



**PARISH MAGAZINE**  
**Ashford in the Water**  
**and Sheldon**  
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**May 2023**



**ASHFORD SERVICES**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May    Easter 5    9.45am    Service to celebrate the Coronation of King  
Charles III and Community Organisations  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May    Easter 6    9.45am    Sung Eucharist  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May    Easter 7    9.45am    Sung Eucharist  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May    Pentecost    9.45am    Sung Eucharist

Funeral  
Cath Sherratt (Date to be confirmed)

**SHELDON**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May- 3-4.30 Coronation Messy Church in the Village Hall for all ages  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May    9.00am    Holy Communion





**ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER  
SUNDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**9.45 AM. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
INFORMAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

- Celebration of our community organisations and volunteers.
- Share your family and community memories, memorabilia, photographs, etc from prior coronations!

**12.00 PM. WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE**

- Come with your friends and neighbours to celebrate with the whole village community.
- Bring-your-own-picnic.
- Crafts and games for all ages.
- Beer, tea and soft drinks available.

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## A Prayer for the Coronation



Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
bless Charles our King,  
whose Coronation we now celebrate.  
Help him to fulfil his responsibilities,  
that by his influence  
he may maintain unity, goodwill and peace among his peoples  
and that persevering in good works to the end,  
he may, by your mercy, come to your everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever,  
Amen.

### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

**This year's theme for the Flower Festival, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June, is 'Children's Storytime.'**

As many of you will know, in the past we have had thousands of visitors coming to see the spectacular arrangements in the church and we have always had two stewards on duty throughout the day to welcome them, hand them a leaflet describing the arrangements and to look after the card stall and candles. The day is divided into 1½ hours slots starting at 10.30am and it is very satisfying to welcome people and hear the lovely comments that people make about the arrangements. **We would be most grateful if you could help us by covering one or maybe two slots during the week?** You don't need to be a member of the church to do this and I will be on hand to show you the ropes. We were very grateful for the help received last year and hope that you enjoyed the experience.

**Please let me know if you are able to help by phoning me on 01298 871647, emailing: [lindafoster07@btinternet.com](mailto:lindafoster07@btinternet.com) or by adding your name to a slot on the rota which is on the table just inside the church.**

Many thanks, Linda Foster



## Dear Friends

There are things that we treasure that can be of material and sentimental value. With the latter, the treasure of memories and association with an experience or a person are priceless.



Many people of a certain age can remember details of the Coronation of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953 and the sense of excitement looking forward to an age that was emerging from the Second World War, not least because the Service and Processions were captured fully on television. People felt part of the occasion and understood the role of their new Queen and their part in this.

The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla is a scaled back occasion compared to 1953 to reflect the times we are living through and the desire for simplicity and a reflection on the things that mean a lot to King Charles. Gone will be the large gathering of ermine and coronets to be replaced with people who represent charities, communities, and inclusion in society. There will still be the important elements of the Coronation which go back over a thousand years and stress humility, service, allegiance to God, wisdom, integrity, and sacrifice.

One of the most intimate and important moments in the Coronation is unseen by those gathered in the Abbey and across the world and that is the anointing with holy oil of the King on his head, hands and heart to signify his duty, obedience and total dedication to the people the King will serve in humility and love, imitating that of God for all people and living things. It is the moment when the King

stops living for himself, and gives his life to the role and position he is dedicating himself to for the rest of his life, with the help and strength of God to succeed.

May has since medieval times been observed by some parts of the Christian Church as the Month of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It is the month in the Northern Hemisphere where we emerge from the darkness and death of winter to the emerging blossom and growth, offering hope and the anticipation of the fruits of the Spring giving life for all. Traditionally Mary, remembered for her devotion to Jesus through her nurturing and unconditional love, is honoured for her humility, obedience to God, strength and love, even in the face of adversity. Mary is a Mother for all and points us towards the love that God shares with us that seeks always our flourishing in following a pattern of love, peace, reconciliation, forgiveness and hope.

During the month the May Queen is crowned with flowers and petals to symbolise love, joy and service in thanksgiving for Mary and ways in which we might see this celebration is through Maypole dancing, galas, and the beginning of Well Dressings here in Derbyshire which sees the thanksgiving for water and new life depicted in beautiful and natural displays around sources of water.

This month we are reminded of our commitment to service, of God, people, Nation, Commonwealth and the World which we are called to protect and care for. We may not wear a crown to do this, but God crowns us with his love in our desire to serve and love one another.

With love  
Tony



## SHELDON JOTTINGS



The month of May this year will have 2 Bank Holiday Mondays – the extra one re the Coronation plus the usual Spring Bank Holiday Monday at the end of the month. Let's make the most of the second one.....

