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**Ashford in the Water**  
**and Sheldon**

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**March 2023**

**ASHFORD SERVICES**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 2 - Morning Worship 9.45am led by Jan Gibson

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 3 - Sung Eucharist 9.45am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday - All-Age Eucharist 9.45am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Passion Sunday – Olivet to Calvary 9.45am

**Wedding**

04 March: Elliott William Emery and Harmony Oldfield

**SHELDON**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 3 – Holy Communion 9.00am

**Mothering Sunday Service**  
**at Ashford Church**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at 9.45am**

**All-age Eucharist**  
**with posies for the ladies**

**ALL WELCOME!**



## A prayer for Mothering Sunday

Dear God, we thank you for mothers.

We thank you for all those who care for us in quiet, often unrecognised ways;

we thank you for all those who care for others in patience and love.

We are sorry for those times when we have failed to care for others and pray that you will teach us to care as you do

and that you will hold all mothers and carers

in the light of your presence and guide them to you.

Amen



Wonderful pictures of tawny owls spotted locally! If you have a photo of Ashford or Sheldon or the surrounding area taken recently or long ago that you would like to share, please send to [stone.mary@sky.com](mailto:stone.mary@sky.com).

Thank you!

## Dear Friends



One of the worst earthquakes for many years in terms of size, scale and loss of life has devastated many communities in Northern Turkey and Syria, bringing great suffering to people. For those in Syria, this tragedy follows years of war and destruction. International aid and individual generosity to aid survivors is slowly flowing in, especially as border crossing has become easier.

The breaking of people's lives, homes, and communities, shattered by the movement of the earth reminds us once again of the fragility of life, and how often the consequences affect people who already have little in terms of earthly wealth and influence, who will most probably face years of frustration waiting for rebuilding and the opportunity to resume a life that will have been changed by their experiences.

We cannot imagine what people are going through who have survived the quakes and seen family members and neighbours not doing so. Those interviewed speak of determination to continue to survive, providing for their families and wanting to remain in their communities to forge a future. They demonstrate a resilience born out of history, turbulence, and faith which both moves and inspires us, putting

perhaps some of our own concerns into some perspective. This is also seen in the stories of Ukrainians who have suffered so much since February 2022, but whose courage and faith to win their freedom fills us with a resolve to do what we can to offer what support we can.

The Christian Season of Lent continues through March and as the season unfolds we face up to our own brokenness as individuals and our need for God's compassionate love, healing, peace, and forgiveness where we reflect on how experiences, circumstances and behaviour cause pain, hurt, regret, worry and separation. The cross of Jesus stands at the centre of Lent and focuses thoughts on reconciliation, hope and assurance of God's abiding love with, and for us. Whether we have faith or not, or are uncertain about any of this, we are in need of love and positive relationships in order to flourish, and 40 days to consider our spiritual side and how we find and know peace and a sense of value and worth could open doors to new possibilities and insight.

The movement of the earth that brought such sadness and destruction challenges all of us to reach out in compassion to our neighbour in their need, and to continue to be engaged in praying for, and advocating where we can, for world collaboration in the

rebuilding and care for the dispossessed.

The movement to seek healing where we recognise brokenness within our personal and spiritual lives might begin a journey of exploring what God has to offer us.

With love  
Canon Tony

## WI

Members of Ashford WI held their AGM at the start of the February Meeting. President Pat Paulett was re-elected for another year with Pip Peacock as Vice President. Angela Halls has taken over from Aileen Piper as Secretary and Aileen has succeeded Barbara Hudson as Treasurer. Anne Smedley is now in charge of the competition and Sarah Walker is in charge of arranging speakers for 2023. Barbara Hudson and Angela Taberner are also committee members. Pat thanked all retiring officers and welcomed new officers to their posts.

Our Speaker in February was Paul Newsham who gave a most interesting and entertaining talk on his work as a Forensics Expert. Paul not only illustrated his talk with slides but also involved members, asking us to do various tasks to determine whether we would make good witnesses. He also described how he set about identifying

who was present at the scene of a crime. Fingerprints, ear prints (criminals often put their ear to a window to listen for activity before breaking into a house) and evidence from fibres, soil deposits etc are all important. A fascinating evening.

