

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon

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June 2024

ASHFORD

Sunday 2nd June: Trinity 1: 9.45am Morning Worship led by Jane Daniell
5.30pm: Festival Closing Service followed by drinks & nibbles.

Sunday 9th June: Trinity 2: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 16th June: Trinity 3: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23rd June: Trinity 4: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th June: Trinity 5: 10am Benefice Eucharist in Ashford

SHELDON

Sunday 23rd June: Trinity 4: 9am Holy Communion



Dear Friends

Having something to aim for is always good for our motivation and well-being, especially if we are tired and are looking forward to a break. Sometimes after a period of preparation and planning for an event or gathering there comes the point when we want the moment to come so that we can experience and hopefully enjoy it.

Knowing that you have something to go through, to do, or to meet a schedule or deadline focuses our minds, energies and skills on the task in hand, where hopefully we can be positive, confident and prepared for what we are about to do or face. There may be a goal, target, or outcome that we are wanting or needing to achieve or arrive at that keeps our focus and enables us to see whatever finishing line that may await us, which hopefully we will cross feeling that we have done our best within the process, activity or need.

I have never really appreciated just what ringing a bell would mean mentally and emotionally at the end of a period of time needing to be somewhere, receiving the skills and dedication of caring people focused on my health and well-being. It felt like an end, and yet, a beginning, and whilst there is hopefully only a temporary residue of the experience, there is also a strengthened positivity looking



forward, with the heightened reminder of the love, care, support, prayer and encouragement that surrounds us, especially in moments of need, or when we are going through something.

The motivation of well-dressers preparing to turn their designs into beautiful pictures that celebrate the natural wonder of the world and the creativity and skills of people, will see garages and halls busy in the run up to village and community Well Dressings that I have the privilege of blessing in thanksgiving for what they depict as well as our thanksgiving to God for clean and accessible water that we enjoy, whilst remembering just how fragile the natural world and environment is and our call to be motivated to do all that we can to protect it.

With love and prayers

Canon Tony

VILLAGE PARTY



Sunday 2nd June 12 - 4pm

At the end of our Well Dressing week, everyone is invited to the Village Party at Ashford Village Institute.

Teas, Cakes, Prosecco and Beer from 12 noon.

Brass Band playing 2-4pm,

Grand Raffle Draw at 3pm.

A HYMN OF LOVE AND COMMUNITY:

Brother let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.



ASHFORD WELL DRESSINGS 2024

Thanks From the Chair!

A huge thanks to all the sponsors, well dressers, caterers, heavy gang and general helpers who have made this year's Well Dressing a big success. Dressing the wells in the Institute worked so well. It was nice to be warm and have toilet and tea making facilities too. The best thing was those new to the job were able to ask the experts for their opinion on what to use in a specific place on the board. Many thanks to the Institute Committee for allowing this to happen and we hope we can use it in the future too.

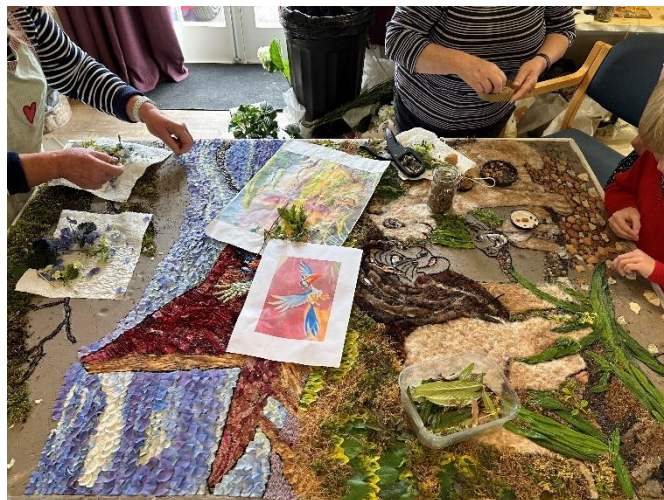
I felt there was a lovely community atmosphere in the hall with everyone pulling together and it was reassuring to have so many new helpers join in. Many people came in off the street and helped for a few minutes, and two ladies from Buxton even came back the following day on the bus because they had enjoyed it so much. Another said she felt so emotional and fought back tears to see a community pulling together.

