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Canterbury Tales
8 February 2004

Ashford & Bakewell
Film Society

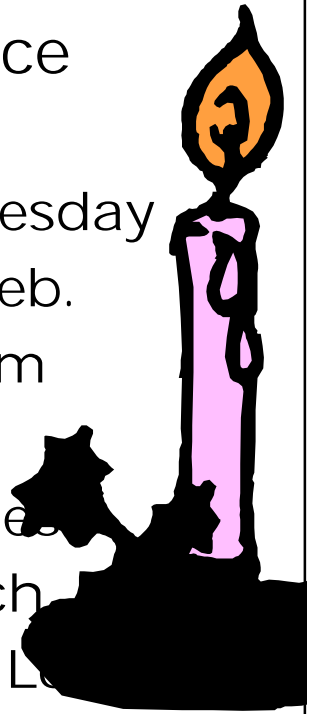
Bakewell Town Hall –
7:30pm
(Every 2nd Sunday of the Month)

Our next film is the wonderful version of the Canterbury Tales from the Italian film director, Passolini. It is a free-flowing Breugelesque adaptation based on the 14th century stories of Geoffrey Chaucer. The film is also an exploration of the kind of folk tales and peasant motifs that were always close to Passolini's heart. From this rich source of ribald material, the director displays his utopian vision of a peasantry free from guilt and moral inhibition.

Christingle
Service

Wednesday
4th. Feb.
9.30am

St. Giles
Church
Great L



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Sundays & Festivals

1 Feb	Sun	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
8 Feb	Sun	3rd before Lent
15 Feb	Sun	2nd before Lent
22 Feb	Sun	Sunday next before Lent
25 Feb	Wed	Ash Wednesday
29 Feb	Sun	Lent 1

February Services at Ashford

1	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
5	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
8	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
12	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
15	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
19	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
22	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
25	Wed	7pm	Holy Communion
26	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
29	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist

February Services at Sheldon

8	Sun	9pm	Holy Communion
22	Sun	9pm	Holy Communion

February Services at Wardlow

1	Sun	9am	Family Service
15	Sun	9am	Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Minister - The Rev. Margaret Roe 812195

Sunday Services at 10.30am

The Roman Catholic Church

6.15pm Saturday Mass at Bakewell
9am 1st Mass at Bakewell (Hassop 1st Sun.)
10.30am Mass at Hassop (Bakewell 1st Sun.)
4.30pm Eucharist Bakewell (2nd Sun.)

February Services at St. Giles

1	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Service
		6.30pm	Evensong
4	Wed	9.30am	School Christingle
		10am	Midweek Communion
8	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
11	Wed	10 am	Holy Communion in the choir vestry
15	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Sung Family Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
18	Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
22	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
25	Wed	7pm	Holy Communion
29	Sun	11.15am	United Service at Lt. Longstone Chapel
		6.30pm	Evensong

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Valentine's Day

The Revd Clive Thrower writes

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion Valentine Cards will be sent this year, making St Valentines Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (After Christmas.)

The sending of anonymous cards or small love tokens has been very popular since the 17th century, and certainly looks set to continue.

Who buys them? An estimated 85 per cent of card buyers are women. Valentine's cards may denote love, but the numbers of cards involved suggest that many women buy for more than one man! Or is that men are forgetful and don't send as many as they receive?

Valentine cards of yesteryear attract collectors, and you may wish to visit one of numerous antiques and fine arts shows that are held around the county. Some very attractive Victorian and Edwardian cards can be found for less than £30.

The oldest known Valentine still in existence is a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. A few years later the Duke's vanquisher, Henry V, hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a Valentine to Catherine of Valois. A big puzzle is why such a soppy custom still exists today in this tough, no-nonsense age of women's rights. After all, the bulk of those 1,000,000,000 cards (and doubtless thousands more emails) will end up in

recycling bags or waste bins. Few are likely to survive and become collectors' items.

The original St Valentine was a Christian who helped people. He was not a romantic lover! Christian or not we can all bring a little love to this world by helping our neighbours.

And what about when your loving relationship goes wrong, Relate might be able to help. Relate is the UK's largest relationship support organisation. With over 60 years of experience the charity provides relevant and useful ways to help people build better relationships for themselves, their partners and their families.

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Ashford Notes

Yvonne Skipper writes

On 7th January another special meeting of the PCC took place in the Old School for further discussions on "Renewing Ministry". The reason for these meetings is to discover what kind of church we are and what we would like to put forward, over the next few months, as our proposal for the future of Holy Trinity church.

