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The Reverend Graham Taylor - much missed in Lower Scubble

Village mourns vicar death



For more than 20 years the Reverend Graham Taylor was a much-loved member of the Ashby Knell community.

A keen hill walker as a young man in Derbyshire, it seemed inevitable that Rev Taylor would ultimately be drawn to a country parish after his ministry in Leicester and Birmingham. He spoke often of the sense of peace he felt when rambling and over his time in Ashby Knell he became an authority on local birdlife, flora and Folklore.

Even into his early 60s Rev Taylor would regularly walk the parish of Lower Scubble, visiting ailing parishioners or simply taking the air. His simple and unaffected manner, along with his empathy and consideration made him a support to many in their struggles.

The Rev Taylor took pride in the fabric of St Dunstan's church, one of the county's finest examples of 13th Century Norman ecclesiastical architecture. He was an active fundraiser for the maintenance of the stained glass windows and other improvements.

The Reverend's love of his church makes the manner of his death particularly tragic. His fall through the belltower trapdoor onto the church floor is the cause of universal sorrow amongst his congregation.

The life of the Reverend Taylor will be remembered and celebrated at the Ashby Knell Bell Fair.

Provided to the party as part of their briefing to try and convey some sense of Rev Taylor and circumvent lots of research on his career, etc.