

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

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**March 2024**



**ASHFORD SERVICES**

**Sunday 3rd March Lent 3: 9.45am Morning Worship**

**led by Ian Pykett**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday: 9.45am Sung Eucharist  
with posies given to all the ladies**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March Passion Sunday: 9.45am 'The Way of the  
Cross' A devotional service with hymns, readings and anthems.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday: 9.40am Sung Eucharist The  
service starts at the Sheepwash Bridge at 9.40am weather  
permitting.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday: 2.00pm 'An Hour by the Cross.'**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Day: 9.45am Sung Eucharist with  
mini-Easter eggs for the children**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April Easter 2: 9.45am Morning Worship**

**BAPTISM 11<sup>th</sup> February Abigail Aurora Butcher.**

**SHELDON**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Day: 9.00am Holy Communion**



**Mothering Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.45am**

**Come and join us for this lovely service  
which gives thanks for our mothers, and  
where posies are given to all of the ladies in  
the congregation.**

*A prayer for Easter:*

**Risen Lord,**

**We rejoice that you have triumphed over death  
and that the victory is yours.**

**Help us to rediscover what it means to be Easter  
people.**

**May we be messengers of hope and heralds of  
righteousness.**

**Deliver us from fear to speak your word of peace as we live your  
risen life.**

**Amen**



**Dear Friends**

What is the best way to send a letter to the Easter Bunny? By HAREmail! The Easter Bunny has grown in popularity in recent years and is seen in some quarters as the bringer of Easter Eggs. I don't have a problem with the inclusion of a figure associated with Spring and new life, as we reflect on the Life that God offers us at Easter. Why is the message of Easter important for us? Because it offers a life-transforming message of hope, love, forgiveness and reconciliation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we reflect on continuing conflicts, the climate emergency, political polarisation, increased stress levels and anger,



and a breakdown in traditional ways of living and relating, we look for hope, direction and renewed purpose for our lives, and how we can be more compassionate, kind, caring and supportive of our neighbour.

Holy Week that leads us to Easter offers an opportunity to allow ourselves to be caught up and engaged with the message of God's unfathomable love for us and how it is dramatically and powerfully proclaimed through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. The Services held in churches during this period are a great pilgrimage, where we have the invitation and opportunity to re-live the story of the mighty work of God engaging to bring into the world light, peace, reconciliation, hope

and forgiveness - identifying with our grief, suffering, rejection, hopelessness, despair and fears, whilst offering a vision of what could be when people harness their desire for goodness and truth with God's desire to love us without condition.

I do encourage you to allow Easter this year to engage with your spiritual being and in the midst of eggs, chicks, bunnies and other Easter trimmings, you may have the opportunity to appreciate why your egg is hollow and to know the comfort, strength and peace of God who shows through Jesus, the Way, the Life and the Truth. Then we can know and appreciate how we are offered life in all of its fullness.

With love and prayers

Canon Tony

## Ashford WI

We welcomed Samantha Hancock from Derbyshire Police as our speaker in February. Samantha's talk was about Cyber Fraud and Security. Most of us have received phone calls, emails or texts from fraudsters. We tell ourselves that we would never be caught out but the criminals are very convincing and continually devising new ways to trick us. Sam's talk was

informative, a bit scary but helpful. Various recommendations were made to help us keep safe on line. These included Two Factor Authentication and using strong and separate passwords. This is especially important when using social media. Sam also advised us not to engage with unsolicited phone calls however convincing the caller might sound.

Congratulations to Aileen for winning the competition for the best woolly hat.

Next month's meeting is on March 7th at 2:15. The talk is The 5 Pillars of Wellness, Peak Chiropractic and Kinesiology.



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## 70th anniversary of the bells in Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water: Request for photos and memorabilia

2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the dedication on October 20 1954 of three recast bells, one new bell, and a new bell frame in our church tower.

Following advice that the bells were not in a safe condition to be rung, they were to remain silenced for 16 years during a challenging fundraising effort, and the intervention of the Second World War.

