

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon
March 2025

Ashford Services

Sunday 2nd March: Sunday next before Lent - 9.45am Morning Worship
Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday – 7.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 9th March: Lent 1 – 9.45am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16th March: Lent 2 – 9.45am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 23rd March: Lent 3 – 10.00am Benefice Eucharist in Bakewell (No service in Ashford)
Sunday 30th March: Mothering Sunday – 9.45am All-Age Eucharist

Funeral

5th March 1.30pm Susan Margaret Akeroyd

Sheldon Services

Sunday 9th March: 9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th March: Mothering Sunday 3.00pm



A prayer for Lent:

**Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold,
the God in whom we put our trust;
guide your people through our Lenten wilderness,
have mercy on us and answer us as we call,
through Christ the Lord of all,
who is generous to everyone who calls upon him.**

Amen.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY



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**Sunday 30th March
9.45am**

Dear Friends

On March 5th Christians begin the journey through Lent on Ash Wednesday, a day of invitation to be reminded of the brokenness of humanity and God's radical and abundant love that restores us in relationship with him. The symbolism of receiving the ash of burnt palm crosses from 2024 is a sign of our mourning and lamenting our wrongdoing, and the consequence of this upon God's desire to love us unconditionally,



and the human activity that leads to fracture, fear, tension and conflict within human relationships.

Lent is a season where there is opportunity to reflect and allow our hearts, through taking on something, denying a pleasure here or there, and realigning our lives with God's values, to be stretched, lengthened, and pruned, as we prepare to walk the way of Jesus's cross and arrive at Easter.

People may feel that Lent is a time that has to be endured, rather than a time of finding God's renewing

love. The 40 days of Lent enable us to reprioritise our lives, how we spend our time, and to find opportunity to see where God blesses us and encourages us to be a blessing for others. Lent is a Spiritual MOT moment where we can make changes to old habits and come out of the season energised spiritually.

In our anxieties about the condition of the world and the future, given the continuing war in Ukraine and the fragile ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon with many commentators predicting a new World Order and greater danger to security than before, Lent gives us opportunity to give all these things, and more, back to God, asking God to heal and restore all things in love, peace and reconciliation.

Lent is lived against the backdrop of Easter and the light of Jesus' resurrection, holding hope in a better future and believing that God will help us to see where we can build this in our relationships and dealings with one another.

May this six-week period be for all of us an opportunity to lay down the things that burden us and take up the things that give fresh insight, energy, purpose and renewal in our spiritual as well as within our day-to-day lives.

Every blessing,

Canon Tony

NB Ash Wednesday Service with Ashing Bakewell Parish Church at **12 noon** and Ashford in the Water Parish Church at **7pm**.

From the Safer Neighbourhood Team:

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If potholes are causing issues near where you live, they can be reported via this link: [Potholes - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Don't worry if you think a neighbour has already reported it, report it again yourself. This may raise the priority.

Ashford in the Water Parish Council

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ASHFORD WI

Last month's Ashford WI meeting began with our Annual General Meeting, at which reports were given, budgets approved, and committee members elected for 2025. It was also a chance to review and reflect on the many activities of 2024, which included, to name but a few, talks about cheese making in Derbyshire and cutlery making in Sheffield; an energetic Salsa dancing evening for 30 members and friends; a trial session at the Baslow Bowling Club, and our first foray into charitable giving in the shape of a coffee morning in the Institute which raised £600 for Derbyshire Carers. Everyone agreed 2024 had been a successful year with a diverse, entertaining and fun range of activities.

After some brief presentations, discussions and votes on this year's National WI Resolutions, we finished off the afternoon in a more relaxed style with recitals of sonnets and poems, accompanied by tea and delicious scones. To kick off, Val helpfully explained the structure of a sonnet, before reciting three herself, while a shout-out must go to Joyce who, impressively, had written her own poem! In a double whammy, Val also won the Jane Frampton cup for best Christmas decoration and the annual competition cup for accumulating

the most competition points throughout the year.

