

The Parish Magazine
Ashford in the Water and Sheldon
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May 2011

Dear Friends,

May is traditionally known as 'Mary's month', Mary being the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life and from the earliest times this was celebrated in Greek and Roman culture. For the Romans, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of bloom, and floral games were held asking the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. This is also related to the medieval practice of expelling winter. May 1 was considered the beginning of growth.

Since medieval times there has been a combination between Mary and the month of May when the Church sought to implant a Christian festival on existing pagan customs. Maypoles, May Queens, May dew gatherings etc were already firmly fixed in English culture for instance, and by encouraging people to focus on the life and obedience to God of Mary, the Church has, since the 13th century, sought to reflect on the new life of spring in early May by reflecting the new life of Jesus which Mary bore.

When the Church of England was reformed in the 16th century and produced its own Prayer Book, Mary continued to be honoured for her special place in the Christian faith, and all that she shows us about a devotion to God and the way in which her life teaches us about courage, love, devotion and obedience. Today, May Queens et al are still part of our celebration of Spring, and why not! However, as we celebrate lighter days, the blossom and new life that continues in these days of May and Easter, let us give thanks for the bountiful life and love of God revealed to us through the fruit of Mary's womb, Jesus. Have a very happy Spring.

Every blessing.

Tony

You are warmly invited on Thursday mornings to share a coffee in church immediately following the service of Holy Communion. Share in the service at 10.30 or pop in for the refreshments at 11 am.

If you would like to speak to the vicar, or would like him to visit, please use the following contact details:

Rev. Canon Tony Kaunhoven: 01629 814462; jazzyrector@aol.com

Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

- 01 May – Easter 2: All Age Worship
- 08 May – Easter 3: Sung Eucharist
- 15 May – Easter 4: Sung Eucharist
- 22 May – Easter 5: Sung Eucharist
- 29 May – Rogation: 10.00am United Benefice Eucharist followed by Rogation walk and lunch

Thursday: 10.30am

- Said Holy Communion
- 5, 12, 19 and 26 May

Services at Sheldon

- 08 May – 9.00am: Holy Communion
- 22 May – 9.00am: Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel

Great Longstone

- Sunday Services at 10.30am
- Minister – The Rev. David Briggs.

The Roman Catholic Church

- 6.15pm Saturday Mass at Bakewell (1st Sunday at Hassop)
- 10.00am Mass at Hassop (1st Sunday at Bakewell)

Rogation Day Walk and Lunch Sunday 29th May

After the United Benefice Service at 10am in church, everyone is invited to join us for the walk to 'beat' the parish bounds, and to lunch in the Institute. Details by the door in church. Numbers required for catering.

Church Bookstall

Please support your church bookstall. We have a good selection of greetings cards, prayer cards, biros and guide books, plus various items showing an attractive photo of the church, including postcards, notepads and much more.

Ashford Church Notes

On Saturday, 2nd April a lovely wedding was held in Holy Trinity. Ben Hull-Bailey, the son of Bobbie and Len, was married to his beautiful fiancée, Alison Ferguson. It was a wonderful, happy occasion, with Irish pipers welcoming the guests and the bride, who looked absolutely gorgeous. We wish Ben and Alison all the very best for their future life together, with many happy memories of their special day here in Ashford.



Ben and Alison after the ceremony

On 9th April, Passion Sunday, a special service, The Cross of Christ, was held in church, with various readings and anthems by the choir. The service was very much appreciated by the congregation, with many congratulatory comments being made about the singing. We thank the choir, the organist and the choir master, Richard Barnes, for all the

hard work they did to produce such an enjoyable service.

We are still offering coffee and biscuits at 11.00am, after the Holy Communion service on Thursday mornings. The people attending the service have been enjoying the opportunity of having a chat with Rev. Tony, or Rev. John Hargreaves and we warmly welcome anyone else in the village to join us. So, if you would like to talk to one of our priests or just have a coffee and a chat, do come along at 11.00am on any Thursday morning and we shall be very happy to see you.



Sales this month totalled £494.

A little known aspect of Traidcraft is the Traidcraft Exchange which is the charitable wing of our work. The main company is concerned with trade – buying goods from groups in developing countries and selling them in the UK, thereby providing a living for our producers. The Traidcraft Exchange is concerned with additional support given to producer groups and their communities.

This can range from emergency help, and Angela and I saw the results of this in Chile following the earthquake last year, to training in business and production methods and the development of new fairly traded products. A fair-trade labelling and certification company was set up in India, gaining high profile support from Bollywood actors and fashion designers. 700 beekeepers in

Tanzania were enabled to work collectively and trained in harvesting techniques, storing and transportation. These are just two examples from the many initiatives which have born fruit during the past year.

