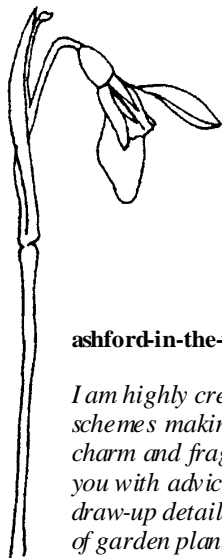


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### Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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## Ashford Notes

*Yvonne Skipper writes*

At the time of writing these notes, most of the Christmas festivities have yet to take place. However, we have had a few events already, starting with the Great Longstone children's school play on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. The church was full – standing room only – which was great and the children were wonderful as usual. Thanks to the kind loan of staging from the War Memorial Institute the whole thing was much more visible and everything worked very well.

Then on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>, the church was full for the Bakewell Choral Society's concert of Christmas music and readings. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present at the concert, having an important prior engagement – taking my little granddaughter Amber to the pantomime at Buxton. I can recommend it to all Mums, Dads and grandparents, it was very good – Oh, Yes It Was! It was reported to me that the concert in church was excellent – I was sorry to miss it.

On Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> our service of lessons and carols took place in church. It, too, went very well, the choir having worked hard in a limited amount of time due to other commitments and with some of the members suffering from colds and sore throats etc. Many thanks to Richard Barnes and Chris Potten for all the time and hard work they put in, not just now at Christmas, but all the year round. We are very lucky to have them both!

Now, moving into another year, let us all hope and pray that solutions towards peace can be found in Iraq and between the Israelis and Palestinians to bring an end to war, violence and the suffering of our fellow human beings.

A very peaceful New Year to you all! □

### Ashfold War Memorial Institute

Another year starting - and (as mentioned last time, but you'll have forgotten by now!) on Saturday 8th January we shall have our now traditional Quiz Night / Soup Kitchen, when we hope our question masters will again be Terry and Kath Williams.

The refurbished store room has been finished - thanks to Barrie and Neil and extra Christmas lights are up - thanks to David - we hope the decorating will soon be touched up so that the new doors blend in.

Sincere thanks to everybody who has supported us, particularly Mr. & Mrs. Pykett and the Junior Choir who gave us such a wonderful concert on 4th December. □

### The Indian Ocean Tsunami

Since writing the page 3 article on HIV/AIDS in Africa the major appeal to help victims in Sri Lanka, Thailand etc. will grab our attention but the suffering in Africa is still there and needs our help.

Collections will be made in churches for the Tsunami victims relief agencies. C.T.

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## Sundays & Festivals

1 Jan.	Sat	Naming & Circumcision of Jesus
2 Jan.	Sun	2nd Sunday of Christmas
6 Jan.	Thurs	Epiphany
9 Jan.	Sun	Baptism of Christ
16 Jan.	Sun	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
23 Jan.	Sun	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
25 Jan.	Tues	Conversion of Paul
30 Jan.	Sun	4th Sunday of Epiphany

## January Services at Ashford

2	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
6	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
9	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
13	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
16	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
20	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
23	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
27	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
30	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist

## January Services at St. Giles

2	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Service
		6.30pm	Evensong
5	Wed	10am	Midweek Communion
9	Sun	10.30am	Covenant Service at Methodist Church
		6.30pm	Evensong
16	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Sung Family Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
19	Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
23	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
30	Sun	11.15am	United Service at Lt. Longstone Chapel
		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.)

## January Services at Sheldon

9	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
23	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion

## January Services at Wardlow

2	Sun	9am	Family Service
16	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<sup>st</sup> Jane Martlew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Burke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joy Thrower

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support in raising funds for Friends of Longstone School. *Sally Kehr* ☐

## Guide Dogs

We had our Christmas dinner at the Devonshire Arms, Beeley on Sunday 5th December, and very enjoyable it was too even though our numbers were sadly depleted. How we missed Maurice Eccles and Joyce Pepper - and of course Arnie! - not to mention our Chairman, John, who was in hospital having a knee replaced but is now gradually recovering. For those of us who could be present it was the usual pleasant occasion - and a complete change from our "working" days (how strange to have everybody dressed up!). And as usual the dogs stole the show when they went up for their presents - especially puppy-in-training Bates. ☐

win of Peak Park to arrange a site meeting to inspect the other trees in this area.

**14. Flood Defence Scheme:** The parish council had been concerned about a recent planning application from the Environment Agency to raise the height of the wall on the right bank upstream of Sheepwash Bridge. The Clerk had contacted the Peak Park for clarification and been informed that, although the Flood Defence Scheme had been postponed, the necessary planning applications were still proceeding so that approval would have been obtained if and when the Scheme goes ahead in the future.

