

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon

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July/August 2023



Ashford Services

July

Sunday 2nd July: Trinity 4. 9.45am Morning Worship

Sunday 9th July: Trinity 5. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th July: Trinity 6. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23rd July: Trinity 7. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th July: Trinity 8. 10.00am Benefice Eucharist – Sheldon

August

Sunday 6th August: Transfiguration of our Lord. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 13th August: Trinity 10. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20th August: Trinity 11. 9.45am. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27th August: Trinity 12.. 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Wedding

July 15th: Melissa Nicol and Martin James Tighe

Funeral

June 19th: Stuart Rowland

Sheldon

Sunday 30th July: 10.00am Benefice Eucharist

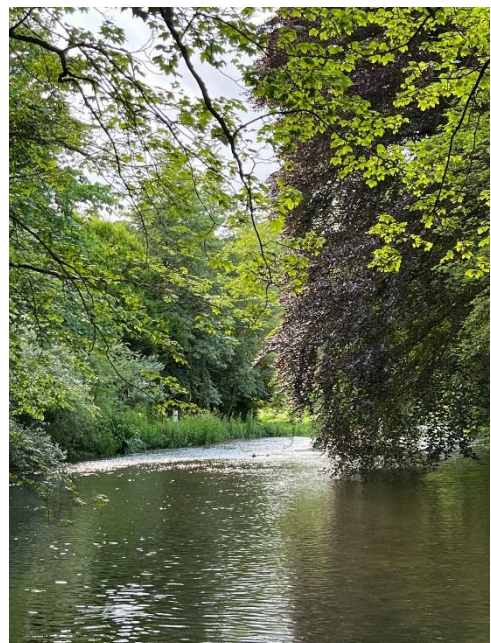
No services in August

A Prayer for Summer

Lord God, Creator of all things,
This summer, may we make our homes places of relaxation,
joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, helping others enjoy the blessings of
the summertime.
Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer
and vacation days.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we strive to be a blessing in the lives of our loved ones and the world
around us this summer season.
Amen.



VILLAGE ALBUM ... Summer in Ashford



Dear Friends



There is a hive of activity in many communities during the summer as Fêtes, Fairs, Well Dressings, BBQs and Open Gardens draw local people together with visitors with everyone hoping for the ideal weather - dry and not too hot. Such events are very important in celebrating the heritage of our community and the opportunity for neighbours to work and collaborate together in the preparation and the actual occasion.

I consider it an honour this year to be the President of the Bakewell Agricultural and Horticultural Society which has evolved to provide an independent voice for local agriculture, horticulture and forestry, lobbying on their behalf and supporting best practice in food production and the use of natural resources. The Society has made available funds for ten annual training grants of £1000 a year to support those working in the local rural economy.

For 200 years Bakewell Show was an important showcase for the agricultural and horticultural industries and whilst changing times saw the end of the Show, the Bakewell Country Festival on Sunday 16th July beginning at 9 am on the

Show field will continue to celebrate Country crafts together with agriculture and horticulture in this part of Derbyshire. It will be a lovely day and builds on the inaugural Festival in 2022. I look forward to welcoming you.

I hope that July/August will provide some space for a break for you from some of the routines of our lives, whether it is going on holiday or resting a bit more. In thinking about this I am reminded of the Gospel story of two sisters, Martha and Mary. They react differently to Jesus visiting their home. Martha goes into the hostess panic mode, cooking, cleaning and worrying about what needed to be done. Mary, however, welcomes Jesus and sits down to listen to him as he talks, happy to just be in his presence. Martha understandably is annoyed that Mary is oblivious to what needs to be done and that she feels she has been left to do all of the work.

Jesus, whilst realising Martha's good intentions urges her to stop and allow herself to be fed and to prioritise herself ahead of the list of things to be done. The reality is that we need to be both Martha and Mary in order to strike a balance between the chores and time to enjoy the company we are welcoming. A break over the

summer enables us to rest and refocus and work out where we need to build more time for family and friends into busy lives. Don't feel guilty about just stopping and being. Look to God who gives us rest.

Enjoy a good summer.

With love and prayers

Tony

Farming News

We have at last nearly finished calving - two left to calve. I can say it has been a particularly challenging four months with several problems and infections we have had to face. Some days I would dread going up to the farm for fear of what we would be faced with. Like lambing, silaging, combining and all the other major jobs there are never enough hours in the day to do the job properly. Even though the cows were in good shape for calving and looked well we had trouble with calves not sucking immediately after birth, ideally a calf should receive colostrum within four hours of birth otherwise they are more prone to infections and diseases in their first few weeks of life. Other problems have been a



particularly virile and infectious strain of scours. Calves very quickly dehydrate and die if not treated immediately with the correct penicillin. It is easy enough to keep an eye on them if you are calving a couple every day but not easy with the large calvings we were having to cope with. The cold damp weather didn't help either as we couldn't get them outside out of the infected sheds. We have had quite a lot of calves coughing even now in the fields and these too need injecting immediately to prevent pneumonia which leads to breathing difficulties from damaged lungs. We did manage to take a breather last week to go and visit Louise and family but had shocking news from William to say we had been burgled during the night. All the power tools had gone along with the quad, a compressor and a generator. Very very annoying and inconvenient but as we all know rural crime is something we now have to live with and is on the increase. Anyway tomorrow is another day so onwards and upwards!



