

Marquis: Saturday, October 24th

All sales commence at 7.30pm

All donated items are most welcome but must be in clean and good repair.

Please take all items to one of the sales venues on the day of the sale.

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## An invitation from Ipstones Warm Welcome

**Come along, meet new friends and enjoy a warm community welcome**

Every Friday afternoon, from **2pm until 5pm**, Warm Welcome meets at the **Methodist Schoolroom on Brookfields Road** — and everyone is invited!

Warm Welcome is a friendly, informal group where you can come along for a cuppa, something to eat and, most importantly, good company. There is always plenty of laughter, stories and anecdotes to share, along with general conversation and the opportunity to meet others in the community.

Following the great success of our previous themed

sessions, we are delighted to announce our next special afternoon:

### **Harvest and Apple afternoon**

**Friday, September 25th - 2pm–5pm**

Come along and enjoy an afternoon celebrating the harvest and all things apple! Whether you are a regular visitor or have never been before, you will receive a very warm welcome.

So, if you fancy getting out for a few hours, having a bite to eat, enjoying a drink and sharing some laughs with friendly company, why not come and join us?

**There's no need to be a regular — everyone is welcome at Warm Welcome.**

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of friendship, fun and a good old-fashioned community welcome!

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## SAVE THE DATE

Midsummer Open Gardens in Ipstones on June 19th and 20th, 2027.

With delicious home-made refreshments at Ipstones Memorial Hall. There is lots of enthusiasm for what promises to be

an enjoyable community weekend.

Contact Lindy-Ann Salt on 07530 102507 for more information, especially if you would like to open your garden, help out or share ideas.



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## Warm welcome reminisces

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# Reminiscing around the table at Warm Welcome

What started as a normal Warm Welcome gathering the day after the hottest day of the year, being offered a welcome drink and friendly greeting, as soon as I walked into the Sunday School Room, newspapers on the table, a couple of people already working on the current jigsaw choice, others chatting together, turned into something so much more.

Always feeling relaxed and calm with these Friday friends, not sure how this developed really, but there was soon lots of chat and reminiscing about our lives way back, as we jumped from subject to subject.

Someone spoke of being proud to have met his great grandfather, born in the 1870's, a true Victorian, and someone spoke of our mums looking so old at the age of 50 or so - maybe the curly permed hair, and fashion of the day we decided.

We recalled grannies always wore a cross over full-length pinny, someone speaking of their gran working in the textile mill, hanging up her long black coat and hat on the back of the door before putting on her home clothes - the crossover pinny.

Leek lass Jessie, the only daughter of this granny, met Bob when they were both in the RAF during the second World War, they married and she moved with Bob to his home town of Dundee on the east coast of Scotland.

Back then, of course, the only contact would be letters from time to time to keep in touch. What must granny have felt like, just accepted her loss and got on with things, hiding true feelings from her husband and three sons. Jessie, Bob and boys, visited her family in Leek for two weeks each summer until her parents died in the late 1960's.

The holiday visit to Scotland was recalled. Taxi to Stoke station as dad didn't drive, then train to Crewe to catch the overnighter to Scotland. The carriage with two long seats facing each other, upholstered in prickly moquette fabric, suitcases put on the overhead shelf of stretching string stuff, and the blinds pulled down before tucking into the flask and sandwiches mum had brought along wrapped in wax bread paper, before settling down for the night.

Speaking of holiday snaps of the two families on the beach at Broughty Ferry, the men in collar and tie, suits and a woollen short sleeved V neck pullover relaxing on

the deck chairs while the children made sandcastles. Someone said, 'Oh the men sometimes wore Sports Jacket and Flannels, for something less formal'.

Seems going to Manchester by train from Leek, change at Macclesfield, to get a new winter coat from C&A was the done thing in the 1950's. Though someone from Ashton, with local knowledge of the area, recalled going to a five-story warehouse in Ancoats that sold just coats, and was cheaper than C&A, but she did go there for her new dress for the Whit Walk.

Another said he went with his family and two sisters to C&A to get new dresses for the Chapel Anniversary, and he was kitted out in something new, probably a bow tie and short trousers we thought.

Then it was bath time, when the tin bath was lifted off the hook in the yard each week, then put in front of the fire and filled with warm water, everyone using the same water in turn.

