

# THE PARISH MAGAZINE July 2003

## Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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### Friends of Longstone School

Lottery winners June 2003

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Simpson

2<sup>nd</sup> Judith Ward

3<sup>rd</sup> Davie Le Carpentier

### Token Collection Update

Friends of Longstone School have received a cheque for £65.40 from Nestle for collecting Box Top Tokens. This will be put towards buying sports equipment for the new hall. Tesco vouchers have been counted - we collected nearly 4000 and have ordered a flat bed scanner for use in one of the classrooms. We are still in the process of counting 'Free books for schools' tokens, but will be ordering lots of lovely new books. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to any of the collections. The Nestle Box Top Token scheme is continuing so please keep collecting!

### Family Fun Day

Sunday 6th July

2pm in the

Marquee Moor Road,  
Great Longstone

Bring the family and enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon listening to jazz and eating cream teas. The kids will be kept busy with face painting and parachute games. Entrance fee includes cream tea and entertainment. £10 per family (2 adults 2 children), £5 per adult, £1.50 per child. Look out for posters for more details. •

### Sheldon Day

19 July 2003 at 2pm

#### Programme

2.00 Opening by Cllr Mrs. Judith Twigg

2.15 Band Concert

3.00 Fun Dog Show

4.00 Prize draw - winners to be drawn

4.30 Junior Cross Country

#### Events and Activities

\*Poultry Show

\*Vintage Display

\*Cream Teas

\*Stalls

\*Games

\*Children's amusements

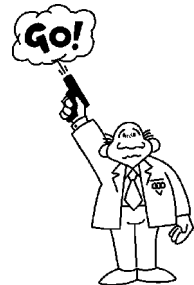
\*Live Music at Night

### Sheldon Fell Race

Thursday

17 July

At 7.30pm



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## Sundays & Festivals

3 July	Thurs	Thomas the Apostle
6 July	Sun	3rd after Trinity
13 July	Sun	4th after Trinity
20 July	Sun	5th after Trinity
22 July	Tues	Mary Magdalene
25 July	Fri	James the Apostle
27 July	Sun	6th after Trinity

## July Services at Ashford

3	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
6	Sun	9.45am	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
31	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion

## July Services at Sheldon

13	Sun	9pm	Holy Communion
27	Sun	9am	Holy Communion

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## The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Minister - The Rev. Nichola Jones 812195

Sunday Services at 10.30am

**Patrick McLoughlin**  
*Member of Parliament*

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## July Services at St. Giles

2	Wed	9.30am	Longstone School Assembly
		10 am	Midweek Holy Communion in the choir vestry
6	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Service
		6.30pm	Evensong
13	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
16	Wed	9.30am	Longstone School Leavers Service
		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

## July Services at Wardlow

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

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## 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.)

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## Three Wise...?

What would have happened if there had actually been Three Wise Women, rather than Men?

They would have asked directions; arrived on time; helped to deliver the baby; cleaned the stable; made a casserole; brought practical gifts, and there would be Peace on Earth.

Share this thought with the wise women in your life!

## Christened but Not Confirmed?

If you are over primary school age (you may be a lot more years older) then think about your faith and full membership of the church. At confirmation the Bishop hears you say the vows that were said by your godparents but from your own lips as an adult. You may not have been Christened, or baptised as a child, in which case there would be a preceding baptism either by myself at our local church or by the bishop at the confirmation service. After hearing your vows said with other candidates, the Bishop blesses the candidates and confirms your baptism vows.

The vows may be simple in form but are challenging in their implications for how we live our lives. Those who try to live according to them find purpose and meaning in their life.

There is to be a service of confirmation at St. Giles' church, Great Longstone on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. This is for people in the Wye valley villages, and from further afield.

Apply in confidence to me for information or to join the group or private preparation sessions starting in September. The Rev'd Clive A. Thrower, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Great Longstone, Bakewell DE45 1TB or telephone 01629 640257. •

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## Celebrating the Wesleys

*By Ian Yearsley*

Understanding Methodism in Britain means recognising the place of Wesley. It was John Wesley who set the pattern for Methodism, steered it away from Calvinism, and laid its foundations. His 44 sermons, published in 1787-8, remain essential reading for its local preachers and ministers.

Yet throughout his life, John Wesley remained a priest of the Church of England. He saw Methodism ideally as a "society for

the spread of Scriptural Holiness" within it, and only with reluctance was Methodism forced into building its own chapels and, from 1774, ordaining its own ministers.

Jointly with John, his brother Charles Wesley wrote many hymns which are widely known and used in all the churches, as well as being part of the doctrinal heritage of Methodism. Hymns like 'Jesu, lover of my soul' and 'Love divine, all loves excelling' are as well-known in the Church of England as among Methodists.