Renovation of Minton Tile Installation

Holy Trinity Church was closed for a week in June whilst the decorative Victorian tiles in the chancel (choir) and altar areas were restored by The Mosaic Restoration Company. This firm has restored mosaics and tiles in many other parish churches as well as in much larger places such as Westminster Cathedral, St Pancras, the Royal Albert Hall, and – currently – Manchester Town Hall.

Our tiles were made by Mintons of Staffordshire, Europe's leading ceramic factory during the Victorian era. They were installed during Revd JR Luxmoore's restoration of the church in 1868 - 1870, by which time the Minton family had entered into partnership with Michael Hollins to form Minton, Hollins & Co. This firm became a famous and prolific manufacturer of decorative tiles. As well as supplying parish churches like ours, they also won prestigious contracts domestically and abroad, even including the tiled floor for the United States Capitol building in Washington, DC.

Ashford Church's installation features an attractive geometric arrangement of tiles including 'encaustic' tiles, that feature inlaid patterns of different coloured clays.

Progressing from the chancel arch towards the east end of the church the geometric patterns becomes more complex; more colours are introduced; and the floor level is elevated via a series of steps. The intention of this architectural scheme was to focus the congregation's attention on the altar where the priest celebrates the Eucharist.



The restoration included work on around 150 tiles, including their removal, repair or replacement, reinstatement, consolidation, and grouting, followed by cleaning, sealing and polishing.

This work was made possible by a legacy left to us by our late friend Jim Storr – a loyal and longstanding member of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church. We are confident that he would have been supportive of this project, and delighted with its outcome.



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SHELDON JOTTINGS

'Flaming June' lived up to its reputation this year, and it was on one of these very hot days, without a cloud in the sky, that Andrew and Carla were married by Canon Tony in Sheldon Church.



Carla made a stunning bride and Drew equally handsome in his grey suit, were joined by baby Edie, her cousin Margo and Carla's dog in a little cart pulled by the bridesmaids in grey dresses to match the groomsmen. The couple, now husband and wife, ceremony over, found themselves locked into the churchyard, a lovely Sheldon tradition, only released after paying their dues to the village children.

Mr and Mrs Lester then travelled through the village with little Edie to the reception at Top Farm on the back of an old tractor which had been renovated by Drew, with the wedding party following behind on a tractor and trailer. A marquee awaited on a field behind the farm with a panoramic view so magnificent that it caused comments from everyone and which could be viewed through a heart of flowers designed and made by the groom. Guests were treated to a lovely meal and speeches, with many reminiscences of childhood days on the farm from Oliver, the

best man.

More guests arrived for Alan's evening disco, the happy couple leading the dancing and as the light began to fade, the lights came on, the fire pits were lit and a perfect evening ended a perfect wedding day in a perfect place. We wish Drew and Carla a wonderful life together and a future full of love and happiness.

As if that was not enough Sheldon was treated to another piece of excitement during June. Following the discovery of a circular marking on the hill top at the eastern edge of the parish during the summer of 2022, a team from Sheffield University arrived to carry out an archaeological dig at the site. The 60 metre wide circle turned out to be a henge, not quite to rival Stonehenge, but a roughly four and a half thousand year old bank and ditch built during the stone age, most likely to have been used for some kind of religious purpose. The team spent three weeks uncovering the bank and excavating the ditch, finding tools made from flint brought, it is thought, from the Trent valley. The whole provided another insight in the long history of this remarkable area. Who would have thought it!!

There are so many birthday celebrations this year for reaching 4 score years. Happy Birthdays to all

who have reached or are reaching this valued time of life – we are not naming names but obviously you all know who we are talking about..... Bron and Tony are celebrating their joint birthdays on July 1st when family and friends will be joining them for feasting and lively chat in the village hall and grounds. There will also be the option in the afternoon for a short walk via the footpath opposite the hall, to the hay meadows, to view the wonderful array of wild flowers that make up the meadows with that evocative backdrop of Magpie Mine in that stunning panoramic view. This will be happening quite by chance on National Meadows Day.

July is also a busy and exciting month for the village, there is a Parish Meeting on the 4th July which we trust you will be able to attend.