One person remembered his gran carrying him downstairs as she had a bath upstairs. 'Oh you must have been posh then' I told him with a smile. Posh alright - he told us his grannie's house in the Eccles area of Manchester, where the Manchester Ship Canal flowed by at the bottom of the street, had originally been built for the shipyard managers, and was very spacious.

There was a morning room, kitchen and pantry, upstairs bathroom and large bedrooms. There were lovely fireplaces in every room, and it was not the typical council house. He then confessed to going into a self-service restaurant in Manchester with a friend and unscrewing all the tops of the saltshakers!

We then moved onto changes to the village shop over the years, the Post Office, where you could buy newspapers, magazines, buckets, tools, wellingtons, slippers and bedding plants in the summer, used to be in what is now the vegetable and freezer section.

When new owners came this area became a great little café, Eileen's Pantry, open every day and a popular coffee pit stop, when you bumped into someone you knew in the shop. We spoke of how the shop has developed over the years, and how fortunate we feel to have such a great facility on our doorstep.

We agreed our memories would make a great story for the Communities Newsletter, but no one offered to put pen to paper, just glancing in my direction.

So, hope you have enjoyed this trip down memory lane, and maybe you will pop into Warm Welcome one Friday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm

**Collective thoughts from THE WARM WELCOMERS.**

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# Ipstones Harvest Supper



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# Thought For The Month

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## *Thought For The Month*

It's often hard to see how God is working in our world when we hear and see the devastation of the atrocities of wars.

It's also hard to understand how God is working in our own lives when we too can be surrounded by life limiting illness, pressures at work or being made redundant, caring for someone with physical or mental disability, or simply being very lonely.

Any of these things can make us fearful of what our future holds.

In the Old Testament of the Bible, the book of Isaiah, (chapter 41 verse 10,) God says this-

"So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"

When troubles confront us, it is easy to forget that God's help is only a prayer away.

Whatever would happen if God went on strike!!

It's a good thing that God above has never gone on strike because he wasn't treated fair, or things he didn't like.

If he had ever once sat down and said 'That's it —I'm through! I've had enough of those on earth and this is what I'll do:

I'll give my orders to the sun, shut off your heat supply;  
and to the moon give no more light, and run your oceans dry;  
and then I'll really make it tough and put the pressure on  
Shut off your air and oxygen 'til every breath is gone!'

You know, He would be justified, if fairness were the game because no one has been more abused or treated with disdain than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me with all the favours of His grace, and everything for free

Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go but what a deal we've given God, to whom everything we owe We don't care who we hurt or harm to get the things we like but what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike!

Author unknown

Fortunately, for us-

" His love never fails"