**15. Sheepwash Pump - Roof Repair:** Quotation is awaited.

**16. Thornbridge Hall: Entertainment Licence:** The Clerk had responded to the DDDC to the effect that the parish council have grave concerns about the extended Music and Entertainment Licence, and the hours proposed for public entertainment, including up to 12.30 a.m. on a Sunday night. The parish council are of the opinion that this is not an appropriate venue for holding public entertainment more than 3 times a week for up to 500 people, principally for reasons of noise and increase in traffic on an already busy and dangerous road.

**17. Christmas Tree:** Mr Ken Ibbotson is arranging this.

**18. Precept 2005/2006:** After due consideration of expenditure required for the next financial year and projects under consideration, a precept of £6,750.00 for 2005/2006 was agreed.

**The Film Society** present  
**Master and Commander**  
*Starring Russell Crowe*

7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2005  
At Bakewell Town Hall



## 19. Planning Matters

**a) Application: 5 Fennel Street: Extension and alterations to dwelling -** The parish council express some reservations regarding the character and scale of the proposed elevation.

**b) Application: Adjacent to 6 Hall End Lane: Conservation Area Consent for demolition of roadside wall:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

**c) Application: Moorfield Farm, Flagg: Retain consent for mobile home:** The parish council has no objection to this application.

**d) Decision: The Old Vicarage, Ashford: Conversion and refurbishment of outbuilding to guest accommodation:** Granted subject to conditions.

**e) Decision: The Retreat, Betty Lane, Ashford: Remove disused chimney breast abutting side of house and make good:** Granted subject to conditions.

**f) Decision: Thorpe Cottage, 6 Greaves Lane, Ashford: Replacement of roofing materials:** Granted subject to conditions.

**20. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** Tuesday 14th December 2004 in Ashford School at 7.30 p.m.

## Saturday Morning Waste Collection Service

The forthcoming dates on which this service will take place are as follows:

**22nd January and 19th March**

**2005** at the following times:

9.15 - 9.35 a.m. A6

9.35 - 9.55 a.m. Old Baslow Road

9.55 - 10.15 a.m. Highfields

10.15 - 10.45 a.m. DDDC Car Park ☐

## Summary of Ashford-in-the-Water October and November Parish Council Meetings

- 1. Presentation by Reverend Thrower of the Ashford Cemetery Plan:** Reverend Thrower attended the first part of the October meeting to present his recently produced burial records of Ashford Cemetery, a copy of which is available in the church. The parish council thanked Reverend Thrower for his considerable effort in producing these plans.
- 2. Salt Bin - Highfields:** A new salt bin has been supplied by Derbyshire County Council.
- 3. Seat - Hall Orchard:** The possibility of placing a seat around a tree in the Hall Orchard is to be considered for the forthcoming financial year. Quotations are currently being sought.
- 4. Buxton Road - Loose Stones on Wall:** Confirmation has been received from DCC that this wall is to be repaired.
- 5. The Old Bridge, Mill Lane:** A letter had been received from DCC stating that repair should commence early December on receipt of the stone, and that, in the meantime, the temporary fencing will be made more secure.
- 6. Sheepwash Bridge:** The Consulting and Contracting Structures Section at DCC had confirmed that repair to the Sheepwash Bridge would take place in the near future and that the necessary pointing work would be conspicuous for a while until it had weathered sufficiently.
- 7. Audit of 2003/2004 Accounts:** The 2003/2004 parish council accounts have been approved by the Audit Commission and have been displayed on the parish notice board in accordance with instructions from the Audit Commission.
- 8. Dangerous Wall, Highfields:** Dales Housing have confirmed that they will inspect this.
- 9. Playground Inspection:** A quota-

tion for £262.00 + VAT had been received from Playdale for delivery of the Swinging Steps Chains and 4 Steps. The parish council accepted this quotation. Quotations are also being sought for matting next to the slide, and other areas of the playground will be reviewed in the spring of 2005.

**10. Grass Cutting 2005/2006:** An advertisement had been placed in the Peak Advertiser and a total of 7 interested parties had requested the opportunity to quote for the parish grass cutting for 2005/2006. These are as follows:  
Stephen Whittaker, Whittakers Ground Care, Dronfield Woodhouse  
Philip Moseley, Haddon Landscapes, Over Haddon  
David Marsden, Whitecross Road, Tideswell  
Sunny Garden Design & Maintenance, Morehall Farm, Bolsterstone, Sheffield  
Earl Yeomans, Ashbourne  
Paul Johnson, Gordon Road, Tideswell  
Chris Whitham, Ashford-in-the-Water  
The Clerk had also obtained details from DDDC of where and when the 6 free cuts will take place. The Chairman agreed to draw up a detailed schedule of exactly where and when the cuts will be required so that quotations can be requested from each of the above.