Finally last month, 13 WI ladies enjoyed breakfast in the private dining room at Rafter's. The food was delicious, and it proved to be a lovely, relaxing way to start a Friday.

Next month's meeting will be held on March 6th at 2.15pm, at which Stephanie and Trevor Mee will talk about their experiences as 'Gameshow Junkies'.

If you would like to join the Ashford in the Water WI, please email us on: AshfordWI28@gmail.com New members are always very welcome.



Farming News



Farming is very much in the news again due to the Chancellor bringing in the new IHT reforms. I try not to bring politics into this column but as it is such an important and worrying issue I will briefly talk about the subject.

If the new reforms go through in their current state, it has been said that farmers will need to sell up to 20% of their assets each generation, which will erode the viability of their business. After four years of rising costs due to global conflicts, extreme weathers and other variables, farming is now on its knees. Bringing in this new IHT reform at this time when only 3% of farmers are under 35 could be a major disaster for the future of UK food production.

Of course it is a well-known fact that farmers are 'asset rich and cash poor' so where or how the chancellor thinks this tax bombshell can be paid goodness only knows. It is certainly a bleak future and we may see our younger farmers starting to give up. All this negative news was brought

home to me this week when I renewed our broadband with BT. I had put aside an hour with instructions not to be disturbed. However a very plausible chap - foreign but with a strong Lancashire accent - answered. The first question always is – first line of your address? When I replied Highfield Farm he was very keen to learn if we were 'real farmers'. After explaining we had cattle and sheep his tone changed and he proceeded to tell me how badly we were being treated by governments past and present and how much respect he had for our profession. Anyway the outcome was very positive and he gave me a much better deal than I had bargained for. I came off the phone very humbled and thankful too.

Back to reality with a bump, we have just had three lovely days with Louise and family down South, and whilst we were away two good cows aborted having had dead calves at least two months premature. Why? We don't know, and it could be any number of reasons, the worry being will there be any more?

We sincerely hope not but pessimism rules in our world.

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SHELDON JOTTINGS



The sun is actually shining as we write today – what joy after the long Autumn and then the Winter of days of rain, rain and more rain. If this is climate change then we suppose we have to get used to more mags and mud, glorious mud up here...

The snowdrops are a picture to behold and as they multiply so well, the garden is now full of them and no matter how severe the weather they still bravely flower each year. There are some yellow aconites and pretty pink cyclamen but so few in comparison.

The ash tree by the side of the road going down to Kirk Dale is to be saved hopefully, even though it has the ash dieback disease. Each limb will be shortened and the one which was breaking over the road verge will be taken away but the barn owls will still have their shelter /roost site left in situ. So many people have commented about them but, as yet, we have only seen one of them at any one time.

Have just looked out of the window - to see the pheasant stalking the garden... we often hear it/them nearby making their loud noise. We did have a couple of grey squirrels around for a few weeks but hope

they have now moved on and have gone back to some woodland. A couple could easily become many more and they do raid birds' nests for their eggs. If they appear again next Winter we shall have to get some squirrel – proof bird feeders!! We had not realised how agile they were as we watched them jump around near the tops of trees with ease.

We have now heard the song thrush which is easy to distinguish as it repeats its notes twice over – so hopefully it is back to nest up here after its Winter in nearby woodland lower down (this I am told by birders!!)

Severn Trent have been in the village yet again – such a common occurrence in the upper part of our village street. They tell us we need replacement piping throughout the village but, of course, they cannot tell us when this might happen – one, two, seven years' time?

We all know our road surface is now horrendous – when will it be resurfaced? Can you imagine this scenario – the road actually gets resurfaced then Severn Trent decide to renew the pipes





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Free entry. Donations to Oxfam welcome at the door.

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Small WEEE Collection Service

On Monday 3rd February Derbyshire Dales District Council launched a Small WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Collection Service for residents. Small WEEE items with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled using the free weekly collection.

Please place small WEEE items, loose, by the side of your bins/sacks/caddies by 7am on your **weekly** waste collection day. These items will then be collected by our food collection vehicles, which have cages fitted to the underside.