1 Corinthians, chapter 13, verse 3

Heavenly Father,

When I feel afraid, help me to know that you are with me always. AMEN

# Ipstones Memorial Hall & Grounds

## What's On: Regular activities to join

|           | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FOR MORE INFO:                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| MONDAY    | Computer Classes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Sally Wilson 07768 173850                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| TUESDAY   | Seated Pilates - 11am (weekly)<br><br>Ipstones Writers - 1.45pm ( <i>last Tuesday of month</i> )<br><br>Yoga- 5.45pm (weekly)<br><br>Ipstones Youth Club                                                                                                                                                        | Louise 07956 675683 or<br><a href="mailto:Louise@podiumpilates.com">Louise@podiumpilates.com</a><br><br>Geraldine 01538 266633<br><br>Natalie 07970 940718<br><br>Heather 07432 873605 and<br>Nikki 07734 421972 |
| WEDNESDAY | Dolly Birds Café - 9am - 2pm (weekly)<br><br>Ipstones W.I. - 7pm ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month</i> )<br><br>Rainbows - 5pm<br>Brownies - 6pm<br>Guides - 6.30pm <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; font-size: 3em; margin: 0 10px;">}</div> <i>(weekly-term-time only)</i> | Ann Mace 07518 472770<br><br>Jane Fleet 01538 260074<br><br>Call 0800 169 5901                                                                                                                                   |
| THURSDAY  | Yoga- 9.30m (weekly)<br><br>Well Street Medical Practice Clinic - 10m (weekly)<br><br>Indoor Bowls - 7pm (weekly)<br><br>Ipstones Historical Society- 7.30pm<br><i>(last Thursday of every month)</i>                                                                                                           | Louise 07736 351257<br><br>Well Street Practice Reception<br>01538 753114<br><br>George Ratcliffe 07837 451829<br><br>Alison Cartledge<br>01538 266048                                                           |
| FRIDAY    | Seated Pilates- 12noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Louise 07956 675683<br><a href="mailto:Louise@podiumpilates.com">Louise@podiumpilates.com</a>                                                                                                                    |
| SATURDAY  | Dolly Birds Café - 9am - 1pm (weekly)<br>Little Kickers Football - 9.30am (weekly)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ann Mace 07518 472770<br>Steve North                                                                                                                                                                             |
| SUNDAY    | Dolly Birds Café - 9am - 1pm (weekly)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Ann Mace 07518 472770                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Additional Groups | Ipstones & Foxt Senior Citizens<br>several times a year<br><br>Ipstones British Legion<br>several times a year | Jean Goodwin<br>01538 266831<br><br>Margaret Burnett<br>07973 480184 |
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# 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:                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri. 18th Sept.<br>7.30pm         | <b>Funhouse Comedy Night</b>                                      | Denise Rowe 07739 179722<br><a href="mailto:deniserowe1@yahoo.co.uk">deniserowe1@yahoo.co.uk</a> |
| Sat. 19th Sept.<br>2pm – 4pm      | Ipstones Memorial Hall<br><b>Cuppa and a Chat &amp; Book Sale</b> | Geraldine Shuttleworth<br>01538 266633                                                           |
| Sat. 26th Sept.<br>6.30pm for 7pm | Ipstones British Legion<br><b>Last Night of the Proms</b>         | Margaret Burnett<br>07973 480184                                                                 |
| Mon. 5th Oct.<br>7pm              | Harvest Supper and<br>Auction of Produce                          | Julie at the shop, church members<br>and the Warm Welcome Team.                                  |
| Sat. 12th Dec.<br>2pm – 4pm       | Ipstones Memorial Hall<br><b>Cuppa and a Chat</b>                 | Geraldine Shuttleworth<br>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

**August 2026 draw**

|     |       |                      |
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| £20 | No.26 | Mark Mitchell        |
| £15 | No.61 | Jessica Shuttleworth |
| £10 | No.62 | Jimmy Edwards        |

**250 CLUB**

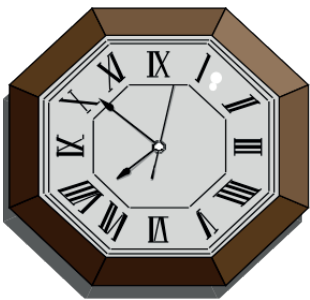
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# Ipstones Historical Soceity

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## The Ipstones Historical Society met on July 30th, 2026, for our annual outing, this time to Foxfield Railway.



**The group convened in the railway station cafe for a brief history talk by the railway staff.**

Foxfield was first opened in 1893 to serve the colliery at

Dilhorne sited on the Cheadle coalfield. It was a link to the North Staffordshire line found at Blythe Bridge.

The company utilised the North Staffordshire railway employees to build the line who created it at weekends after working all week in their usual jobs on the railway. The line is approximately just over two miles long and the standard gauge track now runs locomotives for leisure trips.

The colliery closed in 1965, and afterwards local volunteers formed the Foxfield Light Railway

Society to preserve the line. The station and its outbuildings now house many locomotives and carriages which have both been restored and are in the process of being renovated.

The Station building was constructed by the society to create a hub for the line and its visitors and has been sympathetically done to look like it has always been there.

Our society toured the station and its sheds to view the array of locomotives and the exquisitely restored North Staffordshire Railway carriages in their distinctive livery. We were also treated to a fabulous afternoon tea in the station cafe which I can highly recommend, if you book one of their speciality train services.

The Historical Society had a lovely time, and we were very well looked after by the Foxfield team.

The September meeting will concern proverbs and idioms. All are welcome, members £1.00 and non-members £4.00 on the door.

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## Family Warm Welcome

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# *family* **Warm Welcome**

*a warm space for all*

**2pm–5pm every Friday**

*drop in for:*

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

At The Methodist School Room,  
Brookfields Road, Ipstones

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:

Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

## **Ipstones** *online*

The community Facebook page for Ipstones and the surrounding area

## **Organising an event?**

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

Visit Facebook and search for **Ipstonesonline**

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

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## Eat Out Locally

The Brass Button in the corner of the Market Place, (9-11) Ashbourne, has been known as the Ex-Servicemen's Club for a very long time, but these days the doors are open to everyone, and you are sure to receive a warm and friendly welcome.

