

PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon

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June 2023

Ashford Services

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday: 9.45am Patronal Sung Eucharist
3.00pm Well Blessing Service
followed by Procession to bless the wells

Sunday 11th June St Barnabas: 9.45am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Festival closing service with
readings from children's books echoing the
Flower Festival theme 'Children's Storytime'

Sunday 18th June Trinity 2: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 25th June Trinity 3: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Funeral June 19th 11am Stuart Rowland

Sheldon

No services in June





ASHFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

3-11 JUNE

ON THE THEME OF
“CHILDREN’S STORYTIME”

A prayer for Trinity Sunday:

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.
You are worthy, our Lord and
God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.
Amen



Revelation 4

Dear Friends

I hope you enjoyed the Coronation weekend and the opportunity to watch the Ceremony in London and to gather with family and friends. We look forward to the occasions to celebrate special moments whether they be a birthday, anniversary, a wedding, baptism or other significant moments within our lives and relationships.

We look forward at this time of the year to Well dressings, Carnivals, Flower Festivals and other community gatherings which demonstrate people's skills, imagination, and commitment to their community. In an age when life can be lived at fast speed with little time to contemplate, and enjoy down time, it is good when we have opportunities to do so in the company of our neighbours and friends.

The Big Help Out on the Monday of the Coronation weekend focused on the opportunities there are to give some of our time and talent in the service of good causes and activities locally that have always relied on people giving their time and commitment to ensuring that their work can prosper and reach the people they seek to serve. Many though over the last few years have suffered reductions in volunteer helpers as people retire and are not replaced.



The will to support, help and take part is there, but the demand on our time, the concern about commitment, and the need to prioritise the immediate means that we feel we cannot do what our heart tells us when we hear and read of calls for local volunteers. Whilst there is a need for leadership and long term volunteering to ensure Brownie Packs, Well Dressings, Lunch Clubs and Cream Teas continue to happen, any support and time that can be offered, even for a one off event is valued.

As we look at our local community we might notice something that isn't happening at the moment that we would like to offer to arrange- a litter pick, a coffee morning, a local dog wash...anything that draws people together and seeks to serve the wellbeing of our community, feeling as we do, that we are giving something of ourselves, and in doing so, receive back often more that we have given.

Enjoy and support whatever is happening within your local community this month and if there isn't anything happening, could there be this time next year with your support?

Every blessing

Tony

ASHFORD CORONATION PICNIC



The sun shone and there was a great community turnout for the Coronation village picnic at the Ashford War Memorial Institute on Sunday 7th May.

The Institute committee organised a very enjoyable occasion, with a beautifully decorated Institute, and crafts and games for all ages. The

WI served refreshments. Thanks to all who organised and participated.



King Charles Picnic Table



The parish council wish to express their thanks to Derbyshire County Council for their contribution towards the King Charles picnic bench, which was commissioned to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and is now in situ in the Hall Orchard to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Farming News

May has been a busy month, due to the late cold, wet Spring we were not able to get the cattle outside. In a normal year we usually manage to turn cattle out at the beginning of May or even April. This year we only turned out the majority last week.

However the grass has come with vengeance now, there is an old saying "a wet and windy May fills the barn with hay" and this year this certainly applies.

We are two weeks later with the first cut silage and mowed last



weekend. However the contractors' machine broke down, the part has to come from Germany and with bank holiday slowing down postage we are still waiting. Fortunately we managed to get another contractor to come and hopefully he will be with us today. The grass has been cut now for three days and is quickly drying out which isn't ideal as it will be nearly hay! Anxious and stressful as usual.

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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.

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Bell-ringers are a sociable bunch, and every band has its own idiosyncrasies – one tower in Berkshire, for instance, boasts a wine rack full of homemade wines to enjoy after the evening practice. Here in Ashford-in-the-Water, the band marks its individuality by celebrating Shrove Tuesday with fresh pancakes consumed during the weekly practice, with a range of toppings – from the traditional lemon and sugar, to golden syrup, chocolate spread and even mincemeat!