Use of St Paul's Cathedral, London, for a service on 25th May when Methodists celebrated the three hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's birth, was therefore entirely appropriate and very much in line with the Anglican-Methodist covenant discussions which have been taking place during the past twelve months.

John and Charles Wesley are already remembered in the Anglican calendar on 24th May. By 2007, three hundred years after Charles Wesley's birth, will the two churches be fully able to acknowledge one another's ministry? •

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## New Players Wanted

*Doreen Gammage writes*

Our Badminton Club is seeking new players both male and female to play social Badminton on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 10.00pm and on Friday evenings from 8.15 - 10.00pm. We play in the Wesley Hall at Bakewell Methodist Church on a marked court and the club presently has a mixture of male and female players of differing ages and ability. All are welcome and the charges are reasonable. Interested persons can call in if they wish on any of these evenings to see if they would like to subsequently join us. Please phone Jennifer Morewood (Chairperson) 01629 812299 or myself Doreen Gammage (Treasurer) 01629 813714 for further information. •

## Sheldon Jottings

I have just received a most detailed Parish Meeting letter and would like to thank John Herbert for his thoroughness. It tells us about new sewage scheme plans, the community recreation area, tree removal, proposed football team, enforcement notices, bridge and footpath rerouting, a planning application, the financial audit, parish appointments to the National Park Authority, etc. All Sheldon residents should have one by the time you read this. I cannot tell you when the next skip is but please watch the notice board.

Chris Crowther has sent a lovely 'thank you' note to the whole village for her retirement present. Also, **THE NEW SIGNS ARE UP!**

Florence Rose Taberner was baptized at St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday afternoon 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. We send her our very best wishes and also to Gillian Lord, who moved into a cottage in Monyash in late spring.

Hop-Along's successor has arrived. A little ball of black and white fluff from Bradwell with a lovely friendly nature. She's called Sky.

Sheldon Day is Saturday 19th July. •

## Ashford War Memorial Institute

*Dorothy Daybell writes*

Phew! Well-dressings over again! VERY MANY THANKS to the people who helped us with catering and serving and washing up. We couldn't manage without you – see you next year??

At the time of going to press it's still too early to say just what profit we've made, but certainly it's good – gross takings were £600+ after Sunday, with three coach parties still to go. Obviously expenses need to be deducted and we ought to take account of water/gas/electricity consumption too (if we were clever enough) but we must have done well. Thanks also to the ladies who made £25 from left-over white elephants! (A mammoth success?)

We must also acknowledge a welcome gift of plants for the Institute's front garden – thank you John and Daisy McCrindle, and thank you Bob Penson for planting them all for us when everybody else seemed to be out or busy with petalling.

Whilst we are better off than usual we have ordered new white tablecloths – and our new noticeboard is under consideration again; we have also had our heating system flushed out so we hope for perfection next winter (fingers crossed). •

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## Rotary Club of Bakewell

Bakewell Show, together with the Rotary Club of Bakewell will be holding their Jazz, Swing, Blues and Dance Night on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 8pm until 11pm. The band will be Rhythm de Luxe and there will be a guest singing star, Graham on the keyboard will provide music to dance, smooch, sing or just listen to.

Tickets cost £8.00 including a cheese buffet and there will be a licensed bar all in the

usual venue – the Members Enclosure on Bakewell Showground.

Proceeds will go to local and national charities of which the principal one in 2003 will be Cancer Research UK.

Tickets are available from members of the Rotary Club of Bakewell, Bakewell Bookshop (Tel. No. 01629 812818), Baslow Insurance Services, Bakewell, The Peacock Hotel, Bakewell, IZZI of Baslow or at the gate on the night.

## Ashford Notes

*Yvonne Skipper writes*

At the time of writing these notes we are in the thick of well-dressing week. After a week of back-breaking, neck-aching toil, bending over clay boards, sticking in corn, ferns, moss, petals etc. and battling with flowers to create pictures, we are into a week of catering, at the school and in the Institute, collecting and counting money and stewarding in church. Are we weary? Yes. Are we tired? Yes. Shall we be doing it again? No! - not until next year anyway! Having said all that, it is still worth it when the visitors tell us how beautiful it all is, the wells, the flowers, the village itself, especially in the lovely weather we have been lucky enough to have – so far! Yes, it makes all the work so worth while and yes, we shall be doing it again next year, in spite of all the aches and pains. In addition to the joy it gives to others, this week also gives a much - needed boost to our finances, and of course, the help we can give to various charities to give aid to those who are so much less fortunate than ourselves.