It was proposed that the churchwardens should put together a paper assessing our strengths and weaknesses, similar to the one which had been produced by St. Giles at Great Longstone, which would then be distributed to the whole of the congregation. After giving everyone time to consider this report, Rev. Clive would discuss it with the congregation during our Sunday morning service. This proposal was generally agreed by the PCC.

It was realised that there will have to be some changes made. Our benefice is not financially strong enough to support its own stipendiary clergyman or woman, so we will have to "merge" with other parishes. It was suggested that once we had our "parish profile" completed, approaches could then be made to other parishes which may be compatible with our own, and with which a "merger" could be possible.

This gave rise to an investigation as to which parishes were possible merger parties. A map was produced showing the Bakewell and Eyam and Buxton Deaneries. The benefices geographically near to us in the Bakewell and Eyam Deanery were:

- Baslow, Curbar & Stoney Middleton
- Bakewell, Rowsley and Over Had-don
- Eyam, Grindleford & Foolow
- Youlgreave, Stanton, Birchover & Middleton

If the present Deanery boundaries are changed, which is a possibility, there are two other benefices in the Buxton Deanery which could be considered, namely:

- Tideswell, Cressbrook, Millersdale and Litton and
- Taddington, Chelmorton, Flagg and Monyash

The general view of the PCC was that we should attempt to stay together with Great Longstone, even to the extent of approaching other parishes "in partnership" with them.

Rev. Clive advised the meeting that with the exception of Eyam and Youlgreave, which are more evangelical, the other benefices were not far removed from our own in their churchmanship.

A Deanery "Facilitator", Michael Mitton, has been appointed by the Bishop to advise and help parishes in their discussions. He will be attending the next Deanery meeting on 5th February when "toolkits" (Mission ideas) will be discussed and distributed to the parishes.

Our proposals must be put forward to the Bishop by the end of March.

On a lighter note, our choir and bell-ringers party was held at Longstone Vicarage on Saturday, 17th January. This was a lovely evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children learned some country dancing, capably coached by Linda and Joy and some mind-stretching games put both children and adults to the test! Many thanks to Rev. Clive and Joy for their wonderful hospitality and to all those who supplied and helped with the food; it was a delicious spread! Thanks, too, to the children for all their lovely, funny jokes whilst we all watch the candles burn down!

Sheldon Jottings

Jenny Spafford writes

A Happy New Year to all Spring is just around the corner! We did have three Christmas lambs born in the village - the first on the 22nd December, always an encouraging sign.

The Sheldon Wrinklies party at the Cock and Pullet was a great success with an almost full complement. So very nice to see Adrienne there, especially as Willis and Anne from Dirtlow Farm were included for the first time. Sixteen of us ate a delicious meal with great enthusiasm and a happy time was had by all. Many, many thanks to Kath and her staff for making it such an enjoyable annual occasion.

And who else has been seen running round the village in their pyjamas?

As there is a paucity of available news at this time I do hope the 'Editor-in-Chief' allows me this once to put in a little plea for myself. As you may know, I do all year round Bed and Breakfast in a little attached barn and spend all my energy in the summer shopping, cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing, etc. (all together now - Ah!) My own little cottage gets sorely neglected. Please does anyone know of anyone who might come for three hours a week to polish and vac and keep *my* little bit habitable. There will not be another skip until 6th March (7.45am -9.00am).

Late News From Sheldon

My good neighbour Irene Gregory (73) died at home on Saturday 18 January. The burial will take place at noon on Tuesday 27th at St. Michael & All Angels.

She and Harold have farmed Top Farm in Sheldon for the past 40 years and previously in Flagg. They were just 6 months short of their Golden Wedding. A previous Church Warden from whom Deryck took over and a valued, hardworking and popular member of the village, she will be particularly remembered for her Cake Stalls for which she worked so hard and which she made her own. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Harold, Robert, Philip, Julia and their families at this very sad time.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

We met on 14th January and had to face a tough decision – whether to continue as a local Branch or not; in a nutshell, if we can't get some extra (your stamps to the box in the Church porch, which contained a Christmas almost-overspill when I emptied it last weekend.younger?) helpers, we may soon grind to a halt. However, we have decided to carry on for one more year, but with a very cut-back programme of events – many of these nowadays don't make the clear profit we used to, if we are realistic and deduct all expenses for supplying the official caravan, so we shall be concentrating on the main Chatsworth Country Fair and Bakewell Show and on our Christmas-card sales and street collections. In the meantime, we have fixed our AGM for Ashford Institute (again!) on Saturday 20th March, at 2.0 for 2.30p.m., so please come and support us – and if you can help us at all, so much the better!

