

**THE PARISH MAGAZINE**  
**Ashford in the Water**  
**and Sheldon**

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**September 2023**



**Ashford Services**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 13 9.45am Congregation led

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14 9.45am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16 9.45am Sung Eucharist

**Wedding**

9<sup>th</sup> September: Hannah Ruth Sterritt & Lewis James Rigley

**Baptism**

10<sup>th</sup> September: George William Glossop

**Funeral**

9<sup>th</sup> August: Christopher James Marsden

**Sheldon**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14 9 am Holy Communion

A prayer for the new term:

O Lord,  
at the start of a new academic year for schools, colleges and  
universities,  
we ask for your blessing on all who teach and all who learn.

Give to enquiring minds wisdom and understanding.

Inspire us all with your justice and peace and bring us always to  
delight in your truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen



## ASHFORD HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
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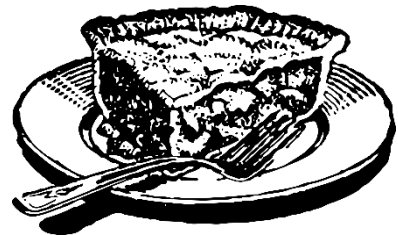
There will be a raffle – prizes gratefully received and can be brought  
along on the night.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets will be available from the church and the village shop, until  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

It will be possible to pay on the night, but I do need to know if you  
are coming for catering purposes.

So please drop me an email: [lindafooster07@btinternet.com](mailto:lindafooster07@btinternet.com) if you  
would like to come but are unable to purchase a ticket from the  
church or shop.



## Dear Friends



"Summer, what Summer?" you might be tempted to feel, having slogged your way through the last couple of months, and now the nights begin to draw in and the approaching Autumn brings the leaf rakes out once again. Unless you have been fortunate to have a holiday in the oven of Europe during the last few weeks the memory of Blistering June seems a distant memory.

A stay in a rural area of Poland during the holiday witnessed a hive of activity around the harvesting of the grain with combines and tractors working long after the setting of the sun in the surrounding fields. Communities have for centuries come together to gather in the harvest and then at the end to celebrate their work with hopefully a successful yield. Long before the Church Harvest Festival Services you may well have attended, that have their link with the inception in 1843 of the first one in Morewenstow Church, Cornwall, there have been associations with agriculture and thanking God for the harvest.

For instance, from the Middle Ages, Lammas Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August saw the bread made from the first of the wheat to be harvested blessed at

the Mass - an offering of the first fruit of the harvest.

But is there a place for a Harvest Thanksgiving Service traditionally held in September or October in times when many people don't have direct links with agriculture and can buy almost any variety of produce at any time of the year from their local shop? It is true that attendances at Harvest Services have dropped consistently over the years, but good that schools do hold gatherings where donations are shared with local foodbanks as a reminder that Harvest Thanksgiving services have at their heart the theme of sharing.

Holding Services of Thanksgiving on farms for the harvest, and linking harvest with environmental issues and feeding the hungry of the world all help us to remember that we should never take what we receive for granted. Harvest Festivals thank God for the hard work of growers and producers and enable us to be connected with the land and the sea and the call for us to be responsible, sustainable and to listen to what God is saying to us in caring for and sharing within a global and turbulent society and the world that we inhabit.

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## Farming News

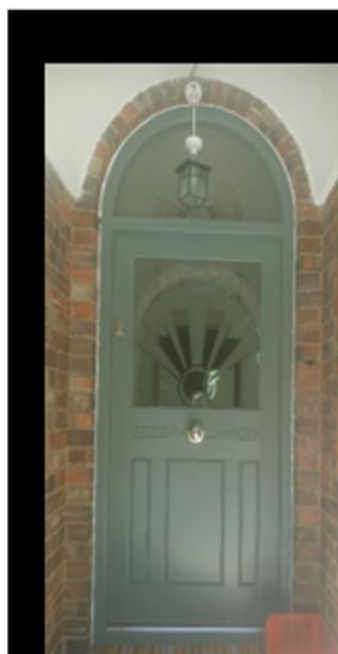


Phew! What a summer! Actually we have been spoilt lately as the last few summers have been so easy and dry, perfect for harvesting. The winter (crop sown in winter) wheat was ready early on in July but due to the rain we couldn't start combining until the beginning of August. The first few acres were not really dry and the grain came out at 18% moisture, the optimum per cent is 16 or lower. If the grain is too high a moisture content it tends to heat up in the pile in the grain shed so this week we are drying it out which puts on quite an expense with electric and labour costs too. The straw should be bright yellow and shiny but is dark and very dusty and damp making it horrible in winter when it is spread out in the sheds for bedding.

The spring (crop sown in Spring) is late ripening so combining is a long drawn out affair. The only crop which is enjoying the damp conditions is the maize at Hassop which has done very well and is very tall. The grass has grown well too and every field looks very green and lush.

The buzz words at the moment in agriculture are herbal

leys. Everyone is encouraged with grants available in certain areas to sow grass with clovers, sanfoin, chicory, birdsfoot trefoil, meadow fescue, timothy and all the old fashioned grasses we used years ago. Sanfoin and chicory act as a wormer and help control parasites in cattle. There are so many different mixes now, many are quick growing and have to be re-sown after two years and most suitable for silage fields; these obviously aren't the old fashioned mixes. We grew oats at Magpie Mine this year which was undersown with grass, so after the oats have been harvested the grass will grow without having to plough etc and re-sow therefore cutting down on tractor and labour costs.