For the greater part of this time, the bell project had been tirelessly promoted and managed by George and Ida Thorpe: the same Ida Thorpe who – also in 1954 – revived the village's well dressing tradition.

Twelve years later another two bells were added (again with the support and enthusiasm of George and Ida Thorpe) to complete the present peal of six bells. These new bells were donated by Mr Denis Whittaker of Devonshire Weir, Watts Green, in memory of his wife, Jean.

With the help of our Tower Captain Linda Pelc and several villagers, I have been attempting to re-discover the history of these 1954 and 1966 installations.

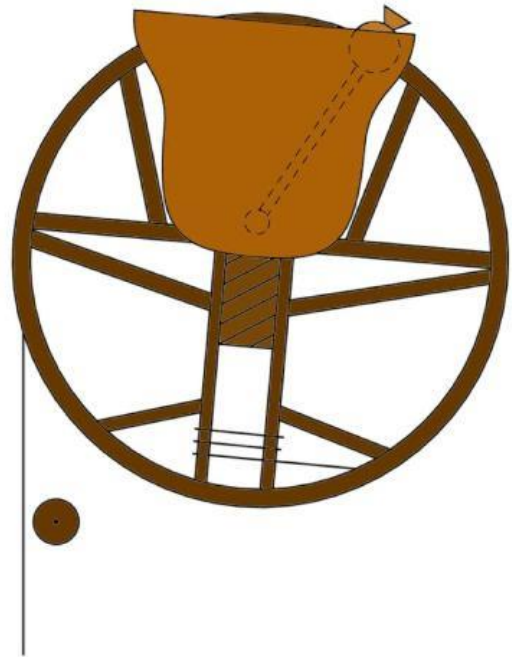
The acquisition of new bells is always a major undertaking, especially for a small village such as ours, and I am sure there must be some photographs somewhere memorialising these great achievements (we have found only a few so far) including what would have been the quite dramatic removal of the old bells and frame; their transportation to and from the bell foundry; and their re-installation in the tower.

So if anyone has any such photos or other memorabilia that they would be willing to share, I would be delighted to include them in the articles that I plan to write for subsequent issues of the parish magazine, as part of our 70th anniversary celebrations.

Many thanks.

Ian Pykett.

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## Farming News



This month both the French and the Welsh

farmers have been protesting about new regulations they are facing. The Welsh protesters are unhappy with the labour Welsh government proposals to change farm subsidies which will include a requirement to plant trees on 10% of agricultural land. Farmers will also be required to earmark another 10% for wildlife habitat.

The French farmers have been causing havoc in Paris and are protesting against an EU deal which calls for limits on the use of chemicals and on greenhouse gas emissions which will limit their business and make their products more expensive than non-EU imports. They also face falling prices, heavy regulations, debt and cheap foreign imports.

Both these nations have the full backing of the public in general, particularly the French, where the public really admire and give full support to their farmers. This led me to think about when we used to go to the Paris show. This is a huge, annual agricultural show in the

centre of Paris where each region showcases its products: meat, vegetables, cattle etc. On each region's stand were live cattle, beef and lamb carcasses hung in glass fridges, and of course chickens and other fowl complete with heads and feet still on. The show was always full of not only French farmers but chic Parisian ladies standing admiring the carcasses. Could you imagine this happening in England? The vast majority of English do not want any association with cows and the meat they eat! That is why the French are still the foodies and so appreciate and support their farmers. This is also why we need to teach rural studies at school and make children aware of the link between the two and appreciate the work involved in producing the food they eat. I often feel there is a huge gap between urban and rural lives and unfortunately we have very little in common.

The NFU and the government should introduce a programme where children should visit farms on a regular basis and see how the food they eat is produced and not to be afraid of the link between a live pig and a sausage for example.



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## **ASHFORD WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE**

The committee of the Ashford War Memorial Institute would like to invite any interested villagers to come for a cup of tea on the evening of **Tuesday 19th March (6.30-7.30)** to discuss plans for the future of the Institute and to increase engagement and membership through our circles of friends and neighbours.

