

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon

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January 2024

ASHFORD SERVICES

Sunday 7th: Epiphany: 9.45am. Morning Worship with a Christingle theme

Sunday 14th: Epiphany 2: 9.45am. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21st: Epiphany 3: 9.45am. Sung Eucharist

**Sunday 28th: Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas
9.45am. Sung Eucharist**

SHELDON

Sunday 28th 9am: Holy Communion

Funerals

Saturday 13th January 12 noon: Maurice Lindsay

Monday 15th January 11am: Pat Shaw

A prayer for Epiphany:

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen



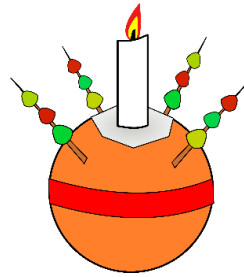
Christingle Service

Sunday 7th January 2024 9.45am at Holy Trinity, Ashford

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

Do come and join us and make your own Christingle – everything will be supplied.

All donations will be sent to the Children's Society to help further their amazing work with vulnerable young people.



Dear Friends

Can I begin by wishing a very happy, healthy and positive New Year to you and those you love. In many ways January 1st is another day beginning a new month with the only difference from other months that there is a change of digit in the year. You might ask why is so much made of a New Year beginning with resolutions etc? Apart from a good reason to have a party or gathering, perhaps it is bound up with the hope of new beginnings, letting go of things that we felt weren't so



good in the old year, and starting afresh with new energy, purpose and ambition.

That is all good if everything comes together and we have clarity, vision and support for what we would like to achieve, change and develop at the outset. Often, as with the good intention of our resolutions, it is not always easy to make wholesale changes and it might be tempting to give up and feel even disheartened when the new year does not pan out as we hoped once routines and the familiar return. However, that does not mean that we give up and accept things as they are.

Sometimes small steps are needed towards an eventual goal or a working towards an eventual acceptance of what we cannot change, but to find a way of living with a situation that is more positive or affirming. The putting away of our Christmas trimmings does not see Jesus being packed away in a box for another year because there is more of the reason for God taking human flesh to be revealed in January, and that is the reminder that in all that we do, try to do, fail to do, or would like to do, God's light, peace, strength, comfort and love gives us hope and reassurance that throughout 2024 we are a beloved child of God, blessed and held by him at all times. May this give us confidence and hope always.

Every blessing,

Tony

Ashford in the Water Parish Council

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Farming News

Not a lot to report this month other than a moan about the weather. According to the website Buxton Weather (which is marvellous for forecasts and updates on the roads), it has been the third wettest December on record with 11.54 inches compared to 5.37 inches in



December 2022. We are all fed up with the dank days and the cattle are too!

Unusually as soon as the sheds are cleaned out they are so keen to get back inside, normally they like to have a wander round the yards and are reluctant to come back in. I am now a believer in SAD where we crave for bright sunny days – I don't even mind a few sharp frosts. Getting muck out into the fields has been a huge problem because of the sodden fields. Normally limestone is free-draining and doesn't cause problems, but the land is so waterlogged every field is standing in water. On the few days we have tried to do some spreading, the spreader has dropped muck on the roads which some neighbours have objected to. We had a request to muck spread in summer! The cattle aren't inside in the summer! So no it can't happen!

The vet has advised a big increase in cases of neosporosis. This is the parasite caused by dog and fox faeces . At worst it can cause abortion in cows particularly 5 to 7 months, or still born calves or worse still calves born with brain disease.

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SHELDON JOTTINGS



The multi-coloured Christmas lights in Sheldon during the Festive period provided a joyful and cheery atmosphere in the village during what was a cloudy and very, very wet December. The weather however, did not dampen the festivities.

Early in the month the Book Club held a most enjoyable Christmas meeting, beautifully hosted by Angie, and with drinks and a lovely buffet provided by the members, a merry time was had by all!

This was followed by the always keenly anticipated Christmas dinner in the 'Cock and Pullet' for the more elderly residents. It was obviously much enjoyed by all who attended, not only for the food but for the opportunity to join old friends and neighbours. Many thanks are due to Kath, her staff and the village for making this annual event possible.