A sad event took place in church during the week of preparation for the well-dressing; the funeral of Betty Ellis. Betty was a much-loved figure in Ashford village and absolutely loved well-dressing week, supporting it in every way she could. Her cakes would appear in the Institute and in the Old School teas and biscuits were always there for the children whilst they were working on the wells. Before she died, Betty had already baked the cakes, kept them in her freezer and given instructions as to who should have what and how many! She will be very sadly missed, by her family and by the villagers who knew her. Our deepest sympathies go to all her family.

A happier event took place in Holy Trinity just the week before, the baptism of Thomas David, son of Paula and Kevan

Brassington, and grandson of David and Vivien Lee. Thomas behaved beautifully throughout the service and was the centre of attraction afterwards, obviously a very happy and contented baby. Our love and best wishes for their future to Thomas, Paula and Kevan.

With the holiday season coming upon us, our next magazine will be a combined one for August and September. We hope that all those taking holidays have a lovely time and come back safely to us, revived and refreshed. •

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## Ashford WI Meeting

*Jean Beard writes*

On 5 June President, Mrs. Ann Lindsay, welcomed Ms. Birkinshaw, a hill farmer, who was making a very welcome return to give members another fascinating talk with slides, this time about her sheepdogs. Border collies are bred for their brains and working abilities and not their looks. Ms. Birkinshaw trains her own dogs, who must have character, be obedient and well behaved, and be very eager to work and cover thousands of acres of moorland. She has enough dogs to give them all rest days. She also works for other farmers in gathering sheep.

Mrs. Lindsay thanked Ms. Birkinshaw for showing the wonderful slides and for the insight into her multifaceted skill used in working her dogs, not least being the different whistles for each manoeuvre and, if working with more than one dog, different whistles for each dog.

Mrs. P. Paulette won the raffle and Mrs. P. Hollingworth won the competition with her very attractive posy of wild flowers. The Tea Hostesses were Mrs. K. McGlynn and Mrs. W. Hathaway.

Next Meeting: 3 July –

Speaker Mrs. D. Fleming  
on “Kindertransport”

Competition – Childhood Memorabilia •

invited to come along to an *Introduction to Waist Watchers* session, to be held at Eyam Mechanics Institute on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003 between 7pm and 9pm. Men from across the Peak District are encouraged to attend and are welcome to bring along their partners, friends and work colleagues to find out more about the schemes.

Following successful *Waist Watchers* courses in the area last autumn and this spring, more courses are planned for this autumn and an introductory event on 9<sup>th</sup> July will give interested individuals the chance to find out more about the courses and to meet men who have recently completed one.

Supported by High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust and run by the North Derbyshire Health Promotion Service, *Waist Watchers* is a project specifically designed to help men reduce the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of premature death amongst men in England. Studies have indicated that men aged between 30-60 with extra weight around their middle have an increased risk of developing heart disease and other illnesses, including strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Participation in the courses is free to all and encourages workplaces and community sites across the district to form teams of men who want to reduce their risk of these illnesses.

The main intention of the scheme is to see a change in participants' waist-to-hip ratio through a mixture of education, support and exercise. Phase one of the scheme consists of tutorials, including sessions delivered by trained course leaders, on Fitness, Habits & Routines, Fat & Food and Stress & Relaxation, together with practical exercise sessions at an appropriate level for the group. Phase two sees participants enter into the *Waist Watchers League*, with the winning team receiving a health-related prize for their endeavours.

## Well Dressing -2003

*Phyllis Sheldon writes*

This year's festival has been blessedly good!

We were blessed with wonderfully warm, dry weather for the claying, for collecting flowers, etc. and, best of all, for the opening weekend of the well dressings. People crowded our village streets to enjoy all that was on offer -well dressings, band concert, sheep washing, flower festival, art show and Morris Dancers. Our wonderful caterers struggled to keep up with demand and succeeded splendidly, as usual. Blessing of the wells, with its own special joy and beauty, brought great pleasure to many.

Midweek brought a cooling and dampness to the weather, perfectly designed to prolong the life of the well dressings for the many coach parties and individuals coming to Ashford, with a forecast of a return of the sunshine by Friday. Once again we are on film as Tony Francis and his crew from Heart of the Country recorded the sheep washing demonstration.

I am unable to report on the Village Barbeque, at the Ashford Arms on June, 21<sup>st</sup>, because of holiday commitments. I hope it was a great occasion! The committee wishes to thank everyone who helped in any way towards this marvelous well dressing week, particularly the new volunteers, who 'petalled' so brilliantly, essential to the success of the festival. One visitor, Garry, who was staying in a holiday cottage, spent most of his holiday working on a board and helped the 'heavy gang' to erect the boards on the day he was leaving the village! A list of donations will be published after our next meeting, to be held on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7-30pm in the old school. •

Anyone wanting further information can contact Paul Boshell, Programme Manager, on 01246 231255 or simply come along to Eyam Mechanics Institute on 9<sup>th</sup> July. •

## Summary of May 2003 Parish Council Meeting

This was the first meeting of the newly-elected parish council. The two new Parish Councillors, D Sidery and R Spinks, and the two new District Councillors M Pearce and C Walker, were welcomed to the meeting.