Currently the Institute is run on behalf of the village by a small handful of busy volunteers and we would love to encourage more people to come forward and maybe offer a little of their time to help in any way they can with things like future village events, garden maintenance mornings and to generally spread the word and bring the village together. We realise that many village residents are not really aware of what is available at the Institute (we have a snooker table!) and we invite everyone to bring a friend or neighbour and come and see us on the 19th at the Institute.

We look forward to meeting you soon! The AWMI  
Committee



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## SHELDON JOTTINGS

Climate Change mainly as a result of our misuse of the planet's resources of fossil fuels is the reason for an unseasonably mild and wet February we are told by the experts. The rise towards warmer and wetter weather during the month has been taking place for a number of years and this year just continued that trend. We have all noticed that the plants are emerging, flowering and fruiting earlier each year which is causing our native wildlife to change its habits.

Hedgehogs have been seen out and about almost all winter, and

bees are foraging earlier, and this month a skylark



was seen at the top of the village. Some ornithologists fear that if birds do not adapt they will have difficulty finding food by the time they have their young.

Superficially the village remains much the same as it has done for many years. The road through the village runs down a slope between the greens crowned with sycamore trees planted at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Limestone cottages line the road much as they have always done. There has been no infilling and



anyone returning to the village after leaving it for the last 100 years would notice little change. Yes, the trees are taller, the shop and old pub have closed and the 'Cock and Pullet' next door has opened. The houses and kerbs have been 'cleaned up' but these changes are cosmetic, whereas the basic structure of the village and the surrounding landscape of walls and green fields remain as they always were.

Nevertheless, in our small village change is constant. In the past twenty years, as we have moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, six barns or 'derelict' cottages have been converted into permanent dwellings. In addition the number of holiday cottages/bed and breakfast lets has risen from three to approximately fifteen.

It is the socio-economic changes that have been the greatest. As the lead mining industry declined the majority of the inhabitants of the village relied on farming for a livelihood. Throughout the twentieth century some of the largest areas were farmed by those whose names became synonymous with the village. These were the Frost family at Manor Farm, the Brocklehurst families at Woodbine Farm, Yew Tree Cottage and Rose Farm, and, of course, the Gyte family at the Devonshire Arms.

Today people with these names

are no longer to be found in the village, the farms have been sold on in smaller lots and only three larger farms, whose owners largely depend on them for a livelihood, remain. Many of those who live in the village, with the high cost of houses are retired folk who have earned a living elsewhere, or people who work in professions or in management away from the village. Nevertheless, the village maintains its sense of community and welcoming atmosphere.

March is here and we look forward to better weather and things to come as spring officially arrives on the 21<sup>st</sup> and we celebrate Easter at the end of the month.

### **Hillsprings Laundry**

We have very sadly and reluctantly decided that, following the devastating damage caused by the fire on 31st October, we shall not be re-opening the laundry.

We do thank all our customers, and we greatly appreciate the kindness and support which has been shown to us since the fire.

Helen, Tom and Margaret

### **Oxfam Spring Sale**

**Monday 25 March  
10 to 12.30**

**Town Hall Bakewell**

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### **Ashford in the Water Parish Council**

For information about the village and surrounding area, and the activities of the Parish Council, please visit

<http://www.ashford-in-the-water-pc.gov.uk>

**Bakewell and Ashford Film  
Society (BASH)**

**“MOTHERING SUNDAY”  
(2021 PG 15)**

**SUNDAY MARCH 10TH  
2024**

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



*On a warm spring day in 1924, housemaid and foundling Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young) finds herself alone on Mother’s Day. Her employers Mr. and Mrs. Niven (Colin Firth & Olivia Coleman) are out and she has the rare chance to spend an afternoon of abandon with her secret lover, Paul (Josh O’Connor) the boy from the manor house nearby who is Jane’s long-term love despite the fact that he is engaged to be married to another woman, a childhood friend and daughter of his parent’s friends.*

*But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane’s life forever.*

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](http://www.bashfilms.org.uk)). We look forward to welcoming you on **Sunday March 10th 2024** at 7.30pm.

