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Due to the restrictions caused by Covid-19 there are no dates yet for any of our organisations, groups or fundraising events as to when they can re-commence.

Weekly events

Church is open for Private Prayer
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Tea/Coffee & Toast in Church - on a Thursday at 10am is currently **closed** due to social distancing rules

Grey Bin & Food Caddy Collection
Wednesdays one week
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Blue & Green Bin & Food Caddy Collection
Wednesdays the following week

Four-weekly Mobile Library - see back page

Private John Elton A Story for Remembrance

Action

The film 'Atonement' includes a scene of hell on a beach during the evacuation from Dunkirk in which a group of soldiers sing quietly the hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'. It is fictional, but it relies on the understanding that young men of that generation could sing such hymns from memory.

Let us imagine a Private John Elton who served somewhere, anywhere, in one of the world wars. At times of stress and fear he may have clung to the words of a hymn such "O God, our help in ages past ...". It would have given him a structure to his thoughts, even if the words might be imperfectly remembered.

On operations, any military position or unit will have some sentries 'on watch' around the clock. But at last light and even more importantly before dawn the whole unit will 'Stand To'.

Attacks at night were very difficult to control. More often attacks would be at dawn. Attacking troops could be moved into position under cover of darkness, to attack at dawn. Sometimes this might be with complete surprise.

However surprise could be sacrificed by a pre-attack barrage to soften up the enemy. Being on the receiving end of enemy gunfire is horrific. However, having your own "friendly fire" barrage dropping on enemy targets very close to your own position, with always the danger of a 'drop short' landing on you, is almost as frightening.

Our John would previously have been on defensive 'Stand To', in case his unit was attacked at dawn: what the hymn calls "the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun." However, today his unit is due to attack at dawn. It has spent the long, wet, dark, cold night getting into position and making the final preparations for a dawn attack. Ideally John is fully trained and fully equipped including plenty of ammunition. Hopefully he will have been fed, preferably a stew still hot from a 'hay box'. However, he is possibly wet through, probably cold and tired and certainly scared. This is the time therefore for "Gunfire", army issue rum in hot, sweet tea.

We hope he is not lonely, because he is with his pals. Perhaps they joined up together, trained together and are serving together in one of the twenty battalions which the Sherwood Foresters, his county regiment, raised in the First World War. In which case maybe, just maybe, one of them might

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remember the words given by Shakespeare to King Henry V, speaking to his soldiers before the battle of Agincourt:

*"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother;"*

However John may be in a unit cobbled together from different cap badges and individual reinforcements. That is far from ideal, but needs must. And soldiers flung together will always make instant pals as best they can.

They are all scared - all of them. But those who are "battle hardened" would be more able to control their fear. Courage is not lack of fear. Anyone who has no fear cannot display courage. Courage is controlling fear in order to do one's duty. And the experienced soldiers would be supporting those who were going into action for the first time.

Our soldier, Private John Elton, is aged just 19. He left school at 13. Prior to joining up he had been a family breadwinner for a number of years. This is his first attack.

It has often been said that, when the guns sound and the bullets fly, there are very few atheists left ... ! With the first glimmers of dawn John would be saying his prayers, perhaps based round a hymn learned at Sunday School. The words might be imperfectly remembered but, given the circumstances, remembered well enough:

*O God. O Mum. O God. My help in these weeks past,
My hope for what's about to come,
My shelter from this stormy blast,
And, possibly very soon, my eternal home.*

*Before our hills in order stood,
Even before our farm and fields received its frame
(and that is a very long time ago ...)
From everlasting thou art God,
And to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as this watch that ends this night
Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream,
O God Mum, this is the verse that always brought you to tears.
And I can barely recite it.
Time, like an everlasting stream,
Bears all its sons away;
O God this is tough!*

*They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

*But that can't be true Mum
You won't forget me.
I am trying to do you proud Mum
God give me courage
And God, O God, I mustn't let my pals down*

"Fix bayonets, pass it on, Fix bayonets, pass it on ... "

A whistle blows. A young officer shouts: "Advance! Follow Me!"

An older Non Commissioned Officer growls: "Right! Up lads and at 'em! Let's get this done."

Rifles crack and machine guns rattle ...

And John Elton, our soldier, goes forward ...

Aftermath

In Elton, some time later, John's parents receive a telegram from the War Office:

"I regret to inform you that your son, 12345678 Private Elton, John Harry, has been reported as Missing in Action."