If you browse Facebook, you can find The Brass Button and learn of all the activities on offer as well as food and drink, repair café, board game nights, quiz nights, and lots more.

Food is available Wednesday to Sunday, though Sunday is Carvery Day when you can choose from a large plate and several meats with a selection of vegetables, or a smaller plate for those it suits, and children. See the menu options on Facebook, including the all-day breakfast.

The toilets have recently been renovated and accessible to all.

So, on your next visit to Ashbourne, the Brass Button is a recommended option for lunch.



**Adults £16.95**  
**Small plate/child's £13.95**  
Starters and desserts available

### IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL

*Village*  
**Cuppa & Chat**  
*Meet up with friends old and new*

**Saturday 19th Sept. 2026**

Drop in 2–4pm at Ipstones Memorial Hall  
Church Lane ST10 2LD

• Drinks • Delicious homemade cakes • Pre-loved book stall • Raffle

**Free to all** — donations for refreshments gratefully received

**For more information, contact:** Geraldine on **01538 266633**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS KEEPING IPSTONES MEMORIAL HALL A COMMUNITY FACILITY FOR ALL

## A thoughtful few moments on Ipstones rec

I often sit on Holt View, the seat towards the bottom of the recreation ground a tribute to the original Frothblower chaps who set up the village tradition of selling surplus fruit, flowers and vegetables from their allotments in the village pubs, way back.

Today it's too hot to sit there, so settled on the conversation corner by the bottom gate on Belmont Road.

A few words with random dog walkers, out with their pals before the predicted high temperatures, and someone looking for blackberries, but not many this morning, someone having beaten her to it.

There's no laughter of playing children, no chatter drifting my way from anyone sitting outside the pop-up café as it's still early, just the red umbrellas, and Union flag fluttering in the gentle breeze.



Looking up to the blue sky, today the clouds are feathery and wispy as they make their way towards Foxt. The other day they were like cotton wool balls just hanging in there, always fascinating, as are the contrails, - planes coming and going from Manchester and East Midlands airports.

Holiday makers, business folk, and maybe those leaving loved ones behind, tears having been shed, as they return to home in foreign parts.

I have friends who know about these things..... who tell me that the sky is always blue, always there, though sometimes totally hidden by those grey clouds promising rain or cold grey, long days.

I am told if I sit quietly, close my eyes and focus on the sky, imagining those clouds drifting away with any thoughts I don't want, things will begin to feel better as the clear blue sky makes its presence known. Easier said than done, but something to think about.

And then later the Solar Eclipse.....

*A DAY DREAMER.*

# Folk Club News

**Our August meeting was a guest night, and we were treated to a feast of music from the closeharmony duo Tom Perry and Clive Brooks.**

Tom and Clive sing traditional folk songs a cappella, evoking images of life in the countryside and at sea. Their repertoire includes work songs about ploughing, mining and fishing, as well as ballads in the traditional style.

They were very well received by an appreciative audience of about 40 people.

The support acts also added to the evening: Richard Heady impressed us with lengthy ballads drawn from his amazing memory; Malcolm and Pete played on Northumbrian pipes and concertina; and Dave Joynt sang his own material, often with a humorous twist.

Refreshments were served, as usual, by Roger and Dora, giving performers and audience alike the chance to mingle and socialise.

**Our next two meetings will be singarounds:**

- Wednesday 16 September
- Wednesday 21 October

in the Methodist Church, Ipstones. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Looking ahead to November, a special day is planned for Saturday 14 November. There will be an afternoon and evening of music and activities, including the Leek Peace Choir, The Unhappy Mundys and others.

The main guest for the evening will be the renowned singer Reg Meuross.

Reg Meuross is an English singersongwriter and storyteller in the folk tradition, known for narrative songs about real people, social justice and historical events. He grew up in a musical family and cites Bob Dylan as a transformative influence, along with poets such as Betjeman, Yeats and Frost. He launched his solo career with *The Goodbye Hat* (1996) and has since released around 17 albums, working both as a solo performer and in collaborations.

He is widely recognised in the folk world: Martin Carthy calls him "a mighty songwriter and an equally fine singer"; Mike Harding describes him as "one of the finest songwriters this country has produced."

