

Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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A Christmas Wish

I wish you the Joy of Christmas
The Spirits sweet repose
I wish you the Peace of Christmas
To mark the Old Year's Close
I wish you the Hope of Christmas
To cheer you on your way
And a Heart of Faith and Gladness
To face each coming day.

Calling All Beavers

Beavers have a new lodge (home).
We have moved to Ashford Old School.
We meet on a Tuesday night 4pm - 5pm.
We love our new home - we have a safe
place to play and space inside and outside.
We can cook and do lots of crafts.
It's a great place for Beavers.
Come and join us!
Fiona McGregor (Beaver Scout Leader)

Audrey Shadbolt (R.I.P.)

It is with great sadness that we record
the sudden death of Audrey Shadbolt on
the 10th of November. She had lived
for 15 years on Buxton Road in Ashford
with her husband Bob (who died just 2
years ago) then many more years at Gt.
Longstone.
There will be a memorial service in
Holy Trinity church at 2.30pm on
Thursday 28th November.

Christmas Bazaar

at Ashford Old School

on

Saturday, 30th November
from 2pm till 4.30pm

In aid of School funds. Christmas stalls,
Tombola, Raffle etc. Light refreshments
Hope to see you there!

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Sundays & Festivals

1 Dec	Sun	1st in Advent
8 Dec	Sun	2nd in Advent
15 Dec	Sun	3rd in Advent
21 Dec	Sat	Thomas the Apostle
22 Dec	Sun	4th in Advent
25 Dec	Wed	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Thurs	Stephen, First Martyr
27 Dec	Fri	John the Apostle
28 Dec	Sat	Holy Innocents
29 Dec	Sun	Christmas 1

Please check church notice boards for any changes to advertised services

December 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
17	Tues	6.30pm	Longstone School Infants Nativity Play
18	Wed	2pm	Mother & Toddler Christmas Service
19	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
22	Sun	9.45am	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
24	Tues	5.30pm	Children's Crib Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25	Wed	10.30am	Sung Eucharist

December Services at Sheldon

8	Sun	9pm	Holy Communion
15	Sun	3pm	Christmas Carols
22	Sun	9am	Holy Communion
25	Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Minister - The Rev. Nichola Jones 812195

Sunday Services at 10.30am

December Services at St. Giles

1	Sun	8am	Holy Communion In the vestry
			<i>See Wardlow for services</i>
4	Wed	10am	Mothers' Union Holy Communion in the choir vestry
15	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Eucharist
		7pm	<i>Carol service at Wardlow</i>
18	Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
		6.30pm	Longstone School Christmas Concert
22	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
24	Tues	4pm	Children's Happy Birthday Jesus
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25	Wed	11.15am	Christmas Day Family Service
		11.55am	Holy Communion
29	Sun	11.15am	United Churches Sung Eucharist

December Services at Wardlow

1	Sun	11.15am	The Toy Service
		6.30pm	Evensong
8	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
15	Sun	7pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
25	Sun	8.30am	Holy Communion

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.)

Ethiopia

The world is beginning to realise from Ethiopia and the international aid agencies, just how large a disaster is emerging there. Fourteen million people are facing starvation due to successive crop failures through drought. This is far greater than the famine that produced 'Live Aid' sponsored by Bob Geldof. Bob has talked about the viability of this area to support the number of people living there but there is nowhere for them to go as neighbouring countries are also in a marginal survival state too. John Horton, Tearfund's regional manager for Eastern & Southern Africa, said recently: "As well as providing urgent food aid for those who desperately need it, helping families address the underlying causes of famine is vital". Part of that must be changing The European Union's trade barriers to non-EU countries like Ethiopia.

What can be done? More development projects are needed but right now it is food and medical aid that is required and this means raising large sums of money to purchase these. As we think about present buying for well-fed and materially wealthy friends and relatives it is surely a conscience awareness time of the disparities between ourselves and the people of Ethiopia. I am asking that we spend less on ourselves this year and send the money we would have spent to the famine relief agencies such as Oxfam. You can do this direct, or through the banks, or via your local church. At church services through December there will be a collection plate for donations.

Rev. John Slyfield

The induction of Rev. John Slyfield as priest of Edensor and Beeley will take place at the parish church in Edensor at 2.00pm on Saturday, 21st December. All are warmly invited to attend the service.

Sheldon Jottings

Jenny Spafford writes

Fist of all I must welcome Florence Rose Taberner -a sister for Thomas -born on the 28th Oct. at Calow weighing 5lbs.15ozs.