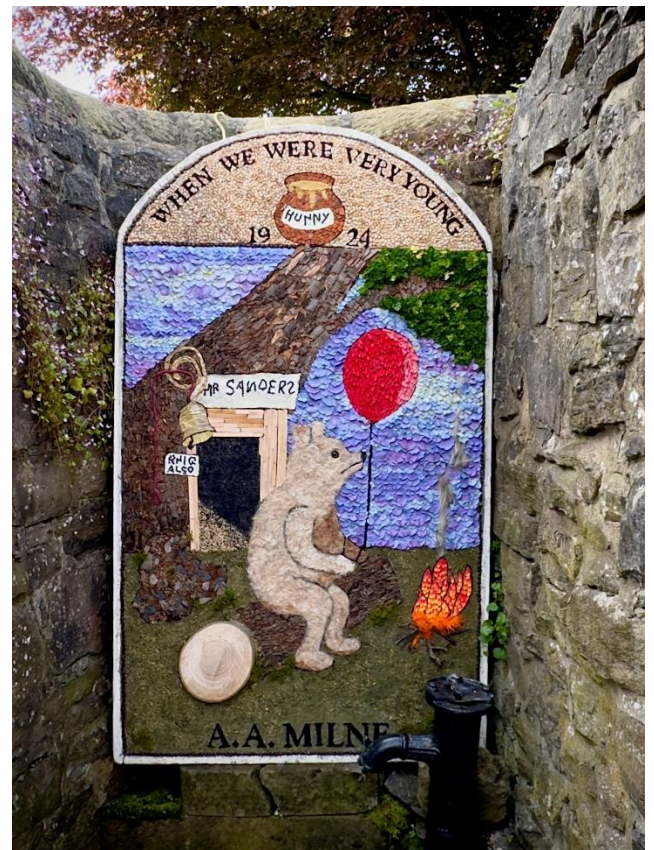
Unfortunately thunder and lightning stopped the procession round the wells on Sunday, so we blessed and sang hymns from the churchyard! I am optimistic for a big future for this lovely custom in Ashford now and am aiming to try and dress all six wells next year.

Again many, many thanks to you all,
Sarah

The Story of Ashford Well Dressings 2024







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Ashford WI

Our May meeting began with a round-table discussion on this year's national



resolution: 'Dental Health Matters', which proposes a review of NHS contracts and the provision of more places for people to train. Some shocking statistics support the proposal: in 2023 some 12 million people had unmet needs for dentistry treatment and 91% of dental practices could not take on new NHS patients. Our vote was cast in support for the proposal.

Following the discussion we indulged - or maybe over-indulged - in a selection of yummy puddings whilst enjoying some beautifully read poems and stories from our ladies. A special shoutout goes to those who wrote their own.

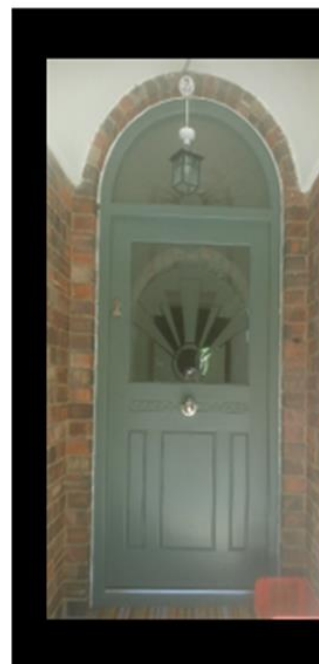
Next month's meeting is on June 6th at 7.15pm. The talk is about cheese-making in Derbyshire.

BINS

It has been brought to the attention of the parish council that, in some instances, bins are being left out on the pavement after emptying. The parish council would like to request that residents collect their bins on the same day as refuse collection. Thank you for your cooperation.



Ashford in the Water Parish Council



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Farming News

I yearn for the day when I don't have to moan about the weather!! According to the Buxton weather website we have had as much rain in May as we did in the month of January - over 5 inches. The grass is growing so fast and the grass in the silage fields is going over as it is so long. Hopefully there is a window of 4 days this coming weekend when we can start, however we need a good drying wind to dry out the crop and the soil which will take at least 24 hours. The cattle outside are making such a mess, particularly round the water troughs where they tend to congregate.