We were able to send £2,000 from Bakewell to help in this work from the accumulated surplus from local sales over the last two years. It is thanks to the loyalty of our customers that we have been able to provide this additional help.

Peter Bird (01629 813087)

The Bakewell Oxfam Group

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

The swallows are now back, and nesting all on schedule. As for lawn mowing, don't ask!!

The History Group exhibition was a great success. During the two days it was open, about eighty people visited. Almost everything on show this year was different from last year's exhibit. Ralph says, proudly, there is still enough for another completely new exhibition still. The metal detectors are working overtime!

By the time you read this, the Royal Wedding day in the village Hall will probably have happened with our Prince and Princess of Sheldon for the day! Oli Hall (who is 2 and a half) is the Prince and Miriam Swift (who is eighteen months old) the Princess. The organisation, masterminded by Georgina, was a military operation extending over many weeks. Many thanks to John Tanner for all the time he spent up a ladder, in all sorts of corners of the Hall and almost feet first through the ceiling working on what turned out to be quite a tricky job to find the right place for the aerial to receive live television coverage of the wedding on the day. All sorted though!

The Royal Wedding mugs look very fine indeed; personalised with 'Sheldon, Derbyshire' printed along the inside rim, real Staffordshire pottery, not cheap imports! Everyone under 18 in the village will receive one, with one free for every other household. If anyone wants to buy one as a memento of the Royal Wedding, or of their visit to our beautiful Peak District village, or for their grandchildren, we'll be selling them at £4 each. Please see Georgina.

The Sheldon Day team is busy getting ready for this year's event, Saturday: 23rd July. The Fell Race: 21st July. Last year the village day raised over £3000, not bad for three hours, probably some kind of record for so much in such a short time! This money goes to support the community with money going to the playground upkeep, the old peoples Christmas dinner, as well as general support of village activities, areas, and the village hall, for both residents and visitors. One of the main money raisers is the Raffle: we pay for the main prize (this year a luxury weekend away for two). All other prizes are donated – food, games, meals, anything...and we need lots of donations for this. We are also looking for sponsorship to support parts of the day, for things like flowers, prizes for games and rosettes. Any small amount (or big of course) will do). All sponsors will be mentioned and thanked on the free programme. We would be very grateful for your support. For the raffle contact Elizabeth Shimwell:elizabeth.shimwell@burbage.derbyshire.sch.uk

And for Sponsorship: Andrew Joly: Andrew.joly@line.co.uk

I see a fine picture of Wendy Neilson and four legged friend in various Peak Park brochures. Headlined: The Horserider! She says: It's a very special place, but more safe, traffic-free, places to ride."

Amen to that.

3rd May coffee morning: 10.00 (pub)

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

Over Haddon W.I. were the hosts on 23rd March when twelve of our members spent an enjoyable evening at the Lathkill Group Meeting held in Monyash Village Hall.

At our monthly meeting on 7th April it was a pleasure to meet several new young members.

Judy Colby was the speaker telling us about the fascinating work she does as wardrobe mistress, making costumes for the Midland Players, an amateur dramatic theatre company mainly formed from enthusiastic amateur actors who work for the Sheffield branch of HSBC.

Using books and pictures Judy makes basic patterns and adds all kinds of trimmings to assemble complete outfits authentically portraying different eras. She visits charity shops etc. to find suitable materials, such as old brocade curtains, which are ideal for making period coats, and old clothes are miraculously transformed into historical costumes.

A pair of plain black shoes can be transformed by adding a piece of wide black elastic with a large 'silver' buckle attached and slipped over the front of the shoe. Modern hats are altered and 'dated' using feathers, net, ribbon and lace. Jewellery, crowns and big dress ornaments are cleverly, made by Judy, from flattened Coke cans! Judy brought an array of costumes and 'props' for us to see, explaining the ingenious methods she uses to make them.

Plans are being made for some of our members to visit the Midland Players

production of 'It Runs in the Family' in early May.

Please come and join us at our next meeting on Thursday 5th May to be held in the Old School, Buxton Road at 7.15pm.

The speaker will be Mr. Colin Moorcroft with his talk entitled the 'First male Midwife.'