On Sunday 17th the Nativity Procession from the Church was again enthusiastically re-enacted with the singing of carols at the relevant places as we walked up the village street. We arrived in the village hall where there was the manger and many children taking the main roles of the nativity story. The doll baby was effortlessly produced from Mary's skirt and

then followed a great rocking session of the crib...it was all so wonderfully performed by these modern-day young children!

It was a very cold and blustery late afternoon for this yearly event but, at least it did not rain. Thank you to Canon Tony and to our stalwart accordion player who keeps us in tune. We all felt a little happier to be in the warmth and the dimmed lighting of the hall, with the mulled wine, mince pies and noisy chatter. Writing this makes us wonder how many other villages actually have a similar procession along their streets, which finally leads to the 'stable' with such very young children acting their parts so well considering no rehearsals!

The Nativity Procession was followed on Christmas Eve with the traditional carol service in our lovely little Church.

We hope that everyone had a good Christmas with family and friends and we were grateful that the gales did not interfere with the cooking of THE BIRD!!

With the days now lengthening we should enter the New Year with a feeling of optimism, although world events during 2023 do not bode well for 2024. But the rhythms of the year do not change. As the days lengthen the natural world responds and we can look forward to the bright warmth of Spring and Summer and all the joys which

nature will hopefully bring. The Spring bulbs are already appearing and our resident robin has been entertaining us with his beautiful song as he establishes his territory in readiness for the forthcoming breeding season.



We too, look forward with hope for goodwill between people everywhere and, on a more mundane topic, we look forward to all the potholes in the village street finally being mended, or, even better still, the road will be completely resurfaced as it is in such a frightful, car suspension - ruining state.

We have been told that there have been 200+ waxwing birds at Hassop Station on the Monsal Trail where there are many hawthorn trees with berries that they love. These are very handsome birds with a prominent crest and bright yellow and red markings on their wings. The birding photographers were out in force.

If you are interested in birds then do not forget the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch on the 26th - 28th January. This is the UK's largest annual citizens' science wildlife

survey. From your house window, for one hour on one of those days, you record the highest number of each bird species that you see at any ONE time (otherwise you could count the same bird twice). Then go online and submit your results to the RSPB and they are then published on their website in April.

On Tuesday 9th January we will be holding the first Parish Meeting of 2024. Here is an opportunity for each of us to have our say and shape the future of the year to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable New Year, one in which all our hopes can be realised.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9th January – Sheldon Parish Meeting at 7.30 in the Village Hall



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Ashford in the Water WI

Ashford WI's December meeting was a Christmas party. We tackled various quizzes in groups. Perhaps the most laughter-inducing game was trying to identify different small objects sewn into cloth bags (could that shape be a powder compact or a case for storing your false teeth?). We also found it very difficult to identify members from their baby photos - how we have changed! Pat Paulett was the worthy winner of the prize for the best Christmas decoration. Mulled wine and festive food completed a most enjoyable evening.

On December 8th it was Ashford's turn to host the local WI Group Carol service. A variety of readings (some thoughtful, some humorous) , carols sung by the congregation and wonderful singing from Youlgrave WI Choir all contributed to a lovely service. Mulled wine, mince pies and a lot of friendly chatter rounded off the evening. Many thanks to Rev. Brenda Jackson for leading the service and to Ian Pykett for playing the organ.

Our final get-together for 2023 was our Christmas meal at The Merchants' Yard, Tideswell.

The first meeting in 2024 is on January 4th at 2:15 pm when we

will welcome Jane Daniell to talk on Setting up the Dreamland Mission Hospital in Kenya.





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Film Society**

**THE GREAT ESCAPER
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**SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH
2024**

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



It centres around an elderly couple, who have been together for seventy years, and live a semi-independent life in a care home. During a routine chat with their nurses, "Rene" (Glenda Jackson) discovers that her husband "Bernie" (Sir Michael Caine) had wanted to go to the impending celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings, but that all the tickets

had gone. She makes it pretty clear that if he wants to go, well then he ought to just go! Armed with only a carrier bag and a few quid, he takes a ferry and heads off

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We look forward to welcoming you on **Sunday January 14th 2024** at 7.30pm.

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NEW Year quiz!