**Listening to locals - Peak  
District National Park’s chief  
executive launches new  
roadshows**

A new series of Peak District roadshows will give local people the chance to share their views with National Park Authority chief executive Phil Mulligan.

The Meet the Chief Executive roadshows are an opportunity to speak to Phil in an informal setting and to share views, ideas, opinions and other feedback about the work of the National Park Authority or the National Park Management Plan.

Events will be held regularly, around once a month, at venues across the National Park.

Phil says: "It's very important that we involve local people in our plans – and that means getting out into communities and really listening to what people have to say.

"I want the Authority to be accessible to local people and for our role to be better understood. Every decision we take is welcomed by some and unpopular with others. We cannot avoid such tensions but we can aim to be more understanding and enabling where this is possible and explain the context more clearly when we have to make a decision that someone disagrees with.

"We know people feel proud to live in the National Park and I want them to also feel proud of the organisation that is helping to conserve and enhance the place they love."

The next three roadshows will be:

- YHA Hartington – **22 March** (3pm-5pm)
- Hathersage Swimming Pool Café – date and time to be confirmed
- The Chakra Lounge, Bakewell – date and time to be confirmed

There is no need to book a place or to contact the National Park Authority beforehand, just simply drop in during the session times shown.

## **Dance classes at Ashford War Memorial Institute**

**I will be starting weekly Solo Ballroom and Latin classes at the Institute.**

**Starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April with a free taster, and then £6pp on a pay as you go basis.**

**I have competed at a high level and have been teaching for over 20 years.**

**I am on Facebook and my website is [Sheerdance.uk](http://Sheerdance.uk).**

**Please contact me for more information.**

**Jenny Sheeran 07734914327**



# Bakewell Safer Neighbourhoods Team News

## Safer Neighbourhood Team Priorities: -

As many of you will be aware, the current priorities for the Bakewell Safer Neighbourhood Team are Burglary and the other being Road Safety which speeding and dangerous parking offences such as those committed by parking on a white line system.

As part of the Burglary priority the team have been providing crime prevention / target hardening advice in relation to home and outbuildings on our communication channels such as Facebook and Derbyshire Alert as well as offering advice during our community engagement events. The team are also prioritising night-time visibility in areas frequently targeted for residential burglary and vehicle thefts.

As part of the Road Safety priority the team have been out in areas and issuing Fixed Penalty notices to vehicles parked dangerously in the white line system. As well as conducting speed checks in villages who have raised a concern regarding the speed of vehicles going through their communities.

We will keep you updated on these priorities via our SNT Facebook page and Derbyshire alert.

If you feel as though there are more issues than what we are currently aware of please do come to some of our community engagements where we can hear you out, alternatively you can tell us about your local issues via the following [www.derbyshirealert.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk).

Your Bakewell Safety Neighbourhood team sets these priorities based on information gathered from our community.

## Bakewell

### Safer Neighbourhood Team

PC Shaun Jakins

PCSO Reon Randall

PCSO Anthony Boswell

### Upcoming March

#### Community Engagements

1<sup>st</sup> March - Street Meet – Eyam

Church Centre, Eyam – 11am to 12noon.

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Bike Marking Event –  
Oddfellows Road Car Park,  
Hathersage – 11.30 to 12.30

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Bike Marking Event –  
Peak Village, Rowsley – 10am to 11am.

12<sup>th</sup> March – Bike Marking Event –  
Bakewell ABC, Bakewell – 1pm to 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> March – Street Meet – Village  
Hall, Ashford in the Water – 1pm - 2pm.

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## PUZZLE CORNER

### EASTER QUIZ



1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?
3. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
4. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
5. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
6. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
7. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus?
8. What was the inscription above the cross?

9. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?

10. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?

*Answers on last page*

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### Easter Quiz answers

1. Passover
2. Malchus
3. Peter
4. 30
5. By giving him a kiss
6. Barabbas
7. To leave Jesus alone because he was a just man
8. Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews
9. 3 hours
10. Mary Magdalene

**The deadline for the April magazine is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

**Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, thoughts or reminiscences to [stone.mary@sky.com](mailto:stone.mary@sky.com). Thank you!**