The Remembrance Service was attended by a splendid 19 with Stephen again playing the electric organ and his wife Paula in the congregation. Clive read the names of those lost in the First War as the sun shone through the windows. It was very, very interesting to read the extracts from Maria Gyte's Diaries referring to the First War in a double spread in the 'Mail on Sunday' that day.

The Poppy Collection for Ashford, Sheldon and Wardlow totalled £880.60, Sheldon's share being £54.88 house to house, £15 for the wreath and £27.40 church collection.

Unfortunately, this year there wasn't a village bonfire but never-the-less, a lot of bangs and cracks scared our house pets. How they do hate fireworks.

May we wish Clive well sans tonsils. And it just remains for me to remind you that there will be no skip in December- the next one being 18th January and to thank our Parish Meeting for setting the precept for next year actually lower than last year! What a lovely example of 'of the village for the village'. Again many thanks - keep up the good work. By the time you read this all will have received the November Village Newsletter and the up-to-date on the 'goings on'.

Candle Snuffed Out

The candle-lit service of Words and Music for Advent advertised last month to take place in St. Giles' Church on 1st Dec. at 6.30pm has been postponed to the new year due to delays in the commissioning of the new heating system.

Ashford Notes

Yvonne Skipper writes:

It's that time of the year again! Shops decorated and full of enticing goods, all tempting us to spend, spend, spend! A lot of joy and pleasure is gained by giving to others, especially to our loved ones. But some of them already have as much as they really need, whilst in other parts of the world people are dying for the need of something to eat. At this moment in Ethiopia, little children are preparing themselves for death. Imagine, if this was happening in our own country, we would make sure something was done about it. So, perhaps as we shop till we drop we could spend a little less on those who have much and give a little more to those who have nothing. On Advent Sunday, 1st December, a retiring collection will be held after our service to send aid to Ethiopia.

Would anyone like to make a visit to the Ashford black marble mine? The Peak District Mines Historical Society is organising a visit for Tuesday, 4th February and would welcome any villagers who would like to go along. Please let me know if you are interested.

The pulpit rail in church is now fitted and looks very good indeed. We thank Peter Evans of Bakewell who made the rail, and our friend Stan Walker who helped fix it in place. Do have a close look at it when you are next in church.

A review of the sound system is to be held now that we have had the benefit of it for a few weeks. Questionnaires will be handed out for completion and comments regarding the working of the system. Please let us know what you think.

A "Welcome to Ashford" leaflet is in the process of being produced to hand out to newcomers to the village, giving details of the various village activities and facilities. Caroline Storr is "in charge". So if anyone

has any input for the leaflets please contact Caroline on 814676.

We have had a wonderful response to the appeal for volunteers to restart the Sunday School.

About nine people have indicated a willingness to help on a rota basis and Ian Pykett, the new resident at the Old Vicarage has volunteered to construct and maintain the rota. This will be of great benefit to the children who already attend church with their parents and we hope will attract many other children living in the village.

The choir is now working hard on preparing carols for the service of nine lessons and carols on Sunday, 22nd December.

We do hope you will all come along and join in the service. It will get your Christmas off to a good start! A very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all.

Ashford Junior Football Club

Angela Unwin writes

The club which meets at Ashford Old School is now well under way. We have between 19 and 25 children from the ages of 10 and under who turn up for training each week on a Saturday morning.

We are due to hold our first football match against Baslow at the end of the month. All our fund-raising has managed to buy the goal posts and footballs, and we have just purchased strip which we hope will be ready to collect before the match. Our thanks to all who have worked hard to make this happen.

If there are any budding future footballing stars wishing to take part please just turn up at 11am on any Saturday morning.

A big thank you to Chris Wodworth and Brent Ellis for all their training skills which are now being passed on.

Ashford WI

On 7 November Mr. G. Smith gave members an excellent talk with slides on "Behind the scenes at Chelsea Flower Show" and his most interesting talk was almost as good as members actually being there.

Mr Smith's hobby is growing fuchsias and judging at fuchsia shows. He has been going to the Chelsea Flower Show for eighteen years. The show takes six weeks to set up and costs 2.5 to 3 million pounds to stage. Mr. Smith showed slides of stands with exquisite flowers and before and after slides of gardens of every conceivable type of design. There are many shops in a tree-lined avenue and sixty corporate hospitality tents, which is the biggest moneymaker.

At the end of the show plants and flowers are sold off, the gardens smashed up and the ground restored to its previous condition, leaving it as though nothing had taken place there.