Lambing went well - for a change - and we didn't lose one lamb giving birth, which is quite a feat. I don't think I have ever managed to achieve that before! We did only lamb 35 ewes but as we always say 35 take as much looking after as 350! Lambing into May made it so much easier with the weather being kinder (sort of) as we lamb outside and don't have facilities for bringing them in. Also calving had slowed down so I had a bit more time to fiddle about with lambs. The only lamb which defeated me was a small lamb



born to a first time mother, a shearling, and it wouldn't suck at all. Will and I battled for 10 days tubing it; this involved putting a plastic tube into the stomach through its mouth so we knew it was getting milk. However it still wouldn't suck either its mother or a bottle so in the end we had to give in to the inevitable Sad but a fact of farming life. The maize at Hassop went in when we had the last bit of sunny weather 3 weeks ago and is growing so fast - loving this wet, humid weather. Unfortunately so are the weeds which are about to overtake the growth of the maize so another job waiting for a dry spell to spray!

Brand New Class The War Memorial Institute

Ashford in the Water

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& Latin Class
Every Tuesday
1.15pm / 2.00pm

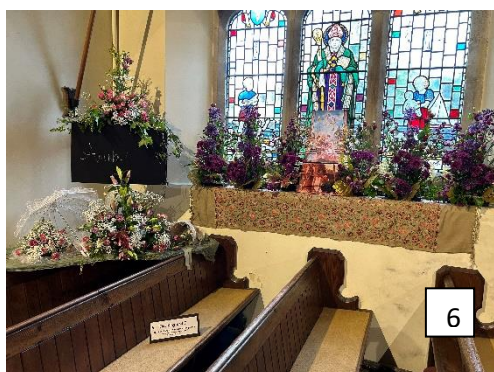
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DANCE

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Flower Festival 2024 “On Stage and Screen”

THANK YOU to all those who made this year’s festival such a great success! The displays were wonderfully creative and greatly admired. Once again you have surpassed yourselves and given great pleasure to all our visitors.





Flower displays

"On Stage and Screen"

1. **The Red Carpet** by Gill Harris
2. **Mama Mia** by Kate Furness and Barbara Baxter
3. **The Phantom of the Opera** by Jill Glossop
4. **The Sound of Music** by Sarah and John Winkworth-Smith and Jane Pepper
5. **My Fair Lady** by Rosie Short
6. **The King and I** by Ann Ashcroft and Karen Templeman
7. **Frozen** by Anna Gregory
8. **Sister Act** by Margaret Mellon and Janet Kerr
9. **The Lion King** by Hannah Gregory-Campeau
10. **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** by Hilary Bartlett and Rachel Kaunhoven
11. **The Wizard of Oz** by Jane Daniell
- 12 & 13 **Aladdin** by Catherine Treves
14. **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** by Jan Gibson and Charlotte Swift
15. **Pillars – South Pacific** by Linda Foster and Vivien Lee

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SHELDON JOTTINGS

The joy of the better weather at the beginning of May after the wet and cold winter was immediately forgotten when we heard of the death of Michael Lester on May 13th from what appeared to be a heart attack. He was driving his Lomas lorry back to the depot after making a delivery. He was 63 years old and his passing came as a dreadful shock to the whole village.



During his early life Mick lived in Chelmorton and was brought up with four sisters, before marrying Julia and moving to Sheldon some 37 years ago. He leaves two sons, Oliver and Andrew who live in the village with their families. He liked nothing better than being with Julia and the family, working with his sons around the farm, and would offer advice in his quiet yet persuasive manner and was always happy to be involved. His great joy was playing with his grandchildren around the farm.

Mick spent most of his working life with Lomas, first as a signwriter painting the logos on almost all of the large fleet of lorries and finally driving for the firm. He was a man with a wide range of interests in addition to his family. Living all his life in a farming community he loved

the natural world and would often be the first to see the swallows returning or recently, the kites circling over the village. Little known was his interest in the sky at night, watching shooting stars, comets and the northern lights from his garden. Perhaps his greatest interest was in aircraft, visiting air shows whenever he could. He knew all the types, flew model aircraft which he had constructed and took great joy in pointing out the Jumbo Jet which regularly flies over our village at around midday. All this was in addition to his interest in cars and model trains of which he had a large collection.

He was widely respected in the village. Mick's calm manner and innate common sense made him a popular figure and always willing to lend a hand in committees and with village events. He was a caring person, often helping elderly members of the community such as during the pandemic.

