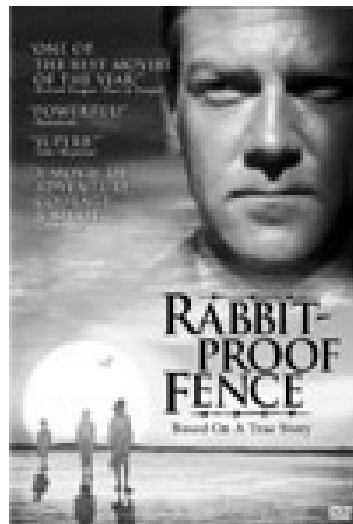


Bakewell & Ashford Film Society
Sunday 13 February 2005
Bakewell Town Hall 7:30pm

Rabbit-Proof Fence

Three little girls. Snatched from their mothers' arms. Spirited 1,500 miles away. Denied their very identity. Forced to adapt to a strange new world. They will attempt the impossible. A daring escape. A run from the authorities. An epic journey across an unforgiving landscape that will test their very will to survive. Their only resources, tenacity, determination, ingenuity and each other. Their one hope, find the rabbit-proof fence that might just guide them home. A true story.



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Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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Taiko Drumming

Ashford Institute puts on their
Live and Local Show
on Saturday 12th February
at 7.30pm

with a performance by
Mugen Taiko Dojo
– **The Way of the Drum.**

This show is from the U K's only centre for TAIKO (Japanese) Drumming which is a mixture of sport and art. Come and see a different culture close up. The performers use a variety of instruments – smaller drums and cymbals as well as a larger ceremonial drum that requires plenty of athleticism.

DON'T MISS OUT! Get your tickets early from Ibbotson's shop in Ashford, or from Ashford Post Office, or by phone from Caryl Heath on 01629 812559. Tickets are £6 for adults & £3.50 for under 16s.

Ashford Arms Quiz Nights Ashford-in-the- Water

Prompt start at 8.00pm
Fri. 4th Feb
Fri 18th Feb
Fri 4th March
Fri 18th March

Entertainment during the break and at the end of the quiz
Prizes to be won,
Snowball question each week starts at £25 becomes a roll-over each week if no one gets the answer right.
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Longstone School Christingle
Wednesday 2nd February 2005
11.30am in St. Giles' Church
Great Longstone

Parents, friends and grandparents are welcome, also pre-school children with parents.

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Sundays & Festivals

2 Feb.	Tues	Candlemas
6 Feb.	Sun	Sunday next before Lent
9 Feb.	Wed	Ash Wednesday
13 Feb.	Sun	1st Sunday of Lent
20 Feb.	Sun	2nd Sunday of Lent
27 Feb.	Sun	3rd Sunday of Lent

February Services at Ashford

3	Thurs 10am	Holy Communion
6	Sun 9.45am	Sung Eucharist
9	Wed 7pm	Sung Eucharist
10	Thurs 10am	Holy Communion
13	Sun 9.45am	Sung Eucharist
17	Thurs 10am	Holy Communion
20	Sun 9.45am	Sung Eucharist
24	Thurs 10am	Holy Communion
27	Sun 9.45am	Sung Eucharist

February Services at Sheldon

13	Sun 9.00am	Holy Communion
27	Sun 9.00am	Holy Communion

February Services at St. Giles

2	Wed 10am	Midweek Communion
	11.30am	School Christingle
6	Sun 8am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evensong
9	Wed 7pm	Sung Eucharist
13	Sun 11.15am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
16	Wed 11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
20	Sun 8am	Holy Communion
	11.15am	Sung Family Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
27	Sun 11.15am	Sung Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong

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 Wardlow

6	Sun 9am	Family Service
20	Sun 9am	Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Minister - The Rev. Margaret Roe 812195
Sunday Services at 10.30am

Friends of Longstone School

Lottery Winners December 2004

1 st	David LeCarpentier
2 nd	Caroline Mason
3 rd	Susannah Davies

Sally Kehr □

Sheldon News

Ethel Plumtree writes

The Asian tsunami on December 26th 2004 will no doubt be in most people's thoughts and I'm sure that, like me, it will have prompted many to make a donation. Oliver and Andrew Lester, along with their cousins, will be having a coffee morning in the Hartington Memorial Hall on Saturday, 22nd January, in aid of the victims of the tsunami. More news about this next month.