In thanking Mr. Smith on behalf of the members, Mrs. J. Pepper said she was astonished at the work involved and amazed and awed by it.

Mrs. C. Foster won the raffle and Mrs. P. Paulette won the competition for the nicest "Last Rose of Summer".

The tea hostesses were Mrs. J. Stephens & Mrs. E. Walker.

Next meeting: 5 December

Pea & Pie Supper, followed by a

Quiz.

Competition: A Christmas Parcel

Faith is the bird that feels
the light and sings when it is
dark before the dawn.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Ashford War Memorial Institute

Well - it won't come as a surprise to hear that the outside repainting is "on hold" but the insulation of all accessible internal pipe-work has been done.

What has come as rather a shock is that we now have to pay a fee for our Annual Return. Previously this has been free, but a charge has been made for appointment of new Trustees. Now we have to pay for submission of the Return (yearly) but appointment of Trustees is free (they go on for life or till they resign) - somebody somewhere has been counting up!

This, together with increased costs of gas and electricity, means we have decided to make a small increase in our charges from next year, having had a gap of two years. We will be publishing another newsletter before too long.

In the meantime, please remember - and support - our

"Winter Warmer" Evening

on 7th December,

when we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies - this year without the Post Office as distraction! Then, our next

Quiz Night.

on Saturday 4th January,

Watch for posters.

1/4 Peal Plain Bob Doubles

10 November 2002

Holy Trinity Church, Ashford.

Treble Jane Whitaker 4 Clive Thrower
2 Rosalind Wright 5 James Franklin
3 Linda Pelc *Tenor* Bill Bennett

This was a first quarter peal (1,260 changes) ringing the method for local ringer, Linda Pelc. The bells were rung half muffled for the Remembrance Sunday service. The conductor was James Franklin.

Summary Of October Parish Council Meeting

1. **Village Suggestion Box:** The parish council would appreciate as much feedback as possible from villagers, and to this end, a suggestion box will be located in Ibbotsons' shop. Please use it to inform the parish council of any concerns you may have.

2. **Co-option of 2 new parish councillors:** Two new parish councillors were co-opted onto the parish council to fill the existing vacancies. They are Terry Williams of Highfields and George Webster of Ashford Lane. The parish council will be pleased to welcome them to their next meeting on 19th November.

3. **Single White Line -Vicarage Hill:** In response to a request from the parish council, the County Council have agreed to apply a white line on the opposite side of the road to the Old Orchard on Vicarage Hill.

4. **Bakewell and Ashford Flood Alleviation Scheme:** The parish council feel that this is a most important matter which affects everyone in the village. In the interests of the entire parish, the parish council would welcome comments from Ashford residents and would be grateful if you would put these in writing to the Clerk so that they may be included on the agenda of future meetings.

5. **Transportation of Ashford Schoolchildren to Longstone School:** The parish council are still pursuing their request for the County Council to provide home to school transport assistance and the parish council Chairman, Sarah Brocklehurst, also intends to contact the headteacher, Mr Pryor, for additional support for this request.

6. **Top Pump Shelter:** Malcolm Sellors has been instructed to complete the shelter before Christmas.

7. **Public Meeting held on 26th September regarding the Footway Widening on Greaves Lane:** The parish council would like to thank Ashford parishioners for their support at this meeting. The attendance rate was excellent and served to show the strength of feeling in the village regarding this project. The parish council are now looking into the feasibility of carrying out an independent enquiry and have also requested from the County Council copies of the original plans, a breakdown of the budgeted original cost and the actual cost of this project.

8. **Water Supply to Cemetery:** The parish council are looking into ways of providing a water supply to the cemetery. We are aware of the problems experienced by villagers at present in that they are obliged to carry water from their homes to the cemetery, and this is not acceptable.

9. **Damage to Playground:** The parish council are aware of the damage to the area under the swing and are taking action to repair this.

10. **Parish Council Filing Cabinet:** Any parishioner wishing to view the contents of the parish council filing cabinet located in the school, may do so by telephoning the Clerk on 01433 631689 to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.

11. **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:** 19th November 2002.

Due to the mid-month timing of the Parish Council meetings there will be many months when the summary will miss the next month magazine deadline for publication. We will endeavour to place the council summary immediately on the web site (see cover). Editor.