The November event will also include a showing of the film *The People's Emergency Briefing*, part of a movement to raise awareness of climate change. The theme of the day will be world peace and care for the planet.

Inclusive tickets for the afternoon and evening are available for £15. To book your place for the November event, please contact Malcolm on 07494 738 939, Roger on 07979 755 210, or via the We Got Tickets website using the following link:

<https://wegottickets.com/f/24750>

We look forward to seeing you at any of our upcoming events.

*Roger Cutts*

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## Harvest appeal 2026

**Help support your  
local food bank**

### Donate to the Foodbank



In 2025/26 we fed 2229 people and the high demand continues.

Since the beginning of April we have had to purchase 18% of our stock – **WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF DONATIONS.**

We realise that times are hard for everyone but please help with just one item from our shopping list if you are able. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

### Shopping list

Tinned :- veg/meat/fruit/  
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custard/soup/tomatoes  
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Rice – 500g & sachets  
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Pasta sauce  
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## Village cuppa and chat is to be held in Ipstones.

The event will be hosted by Ipstones Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 19, when it is hoped lots of visitors will drop in between 2pm

and 4pm to meet up with friends and neighbours, and enjoy a cuppa or two with delicious home-made cakes.

Always a popular event with a pre-loved book stall to browse and of course a raffle!

It's free to all, but donations for refreshments will be gratefully

received, keeping Ipstones Memorial Hall a community facility for us all.

If you can bake a cake or drop off a raffle prize that will be very much appreciated.

Please spread the word, and if you have a new neighbour give them a knock and tell them about the event.

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# Leek Foodbank

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## Foodbank kept busy during the very hot weather

**LEEK foodbank fed 167 people during the hot summer month of July.**

This included 108 adults and 59 children.

Project manager, Lindsey Stockton said: "July was a slightly busier month than June, which is to be expected with the schools breaking up for the summer.

"We have delivered nutritious and delicious takeaway meals from Trinity Church on Tuesday evenings of the holidays. We cater for 50 of our clients who are currently most in need, and they are very much appreciated and enjoyed.

"The Crisis and Resilience Fund finally started in July, enabling us to refer clients for crisis payments. Whilst we appreciate that checks need to be in place to ensure that this fund is going to the right people, the criteria for receiving a payment seem very stringent, with a large amount of documentation required before a payment can be considered

"We held our food drive at Morrisons on 22nd July and were delighted to receive 300kg of food donations and £190.00 in monetary donations. Thank you all you lovely Morrisons customers and thank you too to our volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day."

In July the foodbank received 104.9kg of food from CEF (Electrical Experts) Buxton branch. Nationally they had chosen to support Trussell and Leek was their nearest Trussell foodbank.

Lindsey said: "Vesta Children's Services also popped up to offer their support. They are based in Leek and have three homes in Sneyd Green, Hanley and Bucknall. They came in with 75.3kg of food and we have also gained one of their residents as a volunteer for one session a month!

"One of our volunteers also helps at the Oxfam shop in Leek and has reported that they are very short of books to sell. If any of you have any to spare, please consider donating them, either taking them directly to the shop on the Market Place, or we would be happy to take them at the foodbank to pass on.

"Whilst we are blessed to receive such amazing support from local people and businesses, we do continue to struggle to maintain our stock levels.

"In 2024/25 we purchased 12 per cent of our stock, in 2025/26 we also purchased 12 per cent of our stock, so

far in this financial year we have purchased 26 per cent of our stock.

"This does include a bulk purchase from a supplier in Sheffield (647kg) but, even without that, we are at 18 per cent, so a very significant increase on previous years.

"Whilst we currently have money in our bank account, to continue at this level of spending would be unsustainable in the long term, so we are keen to try to attract additional support from the community, whether this be individual or corporate.

"We have also lost 50 per cent of the grant funding for our Citizens Advice project, a vital lifeline for our clients, so have pledged £22,500 of foodbank money to plug that gap.

"With the harvest season rapidly approaching we will be appealing to local schools and churches to consider supporting us with any donations they receive and will be circulating a list of dates when we are available to come to talk about our work."

### **The foodbank current needs are:-**

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

### **Household cleaning products:-**

Multi surface cleaner (no bleach); Cleaning cloths/ sponges.

