

CHURCH NEWS

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). All are welcome. Services are followed by tea, coffee and a chat for all those who want to stay.

The Mothering Sunday Service will be held on the 30th March and the Easter Sunday service on the 20th April. The next popular Songs of Praise service is planned for the 8th June 2014.

Fundraising helps with the upkeep of the building and the support of the community is gratefully received. The church operates a Patronage Scheme and leaflets are available in the church which provides more information about this.

Finally the ministry team would like to thank all the volunteers who are providing tender loving care to the church. For all those who help with the flower rota, the outside grounds and the inside cleaning, please know how much you are appreciated! New volunteers are always welcome – please contact Jill Matthews 01773 550877 for more details.

If you would like to find out more about services or how you can help support the church in the community please contact WIRKSWORTH TEAM MINISTRY 01629 824707 or teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk or Revd Kara Werner 01629 824486 kara.werner@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk

SNOW WARDENS

Despite there being no snow this season, new volunteer snow wardens are needed for next winter, particularly in Idridgehay and Hillcliff Lane where there are pavements to clear. Recruitment takes place in the autumn but we need to forward plan now. If you are interested in helping to organise the clearing of footpaths in your area please contact the Parish Clerk. Details of the Snow Warden Scheme can be found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk or you can talk to one of the retiring snow wardens, Michael Smith, on 01629 825229.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Parish Clerk: Mrs Ros Hallam
Duckpool, Beighton Hill, Ashleyhay, Wirksworth,
Matlock, Derbys. DE4 4AJ Tel: 01629 822390
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The clerk is the first point of contact for all parish and council matters

Councillors:

Ashleyhay:
Cllr Dudley Ibbett 01629 822670
Cllr Jane Smith 01629 825229
Idridgehay:
Cllr Robert Tatler 01773 550325
Cllr Frank White 01773 550625
Cllr Michael Westbrooke 01773 550403

AVBC Elected rep. Cllr D.Taylor
DCC Elected rep. Cllr M.Tomlinson

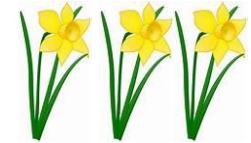
AVBC: 01773 570222, DCC: 0845 6058058

Idridgehay, Alton & Ashleyhay Parish Council

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Welcome to the spring newsletter. The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now out for consultation. We encourage everyone to look at this and make your comments known. The policies within it are intended to help protect and enhance the neighbourhood of the next 15 years.

This newsletter contains articles on the following

Footpath Maintenance
Snow Wardens
Church News
Neighbourhood Plan Update
Local Businesses

So, please read on.

**Summer Garden Fete
Town Head Farm,
The Green
Sunday 20th July.**



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

VIA would like to thank people for completing the VIA questionnaire last summer. Using the information supplied and other data,



the first draft of the VIA Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed. This plan describes the Parishes then details how data and views were collected and used to form a number of objectives and policies to cover:-

- Landscape
- Housing development
- Business development
- Environment
- Community

The objectives and policies reflect how people would like to see Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay develop over the next 15 years.

Recent legislation allows the Neighbourhood to put forward these views to AVBC. When the plan is accepted the policies become part of the Borough's wider strategic planning process.

The VIA plan is now open for public consultation from 28 March until 9 May 2014.

A summary of the plan will be delivered to all residents but the whole plan is available on the Parish Council website www.iaa-pc.org.uk. Copies are available on loan from the Village Store and on display in St James's Church and Belper and Wirksworth Libraries. Members of the Steering Committee will be available to

answer your questions at St James's Church on Friday 4th April from 6:30pm-8:00pm and on Saturday 5th April from 9:30am-12:30pm.

Please read the draft plan as it does affect you. Make your voice heard by sending your comments by email to



neighbourhood@iaa-pc.org.uk by letter placed in the box in the Village Store or posted to the Steering Committee Secretary, Jane Smith, Spendlove Farm Cottage, Barnsley Lane, Ashleyhay Derbyshire DE4 4AH.

All comments will be considered and published before the plan is formally submitted to AVBC.

THE ARK TODDLER GROUP & COFFEE MORNING

The toddler group meets in the Alton Room every Tuesday morning from 10.00am – 11.30am.



Coffee mornings are held with the toddler group on the third Tuesday in the month. Why not pop along and catch up with friends old and new.



THANK YOU

The PC wishes to thank Councillors Valerie Taylor and Ann Gregory for their services to the Parishes in recent years, and to welcome Michael Westbrooke.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting is the AGM & Annual Meeting. It will take place at 7:00PM on the 14th May in St James's Church.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

If you are running a business in the area, why not advertise on the Parish website? Send your business name, website/address and tel. no. by email to parishclerk@iaa-pc.org.uk or phone 01629 822390. Let the website work for you.

FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

A small amount of maintenance of footpaths has been carried out this year. Under the County Council's Minor Maintenance Scheme, the PC can carry out some work to improve public rights of way. This is limited to clearing vegetation and, with the landowner's permission, improving boggy areas at stiles. If you are aware of any paths that are difficult to pass in the summer, please contact the Parish Clerk with details and if possible a grid reference.



Please look out for posters for a "Walk the Paths" event we are hoping to arrange in the late spring.