**11. Footpath from Derbygate to Lakeside:** In cooperation with Mr Olivier of Ashford Hall, the parish council is looking at the possibility of moving the footpath access nearer to the gate. A site meeting is to be held with Mr Olivier in early 2005.

**12. Overhanging Vegetation, Hill Cross:** A letter had been received from DCC stating that this vegetation is on the list for flail mowing.

**13. Sycamore Tree:** The sycamore tree on common land below the Sheepwash Bridge had been dealt with. The Chairman will be contacting Dave Good-

## My Meatless Day

*Revd Clive Thrower writes*

My suspicions were raised as I slid the plastic ready-meal tray out from its cardboard sleeve. It felt too light in weight and the outer wrapper declared 'Ready Prepared. It's the most exciting 24 hours your teens will experience in 2005'. Indeed inside there was no food but a poster and booklet which read 'You probably hoped for something delicious to satisfy your taste buds.

But what could be more satisfying than for your teens to join thousands of others in the UK's biggest one-day youth fundraising event? Raising a whopping £1 million to help children orphaned by HIV/AIDS?

We're talking about the World Vision 24-hour Famine, 2005. And your group can be a part of it.

The concept is really easy. Your group spends 24 hours going hungry and having fun, raising much needed cash by generating as many sponsors as possible. **It's the ultimate way for you to give your teens an experience they'll never forget.**

We've made it really appetising for your teens to take part. And really simple for you to organise.'

It was then that the title of a song from my early years came into mind 'My Meatless Day'. During the war and in the food rationing period afterwards, the government wanted people to eat more simply for one day a week to reduce expensive imported meat. The joke of the song was that the singer cheated by eating even more in quantity and expensive foods such as salmon, imported cheese etc. I am hoping that people in this area, both young and old, will respond by going without food for 24 hours over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February. Put it in your diary now! The money you save on food can then be given towards raising the target £1M. Send it me, Clive Thrower at The Vicarage, Church Lane,

Great Longstone, Bakewell DE45 1TB or direct to World Vision UK at World Vision House, Opal Drive, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes MK15 0ZR. Visit their web site [www.24hourfamine.org.uk](http://www.24hourfamine.org.uk).

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## Sheldon News

*Ethel Plumtree writes*

First of all I must thank Jenny Spafford for writing her Jottings in the magazine. Jenny took over from her husband Deryck when he passed away nearly four years ago.

The builders have started work on Willis Blackshaw's new farm house on Bakewell lanes. There has also been alteration taking place on Age Lane, a gate opening is now the width of two gates.

On the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> December we heard fireworks being let off at Magpie mine, there were quite a lot of comments made as it was after the 11pm curfew set by the government.

15<sup>th</sup> December saw twelve pensioners enjoying an excellent Christmas dinner at the Cock & Pullet. This was followed by a party at the Hartington Memorial Hall for all the people who live in Sheldon.

There was a very good turnout with new residents of the village having a chance to chat with their neighbours sociably. A good time was had by all, not forgetting a big thank you to all those who provided food and raffle prizes, or helped in any way at all. Jack Boynton, who used to live in the village, had a stroke ten weeks ago. Margaret, his partner, says he is making good progress with hopes of a complete recovery. He is now back at Newholme hospital; our thoughts and good wishes go out to them.

Lastly, it is a treat to walk through Sheldon village and see all the decorations. Some of the houses look very Christmasy with lights in trees, candles in windows and fairy lights around the outside of houses.

I will wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. □

## Sheldon Parish Meeting Newsletter - December 15, 04

The annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 15 was the best yet! 36 villagers packed the village hall for the short Parish Meeting and the following Christmas get together----in fact there were so many by the end that we ran out of chairs. We also welcomed Rev. Clive and Councillor Judith Twigg who joined us for the meeting and the following Christmas get together.

### **Tenders**

The business part of the meeting started with an update from Brian about the tenders for the various grass cuttings. It was advertised and the closing date has been extended. It is hoped that at the January Parish Meeting we will be able to decide on the successful tenders for next year.

### **Correspondence Update**

The Peak Park have been in correspondence to say that they have again inspected Home Farm and there has not been compliance with the enforcement notice. Legal action is now being taken.

### **Village Hall**

Marlene, who has been a trustee for two years, but had only become a trustee on the understanding of doing it for one year, has decided the time had come to stand down because of personal commitments. Pauline agreed to take her place. The meeting agreed to co-opt Pauline onto the trustees of the hall until the Annual General Meeting in April when a formal vote will be taken. The trustees now are Pat, Michael and Pauline. With Jenny Warbuton as secretary.

It was agreed to pursue the idea from the trustees of some kind of wooden shed at the back of the hall to be bought by the village for the use of the village for storage etc. Councillor Judith Twigg said she might be able to find some money as a part donation for such a storage shed. We agreed to look into costs further. There would of course have to be planning application for such storage.