### **Toiletries:-**

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

The foodbank is 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 the foodbank would very much like these please.**

If any of you would like to discuss anything relating to the foodbank please contact [projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk) or on 07916 005064.

Lindsey added: "Thank you for all that you do to ensure that we can do all that we do."

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# Ipstones Writer's Group

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## **On a fresher, cooler day, popping into Ipstones Post Office, Sue asked what I was up to?**

When I told her I was off to Ipstones Writers, she enquired what the topic was this time. I replied, 'My Kind of Town'. 'Oh, you will be writing about Leek then' she asked. 'Oh no' I replied 'much further afield than that'.

So, Rosie's writing prompt produced fascinating stories around Lucca in Umbria and other favourite towns in that region of Italy. The writing was so atmospheric one person said she felt she was with him in Lucca.

Early years in Barnsley, Yorkshire, were shared, and teenage years in Caernarfon, Wales, still a special place to visit, lunch in a favourite restaurant overlooking the sea and the Isle of Anglesey, was always on the cards.

A native of Derbyshire and her fiancé, a native of Devon, were married in Old Harlow, Essex 50 years ago, then set up their first home in Harlow New Town, where there was much development following World War II.

We were transported to Le Touquet, a favourite holiday spot in northern France. Then it was

the small quirky township of Raglan, on New Zealand's North Island, and Uzes in southern France.

One 'My kind of Town' to live maybe, and the other to visit for holidays, soaking up history, culture and abundant retail therapy, with the option of short drives down to the coast.

There was lots of friendly chat and catch up over coffee and cake, and then we were asked to write for five minutes around 'A Childhood Pet'.

As well as various dogs, cats and hamsters, we heard the tale of two friends keeping ferrets downstairs in the basement of his Barnsley home. All went well until the pets escaped upstairs and surprised mother and aunty who were having a cuppa and natter. After the shock, the ferrets were allowed to stay on.

All too soon it was time to pack up and go our separate ways and think about the writing prompt for next time.....AWKWARD.

**Geraldine**

*On behalf of Ipstones Writers.*

## **Appreciation for Tony**

**Readers of this magazine would like to thank Tony Brookes for all he has done for the Community Magazine over the last few years.**

Tony's professional approach has transformed the magazine into the format we enjoy today, and his work has drawn consistently positive feedback from readers.

Month by month, he has worked diligently

to tight deadlines and reliably delivered the magazine layout every time.

We all send you our very best wishes, Tony, as you step back from the pressure of constant deadlines. We are most grateful for all you have done.

**Roger Cutts**

*(on behalf of the Community Magazine readership)*

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# The Armchair Travellers

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*Steve Doughty, who is a member of the Ipstones Writers Group who wrote about "My Town" at their latest meeting takes us on his travels.*

My kind of town, My kind of town is not a single place, rather it is an amalgamation of several towns I have been fortunate enough to visit in the hills of Umbria and Tuscany in Italy. Plus, one town I have never seen, nor ever will.

First must be Lucca, a town I have visited twice. A wonderfully preserved example of a walled town, its tall with very wide walls, no longer needed for defence, but have been turned into a stunning pedestrian walkway around the whole town.

On these walls I sat and listened to the music lessons from the Lucca Institute of Music, set up by the Father of Giacomo Puccini and had a very interesting, if hard to follow conversation with the proud grandmother of a pupil there.

In my opinion one could spend a whole day on these walls, just people watching. Inside the walls are many narrow side streets that offer shade from the unrelenting heat of a Tuscan summer sun. Or you can sit at a cafe with your coffee or aperitif in one of several piazza's.

Or if so, inclined you can climb the clock tower and see the whole of the town laid out before you. Sadly, due to the constraints of the local bus or train service I only managed to spend a few hours on each of my visits. But I will never forget it.

Next has to be Sienna, not strictly a town, but not much larger than an average English town. Dominated by the magnificent Piazza del Campo, whose scallop shell shaped Piazza is dominated by the Campanile, or bell tower.

I tried but cannot put into words how spectacular the Piazza is, rightfully placed as one of the finest public squares in Europe. My visit was only a short one as part of an organised holiday day trip so it was difficult to leave the Piazza, an ice cream enjoyed from an upstairs window of a cafe overlooking the Piazza is an almost insignificant event to document, but little things leave big memories.