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2. The second group of sacred writings in the Bible
3. A former prison in the city of London
4. Roosevelt's policy of economic reconstruction (1932)
5. The Americas
6. A suburb of Chesterfield
7. Renewed health and vigour after an illness or change of circumstance
8. A measurement used to measure force
9. The state of which Albany is the capital
10. The city of heaven, foretold in Revelation xxi
11. Long-skirted women's dress of 1948
12. The collective name of the north-eastern states of the USA

Solution on last page.



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**Early deadline for
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17th January 2024

THANK YOU!



INFORMATION FROM PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK



Successful support scheme for farmers to benefit climate, nature, people and place in the Peak District's special landscape is extended for one more year

Farmers and land managers in the Peak District National Park are being encouraged to continue to apply for funding to support landscape enhancement, access and conservation work through the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme.

The national FiPL programme, administered locally by the Peak District National Park Authority, has been extended 12 months, to March 2025, with an extra £2.4 million available for farmers and land managers in the 2024/25 financial year.

Since July 2021, the Peak District National Park has channelled £2 million to over 300 local farmers and land managers to bring benefits for climate, nature, people and place with an extra 1.2 million expected to be spent between now and April.

So far, the FiPL programme has supported 304 Peak District projects with works ranging from installing solar powered drinking troughs for livestock, creating habitat corridors for wildlife, to building a new hay barn to enable making late-cut, flower-rich hay, and planting close to 9kms of new hedgerows in the Hope Valley in association with the Hope Farmers Group.

In total, 35 ponds have been improved or created, 5511 trees planted, 49 historic structures conserved, restored or interpreted more effectively and 80 hectares of hay meadow restored. Educational access is being supported on 8 farms and 10 new permissive paths are in place.

The works bring benefits on the ground including supporting natural flood management, reducing carbon emissions from farms, improving areas for wildlife, and enhancing landscape features and historic assets. Many projects pave the way for enhanced opportunities for farmers to draw down funding from national schemes and/or enhance their business.

Phil Mulligan, chief executive of the Peak District National Park, said: "The National Park is a living, working landscape that supports communities and businesses, and is home to a huge range of habitats and species. It's also a place enjoyed by millions of visitors and residents every year. The FiPL programme has made it possible for us to support one-off projects that benefit nature and cultural heritage-friendly farm businesses.

"It's fantastic to see farmers taking up the opportunities to increase habitats, improve biodiversity, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and provide opportunities for people to enjoy and understand the landscape and its cultural heritage. It's about investing in the environment and people to help build sustainable farm businesses that look after the landscape now and for the future."

Some standout successes of the FiPL programme in the Peak District National Park to date include significant repairs to 300 metres of Doctor's Gate bridleway which protects sensitive moorland habitat;

restoration of a stone-built Victorian water header tank structure at Sheldon; and support for the creation of wood pasture projects at Baslow and Hayfield and agro-forestry farming systems at Great Longstone, Green Fairfield and Wincle. At Minninglow, access off the High Peak trail has been provided to an award winning limekiln restoration project.

Funding is available for projects which deliver for one or more of the following themes: **climate** – including reducing flood risk; **nature** – targeting nature recovery; **people** – including enhanced access, volunteering, and ways to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape; **place** – including landscape, cultural heritage and support for increasing the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses.

The National Park team are particularly interested in hearing from farmers with ideas for projects that will deliver across the themes whilst supporting the development of their business, possibly through direct sales or enabling transition to a business model that can be supported more effectively through national schemes.

A local panel including farmer representatives assesses projects to ensure they provide value for money, a legacy from the work, and meet at least one of the scheme's outcomes and supports the aims of the National Park Management Plan.

To find out more about the support that is available, visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/fipl or speak to a farm adviser or FiPL officer on 01629 816200, or email: farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk.

To ponder for the New Year ...

“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul ...”

G.K. Chesterton

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”

George Eliot

“Life is about change, sometimes it's painful, sometimes it's beautiful, but most of the time it's both.”

Kristin Kreuk

“Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us.”

Hal Borland

“Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction.”

Germany Kent

“I hope that in the year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.”

Neil Gaiman

“You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream a new dream.”

C.S Lewis

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New Year Quiz Answers

NEW...

1 ...castle 2 ...Testament 3 ...gate 4 ...Deal 5 ...World 6 ...bold
7 ...lease of life 8 ...ton 9 ...York 10 ..Jerusalem 11 ..Look
12 ..England

The deadline for the February magazine is 17th January 2024.

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