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:** Cllr Brocklehurst was elected Chairman and Cllr Windle elected Vice Chairman.
2. **Repairs to Greengates Lane:** The Ramblers' Association have agreed to clear part of the wall and finger posts are shortly to be erected.
3. **Electricity Supply, Buxton Road:** East Midlands Electricity have stated that corrective action will be taken where required.
4. **Traffic Survey, Greaves Lane:** Mr. A. Twelves has agreed to organise this, with the aid of three volunteers from the parish.
5. **Rights of Way:** The parish council is in the process of registering all Rights of Way in the village. The obstruction of the footpath to the rear of no. 5 Hill Cross has been brought to the attention of the parish council by a number of Ashford residents and the parish council is taking steps to re-instate this.
6. **Parking - Highfields Car Park:** Dales Housing have confirmed that all residents of Highfields are entitled to park in the car park and that parking is not restricted to particular house numbers.
7. **Culvert between the Old Baslow Road and the Bypass:** Derbyshire County Council have inspected this area and state that they believe it to be adequately protected and that no further action is proposed.
8. **Paved Areas near the Post Office and outside the War Memorial Institute:** Derbyshire County Council

have informed the parish council that funds are not available at present to grass this area. The parish council would still like this project to be considered and will continue to pursue this.

9. **Transportation of Ashford School-children to Longstone School:** Problems are still being experienced and the parish council will pursue this through Derbyshire County Council, requesting support from the headteacher of Longstone School.
10. **Speed of Traffic - Highfields:** Cllr Twigg is taking this matter up with Derbyshire County Council.
11. **Speed of Traffic - Hill Cross:** A suggestion has been made that Hill Cross could perhaps be made a one-way system. Cllr Twigg is investigating this.
12. **Dog Litter - Highfields:** A letter has been sent to all Highfields residents asking them to clear up after their pets after complaints had been received regarding the amount of dog excrement left on the grass verges at Highfields, and which has become a health hazard for the local children. As this problem also extends to other areas of the village, the parish council would like to remind all dog owners of their responsibility to clear up after their pets.
13. **Locks on the Public Conveniences:** Derbyshire Dales District Council have been asked to repair these urgently.
14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 19th June 2003 in Ashford School.

## Waste Collection Service

The forthcoming dates for the Saturday Morning Waste Collection Service are as follows: 5th July, 6th September, (No collection in August). Please see the parish council notice board in the bus shelter for details of times, venues etc. •

# A Record of Changes in Ashford during the 20th Century

*Time Capsule - A.D. 2000*

## OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES AND ORGANISATIONS ALLOTMENTS

Existed at: Church Street (site of modern bungalow), Court Lane (site of bungalows), Highfields (site of first Council houses), Hill Cross (overlooking the Hall Orchard) - two allotments remain here, one still in use, but the site has been earmarked by the Parish Council for possible provision of a Burial Ground extension if this proves necessary. Old Baslow Road (site of three modern houses).

## CRICKET GROUND

Ashford Cricket Club was founded prior to 1840 and first used the field between the Marble Works and "The Rookery", then the Hall Lees field.

## DRAINAGE

has always been a problem - hence the traditional name Ashford in the Water, officially registered in the 1930's because of the numerous other Ashfords and consequent postal delays and confusion.

It was not until the 1950/60's that work began to replace septic tanks and dry- or pan-lavatories, and even then the low level of the river caused problems, as did the almost complete lack of proper records of old drainage "soughs" - any previous drains were directly into the River Wye. Nowadays the village effluent is pumped to a sewage disposal unit approximately two miles South of Bakewell.

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## 3-Day Botanical Art Workshop

With Ruth Hall

Ashford-in-the-Water

On Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

27/28/29 August 2003

Price £120

An opportunity to try your hand at the techniques of botanical painting with an experienced tutor, who is a painting member of the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society.

Plants and paper are provided, and beginners are welcome. A small group (max. 12 students) will ensure individual attention

For more details, or to join the course, contact Ruth Hall on: 0208 293 1104 •

## Monument Records

*Rev'd Clive Thrower writes*

The draft record of the monuments in the churchyard and church has been revised and the new issue is on view in church. Also on view is the monument record for the Ashford cemetery. A combined index of names for both the churchyard and cemetery will be produced and then it is hoped to link this with the burial records. •

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