From the Elkington-Slyfields

together gave us such a wonderfully joyful wedding on 28th September. Thank you for sharing the service and the party in such numbers, for the very generous gifts, especially when we had said that your presence was so much more important than presents, and thank you for the lovely delight you have shown whenever we met you since our engagement early in August. The warmth of your support, affirmation and encouragement is unforgettable.

We hope to be moving to Edensor vicarage early in December for the licensing on the 21st at 2.00pm and are looking forward to sharing the life of the Chatsworth estate, but being only a few miles away, we shall be able to keep in touch and the kettle on the boil for any of you who care to call.

With much love and affection.

Margaret and John.

CORD – Treasure Chest Appeal

Caroline Storr writes:

Thanks to all those who contributed so generously to the Harvest Festival CORD Treasure Chest .

We took a good haul. Afterwards I laid it all out on the kitchen table so I could photograph it for you to see – which you will in due course when I get to the end of the film! Jim and I dropped the treasure in at CORD headquarters on our way down south last month, so you can be sure it's been safely delivered. It will all be sent on to Wallington Missionary Auctions for sorting and selling, probably next spring. They should be able to give us a rough idea how much we raised. I'll let you know.

Derbyshire Constabulary

Mobile Police Station

Ashford in the Water, Fennel Street

3rd Tuesday in each month

The Bible No Longer the Best Seller..?

Is the Bible about to lose its top spot as the world's favourite book? The surprising contender threatening its position is Ikea's home furnishing catalogue.

Printed in 46 languages and distributed in 33 countries, the 300-page catalogue accounts for half the company's annual marketing budget. To Ikea it's a vital advertising tool. To trendy nest-builders it's a must-have for home fashions, colour and styles.

But just a flat-packing minute! Hasn't the Bible been doing that for centuries?

Given by inspiration from God, it is invaluable to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. Read its blueprint for living in one of the latest versions and you'll find it still has something to say - even in today's fast-moving world.



Guide Dogs For The Blind

Now onto a "winding-down" period - but with one eye on the Bakewell Dickensian Market; should we? shouldn't we? Time will tell - but we keep thinking about that Cromford Steam Rally which was cancelled because of flooding and wondering whether a day or two standing in Bakewell might make it up (but oh dear, it could be cold and wet and windy, and to cap it all it's fancy-dress...)

Anyway, it's the Christmas dinner soon.

Friends of Longstone School

Lottery winners

November 2002

1st Sarah Trezise-Hardinge

2nd David Le Carpentier

3rd Sandra Mellor

A Record of Changes in Ashford during the 20th Century

Time Capsule - A.D. 2000

Roads and Lanes in Ashford

FENNEL STREET / "NARROW GENNELL"

Several old cottages and other buildings on the Western side of Fennel Street have disappeared, though shown on old photographs.

The old cottages in the "Narrow Gennell" between the back of the Riverside House Hotel and Rose Farm were condemned and knocked down in the latter half of the 20th century, their occupants being re-housed in council-built property at Highfields.

A right-of-way through the rear of the Riverside House Hotel to the river existed until the 1950's, when it fell into disuse and was consequently lost. Close to the rear gates and within the boundary wall of the hotel is a well which is dressed each year at well-dressing time.

The road level at the top of Fennel Street has been raised considerably over the years, as various measures were introduced to improve road safety.

COURT LANE (Entering from the Fennel Street end)

At the corner of Court Lane opposite the entrance to the Hall Orchard Recreation Ground is a large stone, placed to protect the cottage wall from damage by cart wheels; several other similar stones were put in place around the village for this purpose but have now disappeared.

It is generally understood that the old property "Honeysuckle Cottage" opposite the Church vestry was once the Vicarage.

The six Old People's bungalows "Trinity Close" were erected around 1970 on ground formerly used as allotments.

The old Methodist Chapel in Court Lane became redundant and was closed in early 1990. It has been converted into a private dwelling.

The property situated at the junction of Court Lane and Church Street was a warehouse and garage for hardware dealer C. E. Curtis. Two petrol pumps once stood in the paved area fronting what is now a small cottage, the pumps having been dismantled and the storage tanks filled with fine sand. Mr. Curtis (succeeded by his son-in-law Mr. Eric Smith) owned a large wooden garage fronting onto Court Lane, which he later donated to the Rural District Council as a site for public toilets and car park.

CHURCH STREET

At the corner of Fennel Street/Church Street stood Neville Old Hall, an ancient manor house which was later converted into three dwellings. This property was demolished in the 1930's and the occupants re-housed in three Council-built houses at Four Lane Ends. Some remains of Neville Old Hall foundations can still be seen.

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