John is their only child.

Reflection

After the First World War, Siegfried Sassoon wrote a poem entitled The General. It reflects the age old conflict between the 'the teeth' and 'the tail' – that is between the fighting men at the front and the staff officers and other non-combatants to the rear:

*'Good-morning; good-morning!' the General said
When we met him last week on our way to the line.
Now the soldiers he smiled at are most of 'em dead,
And we're cursing his staff for incompetent swine.*

All Saints Church

Team Rector: Canon David Truby 824707
Church Warden:

The Church is only open on a Sunday from 10am until 4 pm for private prayer during the Covid 19 crisis

*'He's a cheery old card.' grunted Harry to Jack
As they slogged up to Arras with rifle and pack.*

But he did for them both by his plan of attack.

Now consider the Wilfred Owen poem 'Dulce et Decorum Est'. That title phrase is taken from a Latin ode by the first-century BC Roman poet Horace. 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.' has been translated as: 'It is sweet and fitting to die for your country.' The poem describes the horror of a World War One gas attack. It is far too horrific to include here. If you do not know it and decide to read it, do have a stiff drink beforehand. The poem finishes:

*My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.*

Owen uses his title, 'It is sweet and fitting to die for your country.' satirically or even sarcastically. And he describes it as "The old lie." We might now call it 'spin'. Surely the deaths he describes in the poem could never be seen as "sweet", indeed anything but.

And as for the inscription on Lutyens' Cenotaph in Whitehall: 'The Glorious Dead'. That really is very difficult ! So, let us leave consideration of that for another time ...

However, it is perhaps easier for us to embrace: 'Their name liveth for evermore'. This is a quote from Ecclesiastes. Rudyard Kipling, who had lost his only son in the First World War, recommended it as an inscription for use on war memorials.

In his history of Elton Cricket Club, John Stone wrote:

The Annual Report of Elton Cricket Club for 1914 is a particularly interesting read – not least because that season was played out against this most sinister of backdrops. Indeed, before stumps were drawn at the conclusion of the final game of that unusual summer, war had been formally declared. By the time the Club's 1914 Annual Report was finalised and printed in the early months of 1915, it's highly likely that at least some Elton cricketers were amongst the hundreds of thousands of men who had already volunteered for service and who were well into their initial period of basic training.

The accounts list the 29 players who each paid a member's subscription of two shillings and sixpence and it is a quick scan of their names which re-ignites the connection with the First World War. I doubt whether Harry Allison or John William Boam regarded themselves as the shining lights of Elton Cricket. Certainly their respective playing contributions in 1914 were fairly modest. Harry - just 16 years of age in 1914 - batted for the first eleven on six occasions for a total aggregate of 10 runs. John turned out for the first eleven just twice scoring only three runs in total.

Although their names were little more than footnotes at the lower end of that season's batting averages, **these two men will endure in this village long after most of us are forgotten.** For both of them would lose their lives in the service of their country within the space of a couple of months towards the end of 1916. Each Remembrance Sunday, the names of the eleven Elton men who perished in the First World War and the two who lost their lives in the Second World War are remembered in Elton Church. Harry Allison and John William Boam are, of course, among the names read aloud on that day each year.

Siegfried Sassoon's poem includes a fictional Harry and a fictional Jack. We have imagined a Private John Harry Elton. But John Stone wrote of a very real Elton Harry and a very real Elton John.

All that we can do, and indeed it is our duty to continue to do, is to honour them by trying our best to ensure that indeed

"Their name liveth for evermore"

The First World War

1914 – 1918

Harry Allison

John Alsop

Edward Bibby

John Boam

Joseph Dale

Fred Glossop

Richard Glossop

Joseph Hardy

Peter Marsden

Joshua Smith

Rupert Stone



The Second World War

1939 – 1945

Charles Ronald Ashton

Joseph Frederick Glossop

The Jessie Buxton 100 Club**PRIZE RESULTS****August**

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|-----|----|------------------|
| 1st | 38 | John Buxton |
| 2nd | 18 | Penny Senior |
| 3rd | 32 | Richard Oldfield |

September

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|-----|----|--------------------|
| 1st | 17 | Louise Horrocks |
| 2nd | 10 | Marion Beers |
| 3rd | 30 | Margaret Henderson |

