

## CHURCH NEWS

The **Christmas Craft Fair** will take place at St James Church, Ildridgehay on:

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am-7pm**



There will be candle-light, carols, mulled wine and mince pies and the opportunity to shop for festive gifts and food for Christmas.

Church services are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month at 11.00am (an additional service is held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday where there are five Sundays in the month). Services for this December include the 8<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Songs of Praise followed by coffee/tea and mince pies. There will be no service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December but a Carol Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm. There will be a children's Crib Service on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome to attend.

If you would like to find out more about services or how you can help support the church in community please contact  
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Rev'd Kara Werner 01629 824486  
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## WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE

Last year the Parish was presented with a cheque for £500 from DCC by our local County Councillor, Chris Jackson to improve the memorial foundations. This work has now been completed and it is hoped that this will protect the war memorial from cars.



## HOW TO CONTACT US

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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

#### Ildridgehay:

Cllr V. Taylor (Chair) 01773 550573

Cllr D. Taylor 01773 550573

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## Newsletter



Welcome to the autumn newsletter. Looking back we have had a good summer and it has been great to see the valley looking so fine. The development of the Neighbourhood Plan continues a pace and we all hope that it will help sustain and improve the beautiful countryside in which we live. This newsletter contains articles on the following

Footpath Maintenance  
Snow Patrol  
Drain Patrol  
Church News  
Neighbourhood Plan Update  
War Memorial Maintenance  
Planning Applications

So, please read on.

**STOP PRESS**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
**30th November**

[www.iaa-pc.org.uk](http://www.iaa-pc.org.uk)

## FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

The Parish applied for and was awarded a small grant this year to provide some maintenance for its footpaths. The money can only be used to cut back undergrowth and, with the landowner's permission improve boggy areas at stiles. This work has been carried out in the last couple of months and is ongoing. If you are aware of any footpaths that have been difficult to pass in the summer, please inform the Parish Clerk so we can put them on the list for maintenance.

## SNOW PATROL



More grit will be supplied and purchased this year following the success of last year's scheme. This scheme has been a great success to date with neighbours helping out to clear access routes. Please remember that grit is for public areas only. Our snow wardens will be out and about assisting once again.

## DRAIN PATROL

Last year a number of roads turned into rivers due to blocked drains and other debris. If you see any drains that are blocked, please report this to DCC Highways Department.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Good progress is being made with the Neighbourhood Plan. Every household received a questionnaire over the summer and a big thank you to all the people that took the time to fill these in and return them. Your opinions will be invaluable in determining the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. Along with this Newsletter is a summary of the findings from the questionnaire.

The Steering Committee is now pulling all the information together to develop a draft plan, which should hopefully be out for consultation before Christmas. There will be a Neighbourhood Plan Christmas Social in the Church on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:30pm to present the draft plan to the community and get further feedback. Light refreshments will be provided.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for the next parish council meetings are given below. All meetings are held at 7PM above the Idridgehay Corn Store.

8<sup>th</sup> January 2014

12<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## THANK YOU

This time, to the group of volunteers who recently carried out maintenance on the churchyard, cemetery and millennium garden. Also an even bigger thank you to Richard and John at Hingley's Wood yard, Hazelwood for providing, free of charge, a quantity of bark chippings for use as a mulch in the garden.

## THE ARK TODDLER GROUP

This meets in the Alton Room every Tuesday morning from 10.00am – 11.30am.



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An application for a pig farm on land off Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay has recently been made, ref:AVA/2013/1011.



Please express any concerns you have to the Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Office and your District Councillor (Cllr D.Taylor) by the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.