What is small WEEE? Small WEEE is classed as small handheld items that require a plug or battery as listed below:

Larger electrical items such as microwaves, electric fires, televisions and computer screens **cannot** be collected on the kerbside collection. Please do not leave these out for collection - they will need to be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre or collected through the bulky collection service through the DDDC, for a small fee.

For more information on the small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment scheme and what items can be collected, please visit [Small waste from electrical and electronic equipment - Derbyshire Dales District Council](#).



Lent Quiz

1) Which is the first day of Lent?

- a) Ash Wednesday
- b) Valentine's Day
- c) Shrove Tuesday
- d) Maundy Thursday

2) What is the original meaning of the word Lent?

- a) Autumn
- b) Spring
- c) Fast
- d) Penance

3) Which is the last Sunday of Lent?

- a) Easter Sunday
- b) Whit Sunday
- c) Palm Sunday
- d) Pentecost Sunday

4) Lent is said to last 40 days even though from Ash Wednesday to last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

- a) Fridays are not included
- b) Historical difference in calendar
- c) 40 is a holy number
- d) Sundays are not included.

5) How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?

- a) By burning wood and holy oil
- b) By burning palm crosses from the previous year

- c) By burning fig leaves
- d) By burning vine leaves

6) The day after Good Friday is called

- a) Easter Eve
- b) Easter Saturday
- c) Holy Saturday
- d) High Saturday

7) Which food is traditionally eaten on Fridays in Lent?

- a) Unleavened bread
- b) Fish
- c) Red meat
- d) No food as it's a day of fasting.

8) What is the official liturgical colour for Lent?

- a) Blue
- b) Red
- c) Violet
- d) White

9) What is the last week of Lent called?

- a) Holy Week
- b) Penitence Week
- c) Week of Prayer
- d) Easter Week

10) What is commemorated on Maundy Thursday?

- a) The Crucifixion
- b) The Last Supper
- c) Jesus riding on a donkey
- d) The baptism of Jesus

Answers on last page.

Have your say to improve walking and cycling routes in the Peak District National Park

People who live, work in and visit the Peak District National Park are being asked for their views on walking, cycling, riding, and wheeling (wheelchairs/trampers) routes in an online consultation.

It's a great opportunity to let the National Park Authority know: 'Which places are most important to you?' and 'Where would you like to see improvements to the network?'

An interactive map is also being used to help people pinpoint routes and where improvements could be made. This is the first time the National Park Authority has used new technology in this way in a public consultation. Using the map will help show where people walk, cycle and wheel, and understanding what people use and like will help the Authority plan for the future.

Access and rights of way officer Sue Smith said: "We want to improve how people get around the National Park and to achieve this we need to find out how people are using local routes. We're interested in active travel for everyone, which includes everyday trips such as people walking to the shops, cycling to work or school, as well as the longer routes people take for leisure, which could be a walk, run, wheel, or ride on a trail.

"There's a short, online questionnaire to fill in which asks people to identify places that are most important to them, how often they use routes, where they would like to see improvements, what the improvements would be, and there's opportunity to make comments about

routes too. You can complete the questionnaire as many times as you would like for different routes."

Following the consultation, the information from the public will be used to help shape a new Peak District Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan, together with partner organisations, that will cover utility and leisure routes and focus on key connections between communities, adjoining towns and cities, visitor attractions, and long-distance routes.

The online consultation is open now and runs until 16 March.