Most memorable was watching a bridal party leaving the Campanile and walking across the width of the Piazza to the sound of Dean Martin singing "Volare" at full volume, coming from the Ristorante that was the venue of her Bridal feast, the whole of the Piazza stood still and applauded the party across.

My wife was streaming tears of joy, and I confess to a large lump in my throat. Sadly, our visit was

not at the time of the twice annual horserace, the Palio, for which Sienna is probably most famous.

It is a no holds barred horse race around the circumference of the Piazza del Campo and was devised as a way of settling disputes among the ever-quarrelling towns that surround Sienna. The Sienna Cathedral, or Duomo as they are called in Italy is one of the finest in all Italy. Time constraints meant we did not see inside but the facade is stunning. The Basilica of St Francis at Assisi is my main memory of my visit.

The Basilica dominates the town from its high position and from its walls the Umbrian countryside spreads out before you. The main reason for our visit was because we married in our local church, St Francis of Assisi, and our child went to St Francis schools.

The Basilica is a place of pilgrimage to many Catholics and was very busy on the day of our visit. The town holds few if any memories, too touristy with tacky religious artefacts filling far too many tourist shops.

I have happy memories of several other Tuscan and Umbrian towns, Perugia, San Gimignano, Orvieto and Norcia, famed for its pork meat products. Finally, to a town I have never seen, and never will, as my days of foreign travel are over. It is the town of Aubagne, in Provence, France.

The reason I hold it so dear is because it is the birthplace of a favourite author, Marcel Pagnol. He wrote several of my favourite books, two were a history of his childhood, growing up in the hills of Provence with his tales of his Father and Mother and their summers spent in a rented villa.

Days spent hunting and gathering wild herbs. Days of childhood innocence before the horrors of WW1. He also wrote a story initially called the Water of the Hills. It developed into two separate, but linked books called Jean de Florrette and Manon De Source. A tragic tale set in the hills of Provence, close to Aubagne.

I will not spoil the plot for you with the details, but I read these two books each summer, when the sun is shining, sipping on an aniseed flavoured aperitif, wishing I could have been there in those days long since gone. Am I a dreamer, most definitely, a romantic, possibly, or just a sad old man, you tell me.

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# Little Country Kitchen

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**Listening to chat, it seems cake recipes are hitting the spot at the moment, so thought I'd share a recipe for Lumberjack cake, which I made for the first time the other day for a meet up with friends, and it was declared 'delicious and fantastic'.**

It is one of those recipes you can adapt here and there, depending on what you have in stock.

I used crystallised ginger and a few chopped dates, but was alarmed when the mix turned almost black! The end result was good though.

## LUMBERJACK CAKE

Preheat oven to 160 fanbake/gas 2-3. Line a 23cm/9in springform cake tin.

### Ingredients for cake

1 cup of coarsely chopped crystallised ginger and/or dried fruit, such as dates, prunes or apricots

1 cup of water and 1 teaspoon baking soda

3/4 cup caster sugar

220g/7oz butter, diced

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract (not essence)

2 cups of self-raising or gluten-free self-raising flour

### Ingredients for coconut topping

50g/ 1 3/4oz butter

3 tablespoons milk

1 1/2 cups of coconut flakes

1 cup of soft brown sugar

## METHOD

Place ginger and/or dried fruit of choice, water and baking soda in a large pan. Bring to the boil and turn down to simmer for about 10 minutes until softened.

Remove from heat and add sugar. Stir until dissolved. Stir in butter until melted then add egg and vanilla.

Stir in the flour and stir gently until just combined.

Transfer to prepared tin and bake until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean and the top bounces back when pressed (about 40 minutes).

## TOPPING

While the cake is baking, make the Coconut Topping. Heat the butter and milk in a small pan until butter melts. Remove from heat then stir in the coconut flakes and sugar.

Spread evenly over the cooked cake while still hot and return to oven, until the topping is lightly golden (10-12 minutes). Cool in the tin. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

NOTE. My friends and I enjoyed the cake just tepid. A dollop of cream on the side would have been even better.



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# Gardening

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## Gardening jobs for September

**This is the best month to plant spring flowering bulbs for masses of colour from January to May. Plant them densely, including in containers for the best displays.**

Bring indoors any houseplants that have been in the garden during the summer. Remove any damaged leaves, check for pests and spray if necessary and look out for slugs and snails.