This tradition started nearly ten years ago, when tower captain Linda Pelc acquired a crepe maker from her niece's café in Liverpool, where it was surplus to requirements. When a newcomer to the area started to learn ringing in 2017, Linda saw an opportunity and said, 'our new bell-ringer's husband is Dutch - he must be good at pancakes!'

And so it was that the next Shrove Tuesday, he came along as a short-order chef producing pancakes for those standing out whilst others rang.

This year provided an opportunity for the new learners Linda has been teaching to meet the rest of the band, and she and her husband John brought along a couple of four-pint bottles of batter which was turned into over 30 delicious 'pannenkoeken'.

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SHELDON JOTTINGS

May was a month of two halves and three bank holidays.



The first half of the month was cloudy and cool with more than a little rain, when the grass grew steadily and the cowslips, mountain pansies and orchids braved the weather at Magpie Mine and also in Deep Dale where they gave their usual wonderful show, particularly towards the bottom of the dale.

May is also the month for a wonderful display of bluebells and for which Britain is so renowned. So off we went to a fairly local bluebell wood and what a feast for our eyes – absolutely gorgeous. If you have ever tried to paint such a scene you realise how difficult it is to get the right tone of blue.

The coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla took place on Saturday the 9th and we enjoyed the spectacle on the TV – after all it is part of our historical record and our country seems to do pageantry and tradition rather well. It was a cool wet day but it did not seem to bother all the hundreds of people who braved the journey to London to 'be there'. Our village was adorned with flags and bunting decorating our houses – just like many other local villages. The picnic to celebrate the occasion, planned to take place on the Greens, was

forced to adjourn to the village hall but was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

To everyone's delight the second half of the month was a complete contrast. The sun shone, the temperatures reached 20C and the grass put on a final spurt, to the despair of the gardener who was forced to mow more often. But the farmers were delighted, so for the rest of the month they were cutting and carting silage back to the farms for winter feed. The hay meadows are continuing to produce more and more flowers creating that most beautiful of spectacles which today has become such a rare sight. The result for us is a lovely patchwork of fields of varied greens across the landscape. Sheep, lambs, cows and calves were out enjoying the warmth in the fields. But the stars of the show as the month was drawing to a close was the 'may' blossom put on by the hawthorn. It never ceases to amaze us that these humble trees, almost ignored for the rest of the year, can put on such a stunning show, and all for free!

Good to see that the trees which for too long have been leaning over the road in Kirk Dale have been cut back following representation from the Parish Meeting. Thanks to Lindsey. The trees have been causing concern for some time and it was worth the Dale being closed to

traffic for a couple of days to get the job done.

The highlight of June for many will be the marriage of Carla and Andrew on Saturday June 10th in our church of St Michael and all Angels. Andrew was born and has lived all his life in the village with Carla joining him some time ago now, and little Edie, their pride and joy becoming number three in their lovely home 'The Cow Barn' which Andrew converted from a barn at Top Farm. We are sure that the sun will shine – although it is Sheldon! - and that the couple will enjoy a day to remember for the rest of their lives. We wish them well.

Now with the sun shining, the birds singing and the countryside looking its best, we are off to enjoy a good book, a cup of tea and chunk of homemade cake, in this most beautiful part of the world where we are so fortunate to live.

Ashford WI

On April 26th four members (Pat Paulett, Sue Youdan, Sarah Walker and Ruth Barnes) took part in the Derbyshire WI Quiz in Baslow. Although we were not winners, we felt that we gave a good account of ourselves scoring full marks in the section on food and drink. Even more important, we really enjoyed the evening.

On the Sunday of the Coronation weekend WI members served tea and coffee at The War Memorial Institute to villagers who had come together with their picnics to celebrate this event. Over 120 villagers and friends shared food and chatted in the sunshine.