This is followed by Sheldon Fell Race and Sheldon Day itself. The Fell Race will take place at 7.30 on Thursday 21st of July and is always well organised attracting runners from all around the local area. The course downwards then follows the River Wye then goes uphill and is particularly demanding, so all the runners will appreciate our support. We hope the weather will stay kind and everyone will turn out to cheer them on.

Sheldon Day itself will take place on

Saturday July 22nd from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. There will be the usual wide range of lively activities from stalls and teas to fun activities on the playing field including a magician to entertain the children young and old, and also beautiful flower arrangements in the Church. We trust everyone will give Andrew J their support from putting up bunting on the Tuesday evening, to selling raffle tickets, to running events on the day. Each year this is our opportunity to raise some much needed funds but also to share our lovely village with everyone who comes to join us on Sheldon Day. We may be small in number but we have a big heart.

Have a lovely summer.....

DIARY DATES

Tuesday July 4th at 7.30pm in the village hall – Sheldon Parish Meeting

Thursday July 20th at 7.30pm – The Fell Race

Saturday July 22nd from 1pm to 5pm – Sheldon Day



WELLDRESSING 2023

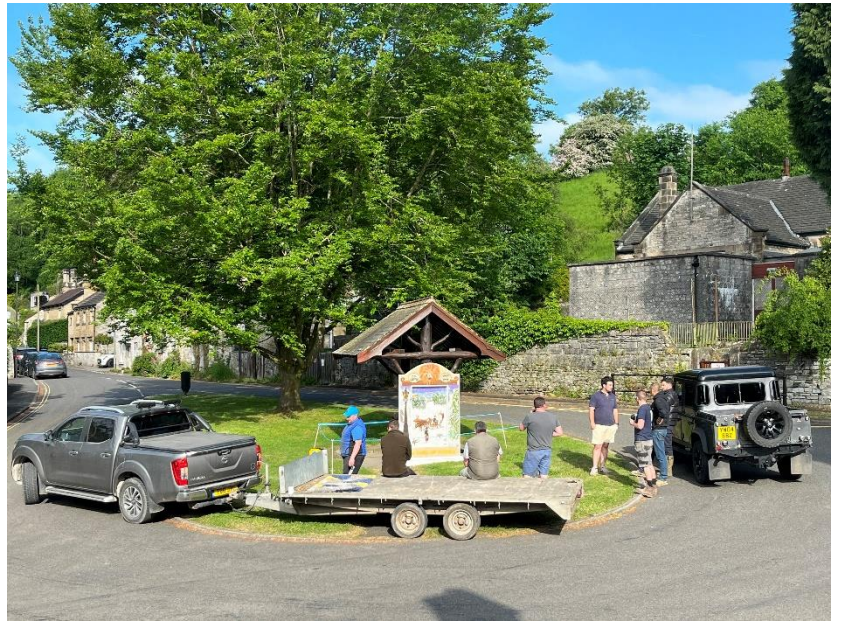
On behalf of the Well Dressing Committee I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's festival such a success. Particular thanks to the 'petallers', the caterers, the heavy gang, the road marshals and the car parkers. All these supporters helped make everything run smoothly and made my job so much easier.

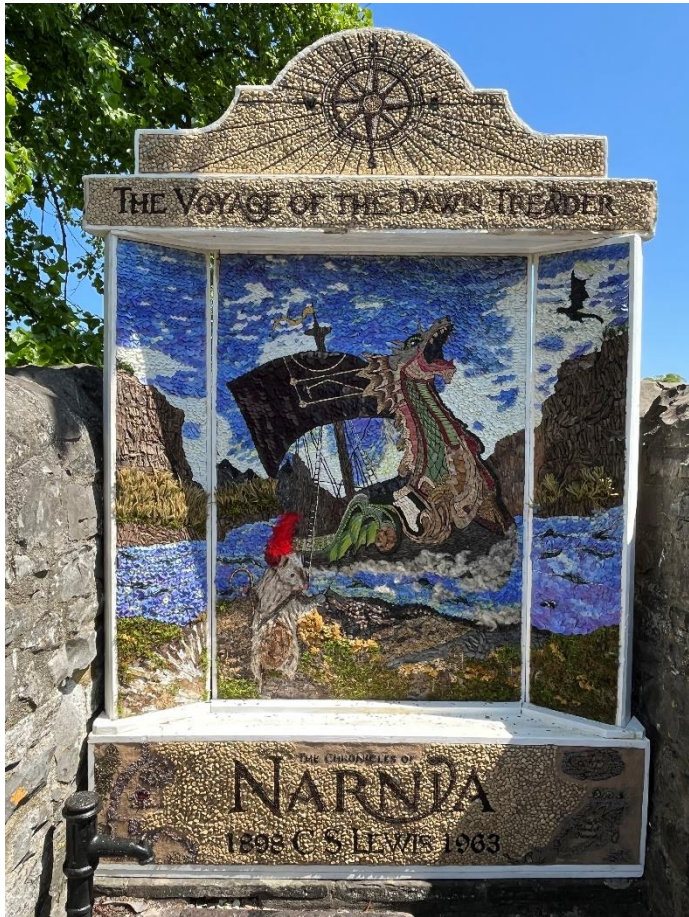
The week was blessed with many visitors, helped by the wonderful weather and an exceptional flower festival in the church and so hopefully we have made a profit to make some new signs, mend some of the very old wells and next year produce a new leaflet. The wells had so many compliments and also managed to look fresh even though it was so warm.