Mick will be sorely missed, especially in the village, by all who knew him as a friend and neighbour. Our heartfelt condolences go to Julia and the family – our thoughts are with them now and in the future.

Have you noticed those medium sized butterflies with the bright orange wingtips? These are the

male Orange Tip Butterflies – the females have grey- black tipped wings instead of orange. They are fairly common and their preferred wild food plants are the lady's smock and garlic mustard which we have flowering in the garden and



nearby fields – see photo. (We think that garlic mustard is so named because when crushed the leaves smell of garlic). So they lay their eggs on these plants and the resulting caterpillars can then munch away on the flowers and seed pods. Altogether these are sure signs that Spring is here.

It is indeed a lovely time of year with the hay meadow flowers now growing and showing colour again and the dew ponds have many tadpoles at their edges. The road verges are covered with cow parsley and sweet cicely and all the trees and shrubs now have beautiful fresh green leaves. Also – have you noticed there are many queen bees about? Plus we had a hornet which ventured into the house....



Oxfam Fashion Show Friday 7 June 6.45pm Medway Centre, Bakewell.

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THORNHILL HOUSE IS TURNING 30!

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A history and display of our wonderful
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THORNHILL HOUSE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

(How a new tree grew in Longstone)

The Vision 1987 (the seed)

It was in the summer of 1987 when Marjorie Birch of Great Longstone died in a Chesterfield care home far away from her family and friends that her friend, Molly Thornhill, was so touched by Marjorie's unhappy confession "there is nothing here for me", that she decided to found a care home in the village. It would be in memory of her late husband and for local people who could no longer look after themselves.

The Trust 1988 (the planting)

With the support of her family and friends Molly embarked on her visionary project. The John Thornhill Memorial Trust was set up with David, a Nottingham GP involved in geriatric care and Richard and Patrick skilled and knowledgeable in business management and building. With them came local people, District Councillor Christine Crowther, David West, Guy Brown, Audrey Sainsbury and Robert Cumming.

Specialist care advice came from Marjorie Cockburn the matron of St. Luke's Hospice in Sheffield.

And from its inception Molly's project owed much to the sustained and creative support of Professor Eric Wilkes, Emeritus Professor of General Practice and Community Care at the University of Sheffield.

The Duchess of Devonshire, Sir Peter Hilton the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire,

Henry Richmond Bishop of Derby,
Marjorie Kenning of Longstone Hall

and Brian Redhead broadcaster and journalist agreed to become patrons and Professor Wilkes president of the Trust.



Molly and Professor Wilkes

Fundraising 1988-1991 (the feeding)

Fundraising far and wide began in earnest and by 1989 £140,000 had been raised towards the £400,000 needed to build a 12 bed home with all its necessary support facilities.

Grant making trusts and charities were thoroughly researched for funding. The home also benefitted from four legacies of people who had a personal interest in the development of a care home in Great Longstone. Rallied by Audrey and Eric Sainsbury the local community began fundraising in earnest with coffee mornings, concerts, marathon running, music evenings, Christmas and antique fairs, quiz nights, book and plant sales, open days, fashion shows, garage sales, raffles - the creative fundraising list was endless and by May 1991 £300,000 towards the £400,000 had been raised of which £10,000 was raised by "the village".

The House begins to rise 1992-93 (the growing)

It seemed that the whole village turned out in November 1992 to see the first sod cut by the youngest pupil at Great

Longstone School Howie Mantel with the help of Molly, of course. On a clear but chilly November day in 1992 and under Longstone Edge the Rev. Clive Thrower blessed the next phase of Molly's project. As trenches were dug and walls began to appear on May 16th 1993 the foundation stone was laid.



Opening of Thornhill House 1994 (the flowering)

After 7 years of the hard work and energy of many, many people not to mention the dedication of Molly Thornhill and her family on 16th May 1994 Thornhill House was officially opened by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester cheered on by the flag waving and songs of the children of Great Longstone School.

