

CHURCH NEWS

Please contact Jill Matthews (01773 550877) if you would like to receive a regular copy of the church **Spire** newsletter. Church services are usually held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 11.00am (an additional service is held on the 5th Sunday where there are five Sundays in the month). Autumn/winter services:

- Parish Eucharist, 23 Nov, 11.00am
- No service 30th Nov.
- Advent Songs of Praise 14th Dec, 3.00pm
- Christmas Eve Carol Service, 6.00pm
- Christmas coffee 16th Dec, 10.15 – 11.45am.

All are welcome to attend services which are always followed by tea, coffee and a chat.

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 29th November
from 10.00am – 6.00pm.
A chance to see and buy
local crafts and produce
alongside carols,

candlelight, mulled wine and mince pies! The
Turnditch School Choir will be singing at
5.30pm. Please come and join us.



Car parking

Spaces will soon be available on
the field opposite the church
on the B5023. We hope that
this will enable more use of the Alton Room.

For more information please contact
WIRKSWORTH TEAM MINISTRY 01629
824707 or
teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk or
Team Rector – Revd Canon David Truby 01629
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SNOW WARDENS for IDRIDGEHAY & ALTON

Thanks to Hazel and Michael Haslam for agreeing to become the official Snow Wardens for the joint parishes. They will be organising the distribution of grit and clearing of snow and ice on footpaths and will be looking for volunteers to help them in bad weather. If a footpath near you needs gritting this winter please contact them on 01773 550157 or 0775 7158310 to find out what arrangements are in place.



For more information during extreme weather/snow conditions go to

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow

HOW TO CONTACT US

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The clerk is the first point of contact for all parish and council matters.

Councillors:

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Cllr Dudley Ibbett 01629 822670
Cllr Jane Smith 01629 825229
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Cllr Robert Tatler 01773 550325
Cllr Frank White 01773 550625
Cllr Michael Westbrooke 01773 550403
Cllr Jill Matthews 01773 550877
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AVBC Elected rep. Cllr D.Taylor

DCC Elected rep. Subject to Election Outcome

AVBC: 01773 570222 DCC: 0845 6058058

Ildridgehay, Alton & Ashleyhay Parish Council

IDRIDGEHAY

ALTON

ASHLEYHAY



Welcome to the autumn newsletter. The VIA committee is breathing a sigh of relief as the Neighbourhood Plan is now finished. There is still more to the process, so please consider attending their Christmas social. A member of the Parish has also bravely taken a Charity Fall. The Parish Council would like to wish everyone the best of season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

This newsletter contains articles on the following:

Snow Wardens (We have new ones)
Church News
Neighbourhood Plan
IAA Noticeboards
New Parish Councillors
Christmas Social

So, please read on.

www.iaa-pc.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FINISHED!

Hooray! After very nearly two years of effort from a team of volunteers the VIA Neighbourhood Plan has been finished. The responses from our six



weeks of consultation in the summer have been incorporated into the final draft - the 'submission' version. If the Parish Council approve it at their meeting on November 12th it will then be sent to AVBC for them to take forward. This can be a lengthy process so in the meantime we are organising a pre **Christmas Social in the Alton Room** with drinks and nibbles to give everyone an opportunity to see the Plan in its final form. This will be on **Tuesday December 9th at 7.30 pm.**

Once AVBC receive the Plan they have to be sure we have sent all the documents they need and then publicise it again for a further six weeks. After this they arrange for an examination by an independent inspector. It is then possible we have to make further amendments to it before it can come back for approval by referendum of all who live in the parishes. We are hoping this referendum will take place early next year.

It seems to have been a long while and involved an immense amount of work from members of the Steering Committee for which my heartfelt thanks. The result is a Plan to retain the best of our area while allowing for the inevitable change. **Please come and look at it on December 9th** if you can, or you can find it and all its supporting documents on the Parish website. www.iaa-pc.org.uk
John Wiltshire, Chair. VIA Steering Committee

THE IAA PC NOTICEBOARDS

The Idridgehay Noticeboard will soon be getting a much needed make-over courtesy of Adrian Bentley.



Turnditch and Windley Parish Council has kindly given the Parish Council a small noticeboard which is being renovated ready for siting. This must be within the Parish boundary and will require permission from the landowner and/or DCC Highways and AVBC. Sites suggested so far include:

- Bottom of Hillcliff Lane next to one of the bus shelters
- Next to the post box in Ireton Wood

If you have any other suggestions please email the parishclerk@iaa-pc.org.uk or contact one of the councillors.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Welcome to Cllrs Jill Matthews and Eric Matkin who were co-opted onto the Parish Council in April as members for Idridgehay and Alton. Unlike many small parishes, IAA is lucky to have its full quota of councillors willing to give their time to represent residents within the area.

CHARITY FALL

Our son, Daniel, has been battling against myeloma bone marrow cancer for over a year now and has been receiving the very best care and treatment at the Beatson cancer



centre in Glasgow where he lives. This autumn my wife, Pat, has set out to raise as much money as she can for cancer charities.

On 27th August she leapt out of an aeroplane 13000 feet above Langar airfield in Nottinghamshire, fell for 8000 feet at 130mph while I stood on the tarmac shaking like a leaf and breathing a sigh of relief when I saw her parachute open between fluffy white clouds. She and her instructor floated down to a perfect landing and she declared she'd like to do it again! Brave or stupid? You decide. Either way, she raised almost £4000 on justgiving.com for the Myeloma UK charity.



Meanwhile, I've put together some of my drawings of places around the Peak District and the Wirksworth area for a small but perfectly formed book which Daniel designed (he's a graphic designer) while he was recovering from his transplant and which the printers generously produced for free. You should be able to see and buy a copy at the village stores or from my website at elvinibbotson.co.uk/paledark/. Every book sold will be another £10 for Myeloma UK. Elvin Ibbotson

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Christmas Social is to be held at the Cross Keys, Turnditch on **Thursday 18th December**, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available now from the Village Store and cost £12 each to include a light supper and musical entertainment.

