

Brackenfield Heritage Café

Brackenfield Community Hall
DE55 6AQ

£3.00 admission on the door includes tea/coffee and cake
All welcome!



Thursday 12th February 2026 10:00 to 12:00

'The Rise of the Cavendish Dynasty' John Taylor

Charting the rise of this remarkable family from a sleepy village in Suffolk of the same name to the very pinnacle of the nobility and beyond. The drama unfolds with the Peasants Revolt during the reign of Richard II and a tale of revenge and the beheading of Sir John Cavendish, one-time chief justice of Edward III. Generations passed before his descendant William Cavendish came to prominence during the reign of Henry VIII and later becoming one of his commissioners for the dissolution of the monasteries. His marriage to the fabled Bess of Hardwick was to lay the foundations of great noble houses and the many dramas, intrigues and delights that followed.

26 March 2026

'My Mum had one of those!' Janet & Paul Barrass

23 April 2026

'Breeding a Thoroughbred Winner' Sally Barker

4 June 2026

'Pottering with The Potty Plotters' Elaine and Julia

2 July 2026

'Fleece to Fabric: East Midlands Knitwear Tradition' Bill King

10 September 2026

'This Ringing Isle: Britain's Church Bells' Jim Heading

8 October 2026

'My Derbyshire Life' Ashley Franklin

12 November 2026

'The Calming Art of Nature Photography' Nickola Beck

10 December 2026

'Derbyshire at Sea' Liz Keeley



amber news

For the amber churches of
Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington

Loving God, serving people, welcoming all

February 2026

Church Services in February

Sunday 1st February

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Informal Communion

Sunday 8th February

9:15 am Wessington Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Morning Worship

10.45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

Sunday 15th February

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church All Age Service

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

10.00 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd February

9:15 am Wessington Church Morning Worship

10.45 am Ashover Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Handley Church Holy Communion

Sunday 1st March

9:15 am Brackenfield Church Holy Communion

10.45 am Ashover Church Informal Communion

Allsorts children's group meets on Sundays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Bassett Rooms, Ashover apart from All age and Informal Communion Services, when activities are available in Church.

Cream Tea Quiz and Games



Cream Tea, Quiz and Games at Brackenfield Community Hall from 1.30pm to 3pm on the last Wednesday of every month.

Admission including refreshments £3.

All welcome.

History of Ashover Project

The 'History of Ashover' project is having a special meeting on 31 January at Derbyshire Records Office. Do please let us know if you wish to attend. For more information, contact Mad on mad13@mad13.co.uk.

Amber Valley CIDS

Eileen would like to thank everyone who have contributed to Valley Cids by passing on used postage stamps which has helped their finances for some years.

However they have ceased to collect the stamps and we will no longer ask for you to save them. There have been some amazing stamps and I have appreciated all of you who have taken part.

The work of Valley Cids goes on and you can find out more about them. by looking on info@valleycids.co.uk. They have been in operation for 25 years.

Uppertown Social Centre



For tickets and more information contact :

07966154798 www.uppertown.org

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/uppertown-social-centre>



Eco Church Carbon Fast for Lent



This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

Food Bank Sundays at Ashover Church

Foodbank Sunday on 1st Sunday in the month. There will be a food and toiletries box placed at the back of church on the appointed Sundays with signage suggesting suitable items. There is also a box in the Bassett rooms

Contact Information

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You can view this **amber news** on the **amber churches** website and there are free printed copies in churches and local shops. If you would like a copy delivered, please let us know and we will try to oblige.

Send news for the March issue to

ashoverallsaints@gmail.com. by Sunday 15th February

The Rector Writes ... Celebrate all love



Dear Friends,

Tesco's supermarket is encouraging us to "Celebrate all love" this Valentines Day, with adverts for chocolates, cards, flowers and more...

And I love chocolate (preferably fairly traded of course...)

But my love of chocolate is entirely selfish. It just consumes, and doesn't do me much good.

In contrast, at our weddings we often read from Paul's letter to the Corinthians:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

May we pause and give thanks for people who love us like that, and perhaps pause and think how we might show that love. Chocolates, cards and flowers etc., might be appropriate, but real love is a bit deeper....

With our love and prayers,

From the Registers Ashover Weddings:

20th December Barbara Fisher and Rob Kemp
17th January Alan Moore and Karen Thorpe

Funerals:

12 December Sue Bowmer (Ashover)
29 December Pete Searston (Brackenfield)
23 January Brian Wood (Handley)

St Mark's Church hall hire

St Mark's Church
Ashover New Road
Woolley Moor
DE55 6FF

Building for hire for a variety of events. Reasonable rates

For all enquiries -
email - stmarkshandley@gmail.com

Ashover Celebration Choir



Ashover Celebration Choir meet on Mondays during term time from 7:30-9pm in the Bassett Rooms. New members are very welcome to join us. We sing for Celebration Services, and are also available for weddings by prior arrangement.

We are returning to practice for services up to Easter and beyond on Monday 9th February Tenors and Basses are in short supply, so we would really welcome some more men!

If you would like to join us, please contact Anna (07788455959) or Sarah (07774540003)

Bell Ringing



So, what is Bell Ringing all about? A centuries-old art form? An exact science? An all-age team activity? An alternative kind of music? A good physical and mental workout? A service to the church? An absorbing and life-long activity?

It's all of those – and more (we take pride that bellringers created the original heavy metal bands!). We have a friendly, enthusiastic and supportive team at Ashover and have a good social life as well as our serious ringing. As ringers, we can join teams throughout the country on an equal footing, and many life-long friendships have grown in this way.

Would you like to know more? Contact us on ashover@derbyda.org.uk and we will contact you with more details.

SUNDAY @ 6

SUNDAY @ 6 is a time set aside each month to pray informally for about 45 minutes for our church, our community, those in need locally and in the wider world and so much more! Prayer has been described as 'the engine room of the church' which is why it's important to pray together as a church as well as individually.

We need to keep the engine running, fuelled by the Holy Spirit! You are welcome to join us.



Ashover Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop is open 10-12 in the Bassett Rooms on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. Books and DVDs are available to swap.



Ashover Parish Hall Events Centre,

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Ashoverparishhall.com

Email: info@ashoverparishhall.com

Phone

[01246 590 005](tel:01246590005)

Alternative Coffee Shop

At Ashover Parish Hall
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 10 – 12
Refreshments and Cakes, WIFI & Dog Friendly

Every Tuesday – 11.30am – 12.30pm – New Solo Dance Class. Just turn up or contact Jenny at jenny_sheeran@msn.com

Friday 6th February – Mark Harrison Band with Live & Local. Folk & Blues Band, with story telling. 8 acclaimed albums and performances across the UK.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets from the Hall, Anna's tuck shop or online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ashover-parish-hall/t-gmvmzme>

Saturday 14th February - Valentines Cheese & Wine Tasting – www.gptastings.co.uk for more info, tickets and upcoming events

Board Games

Come to the Bassett Rooms on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays every month and enjoy playing Board Games together over a cup of coffee. Everybody welcome. February 4th and 18th

Contacts: Jane Steel:591371 and Elizabeth Brewer:590646



Wessington Pop Up Shop

The Pop Up Shop will be open from 10am-12 pm on the last Saturday each month.

For more information: facebook.com/Wessingtonpopup