It is a time of change in the seasons, albeit rather slowly, as we pass Easter and a cool April moves into May. The trees are beginning to green and as the daffodils fade other flowers come into their own and the colours of tulips begin to grace our gardens, the grass grows, the mowers are taken out of their winter quarters and the swallows and house martins begin nesting. We saw our first swallow yesterday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

But there are other changes taking place here too. We shall no longer be able to nip up to Phil's Garage when our vehicles develop a fault, as the last car has been serviced and received its MOT under his watchful eye. He and his team will be sorely missed. However, 'Drew's Garage' is now in full swing to service, MOT or repair your car.

A century ago, farmers and smallholders invariably produced milk, much of it taken in the morning to Great Longstone station in churns and sent to the cities, the families making the residue into cheese. But we will no longer be

held up by the lovely sight of cows coming in along the road to be milked and returning to the fields twice a day during late spring, summer and early autumn, a sight which is disappearing rapidly from our countryside. It is the end of an era as Top Farm has now ceased producing milk and the daily rhythm of our village life will change. We wish them luck in their future ventures.

It is good to see Julia L at home after her spell in hospital and looking fit and well again. Good to have you back again Julia.

One thing that hasn't changed in Sheldon are the opportunities to come together as a village and to enjoy good company and friendship. The belated 'Christmas Dinner' provided for the elderly residents was held in true Sheldon style at the end of March and was a most enjoyable occasion with good food and conversation! Thanks go to the village and thank you to Kath for making this possible.

On Easter Saturday we were all invited to the village hall to enjoy cake and a cuppa to raise funds for the maintenance of the graveyard and grounds around the Church. The day turned out to be one of the sunnier and warmer of the month so there were tables outside as well as inside the hall with the lovely floral decorations to welcome all those who attended. The occasion raised £245. We can testify to the

wonderful cake making skills of those involved in making this a welcome opportunity to meet and chat. Well done Mel and Michelle and to everyone who helped. It is rumoured that more of these opportunities are being planned!

On April 18<sup>th</sup> we held the Parish Meeting AGM which was attended by Brian Taylor who is Head of Planning at the Peak District National Park. He updated a well-attended meeting about the planning issues currently facing the village and answered the many questions which arose. Lindsey, our Chair, was re-elected as were those who chair our committees, all of whom were congratulated on the great work they are doing on behalf of the village. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> in the village hall at 7.30pm.

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> on the 6<sup>th</sup> May we are all invited to join others to enjoy a picnic on the greens outside the Cock and Pullet. This will take place after the ceremonies in London which no doubt, we will all be watching on television. We are invited to decorate our houses/gardens for the event and are looking forward to usual wonderful Sheldon weather (fingers crossed!) in which to enjoy meeting everyone.

Don't forget that on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July we shall be holding Sheldon Day from 1-5pm with the Fell Race

taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> July, the previous Thursday evening.

## DIARY DATES

THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY – Voting Day for local elections to Derbyshire Dales District Council. Sadly our village hall is not a polling station any more so we have to travel to Ashford. Don't forget to take your photo ID with you....unless, of course, you have a postal vote.

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY – Coronation picnic on the village greens

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

Great Longstone will be holding its Flower Festival at St Giles' Parish Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

10am -5pm, except Sunday  
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The theme this year is Hobbies, and refreshments will be served all day in the Village Hall.





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## **Pancakes and Bell-Ringing Past and Present at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water.**

The oldest bell in Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, is a small pre-Reformation sanctus bell, sometimes known as the 'ting-tang' bell after its characteristic sound, but also called the 'pancake bell' because it was traditionally rung on Shrove Tuesday.

In 1864, the Ashford-born antiquarian and businessman Thomas Brushfield recounted the following custom, which even then had been of at least 60 years' standing:



*'Shrove Tuesday – also called Goody's Tuesday – was held as a notable day in the village. At eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, a bell, called the 'pancake bell,' was rung in the church tower, and on the first sounding of that bell the children of the schools in the village were released from their studies, and had the rest of the day for holiday purposes – indeed it was a general holiday. The game of football was generally played during the after part of the day. These customs are still observed – the pancakes, the bell-tolling, and the football-playing – and there is no harm in them ... '*

The 'pancake bell' bell was exposed to the weather for many years when it was suspended in an exterior bell-cote above the chancel. At the time of major building renovations between 1868 and 1870, the architect, James Medland Taylor, designed a new sanctus bell turret. However, his suggestions were not adopted, and the bell was taken down and stored in the tower. It was forgotten for 23 years, until it was rediscovered and rehung in the tower, where it remains today.

It is frequently still chimed during the consecration of the Eucharist.