October

- | | | |
|-----|----|-----------------|
| 1st | 5 | Maralyn Marsden |
| 2nd | 15 | Paul Carson |
| 3rd | 4 | D J Janicky |

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The Heathcote Family of Elton (by Lynn Burnet)

I should think a lot of family history researchers have been pursuing their hobby online during this spring's lockdown. I wasn't surprised when Paul Spencer, a descendant of the Heathcote family, resumed contact with me after a number of years asking if I could help to identify the family in this photograph. On the back is written 'Brother Will and family'. Paul doesn't know whether or not they are Heathcotes and unfortunately I was unable to identify them. The photo appears to have been taken about 1922 and the chap on the right is probably the boyfriend of the girl next to him. Brother Will, in the middle, seems to have a patch over his right eye. I ask all you Heathcote relatives if you can help Paul identify this family. If your name is Heathcote, Stone, Yeomans, Andrews, Marsden or Carson please look in your family album to see if you can find a match!



Samuel Heathcote came to Elton from Monyash at the beginning of the 19th century and had four sons and two daughters, but it is his grandson William Heathcote (born 1844) who is notable for having produced the largest family in Elton. His wife, Eliza (born 1849), was the daughter of shoemaker Samuel Rowland and his wife Elizabeth, and grew up in a house on Moor Lane. Her first son was born when she was 19 and another baby appeared about every other year for the next 25 years. After the birth of William, Ellen, Samuel, Ann, Randolph and Eliza she was lucky enough to produce twins Joseph and Joshua. Then came Anthony, James, Elizabeth, Ruth, Ada, Alfred and John. They were a robust family too; only Anthony died in infancy at a time when the national infant mortality rate was high.

In 1871 William and Eliza lived with their two children in Back Lane, not far from the Reform Chapel. Ten years and seven more children later they were living at the Old Hall. So the Old Hall saw the comings and goings of a crowd of children long before it became a Youth Hostel in the mid 20th century! By 1891 several of the older girls had left home, presumably to go into service. The parents and seven of the children had moved to a four roomed house in Well Street (now Hawthorn Cottage). This is where baby Alfred was born that year followed by John two years later, when Eliza was almost 45. The 1911 census is the final one available and this shows Joshua, Ruth and John still at home with their parents in what is now Villa House, next to Elton Old Hall. They may have moved next door, to Croft House, soon after.

The photos below show Ruth (left) and Ada, and William and Eliza with their daughter Ruth and grandson Royce Carson.



Ada married Fred Marsden. They lived at The Old Smokehouse, then Roseneath and afterwards Elton End House on West End. Ruth Heathcote married Percy Carson.

Paul Spencer writes about his grandfather's experiences in the First World War:

My Grandfather's War 1916-1918

My Grandfather, John Heathcote, was born in Elton on the 18th December 1893, the youngest child of William Heathcote (b1844) and Eliza Heathcote (b1849) née Rowland. At the start of the Great War in 1914 he was 20 years old, single and still living with his parents at Croft House, Elton. He was working as a labourer at a lead mine when, in December 1915, he was conscripted into the army. He was posted to 2/7 Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, and started his military training on the 11th February 1916. Unfortunately for my Grandfather and the rest of his fellow recruits, the Easter Rising in Ireland took place, and even though they were only partially trained, the army sent them to join their unit, which was one of 20 deployed to help put down the rebellion.

The Sherwood Foresters arrived in Dublin and were part of a 2000-strong force that was marched along Northumberland Avenue towards the centre of Dublin. Hundreds of local residents turned out to welcome and cheer them on but as they approached the Mount Street Bridge, they were ambushed by 17 heavily armed Irish Rebels. After the initial shock of the ambush the soldiers were formed up into ranks by their officers and marched forward with their bayonets fixed! Once the soldiers were in range the rebels opened fire with machine guns and rifles, mercilessly cutting down the marching soldiers. At the end of the day 220 soldiers lay dead or wounded, but by luck and good fortune, my Grandfather was not one of them! The Sherwood Foresters remained in Ireland until January 1917 and were involved in a number of further skirmishes with the rebels and in the arrest of a number of the rebellion organisers.