Bakewell and Ashford Film Society (BASH)

“THE THREE MUSKETEERS D’ARTAGNAN” (2023 Cert 15)

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH 2024

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

D'Artagnan, a spirited young boy, is left for dead after trying to save a

young woman from being kidnapped. When he arrives in Paris, he tries by all means to find his attackers. He is unaware that his quest will lead him to the heart of a real war where the future of France is at stake. Allied with Athos, Porthos and Aramis, three musketeers of the King with a dangerous temerity, D'Artagnan faces the dark machinations of the Cardinal of Richelieu. But it is when he falls madly in love with Constance Bonacieux, the Queen's confidante, that d'Artagnan truly puts himself in danger. For it is this passion that leads him into the wake of the one who becomes his mortal enemy: Milady de Winter.



BASH's aim is to meet in a friendly atmosphere showing a variety of new, classic and foreign films. We give an introduction to most films 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 for the year is £24.00. 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 9th 2024** at 7.30pm.

Multi-agency training exercise tackles Peak District wildfire scenario

Firefighters have joined forces with Peak District National Park rangers and moorland managers in a training exercise to prepare for a wildfire scenario.

The exercise, at Stanage Edge, between Hathersage and Sheffield, on the National Park Authority's Stanage-North Lees estate, tested how specialist equipment would be used in a real-life emergency and how teams would work together to tackle a moorland fire.

It was organised by Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) and supported by partners in the Fire Operations Group (FOG).

FOG brings together a partnership of fire and rescue services, National Park rangers, National Trust and RSPB wardens, water companies, major landowners and gamekeepers to draw up fire plans, oversee specialist fire-fighting equipment, raise awareness of moorland fires and the consequences and train for emergencies.

In attendance at this exercise were fire crews from Hathersage, Bakewell, Staveley, Buxton, Glossop and Duffield alongside land managers, farmers and gamekeepers.

Wildfire in the open landscape is a high risk for Peak District habitats. The National Park's moorlands – which include large expanses of blanket bog and upland heath – are of global environmental importance. Wildfires have devastating effects on the habitats and wildlife which rely on them.



While not always the source of ignition, activities such as disposable BBQ use, campfires and dropped cigarettes are increasingly the reason for major blazes and a larger number of smaller fires which tie up emergency service resources and could potentially cause a delay to other life risk emergencies.

One of the largest fires in 2023 took place on the Eastern Moors, less than a mile from the exercise location.

Peak District National Park Authority ranger team manager, Andy Farmer, said: "This is a scenario we hope will never happen but, unfortunately, all too often it does.

"Multi-agency training exercises allow us to plan for prompt, effective reactions to real-life events. They test

joint decision-making and incident command and are also an opportunity to highlight how easily fires can start. We urge visitors to help us to minimise the risks.

Preventing a wild fire

Never have a BBQs in open countryside/moorland. Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) ban their use in many areas across Derbyshire.

Discard all rubbish, including glass bottles in bins provided, or take it home

Do not light campfires

Ensure cigarettes are extinguished and discarded responsibly.

What to do if you see a fire in the countryside

If you spot an uncontrolled fire in the open countryside, or you see large volumes of smoke call 999, giving as much detail about the fire's location as possible. Do not put yourself at any risk by tackling a fire.

Be a FireStopper

If you see someone deliberately setting a fire or know of anyone having a BBQ or campfire on the moors, tell Firestoppers 100% anonymously.

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PUZZLE CORNER

Flower Quiz



1.What is the common name for any of the

plants that fall into the genus *Narcissus*?

2.What flower did the Victorians call a gilliflower?

3.Saffron comes from which type of flower?

4.The largest horticultural campaign in the U.K. is called 'RHS Britain in ...' what?

5.What does the term perennial mean?

6.Which flower inspired the William Wordsworth poem 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud'?

7.Which poisonous, sweetly scented woodland flowering plant with bell-shape florets dangling from a thin stem has the scientific name *Convallaria majalis*?

8.Which flower is often called the 'winter rose' or 'Christmas rose'?

9.Which flower is sometimes called the sword lily?

10.Which blue flower of the genus *Veronica* is also the name of the ship which was to accompany the Mayflower with the Pilgrim Fathers?

Answers on last page.

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Derbyshire Dales

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Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, thoughts or
reminiscences to stone.mary@sky.com. Thank you!

Flower Quiz Answers 1. Daffodils 2. Carnation 3. Crocus
4. Bloom 5. Long-lived plants that live for more than 2 years
6. Daffodil 7. Lily of the valley 8. Hellebore 9. Gladiolus
10. Speedwell