On Thursday 9th February 14 members went to see the Pantomime "The Great Biggish Bake Off" in Baslow Village Hall. A wealth of bakery puns and lively performances resulted in lots of laughter. The evening finished with a raffle with 4 of our members winning prizes. Altogether an enjoyable outing.

On March 2nd at 2:15 pm we welcome as our speaker Mandy Coates who will talk about White Watson. Born in 1760, White Watson was a geologist, sculptor, botanist and fossil collector who was apprenticed to his uncle Henry Watson who owned and built the water-powered marble mill in Ashford. We look forward to learning more about the history of our village and the surrounding area.







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## Farming News



Last June William got a beautiful Cocker spaniel puppy from a working family. Initially I had reservations as they need a lot of exercise but are notoriously quick to learn and eager to please. Bella was no exception and quickly the whole family fell in love with her. She was tiny and grew no bigger than my Jack Russell. She sat on the tractor at the side of Will for hours and of course we babysat when he played cricket and rugby. Tragically she got killed two weeks ago. Will was fencing at the entrance to the farm and she spied two guinea fowl which had come into the field. Within seconds she had chased them off into the road and unfortunately a council van was tanking down the road. It severely crushed both hips and whilst the vet said the experts might be able to put her back together Will didn't want her to be a cripple as they couldn't guarantee it would be a success. He made the brave decision to have her put down which was heartbreaking, seeing her lying at the vet's with tubes everywhere. I admit Neil and I were so upset and I am tearful now writing this. Dad used to say you have one dog in your life which makes an impact and ours was Bella. Even now I still look out for her on the tractor and in the pick-up - her little head bobbing about

looking for us. So sad. She was William's constant companion and even went to the pub with him. As a mother I feel so sorry for him.

On a lighter note the weather has been dry and mild and has enabled us to get on top of all the field work. I just hope it doesn't change and we get a terrible March and April when we are calving and lambing. We start calving at the beginning of March and have now weaned all the cows and increasing their diet so they are fit not fat when they are due to calve.

Beef prices are at an all-time high at the moment but they need to be with such high feed costs, and high diesel prices. Fertiliser was £800 per tonne this year; we have been quoted £500. Which is the only good bit of news.

### Ashford in the Water Parish Council

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## SHELDON JOTTINGS



It was one of those February days with clear uninterrupted views. A cool breeze 'with an edge to it' was blowing and clouds were scudding across the sky, occasionally obscuring the low winter sun and sending shadows racing across the landscape. We took a walk from our little village to Magpie Mine. As we neared the mine the landscape which opened up before us was stunning in the afternoon sunshine, with the hills, green fields and walls stretching away before us. What a privilege it is to live in such a wonderful area.....

We are all guardians of such beauty but the formal responsibility, of course, resides with the Peak District National Park Authority. Their major responsibility is to protect this unique landscape, its villages, rivers and hills and therefore enable visitors to enjoy its beauty and support those living and working within its boundaries. This is an awesome accountability and the main weapon the Authority has to carry out its statutory duties are the planning laws which it is charged with upholding. We acknowledge that this can often involve walking a tightrope but there is no excuse for not enforcing the rules rigorously, and, if necessary, using scarce resources (even taken from their other departments) to enforce the rules to curb the excesses which can damage the beauty of an area for years to come. It is their

statutory duty (i.e. legal duty) in this area to enforce the planning rules whether a case is large or small. In other areas it will be a district council.

We live in a wonderful yet fragile landscape, loved by so many. On our relatively short walk we met people from nearby cities and further afield within the UK and from abroad. If it is to retain the qualities that we and our visitors are here to enjoy, the Peak Park must enforce the planning laws which protect this land and with vigour, and not let the few destroy and deface in a very short time what it has taken centuries to produce.

We have enjoyed a relatively mild and dry February that has allowed our gardens to flourish and the winter honeysuckle, hellebores, snowdrops, crocuses and aconites have been at their best. Enjoying this loveliness with us is Peter John, who with Kathleen, moved into Rose Farm at the start of the year. They are well known to many of us as PJ spent many hours over the years helping the previous owner Ken Brocklehurst on the farm. We wish them well and trust that they will enjoy their time living and working with us here in Sheldon.