The Sherwood Foresters were then sent to the Western Front and arrived in France on the 17th January 1918. During March and April 1917 they were part of the Allied Advance, which pushed the German army back to the Hindenburg Line and were subsequently involved in the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge, the Battle of Polygon Wood and the Battle of Cambrai. Things quieted down over the winter but on the 21st March 1918 the Germans opened a Spring Offensive in a last-ditch

attempt to win the war. My Grandfather with the 7th Sherwood Foresters was deployed to hold the right of the line on the Bullecourt Salient but the German attack was overwhelming and the Allied front collapsed and was overrun. My Grandfather was wounded and was one of hundreds of soldiers taken prisoner during the German advance. He was held as Prisoner of War in Germany until November 1918, when, following the German surrender, he was released. Unfortunately during his time as a POW his wounds became infected and, as the infection was not properly treated, the wounds failed to heal and he sustained a serious and long-term injury to his right arm. My Grandfather lived to be 76, but up to the day he died, he still had an open wound in his upper right arm that needed to be cleaned and dressed every day!

As a postscript to this story, in a strange twist of fate, jump forward 55 years from April 1916 to April 1971, when at age 17½, less than 6 months after joining the RAF, I was unexpectedly sent at short notice to Northern Ireland, as part of military reinforcements sent to deal with the increasing IRA terrorist threat!. Thankfully I had not been aware at that time of my Grandfather's deployment to Ireland following the Easter Rising, as had I been, I think my tour in Northern Ireland would have been far more difficult as I would then have known why my Heathcote Grandmother was so tearful when I spoke to her on the telephone whilst I was there!

The photos below are of Paul Spencer as a new recruit and of his Grandfather, John Heathcote. All of the photos in this article were kindly supplied by Paul Spencer.



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With some effort we eventually secured our current Outreach Service supplied by Two Dales Post Office which still operates from the School House. However, this is only being used by a small number of residents.

We know it's only open for 2hrs on a Thursday, but we urge you to use it whenever you can for the sake of those that need it most.

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THAT ELTON WEATHER!

Let's not beat about the bush. Elton can be a cold place. And while it has always struck me as complete nonsense that Winster is a 'top coat warmer' I have to concede that Elton can be a tad chilly in the winter months. In fact – it can be a tad chilly in any month. That this has always been the case struck home to me recently when clearing out our loft. I came across a cutting taken from the Derbyshire Times in May 1936. It began as follows:

'It was disappointing that, after weeks of preparation and practice, the weather should have been so raw and damp for the Elton May Queen Festival on Saturday. Owing to the cold wind and threat of rain, the crowning ceremony was performed in a barn at Oddo Farm instead of in the open-air'.

According to the Derbyshire Times, the Darley Dale band performed an open air concert in the evening with cornet and trombone solos but, almost, inevitably, this was '*interfered with by rain*'. The country and maypole dancers gave '*delightful exhibitions in the square*'. But the highlight of the day was the afternoon procession from the school to Oddo Farm for the crowning ceremony – performed by Miss Ruth Robinson of Chesterfield who wore a '*pretty dress of green chiffon decorated with primroses and cowslips and with a wreath of the same flowers in her curly hair*'. This procession also featured the Queen herself (Margaret Hudson) in '*an ankle-length white dress with a satin train. Her bouquet was of golden spring flowers and a fern*'. Her attendants wore '*high-waisted white silk dresses*'. They were followed by the older boys carrying the maypole '*fluttering with green and yellow ribbons*'. Next came the younger boys and girls from the school – all in white tops. At Oddo there was singing and folk dancing and poem recitations. According to the newspaper piece - '*The infants charmed all by their singing and enjoyed themselves thoroughly by entering into the true spirit of a May holiday*'. The Headmaster (Mr N E Buxton) made a speech to the assembled parents and friends – reminding them that the '*object of May Day was to express thankfulness for the return of Spring with its beauty and promise of harvest*'. However, the Derbyshire Times report continued to stress the disappointing weather – '*the severe cold had an adverse effect on the attendance*' was the rather downbeat conclusion.

All in all – courtesy of the notoriously unreliable weather in these parts, it seems that the Elton May Queen Festival of 1936 turned out to be a disappointingly damp squib. And judging by the accompanying photograph of the children in their flimsy summer outfits, it would have been a case of goose pimples all round. Having shivered my way through literally hundreds of chilly 'summer' cricket matches on Elton Field, I know pretty much how they all felt. But back to the Derbyshire Times - there is an intriguing comment towards the end of the report:

'Mrs C W Robinson of Chesterfield took a colour film of the procession and dancing which she has promised to lend to the headmaster. The school has its own cinema, procured in December 1928 when Mrs P M Robinson, then Mayoress of Chesterfield, took the chair at an entertainment given by the scholars, in order to obtain a permanent projector'.