### **Church visibility**

One member of the meeting asked if something could be done to increase the visibility of the church to those walking through Sheldon. It was pointed out that the sign to the church at the top of Church Lane was hidden by an overhanging tree and this should be pruned to make the sign visible to passers by. Residents felt that visitors to the village sometimes did not know the church was there. It was also mentioned that another possibility would be for the PCC to give approval for some of the trees at the western end of the churchyard to be pruned or removed to give added visibility of the church from the village. This is to be further discussed, because of course being in a conservation area, trees are rightly protected and cannot be removed without the necessary permissions. However, I undertook to discuss the matter with the relevant officers of the Peak Park and also with members of the PCC and Rev. Clive to see whether there was a possible solution agreeable to all.

### **Playground update**

We are still waiting for them to pour the special safety base for the swings. The material has arrived, and we are now just waiting for the men to come and do the job. It was agreed there should be a warning notice saying the playground was not to be used, and it should be fenced off for safety reasons until the work was complete.

### **Sewerage:**

They've now put the new pipe in from the bottom of the village up through the fields to the new sewerage works. There will be a short break in the work until the early New Year when work will be resumed. It's hoped it will all be finished before Easter. It was good to note that they are keeping Church Lane in good condition.

### **Village website:**

It's now working well. The pictures are excellent and any information or news is welcome. Rev Clive is to put a link on the church webpage to the village site. The address is:

[www.Sheldon-Peakdistrict.org](http://www.Sheldon-Peakdistrict.org)

### **Sheldon Jottings**

We thanked Jenny Spafford – who was present – for all her hard work keeping Sheldon Jottings going. Now that she has hung up her pen and pencil, Ethel has agreed to take over the job of village reporter for the parish magazine. Ethel is an excellent choice and her agreement to do the job was met with unanimous approval by the whole meeting. But to do her job properly, she needs all the information, gossip and happenings, so please let her know of anything that might be of interest to the village. The middle of the month is usually the deadline. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December is the next deadline, so anything you think may be of interest, please let Ethel know soonest.

### **Peak Park Update**

I gave the meeting an update of the difficulties the Authority could be facing from a possible government decision to reduce the numbers on this authority from 38 to 25. That would mean there might only be THREE instead of eight parish members. The parish members, it was agreed, were the lifeblood of the relationship between local residents and the Peak Park and to reduce their numbers so drastically was not in the interests of residents or the Peak Park itself. The meeting agreed unanimously that a letter should be sent signed by everyone in the village to the minister stressing their strong opposition to any such diminution of the role of parish members or of council members and impressing on the government the need for local democracy to be seen to be happening by not reducing the number of parish members to such an alarming degree. If anything, the meeting felt, it ought at least be a proportional reduction in ministerially appointed members, leaving as intact as possible the local representation by those who actually live in the Peak Park and are in touch with grassroots feeling and problems. I thanked the meeting for its support which was most helpful and undertook to write such a letter as soon as possible to let the Minister know the feeling of the village and the Parish Meeting.

**Skips:** A discussion about the need for these skips and their usefulness to the village prompted a request from the meeting for me to write a letter to Derbyshire Dales Council to congratulate them on the way the Saturday bi-monthly skip system was working for the good of residents of the village. The meeting asked that the letter say that residents hoped the scheme would continue.

### **Dates for the next skips:**

January 22 and March 19

The formal part of the meeting finished at about 8.30 pm and then it was time for the **Christmas Get together**

It was wonderful to see everyone, with all new residents there as well, all mixing and chatting. We must do it again, certainly next December, but also at other times during the year. Some even suggested it become a weekly event! Thanks to everyone who brought food - the beef from Noel and cooked by Marlene; the quiche; the sandwiches of various kinds; the two trifles; the two kinds of mince pies; the two kinds of sausage rolls; the bread rolls; the scones; the cheese and biscuits; the bucks fizz at the start courtesy of Sheila; the tea and coffee; everything was delicious. Despite the mounds of food at the start of the evening, there wasn't much left at the end of the evening, so it must have all been good! About 12 ladies from the village had gathered in the village hall the previous week to discuss the arrangements and the organization by Marlene and Pat was faultless. The hall was beautifully decorated; the tables and chairs looked very Christmassy. A wonderful evening and a huge thanks to everyone. Then there was the raffle....lots of excellent prizes. Thanks to Judith Twigg for donating two bottles of wine and to everyone who donated goods for the raffle. Thanks to Ralph for masterminding, and drawing, the raffle. Bronwyn's guess-the-picture competition provided great fun...no one got every one correct, but Wendy came close!

We'll certainly do it again. In the meantime, Warmest greetings to you all, and a *Very Happy Christmas, and all the best for 2005.*  
John □