Now it is March – days are drawing out and British Summer Time begins on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING IS COMING!**

**Bakewell and Ashford Film  
Society (BASH)**

**BRIAN AND CHARLES (2022  
Cert.PG)**

**SUNDAY March 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

7.30 pm at the Medway Centre,  
Bakewell



*BRIAN AND CHARLES is destined to be a minor cult movie at best, and probably, realistically, it will mostly be forgotten. That is a shame. This is a tiny, independent robot movie with heart that punches above its weight, and deserves a broader audience. Brian is a middle aged Welshman living in a gorgeous but harsh area of Wales. Brian lives alone in his ramshackle home and adjacent workshop. Unkempt and shy, Brian occupies his time mostly with his nutty inventions that never work. One day, he finds the head of a mannequin, and decides to build himself a robot. Stunningly, the robot works. This is Charles surely the most random name*

*a Welsh robot has ever given himself. A friendship of sorts forms between the two, but it's a bond that grows and evolves in gently surprising ways. And Charles is just the "social lubricant" that Brian needs to engage more in the world around him.*

BASH meets once a month, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month, from September to June in the friendly atmosphere of The Medway Centre, Bakewell to show a variety of new, classic and foreign films. There will be an introduction to each film with refreshments served during the interval. Accessibility is important to BASH. We use a wheelchair friendly building with film subtitles and a hearing loop. You can join BASH Film Society via our website, sign up on the night or you can telephone the membership secretary Joy Thrower 01629 814863. As a member of the film society you will also be entitled to borrow for two weeks any DVD or BluRay from our ever growing library of films (see [www.bashfilms.org.uk](http://www.bashfilms.org.uk)). We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday March 12th at 7.30pm.

## The Peak District Millstone



Millstones have a long history spanning many thousands of years. Their current basic form can be dated to before the Norman Conquest (1066) as corn mills are recorded in Domesday Book of 1086.

The Peak District has a close connection with millstones. They are part of the cultural heritage that is recognised and protected as part of Peak District National Park work. The first reference to millstone production in Derbyshire is as early as the 13th century, at Alderwasley. There are also records of millstones been quarried in Hathersage and Baslow in the 14th and 15th centuries.

The millstone as you would expect has changed over the centuries. The mushroom-shaped conical stone is an earlier shape that appears to be peculiar to this area and may be Medieval in origin. The more familiar wheel-like cylinder shape was produced in the 18th and 19th centuries. These millstones were used to grind grain like oats, barley and rye or other feedstuffs.

For milling wheat, millstones were imported from Cologne (Cullen stone) in the 18th and 19th centuries but this dark Rhenish lava discoloured the flour. French Burr stones were increasingly imported from the Marne valley, France, as the quartz didn't discolour white flour.

Grindstones were also produced in the Peak District. Mounted vertically on their edges they were used for crushing wood to create wood pulp to make paper. Smaller, thinner stones were used in the edge-tool industry and smaller ones still in cutlery manufacture.

## Boundary Markers

It is no accident that the more familiar wheel-shaped millstone is used by us as a key visual element in promoting the Peak District National Park. The millstone features in our boundary markers on key gateway routes into the national park, it also features in our logo.

We are currently exploring ways to maintain, increase and build on our boundary signs.

From [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk)





## PUZZLE CORNER

1. What 6-letter word has 4 Os in it?

2. What letter comes next in this series? L, 15, 30, 40, A, ?

3. What's the missing number?

195 (279) 363

76 (80) 84

3 (58) 113

21 (?) 665

4. It can be lost, given, stolen or broken many times in your life, yet if you are without it for a minute you will die. What is it?

5. Three switches outside a windowless room are connected to 3 lightbulbs inside the room. How can you determine which switch is connected to which bulb if you are only allowed to enter the room once?

6. There are 25 crayons in a tin: 5 blue, 5 red, 5 orange, 5 green, 5 brown. If I were blindfolded, how many would I have to pick out to be sure of having at least one of each colour.

*Answers on last page.*

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#### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**

1. Voodoo
2. G (the sequence of scoring in tennis)
3. 343 (the numbers inside the brackets are half the sum of those outside the brackets)
4. Your heart
5. Switch the first light on, leave it on for a minute, and then switch it off again. Then switch the second light on and enter the room. The recently turned off bulb will still be warm. The second one will be on and the third one will be cold.
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**The deadline for the April magazine is 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

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**Thank you!**