I am assuming that the various Robinsons referred to in the report (including Ruth who you will recall effected the crowning) had connections to the Robinsons packaging and medical products company which at that time was (and to a rather lesser extent, still is) a major employer in Chesterfield. I wonder if anyone in the village knows why the Robinsons of Chesterfield came to be so closely connected with Elton School at that time.....and what became of that colour film!

Councillors Corner

Christmas Tree Lighting Event Cancelled

It is with much disappointment that, due to the second coronavirus lockdown, the Parish Council at their meeting on 5th November, decided to cancel the traditional Elton Tree Lighting event that was scheduled for 6th December. Since our meeting in September, options have been discussed on how we might hold a socially-distanced event with no access to the Village Hall, but the latest government restrictions have made this impossible. Technically the current restrictions are due to end on 2nd December. However, these may be extended or alternative conditions in place with no time to organise a compliant event. Rest assured; our usual Christmas trees will be lit-up by the 1st Sunday in December.

Elton Christmas House Decoration Competition

In the absence of our traditional Christmas Tree Lighting event we are planning a Christmas House Decoration Competition. Cash prizes of £50, £20 and £10 will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, respectively, as determined by an impartial, non-resident judge. The judging will take place on the evening of Sunday 13 December 2020 and a representative from the council will ensure that all properties are viewed. No need to register, just make sure your lights are up and switched on by 4 pm. This is not a competition for the most lights but the most original and imaginative display. Wherever possible, prizes will be presented in person on the night.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling has become an issue again in the village with a growing number complaining about it. Although a problem across the whole of Elton, it appears to be a big problem at East End, Back Lane and in the churchyard. Please make sure you take a 'dog poop' bag with you and clean-up any fouling every time you walk exercise your dog around the village. Please also make sure your dog is not left to run loose around the village where it can foul without you knowing.

I have been in touch with the District Council about this issue. They are currently running a campaign to tackle problem areas and Elton is now being monitored with necessary action being taken to catch offenders.

The Parish Council would like to wish all Elton and Gratton residents a Merry Christmas. We sincerely hope that 2021 is a better year for everybody.

Can I help you?

I am always here to help in any way I can. If you need help, have an issue of concern or know of a problem that needs fixing, please contact me. My contact details are below. If I can't help you, I will always try to point you in the right direction.

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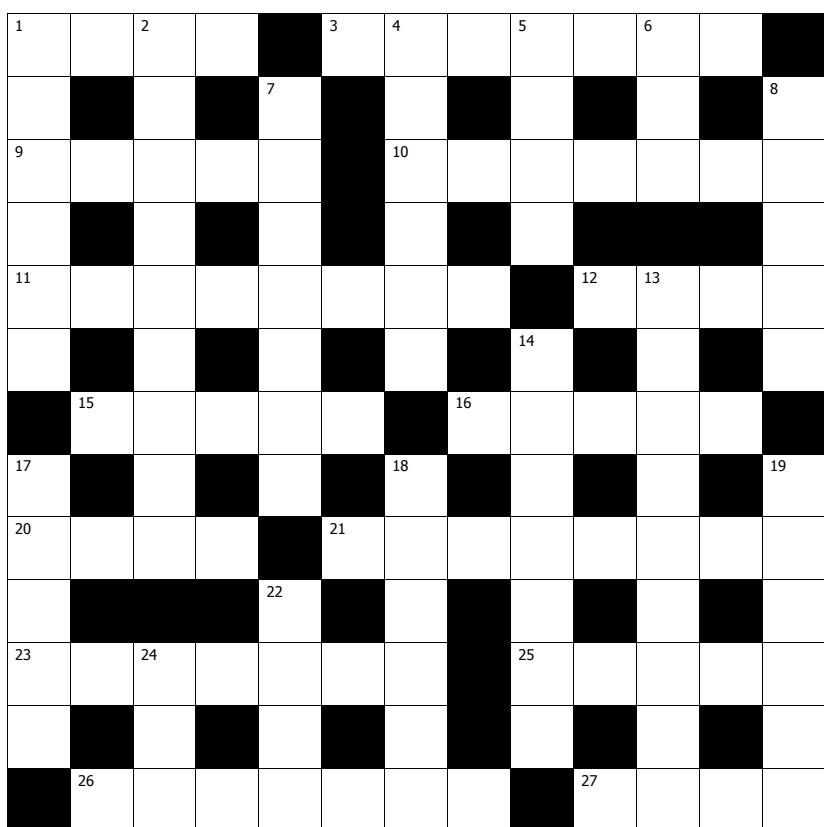
Across