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## SHELDON JOTTINGS

What a Summer Holiday season! After a glorious June, July and



August have been so up and down, with the most unpredictable weather, some of it positively Autumnal with cloudy skies, below average temperatures and showers, some of them torrential. It made days out and holidaying in the UK very difficult, and in our part of the world good weather makes such a difference.

Speaking of 'ups and downs' the Fell race on July 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success. On a lovely evening when it was a pleasure to be outside over one hundred runners participated in the gruelling four miles. The event was beautifully organised by Phil and his helpers and much enjoyed by all. The clear winner was well ahead of his rivals as he sprinted to the finish. Many congratulations to him, and also to all those who took part. The course is not easy, beginning, unlike other fell race courses with a downhill first section and a long uphill climb at the end – but all the runners seemed to be running remarkably strongly as they came through the village to the finish. Well done to everyone – brilliant!

In marked contrast Sheldon Day was quite literally a washout! Forced to

cancel during a morning of heavy rain only the indoor events were held, cream teas in the village hall with the tombola, the flower decorations in the Church and the cakes being sold in a tent and likewise the raffle. When we popped our heads into the hall it was full of people enjoying their tea and scone and winning prizes. Thanks to all those persevering with this and providing some cheer to those hardy souls who turned up in the village. The church was beautifully decorated with imaginative flower displays based around the theme of childrens stories, they really looked wonderful and judging from the comments much appreciated by all who came to see them. Many congratulations to all those who were responsible for such a great display.

We often forget all the hard work which goes on behind the scenes to put on these events. Phil and his team and Andrew and his team plan for weeks and months beforehand. Raffle tickets must be ordered and distributed, thanks to Jenny and Paul. Stalls and marquees obtained and erected. Flowers, scones and rosettes ordered, not to mention all the work put in by the stallholders arranging to sort out what is needed. It must have been a crushing blow to cancel after so much hard work.

Thanks to all. We must hope for better fortune next year.

However, the day after Sheldon Day, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> was a far better day weatherwise and there were so many tractors arriving for the annual great Tractor Run which starts and ends in the village. It is so good to see the many younger people interested in these working vehicles which looked to be of all ages and the attention to them is very much alive.

There have been only a few butterflies around this July and August as the wind and rain is really not for them. So we have seen a few red admirals and the odd peacock, comma and small tortoiseshell on the buddleia and at the moment many of the whites are daintily dancing around. In the fields there were the usual but small number of meadow browns and the occasional skipper.

We think there have been more bees about this summer especially earlier on, doing their valuable work of pollinating our flowering plants. Also in early summer there were several hummingbird hawkmoths visiting flowers like the red valerian. We always find it fascinating to watch these day-flying moths, feeding on the nectar by putting their really long tongues into the tiny trumpet-like flowers - all while in flight.

The blue tits have really increased in number over the summer and are at present flying from one, as yet, immature pear to another on our dear old pear tree. They are doing a great job of taking chunks out of each and every one!

The swallows have also reproduced well especially around Top Farm. In this area we are treated to wonderful chatty, flying displays on finer evenings. So, although not so many arrived here, there should be more to make the journey back to warmer climes.

A dew pond survey recorded great crested newts and smooth newts and hundreds of tadpoles in the two nearby ponds, so that is encouraging to see.

So, as we approach the end of August we can look forward to September and the autumn and some better weather – an Indian summer perhaps!! We can only hope!





## Ashford in the Water WI

Ashford WI had a special open meeting in August when we enjoyed an evening of line dancing. We were exhausted but happy by the end of the evening and, even if we did not get all the steps right, it was agreed that we had a lot of fun. Pimms and party food made a great conclusion to a wonderful evening.



WI members also enjoyed a walk in the Hartington area in July. Many thanks to Aileen for organising the walks.

A group of WI members and a couple of four-legged friends enjoyed taking part in a “Treasure Hunt” in Eyam in August. This was instead of the usual monthly walk. A fun and interesting day out!



Our next meeting is at 7:15 on September 7th. Mike Higginbottom is speaking on “The Big Apple, the architecture of New York.

### Ashford in the Water Parish Council

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*of possibilities and tap into newfound powers.*

BASH's new season of 10 films begins at the Medway Centre on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Our following 3 films will be **October 8<sup>th</sup> "Woman King", November 12<sup>th</sup> "Mr Jones" and December 10<sup>th</sup> "What's Love Got to Do with It?"**

The programme for the rest of the season is under review and will be published later. BASH's 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. Membership is £24 for 10 films: a bargain price. 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 September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

## PUZZLE CORNER



1. What is the highest mountain in Great Britain?

2. Which city has the nickname the 'city of dreaming spires'?

3. Which of the following cities is the furthest north: Leeds, Liverpool or Manchester?

4. The Suffolk Punch is a breed of which animal?

5. What is the most common street name in Great Britain?

6. Which village in Wales shares its name with a term meaning to 'say something indistinctly and quietly'?

7. Which is the only village in England with a name

ending with an exclamation mark?

8. The River Severn is the longest river in Britain at 354 km, but which is the second longest?

9. Who was the first monarch to use Buckingham Palace as their official residence?

10. What is the national flower of Wales?

11. What was 32 inches in 1512, 35 inches by the 1520s, and then 54 inches in 1545?

12. Which mountain range is often described as the 'backbone of England'?

*Answers on last page.*





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### **PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS**

1. Ben Nevis in Scotland
2. Oxford
3. Leeds
4. Horse
5. High Street
6. Mumbles
7. Westward Ho!
8. River Thames at 246 km long
9. Queen Victoria
10. Daffodil
11. King Henry VIII's waist
12. The Pennines

**The deadline for the October magazine is 25<sup>th</sup> September 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!**