Sarah Brocklehurst, Chair of the Welldressing Committee

ASHFORD WELLDRESSINGS – FROM START TO FINISH ...







Flower Festival

The Flower Festival was once again a great success with several thousand people visiting the church. The imagination of the arrangers and their delightful displays were greatly admired

and the theme 'Children's Storytime' brought smiles to people's faces and made it a very happy festival; it also brought many children into church who enjoyed seeing some of their favourite books and all of the animals. Financially it was an exceptional year with a final profit of £7,945.72. £1,500 will be sent to our charity, which this year is to help the relief effort for the Ukrainian refugees in Krakow, Poland and the remainder for Holy Trinity church. Many thanks to all those involved in any way with the festival and special thanks to those who gave up time to steward in the church, without your help we wouldn't be able to go ahead in the same way; I hope you found it rewarding. Linda Foster.





Ashford WI

Towards the end of May some WI members met for a walk at Ladybower Reservoir. All two-legged and four-legged participants thoroughly enjoyed their day.



We welcomed Andrew McCloy, Chairman of The Peak Park, to our June meeting. He gave a most interesting talk on Derbyshire Pubs. A wide variety of names and fascinating stories are associated with many Derbyshire pubs such as The Flying Childers in Stanton in the Peak (named after one of The Duke of Devonshire's race horses) and The Quiet Woman in Earl Sterndale - said to be named after a landlord's wife who wouldn't stop chattering. (The landlord said that, if he couldn't have peace inside the pub, he'd have it outside and put a picture of a decapitated woman on the pub sign!) Andrew's talk and slides left us with a desire to visit Derbyshire's many hostelryes and sample for ourselves the food and drink on offer!

The WI catered for visitors on the Monday of Well Dressing week. In the afternoon we were pleased to welcome back The Matlock Club for the Hard of Hearing who have been visiting Ashford at this time for several years.

In July we are not having a meeting but are going for lunch at Piedaniel's on July 13th.

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Oxfam Open Gardens Bakewell Sunday July 9th 1pm till 5pm

The ever-popular Oxfam Open Gardens is back. What better way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon than enjoying the beautiful gardens of Bakewell? This year's gardens are located in central Bakewell and are explored by a level walk along Castle Street, Milford, Holme Lane and Riverside. The gardens vary in size and character, with interesting layouts and plant collections. Drinks and delicious home-made cakes will be available at The Medway Centre along with jewellery and plant stalls.



£5 entrance to all gardens, payable at locations in Bath Gardens, Holme Lane and Riverside.

Look out for the Oxfam balloons and banners.

For more information contact Sue on 07780798393 or Jenny on 07753326377

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A message from Derbyshire Dales District Council:

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From 12th July 2023 please expect contact from Derbyshire Dales District Council via letter or email. Around 21,000 canvass letters will be sent to Derbyshire Dales households, and 15,000 emails to electors for whom email addresses are held. Residents are asked to monitor their junk/spam folder as some email providers may identify this correspondence as junk mail. The hybrid system of sending out letters and emails is designed to reduce the cost of the annual canvass.

If the canvass form or email states that a response is required or if the information already held is incorrect or requires updating residents should respond as soon as possible. If there are new electors in a household their names should be added to any response.

Households should remember to add the names of any 16 or 17 year olds as they should register to vote (but they will not be able to vote until their 18th birthday).

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2. Which 4-letter word links all of these? Field. Circle. Flake. Flour. Starch.
3. Which is the longest word you can make from the top row of keys on a typewriter? You can use letters more than once.
4. Put one word in each set of brackets that completes the first word and starts the second.
ANYW ()
DITY BACK ()
LONG VOCA () ENER
5. Which phrase is represented here? STEP PETS PETS

Answers on last page.

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PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS

1. N All the letters, read the same and turned upside down
2. Corn
3. TYPEWRITER
4. (HERE) (SIDE) (LIST)
5. One step forward, two steps back.

Many thanks to Howard Stone for the summer photos of Ashford.

The deadline for the September magazine is 23rd August 2023.

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

Thank you!