People can take part by completing the questionnaire at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/activetra](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/activetravelconsultation)
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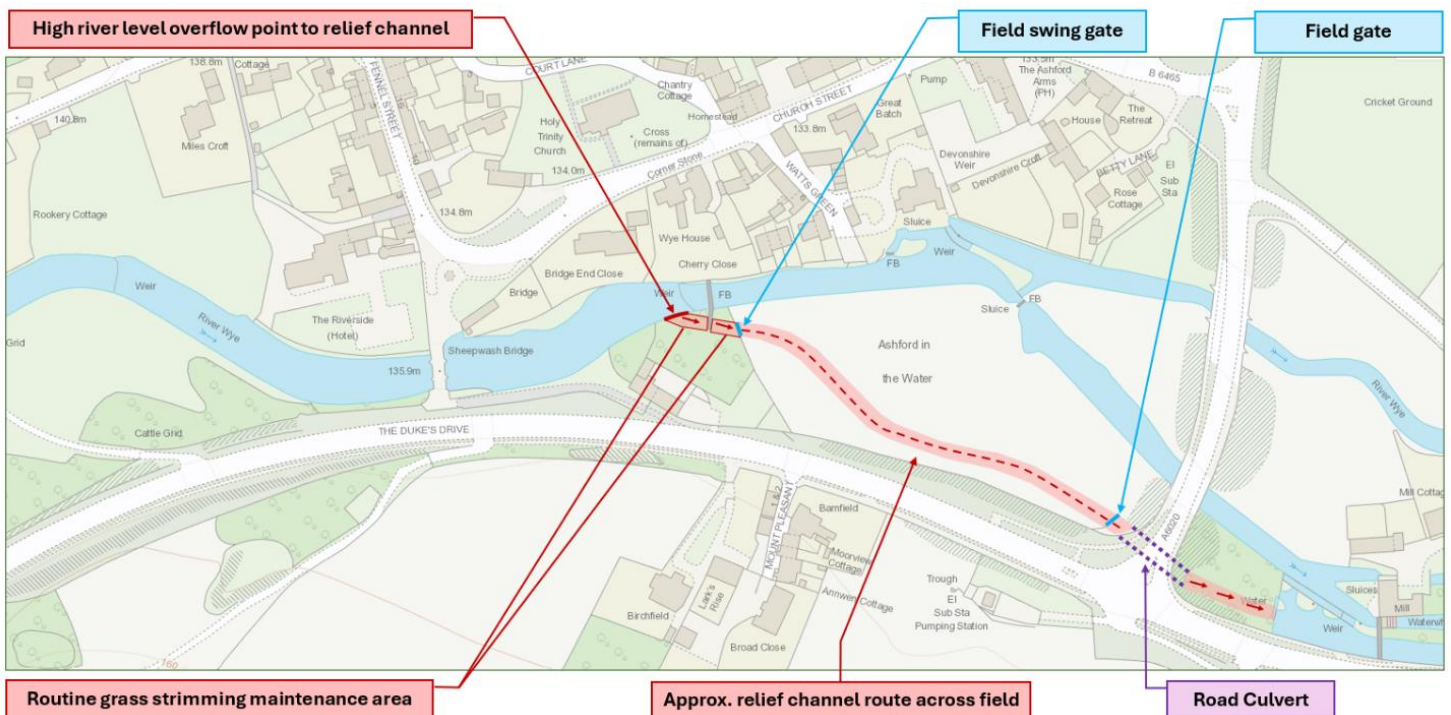
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From the Parish Council

Ashford in the Water Relief Channel

The following information has been received in an email from Darryl Phillips of the Environment Agency:

Here is a visual summary of the main features associated with the Ashford in the Water Relief Channel that we visited last year:



Shortly after our site visit, I did get confirmation that we do schedule routine grass strimming maintenance (during the summer months) so that the connection between the main river and relief channel route across the field remains viable during high river flows.

See also the before and after photo records when this was undertaken in May 2024.

I hope to keep the Parish Council updated as we plan for, and progress with, our summer maintenance programme this year.

Ashford in the Water relief channel – Routine grass strimming maintenance – Photo record

River offtake to footbridge (16-May-2024):



Footbridge to field swing Gate (16-May-2024):



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Lent Quiz answers

1 a) Ash Wednesday 2 b) Spring 3 c) Palm Sunday

4 d) Sundays are not included 5 b) By burning palm crosses

6 a) Easter Eve and c) Holy Saturday (not Easter Saturday as often assumed)

7 b) Fish 8 c) Violet 9 a) Holy Week 10 b) The Last Supper

The deadline for the April magazine is 21st March 2025.

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

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