In the first week of January we had high winds and heavy rain, which resulted in one telephone line in Sheldon being out of order for nine days. We later learned that, due to severe weather in Scotland, telephone engineers from England had gone to Scotland to 'help out', which possibly caused the delay!

Thankfully, so far as I know, Sheldon has not suffered much damage, other than a few slates being blown off the roofs of buildings.

The next skips are on 26th January and 19th March □

monitor its performance. The parish council had replied to the effect that they still do not understand why it was necessary to make the changes in the first place as the letter from the County Council states that there had been no accidents in this location since the records were started in 1990. The parish council had also sent a letter of thanks to Mr A Twelves for organising the traffic survey.

2. The Old Bridge, Mill Lane: Reconstruction work has now been completed.

3. Dangerous Wall, Highfields: Dales Housing have confirmed that a job requisition has been raised.

4. Post & Rail Fence, Highfields: Dales Housing have confirmed that a job requisition has been raised.

5. Fence on Donkey Path: Dales Housing have confirmed that a job requisition has been raised.

6. Playground: The replacement swinging steps chains and 4 steps have now been received and are being installed. The parish council is also considering installing safety mats or safety grass on each side of the slide.

7. Grass Cutting 2005/2006: A full schedule of the work required will shortly be sent to the contractors who had expressed an interest in submitting a quotation.

8. Christmas Tree: Letters of thanks have been sent to Mr Peter Hunt for his kind donation of the tree, to Mr Ken Ibbotson for making the necessary arrangements and to Mrs Jean Blackwell for providing the electricity.

9. Culverts: Greaves Lane: The Clerk had written to Highways at DCC stating that the culverts near no. 1 Greaves Lane flood in heavy rain and are inadequate. A letter of acknowledgement had been received.

10. Seat - Hall Orchard: The parish council is still considering the possibility

of placing a seat round a tree in the Hall Orchard. Quotations are being sought.

11. Dog Fouling: Dog fouling unfortunately continues to be a problem in the village, despite the provision of dog litter bins. Now that the dog litter bins are in place, any person who allows their dog to foul public areas in the village will be reported to the prosecuting authorities. If found guilty, a fine will be payable.

12 Planning Matters

a) Application: Greenfields Farm - Alteration & extensions to dwelling: The parish council has no objection to this application.

b) Application: Greenfields Farm - Proposed replacement of shed with implement shed and bat roost: The parish council has no objection to this application.

c) Application: Highfields Farm - Erection of Agricultural Building: Cllr Brocklehurst declared an interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting. The parish council has no objection to this application.

d) Decision: 5 Fennel Street - Extensions & alterations to dwelling: Granted subject to conditions.

e) Decision: 6 Hall End Lane - Extension to dwelling and erection of detached garage: Granted subject to conditions.

13. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 8th February 2005 in

Ashford School at 7.30 p.m. □

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Report on PCC meeting

1st December 2004

All members were present at our December meeting, chaired by Rev. Clive.

1. Progress on Renewing Ministry

There had been no reply so far to the letter which had been written to the Deanery Pastoral Committee regarding the various options, but Rev. Clive reported that no final decision had yet been made. The question of Beeley and Edensor, currently a separate entity, had yet to be resolved, although Rev. Elkington-Slyfield had advised Rev. Clive that he thought the new Duke would continue with the present arrangements. Rev. Clive himself was looking for an equitable sharing of the load between the available clergy. The final decision, and the timing of this would all depend upon the Bishop.

1. Re-location of the organ

John Foster had received a letter from Richard Smith, the Diocesan Architect, setting out questions as to the seriousness of the restricted access to the east end of the organ as a result of moving it to the west, and the re-alignment of the pipes to the front, which are only a decorative issue. John would deal with these matters.

1. Pointing to the south wall of the church

John Foster had spoken to Robert Lomas about this work which will be carried out in 2005.

1. Children's Act

Ian Pykett asked if we had made good faith efforts to comply with the Act. It was agreed that we had not and that Rev. Clive would speak to Hilary. If she was not able to complete the necessary work before the end of January 2005, then someone else would have to be found to do it.

5. Christmas Card board

It was agreed that this was a good idea and the board would be erected shortly.

Any other business

1. Ron Daybell asked if a whiteboard could be put up in the belfry for tuition purposes. This was agreed.

2. The Bakewell Choral Society was to give a concert in church on 18th December and a question was raised about the provision of refreshments. John Foster would investigate.

