



October 2024

Elkstonians'

Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

Well, we've had quite a variety of weather in the past few days, cold & rainy, followed by several days of a beautiful Indian Summer, followed by thunder & lightning storms directly overhead, which cut the electricity in the area. This was just a brief outage for some, but lasted up to 17 hours for others, depending on which part of the Moorlands you are in. Fortunately for me it was fairly brief, so I only missed a small part of my favourite Saturday Night TV viewing(!), but it was a very sharp reminder for me of the week in November 2021, when we were all snowed in for 3 days without electricity, and the need to ensure that we have alternatives for cooking, lighting & heating the house, especially for those like me whose main warmth is now via electric heaters...

Short-lived Indian Summer in our lovely valley



Diary Dates

St John's Church

Sunday 20th October	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Cleaning & Flowers for October		Katy Parkinson

We had a great **Harvest Festival Service** on the 15<sup>th</sup> September & were pleased to welcome several former Elkstones residents, plus friends who came from nearby churches & villages to support our own congregation at Harvest time. It was lovely to be able to join in the traditional harvest hymns & chat to people afterwards while tucking in to the wonderful pea & pie supper and pudds. Many thanks to those who provided the supper & refreshments, and helped to clear up afterwards. It was a lot of work & your efforts are much appreciated! The **Harvest Sale** on Monday was well supported & at the end of the evening, after the Sale, Raffle & Supper takings were added to the rest of the weekend's income, the total raised for Church funds was **£1,210.07**. A fantastic result, which will help to keep our church open. Big thanks to all who provided the beautiful flowers and also the goods for the display at the Harvest service & for the Sale, and to those who provided the Raffle prizes, bought tickets & came to the Sale and bid so generously. Your support is, as ever, greatly appreciated 😊



Our main Elkstonians Event for October is...

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting!

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 8.00pm at Bank House

Please come along & bring your ideas for next year, and enjoy some refreshments and a natter with friends & neighbours



### Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

There is now a vacancy for a new member of the Parish Council & we have received an email from Sandra Hampson, the Parish clerk, saying that 'the Council would very much like someone from Elkstones to stand as a Parish Councillor to fill the casual vacancy position & represent Elkstones.' Anybody who lives or has a business in the Parish (for more than 1 year) can stand as a Councillor. At present out of a possible 7 Councillors there is only one with an Elkstones connection, Cllr Mick Wardman, so Elkstones is under-represented compared with the rest of the Parish. The council meets 6 times a year for a few hours in an evening so it is not a time-consuming role. If you feel able to come forward & apply, or just want to find out more, please email Sandra [parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com)

Information about meetings, including the minutes of the last meeting & the agenda for the next meeting in November, can be seen on the Council's website [www.warslowandelkstonespc.org](http://www.warslowandelkstonespc.org)

### Monthly Community Magazine offer of funding

The Community Magazine, issued monthly by Trisha Tomlinson from Butterton, has funds which are surplus to requirements, as they no longer have printing costs. They would like to use the funds to help villages covered by the magazine & it has been proposed that Elkstones applies for funding to buy 'snowberry hedge' plants to go along the village green from where the current hedge finishes, up to the top end near the bend, where the village's water tap used to be before mains water came to the village (the stone trough is still there, but it's very overgrown at the moment). This would separate the village green from the adjoining land above as it looks very odd since the previous fence fell down. We have to apply by Saturday 5th October, so if anyone has any alternative suggestions please let Jane or Margaret know **by 3rd October**



2nd - 6th October 2024

5 Days of free shows in town centre venues, street performances & headline ticketed acts at the Foxlowe Arts Centre



The PHOENIX SINGERS  
Director Ashley Thompson Leek



*Phoenix Favourites*

A charity concert in aid of Cancer Research UK

with  
*Young Phoenix*

Saturday 19th October 2024  
7:30pm  
Trinity Church  
Leek  
ST13 5AW

In aid of  
CANCER RESEARCH UK

Tickets: £10 (u18 £5)  
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