## Farming News



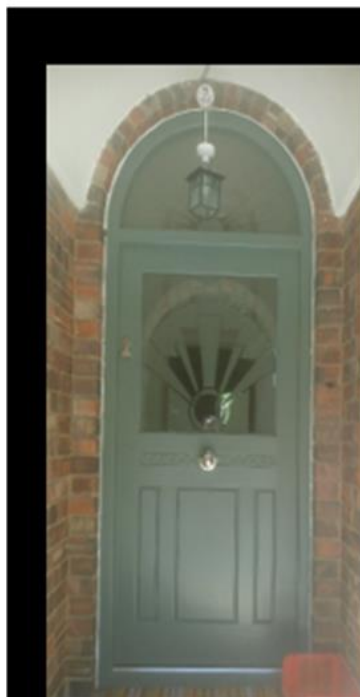
Still calving and still lambing!

At last we have managed to turn some cows and calves out this week. The grass is now growing and looks very lush and green. However we still need to be vigilant and keep a close eye on the calves as a drastic change in temperature quickly causes pneumonia. Last night we had a ground and air frost and so this morning we needed to inject several calves which had a touch of pneumonia.

It has been a very late spring this year with a lot of rain, wind and cold temperatures. However we have managed to plough some grass fields and sow with a short term ryegrass: this grows very quickly and is especially good for silage, but has only a short life of two years when it will need re seeding again. Back in the Autumn we did a bit of an experiment at the land at Hassop, and after the maize was harvested we put in a crop of ryegrass which has grown really well and will be silaged in the next couple of weeks before being

ploughed up and sown with maize again in May.

Prices for all inputs are still rising , particularly feed. We are buying in waste raw chips as a feed supplement which the cattle love as it is something different and also is less costly than straight feed such as wheat and barley. Many farmers in the area have run out of winter feed and are buying in hay and silage. Fortunately we should just manage until May when all the cattle will be then outside.



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## WI

On Thursday 30th March eleven of our members attended the Group Meeting at Edensor. A delicious homemade pie and pea supper followed by cheesecake started the evening. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire then gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, about life at Chatsworth. They moved into the house in 2006 (when the Dowager Duchess went to live in Edensor) and are due to move out in the near future when their son, Lord Burlington, will move in with his family. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.



We welcomed Jenny Walker to our April meeting. Jenny's fascinating talk on bees and honey included the opportunity to make candles out of beeswax.

Numbers were down due to Easter holidays but the photo on the left shows how keen members were to produce their own candles.



**Please note** that our next meeting is on May 11th ( due to the hall being booked for voting in the local election the previous Thursday). Members are invited to bring a favourite poem (or write one!) or pudding to this fun evening.



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

**THE COUNT OF MONTE  
CRISTO (2022 Cert.PG13)**

**SUNDAY May 14th 2023**

**7.30 pm at the Medway Centre,  
Bakewell**



*'The Count of Monte Cristo' is an adaptation of the Alexander Dumas tale by the same name. Dantes, a sailor, is falsely accused of treason by his best friend Fernand, who wants Dantes' girlfriend Mercedes for himself. Dantes is imprisoned on the island prison of Chateau d'If for 13 years, where he plots revenge against those who betrayed him. With help from another prisoner, he escapes the island and proceeds to transform himself into the wealthy Count of Monte Cristo as part of his plan to exact revenge.*

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## CORONATION QUIZ



1. Charles III will be the oldest British monarch to be crowned. Previously, the oldest was 64 and the coronation was in 1831. Name the monarch.
2. "Zadok the Priest," composed for the coronation of King George II in 1727, will be played at the coronation. Who was the composer?
3. William Walton composed a March for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II which names two of the Crown Jewels. Which ones?
4. The Coronation oil, used to anoint the King, has already been consecrated. Where did this take place?
5. One of the pieces of music to be played at the Coronation is by Judith Weir who (despite her gender) is the current holder of which royal title?
6. How many sovereigns before King Charles have been crowned in Westminster Abbey? 29, 39 or 49?
7. What sort of sauce accompanies coronation chicken, "invented" for the 1953 Coronation?
8. What was the Queen Consort's title prior to the death of Elizabeth II?
9. Names two of the King's 3 Christian names (other than Charles!).
10. Which 12<sup>th</sup> Century Coronation artefact survived the Civil War and has been used at every Coronation since that of Charles II in 1661?

*(Answers on last page.)*

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## CORONATION QUIZ

### Answers

1. William IV 2. Handel 3. Orb & Sceptre 4. Jerusalem (Church of the Holy Sepulchre) 5. Master of the King's Music 6. 39 7. Curried mayonnaise  
8. Duchess of Cornwall 9. Philip Arthur George 10. The anointing spoon

**The deadline for the June magazine is 23rd May 2023.**

**Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, animal profiles, thoughts or reminiscences to [stone.mary@sky.com](mailto:stone.mary@sky.com).**

**Thank you!**