1. Compos mentis (4)
3. Loosely held together (7)
9. Take apart (5)
10. Connected (7)
11. Water (8)
12. Hint makes a comeback (4)
15. Inactivity (5)
16. Inclination (5)
20. Scottish island (4)
21. Hopper beneath (8)
23. Unvarying garb (7)
25. Definitely loopy (5)
26. Knock down (7)
27. Let it stand (4)

Down

1. Pudding-headed (6)
2. Clearly (9)
4. Increase quality (6)
5. Herb (4)
6. Put away (3)
7. Not light (7)
8. Proclamation (5)
13. Loftiest (9)
14. Nothing left (3,4)
17. Dispute a handout (5)
18. Lower back moves up (6)
19. Gnawing mammal (6)
22. Larboard side of ship (4)
24. Drive bananas (3)

ROBIN'S KNOTTY CROSSWORD



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SOLUTION ON BACK PAGE

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Complan nutrient drink.

6 unopened boxes of four sachets each. Chocolate and strawberry flavours. £1.50 per box. Also 2 unopened 425g tubs of Complan original flavour. £2.00 per tub.

All proceeds will be donated to Elton playground equipment fund.

Contact 07774 031684

FREE SOFAS

One 3 seater and one 2 seater with 2 sets of removable covers in cotton chenille - one terra cotta and one white.

Call Pauline or Nigel on 650440

Non-business adverts in this section are free to village residents

Contact the editor if you wish to place an advert here

Resources

Community Transport

A Dial-a-Bus service for elderly &/or disabled people operates every Thursday at 11am going to Morrisons and returning at 2.30pm. Cost is £8.00. To reserve a seat, contact 641920

Jubilee Field

The pitches & pavilion are available for hire. For all bookings, contact Jasmine Banks on 07580 005179 or email her at jazzb22@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile Library

Calls once every 4 weeks on a Friday at the Duke of York - 10.10 - 10.40am next - 27th Nov Call 01629 533190 for details.

Post Office

Outreach Service

Every Thursday in the School House
From 12.30 - 2.30pm

Village Hall

Hire of hall:**New Rates** £7.50 per session or £20 all day for residents & village organisations. Non-residents at reasonable rates. For bookings or more information contact Sue Lightfoot 650641

Winster Surgery Hours

Mon – Fri 8.30am to 12noon
Mon & Wed only 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Each month one Wednesday is not open in the afternoon.
See list on Surgery door

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Village Directory

• **Badminton** Kate French 650273

• **Bell Ringers** Richard Freemantle

07871450149

• **Bus services** Timetable 0870 6082608

• **Community transport** 641920

• **County Council** 08456 058 058

• **Cricket Club** 650494

• **Crime Stoppers** 0800 555 111

• **Darts Teams** Paul Carson 650359

• **District Council** 761100

• **Doctors** (Winster) 650207 Emergencies

733205 or NHS Direct 0845 4647

• **Electrical emergencies** 0800 6783 105 or New national 3 digit number 105

• **Energy Efficiency Grants** 761304

• **Fire advice** 582849

• **Gas leaks** 0800 111999

• **History Group** Lynn Burnet 650015

• **Hospital** The Whitworth, Darley Dale (minor injury only) 580211

• **Housing advice** 761311

• **Jubilee Field** Jasmine Banks 07580005179

• **Mobility Scooter** (Tissington Trail) for more details contact 01335 343156 - seasonal only

• **Pre-schools locally** - see page 8 for details

• **Police** For emergencies dial 999 otherwise dial the **NEW** number 101 (It's confidential)

• **Power Cut?** Call 105

• **Rail services** Enquiries 0845 7484950

• **Refuse collection** DDDC 761122

• **School** 650282

• **School PTFA** Natalie Cooper 650561

• **Swimming pool** Bakewell - 814205

Matlock - Arc Leisure - 581322

• **Taxi Service** - Kate or Neil 07816 201746

• **Tourist information** Bakewell - 813227

Matlock - 583388

• **Village Hall** Bookings Sue Lightfoot 650641

• **Water emergencies** 0800 7834444

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