At our May meeting we discussed the WI resolution which focuses on water quality in our rivers, lakes and the sea. We all agreed that the problem of pollution from sewage and chemicals should be addressed so that all can enjoy the countryside safely.



The second part of the meeting featured poems and puds. Members read out favourite amusing and

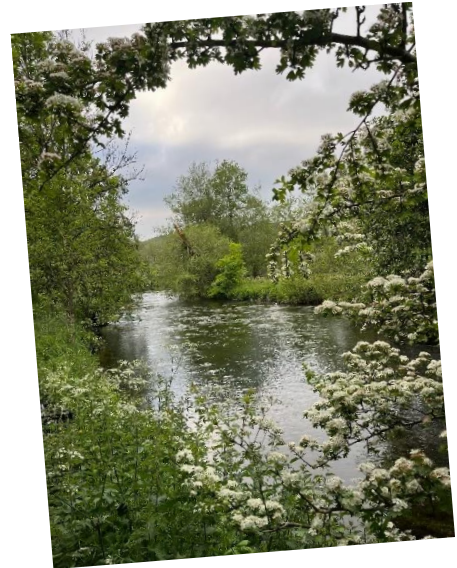
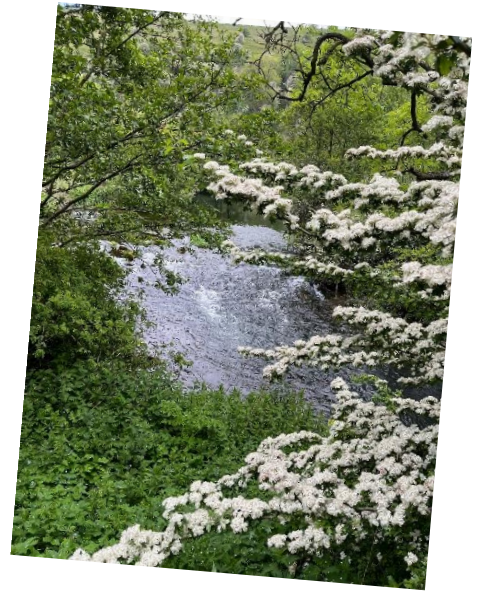
interesting poems and sampled a variety of puddings from profiteroles to lemon meringue pie.

Please note our next meeting is on June 8th at 7:15 pm (we postponed the meeting till the second Thursday because of well-dressing commitments) when Andrew McCloy will talk on Derbyshire Pubs.

VILLAGE ALBUM

May blossom along the River Wye in Ashford.

(Many thanks to Howard Stone.)



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Bakewell's 19th International Day of Dance

We are so excited to be holding our 19th Day of Dance which will be held on Saturday 24 June, filling our picturesque town again with the music and dance from around the world.

The Day heralds the start of Bakewell Carnival Week, along with the Farmers Market and with local well dressings on show, it is a day out not to miss. So join the several thousand people who travel from around the country to enjoy the dancing, colour and fun.

This year up to 30 groups will be displaying dance styles from around the world at six outdoor venues from 11.00am to 4.30pm. Come and watch the displays, then join in and have a go!



You can travel the world with lively upbeat dances from Hollywood shows, American Line Dancing and the more traditional style from the Appalachian Mountains. We are delighted to welcome back La Tierra Flamenco dancers as well as the very colourful Indian beats, who always

put on such a brilliant show. Ballroom and Bollywood will be on offer along with a taste of Salsa from the Rueda Academy. Rock and Roll will be provided by the fun loving Hopfrogs Dance School. Old favourites such as Black Pig Border Morris and Timberline Steve who has drawn in the crowds for years with his precision line dancing group. To add to the colour of the whole day, traditional British dances will be well represented with plenty of Morris and clog dancing. New for this year is Hazarah, who will be bringing Folkloric dances from the Middle East. We will also be welcoming for the first time Sean Eireann Dance Academy with some energetic Irish dancing. There will be dance workshops running at the Town Hall. Confirmed so far are Hazarah and traditional French dance, with Le Vendredi Dance. Local dance team, Well Heeled Appalachian Dancers continue to host this event which draws so many people into the town and gives Bakewell a real buzz for the start their carnival week

Bakewell Day of Dance is very much a community event involving local groups and interests. There will be opportunities to join in and learn a few basics of the individual dances or you can just relax and enjoy the performances – and it's all free! Don't be put off if it rains as there will be an alternative wet weather programme in the town hall from 12.00 pm.