In the meantime – many thanks to those of you who remembered to bring your stamps to the box in the church porch, which contained a Christmas almost-overspill when I emptied it last weekend.

Ashford WI

Jean Beard writes

On 8 January Ashford WI held their AGM, when Mrs. Ann Lindsay was re-elected unopposed as President and the Committee was also re-elected en bloc.

Member, Mrs. Marie Penson, then gave a talk with accompanying slides on well dressing and local scenes, assisted by her husband Bob, who operated the projector.

Mr & Mrs. Penson used to live in Nottingham, but enjoyed so many holiday visits to Ashford that they decided to live here. Marie was introduced to well dressing and became an enthusiastic participant. They showed slides of every stage involved in well dressing and included pictures of various wells. There then followed some pictures of local scenes and stonewalls with many varieties of wild flowers. Mrs. Penson has an extensive knowledge of their names and their many traditional uses in curing ailments, before the manufacture of modern medicines and drugs.

Mrs. Pat Paulett thanked Mrs Penson for her most interesting talk.

The raffle was won by Miss Laura Collins and Mrs. M. Briddon won the competition for the most attractive china beaker.

The Tea Hostesses were Mrs. J. Ollershaw and Mrs. E. Parks.

Next Meeting - 5 February

Competition – “A Little Treasure

Speaker – Mrs Judy Coggins

“The Treasures of Chatsworth”

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Lottery Winners January 2004

1st John Hawkins

2nd Jeanette Hockley-Webster

3rd Roy Finney

Sally Kehr

Summary of January 2004 Ashford Parish Council Meeting

1. **Manhole Cover, Bottom of Vicarage Lane:** After heavy rain, this manhole cover rises up and becomes hazardous. A new manhole cover has been requested.

2. **Highfields:** The sign has now been moved to a more prominent position on the other side of the road and Derbyshire Dales District Council has been requested to refurbish the entrance to Highfields at the earliest opportunity .

3. **Buxton Road:** Discussions are ongoing with the County Council regarding the necessity of cutting back the undergrowth and also concerning the loose stones on the Rookery side of Buxton Road.

4. **Manhole Cover opposite the Bull's Head:** This was reported to be dangerous and will be reported.

5. **Road between Highfields Estate and the Junction of Longstone Lane and Ashford Lane:** It was reported that the surface water drains are blocked by debris. Arrangements will be made for them to be cleared.

6. **Ashford-in-the-Water Post Box:** In recent months, both Brigadier Wilkinson and the parish council have been in lengthy correspondence with Royal Mail regarding the inadequate size of the post box. This is still being pursued.

7. Planning Matters

a) **Application: Construction of a flood defence embankment and supporting wall abutting the listed building walls -Riverside Country House Hotel** -The parish council has

no additional comments to make to their original comments regarding the flood defence applications.

b) **Application for Conversion of Outbuilding to Dwelling at Red House Farm:** Application withdrawn.

c) The Clerk was requested to investigate the outcome of the planning meeting held in November 2003 regarding the flood defence applications, in particular with regard to the request for railings rather than a wooden fence.

8. **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** Tuesday 3rd February 2004 in Ashford School at 7.30 p.m.

Ashford War Memorial Institute

A very busy meeting was held on 13th January, at which the 2004 programme was arranged. The next dates for attention are:

Line Dances on 24th January and 14th February, the latter being in aid of the "Samaritans' Purse" charity.

Next, on 24th February, our annual **Pancake Party**, which this year will be held from 5.0 till 7.0p.m. because of other bookings. Worth a try!

After that, on 12th March, will be another "**Live & Local**" event – "Jiggery-pipery" – watch for posters.

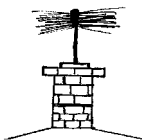
Our AGM starts to loom – in March as usual – so PLEASE, all you village organisations, do let me have a written note as to your representative nominees in good time.

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**Ash Wednesday
25th February**

Holy Communions

7pm in Holy Trinity, Ashford
7pm in St. Giles, Gt. Longstone

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