Competition: 'A Baby Keepsake'

Ashford in the Water Flood Warning on the 5th February 2011

On the 5th February 2011 a Flood Warning was issued by the Environment Agency for Ashford in the Water. The telephone warning indicated that flooding was imminent in Church Street. The Environment Agency reported that water levels would peak at 0400 hours at a height of 1.1 metres at the Ashford Gauge, which is situated one mile up river towards Buxton, therefore a close eye needed to be kept on the situation. The flood relief channel opposite Wye House was checked and found to be clear. Water was filling the flood plain opposite Watts Green, thus reducing the risk. Sand bags were provided by Derbyshire Dales and deployed in Watts Green just in case conditions deteriorated. The situation was monitored until the early hours of Sunday morning when the river level subsided. It was comforting to know that an operational crew from the Environment Agency were in the area and remained in contact with us should we require information/ assistance.

The incident highlighted a number of issues that still need to be addressed

to ensure that appropriate measures are in place should a flooding incident occur in the Ashford area.

The flood warning system initiated by the Environment Agency is of great benefit. However, it was discovered that a number of residents who would be affected are not registered and would be oblivious to the potential threat. It is recommended that residents who may be affected by flooding register with the Environment Agency to receive these valuable warnings. This can be done on the internet by going to www.environment-agency.gov.uk, or you can also sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct by calling the Flood Line on 0845 988 1188. There are 3 levels that you should be aware of;

Flood Alert - (Flooding is possible)

Flood Warning - (Flooding is expected immediate action required)

Severe Flood Warning – (Danger to life from severe flooding)

A large number of residents still do not have flood boards to protect their homes. Sandbags will not always be readily available, and there may not be sufficient volunteers to assist. It is my experience that sandbags are not that effective. Your home is your responsibility, so please make appropriate provision. Flood boards range from the cheap slot in type to the expensive models that form a seal around doorways and airbricks. For more advice you can contact Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

We still do not have a suitable local emergency plan in place. I am sure that local residents will rally round to assist should it be required, but these

efforts will need to be coordinated with appropriate communications in place. This issue will be discussed with the Parish council in the near future.

Finally I would like to offer our thanks to Derbyshire Dales, the Environment Agency and the local volunteers who came forth to assist in what was a very worrying time for residents. The issue of flooding is a constant concern especially with climate change and extreme weather conditions that can occur.

Bill Dinley. Flood Warden for Ashford.

ASHFORD PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF MARCH AND APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

1) Audit of 2010/11 Parish Council

Accounts: It was agreed that Mr John Foster of West and Foster would be approached once again to audit the accounts.

2) Wheeled Bin, Cemetery: Once again, the District Council had been failing to empty the wheeled bin in the cemetery, but this situation has now been resolved.

3) Outdoor Pet Service in Hall Orchard - 17th July 2011: Canon Kaunhoven has requested permission to hold an outdoor pet service in Hall Orchard on 17th July. The parish council have agreed to this.

4) Footpath Warden for the Parish: One application has been received so far regarding this post. The Chairman agreed to liaise accordingly.

5) Parish and Town Council Elections: These will be held on 5th May. As only 5 nominations had been received for the 7 places available on

the parish council, the parish council will co-opt the remaining 2 places.

6) Poppy Appeal Organiser for Ashford: The Royal British Legion are seeking a Poppy Appeal Organiser for Ashford, if anyone would be interested. Details on the parish notice board.

7) Planning Matters:

a) Appeal by Mr Wildgoose: Land at Valley Cottage: Allowed.

b) Application: 6 Hall End Lane - House Extension: The parish council has no objection to this application.

c) Application: The Retreat, Betty Lane – Change of use of part of barn and outbuildings to create ancillary residential accommodation and extension to dwelling: The parish council has no objection to this application.

d) Application: Wye Cottage, Church Street – Single Storey Rear Extension: Application withdrawn.

e) Decision: Monsal Trail Junction – Creation of Ramp: Granted subject to conditions.

f) Application: Park House, Ashford Lane – Proposed new agricultural building: The parish council has no objection to this application.

g) Decision: Stables Bar, Monsal Head Hotel – Construction of extension: Granted subject to conditions.

h) Decision: Once a Week Quarry, Sheldon – Proposed relocation of stone cutting shed: Granted subject to conditions.

8) Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 in Ashford School at 7.30 p.m.

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Ordering Repeat Medication All requests for repeat prescriptions must be in writing, or with 'Emis Access', or return form to surgery by

Post/Fax/Box on Dispensary Reception.

Allow two working days before collection.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) – we are pleased to have an active group now up and running who meet on a regular basis. If you would like to join, particularly if you have any marketing/media experience, please contact

David Jackson, Membership Secretary
– Tel: 01246 583452

Samples – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and in the sealed bag.