3. The rest of the meeting was taken up with a debate about the proposal of the Government to bring in a law concerning Incitement to Religious Hatred. After a lively discussion, it was agreed that Rev. Clive should write a letter to local Christian leaders enclosing the paper from the Barnabus Society (which had originally sparked the debate). The letter would seek the views of the other Christian Communities on the issues so that we could form a more consistent view of the likely difficulties which it was felt would be created by the new law.

Date of the next PCC meeting – 8th February 2005. □

Summary of Dec. 2004 and Jan. 2005 Ashford-in-the-Water Parish Council Meetings

1. Traffic Survey Report - Greaves Lane:

A copy of the traffic survey report had been sent to Derbyshire County Council, who had replied stating that they remain of the view that the footway widening improvement has assisted safer pedestrian movement at the junction, whilst at the same time encouraging drivers to use the junction with more respect and courtesy than previously. No changes to the scheme are contemplated and they will continue to

Lent

Revd Clive Thrower writes

A time for spiritual renewal, a time for living a little more modestly, a time for exercising self discipline. All of these are interrelated as we might observe in traditional Lenten fasting when luxuries such as chocolates and biscuits are not consumed. For chocaholics this requires six weeks of sustained self-discipline and that, it is hoped, turns the mind to why we are fasting. We fast as an atonement for sin, a way, if you like, of saying sorry for bad things we have done or good things we failed to do in the past. This should lead to spiritual renewal and strengthening to do better in the future.

The Lenten weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter has also been a time for growth in knowledge about the Bible and about the Christian faith. This is because historically new members of the Church were baptised (or Christened) at Easter following a period of instruction in the faith. Now we perform baptisms at any time of the year upon request but we still keep Lent as a time for discussion groups and courses. Hence the groups that will run in the Longstone area on Tuesday evenings and those in Ashford on Wednesday evenings. These groups will use the York Course audio tape and booklets as in several recent years. See church notices for details of times and venues. They are open to anyone who is interested.

Lent early morning prayers in church has proved popular at St. Giles' church, Great Longstone. Starting at 8am each day except for the Sundays and lasting just 20 minutes. These provide an excellent beginning to the day - a short reading, a set of versicles and responses then silent prayer up to the final prayer and grace at the end. The readings and prayers have been care-

fully selected by the Church's liturgical group in Derby. Again, everyone is welcome to be part of this, attendance every-day is not required, listen out for the bell calling people to prayer. □

Well Dressings 2005

Phyllis Sheldon writes

The Annual General Meeting of the Ashford Well Dressing Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 16th at Ashford Old School, at 7-30pm.

Is it anticipated that all 'current' members and some new recruits will attend to help to vote in Officers for this season. Preliminary plans for the new season of well dressing will be discussed.

Our village should be proud of the fact that we have been able to display six well dressings, enhanced by other attractions such as the sheepwashing and flower festival.

All those involved, and that is a large section of the village population, agree it is well worth the tremendous effort required to stage our well dressing festival, but extra help is always sought.

Perhaps some of our 'part-time' residents would like to become involved in this wonderful tradition?

To be part of a team producing such a beautiful picture from natural, growing things generates a warm feeling of satisfaction in a job well done! Our visitors are usually quick to express their profound appreciation of our well dressings.

There is also the added pleasure of sending donations to worthy causes at the end of our festival, thanks to the generosity of the general public.

The committee would be happy to welcome to our AGM on February 16th. anyone interested in becoming a well dresser.

Ashford Notes

Yvonne Skipper writes

Our Christmas services were all well-attended, especially the Crib service on Christmas Eve. A lovely service, with lots of Mums, Dads and children there and we send our grateful thanks to Caroline Storr for leading the service and making it so enjoyable.

The attendance for the midnight service was slightly down on last year, but was still enjoyed by everyone, in spite of poor Rev. Clive having the most awful chest infection and being hardly able to speak. However, he struggled manfully through all the Christmas services and we are glad to report that he is now well again.

Having only just got over Christmas, we shall soon be into Lent, with Easter being early this year. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th February and the following Wednesday will be the first of our Lent group meetings, which will be held at the home of Jim and Caroline Storr. The course is on the subject of relationships, entitled Better Together? These courses always produce some interesting and thought-provoking discussions and we hope to see some of you at our first meeting at 7.30pm on 16th February.

Ashford villagers were saddened to hear last week of the death of Len Shaw. Len was a well-known and loved figure in Ashford, always friendly, kind and considerate and worked hard almost to the end of his life. I shall always remember watching him walking home from 'Brock's farm' – he loved to be up there. He will be missed by many Ashford people and our sincere sympathies go to his wife, Laura, and all his family.