PUZZLE CORNER



1. What phrase is represented here? REVIRDTAES
2. Put one word in each set of brackets that completes the first word and start of the second.
LIPS () LUSH PALO ()
TAUR OVER () STAR
3. How many apples can a boy eat on an empty stomach?
4. HOROBOD is a clue to the identity of which historical figure?
5. A single letter can be inserted a number of times into the following, and then the letters can be split into three words to make a reasonable statement.
I L Z E D U T
6. At a recent family gathering, there were the following relations: daughter, daughter-in-law, father, granddaughter, grandmother, husband, mother, mother-in-law, son, stepdaughter, stepmother, wife. What is the fewest number of people present?

Answers on back page.

Bakewell and Ashford Film Society (BASH)

MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (2022 Cert.PG)

SUNDAY June 11th 2023

7.30 pm at the Medway Centre,
Bakewell



In partnership with the House of Dior, "Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris" tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior.

"Mrs Harris Goes to Paris" is the last of BASH's 2022-23 season when we will hold our AGM with wine and nibbles just before the screening. Our next season begins after the summer break on September 10th

when we hope to continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday in the month, from September to June. Our aim is to meet in a friendly atmosphere showing a variety of new, classic and foreign films. We give an introduction to each film and refreshments are served during an interval. Accessibility is important to BASH: The Medway Centre is wheelchair friendly and we provide 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). We look forward to welcoming you on **Sunday June 11th** at 7.30pm.

NO WAITING ROOM

(Food for thought - thank you to the reader who found this and sent it in.)

What if you didn't wake up tomorrow and your soul is watching down thinking of all the things you didn't get to do yet because you were too scared, or too shy, or too worried about money. And all the

things you told yourself you weren't good enough for, swam in front of your eyes, fighting for a place in the line, beside the words you didn't say and the joy you forgot to have.

My friend, there is absolutely no room for anything in your day, other than acceptance. You will never have enough money, or time, and you will certainly never have that perfect body the world told you you need to be happy.

And before you say it's too late to embrace this thing we call life, no it is not. You can do it right where you are. Right this minute. Get outside, breathe, look at the trees, put your bare feet on the grass - hand on your heart to feel that pulse - and that's it.

You're living.

Keep that up.

Wait up for the moon sometimes or get up early to see a sunrise, just because.

Jump in the lake. Run and skip.

The things you need to feel alive are free and all around my friend.

You just have to see them.

Let in opportunity and say yes to the invitations that scare you a little, in a good way.

Say no to some of the things you force yourself to do, knowing they rinse you of your peace.

Life was never supposed to be a waiting room, it was supposed to be a hillside, with paths leading in every direction and mountains as far as the eye can see, hiding adventures and new friends behind them.

Don't let yourself get to the end of this ride without having stopped to smell those beautiful roses.

That's the only thing you need to fear in this life.

Everything else is all part of it.

It's all just a messy, complicated, beautiful and terrifying part of it.

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The deadline for the July/August magazine is 23rd June 2023.

Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, animal profiles, thoughts or reminiscences to stone.mary@sky.com.

Thank you!

Puzzle Corner answers:

1. BACK SEAT DRIVER
2. TICK, MINO, LOAD
3. One. (After eating that his stomach is no longer empty!)
4. Robin Hood
5. OIL OOZED OUT
6. Four. Alice was there with her son James, his daughter Lucy and his second wife Maria.