Test Results – As we do not receive test results from hospital until lunchtimes, please ring for these after 2pm

Closed for Training – the Surgery will be closed at 12.30 pm for Staff training on the afternoon of Wednesday, 25 May 2011

For Emergencies Call:- 01246 582216

Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport Ring and Ride

For many years Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport has provided a service to residents of the Hope Valley and Bakewell areas, known as the Community Car Scheme. The service has been renamed **Ring and Ride**. It is essentially the same as before, offering transport to people who may have difficulty getting to an appointment, either because they cannot drive, or they may no longer feel able to travel on public transport, for reasons of mobility, or it may simply be that the timetables are not

convenient or the family cannot help out, and a taxi might not be available. The scheme has provided help to many and our passengers have the reassurance of knowing they will be picked up from their home and taken to their destination, removing the stress of worrying about arriving on time, or knowing where to go. The driver will wait and return them home after their appointment. There is a moderate fare for the service, depending on the length of the journey. Additional funding and recruitment of several new drivers means the scheme can now cover the Matlock, Darley Dale and Two Dales area.

The **Ring and Ride** scheme is made possible by a team of approx 70 volunteer drivers using their own cars and devoting their spare time to helping others. All volunteers are CRB checked and vehicle documents and driving licences are inspected regularly. They are reimbursed for their travelling expenses.

If you think the scheme could benefit you, pick up the phone and give us a call on 01629 641920. You do not have to be elderly or unable to drive to use the service. We have passengers under the age of 10, (anyone under 18 has to be accompanied by an adult.), and some who can drive, but find the journey to the city hospitals and finding somewhere to park too stressful. You can also take along a friend, relative or neighbour if you wish. It takes a few minutes to register over the phone, and booking a journey is a

simple procedure. We only ask that you try and give us a week's notice.

The scheme is primarily used for medical and health related appointments, but journeys such as an appointment with your solicitor, a visit to the hairdresser or hospital visiting can also be considered. Last year we undertook 3,300 journeys and one of our very grateful passengers had this to say about the scheme: "All the drivers are very helpful and easy to chat with. At the destination they are supportive as I have mobility problems. They are very patient if there is a delay. Thank you for all your hard work."

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Bakewell Medical Centre

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www.bakewellmedicalcentre.net

Normal Surgery Opening Times Mon 8am to 8.30 pm (unless it's a bank holiday), Tues 8am to 6.30 pm, Wed 7am to 6.30 pm, Thurs and Fri 8am to 6.30 pm. We do not close for lunch.

Closed for Training The Surgery will be closed for training on 25th May 2011 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm (surgery will re-open at 4.30pm).

Bank Holiday Closures Mondays 2nd and 30th May.

Are you a Carer? If you care for a relative or friend and need help/advice or information, please contact our Carer's Representative Sheila Casey at the surgery.

'EMIS Access' – If you have access to a computer did you know you can register to use 'EMIS Access' and book GP appointments on-line and order repeat medications. Please ask at reception for registration details.

Holiday Vaccinations Please note that when you book a holiday which requires you to have vaccinations etc, you will need to complete a travel vaccination form for submission to the Practice Nurse as soon as possible and book into the travel clinic. The form is available from the surgery or on-line via the surgery website and can be found under the heading of FAQ's, travel information.

Credit/Debit Card Payment Facility – We can now accept payments over £14 via credit/debit card. We do still accept payments by cheque and cash.

<p>Waste Collection Next Collection Date: Saturday May 21st</p>

**KINDER CHILDREN'S CHOIRS of
the HIGH PEAK**

**All Saints Parish Church Bakewell
Saturday 7th May 2011 at 7.30pm**

The Kinder Children's Choirs of the High Peak have been one of the major success stories of the cultural life of the High Peak since their formation in 1991 by their inspirational Founder Director Joyce Ellis. They are firmly established as one of the UK's foremost children's choral organisations. The choirs performing at Bakewell are the Kinder Children's Choir and the Kinder Youth Choir. The

Kinder Youth Choir was formed to give a performing platform for boys who are in voice change. The Youth Choir has appeared as finalists in BBC 3 Choir of the Year at the Millennium Hall in Cardiff, and the "Concert Choir" was the clear winner in the Senior Children's Choir Class at Llangollen International Eisteddfod last July. The choirs are named after Kinder Scout, and involve more than 100 choristers between the ages of 7 and 18 in a group of five choirs.

Tickets £10 from The Bakewell Bookshop, or from Mrs Joyce Glencross, 1 The Meadows, Grisedale Road, Great Longstone, Derbyshire, DE45 1TP. Please send cheque (made payable to 'Bakewell PCC') and a SAE, or download an application form from:

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