We were also sad to hear of the death of the village's favourite Labrador – Maurice

Eccles guide dog, Arnie. Everyone loved Arnie, even when he could not resist having a nibble at everyone's biscuit in church on Sunday mornings! We all commiserate with Maurice and his wife Judith, at their loss. We know how much they, especially Maurice, will miss him. □

ARNIE, a Labrador/Retriever cross, was born in May 1994, one of a litter of eleven, and he qualified as a Guide Dog in April 1996. From my first meeting with him before we qualified I realised from his boisterous enthusiasm that life with Arnie - whatever else it might be - was never going to be dull, and so it transpired. He was a fun-dog, a people-dog; he loved people, especially children, and qualifying as a Guide Dog gave him access to people in places like churches, shops, clubs, nursing-homes and schools where he delighted in meeting children of all ages and I think the feeling was mutual. He always liked to greet and meet people and, like Breaker, my first Guide Dog, he was very camera-conscious. Many a time on the Sheepwash Bridge I could sense him pausing himself and posing till the click or flash or whatever cameras do, and in this way I met hundreds of people from all over the place - Putney or Pekin or Patagonia - and many of them knew Arnie's name who never knew mine.

Apart from people, he also loved unaccompanied gloves, discarded paper tissues, soft toys - and even on one occasion a box of six new-laid eggs, apparently carelessly left on a door-step. When I was unable to take him for adequate walks for a dog of his size, he started taking Jim (Store) for walks and together they explored parts of nearby Derbyshire that many of us have never been to. He would leap joyously into rivers, streams and - best of all - flooded ditches with black goeey mud, and then

share his pleasure with whoever happened to be nearest - usually Jim - by shaking himself.

It was on New Year's Eve on one of these walks that he showed the first signs of not being well. Subsequently a veterinary examination showed that there was something radically wrong and that he was possibly bleeding internally. Surgical examination showed that he had a tumour in his spleen which had already spread into his liver, and fortunately for him he never regained consciousness.

To say that he will be sorely missed by many people apart from myself is an understatement. For my part, together with my previous Guide Dog Breaker, I have had nineteen years of wonderful independence and uninhibited companionship.

Signed by: Known to most people as "the man with a Guide Dog" Maurice Eccles □

Ashford WI

Jean Beard writes

On 6 January President, Mrs. Ann Lindsay, welcomed Mr. Robert Cummings and his wife Janet for an evening of "Desert Island Discs". Mr. Cummings first gave a short account of his interesting life, having been a commissioned officer in the Army, the RAF and attached to the Royal Marines. After serving with the armed forces, he then went to University and became a teacher.

Assisted by his wife, in charge of the music machine, he pretended to be marooned on a desert island with eight records and explained the significance of his choice of each piece of music. "Life on the Ocean Wave", played by the Band of the Royal Marines, brought back memories of hearing it every day when he served with them. He learned to play swing clarinet, influenced by Benny Goodman's "Bach Goes to Town". When taking an A Level French

course, he enjoyed hearing Charles Trenet singing "La Mere". Another favourite was "The Lord bless You and Keep You" as played at his daughter's wedding.

His talk ended with Peter Skelern's & Richard Stilgoe's version of the "WI Calendar Song" and the President then thanked Mr. Cummings for his interesting and varied choice of music.

After the departure of Mr. & Mrs. Cummings the AGM was held and the President and Officers remain the same for 2005. Mrs Dorothy Greenhalgh was presented with the silver cup and a Marks & Spencer voucher for gaining the highest number of points in the monthly competitions during 2004.

Mrs. C. Storr won the raffle. Tea-hostesses were Mrs. S. Wilde & Mrs. E. Parkes.

Next Meeting: 3 February –
Speaker – Mr. Steve Furness -
"The Sex Life of Flowers"

Competition – "Floral Item"

Future Events:

3 March Birthday Lunch – Hassop Hall"

23 May – Well Dressing Catering

11 July - Catering □

Ashfold War Memorial Institute

Dorothy Daybell writes

We start 2005 with our own newsletter – enclosed – which we hope will encourage you to continue with your support (and remind some that subs. are now due!)

The Quiz/Soup evening on 8th January was the usual very enjoyable occasion (for those who remembered it!) and our five sorts of soup were nearly all used up, so the weather may have helped after all.

Such events don't just run themselves – thanks to all who help as well as to supporters. □