Lift the last main crop of potatoes before the slugs get them. Dig them up on a sunny morning, leave them on the soil to dry during the day, then store in paper bags in a cool shed or garage.

Privet and Lonicera hedges need a final trim of the year to get them tidy for winter. It's also the last opportunity to cut evergreen hedges like leylandii, yew and laurel.

As the summer bedding plants fade, dig them out, compost annuals or pot up perennials, and fill the gaps with pansies and polyanthus. The sooner these are planted the better the display next spring.

Help those green tomatoes turn red before the weather turns cold by hanging ripe bananas or banana skins by the plants. They will encourage the tomatoes to ripen faster.

Cut off yellowing, dying and dead leaves from waterlilies and other pond plants. Cover the pond with netting to stop tree and shrub leaves falling

in and clogging up the water during autumn and winter.

Give your lawn a late boost by feeding it, it will help strengthen it against the cold weather and moss invasion.

Don't neglect summer hanging baskets and containers. Regular watering, feeding and deadheading will keep them going until the first autumn frosts.

If your roses have been affected by blackspot disease, rake up the leaves as they fall and bin them. Make a note in your diary to spray them in the spring with a rose fungicide.

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## PLACES TO VISIT

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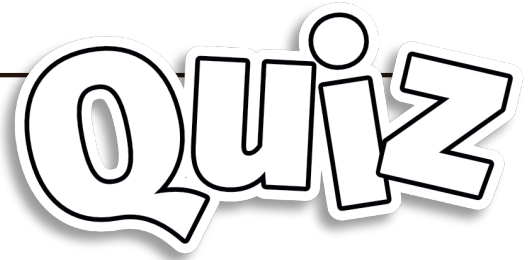
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- 2: WISE GUYS
- 3: WHERE REFINED PEOPLE LIVE
- 4: SPORT FOR A PRINCE
- 5: WHERE MUMs GO FOR A DRINK
- 6: WHERE THERE WAS A MUTINY
- 7: WHERE 9, 10, and 11 COME
- 8: COAT FASTENERS MADE WITH COCOA
- 9: MADE FROM GRAPES IN EVERYONES MOUTH
- 10: USED IN HOCKEY BUT THIS ONE IS MADE OF GRANITE
- 11: A RACE OF ENDURANCE
- 12: MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY GIVES US ECSTASY
- 13: A ROYAL PRODUCER OF MONEY OR HERB
- 14: FRUIT IN A SHELL CAN GIVE YOU A BEATING
- 15: WHERE THE STARS AND PLANETS ARE
- 16: THEY FALL IN WINTER BUT ARE NOT WHITE
- 17: USED TO QUIETEN, THE NEVERENDING TALKER
- 18: RUBBISH OR NONSENSE
- 19: ALL SORTS AND KINDS BLENDED TOGETHER
- 20: 100% PRECIOUS METAL

### ANSWERS FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER: ON THE PLATE AND IN THE GLASS

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| 1. Portmeirion Pottery.                                     | 8. Avocado.                                                | 14. Haggis, neaps and tatties, followed by Cranachan - a dessert of cream, toasted oats, raspberries, honey and whisky. Served on Burns Night. | 18. Caribbean rum.                                                                |
| 2. Clarice Cliffe.                                          | 9. Tomato.                                                 |                                                                                                                                                | 19. Evian is water from a spa town in eastern France on the shore of Lake Geneva. |
| 3. Wedgewood.                                               | 10. Hazelnut.                                              |                                                                                                                                                | 20. England.                                                                      |
| 4. Burgess and Leigh.                                       | 11. England.                                               |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                   |
| 5. Keith Brymer Jones.                                      | 12. A Moroccan casserole dish with tall chimney style lid. | 15. Nespresso.                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                   |
| 6. Moorcroft.                                               |                                                            | 16. Cranberry juice.                                                                                                                           |                                                                                   |
| 7. Fried vegetables usually leftover cabbage, potatoes etc. | 13. Minestrone.                                            | 17. Tomato juice.                                                                                                                              |                                                                                   |

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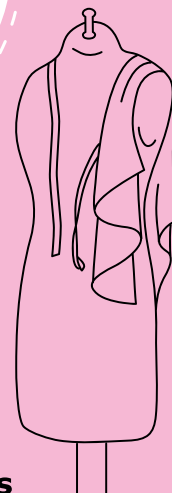
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