



November 2024

Elkstonians'

Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

Well, I don't know where this year's gone—it seems that Christmas is imminent as we've already booked the Elkstonians' Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall. Have a look at the attached menu & see overleaf to book. We've just had our AGM (minutes also attached) & all officers were re-elected as follows: Chair, Jane Prince, Vice-chair, Don Sutherland—who is also Webmaster as he updates & looks after the Elkstones website <https://www.elkstones.org>—Treasurer, Margaret Grant & Secretary, Katy Parkinson. Margaret & Jane join forces to produce the monthly Newsletter & are grateful for any input & photographs of interest relating to Elkstones. Please send to Margaret at grants.elkstones@btinternet.com.

♥ Our little church is not licensed for weddings & in all my years of living in Elkstones, I can only remember 2 having been specially licensed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, so it was lovely that on 26th October, a third took place when Phoebe Faulkner of Mount Pleasant, married her fiancé Jack Vincent. St John's was beautifully decorated to welcome Phoebe & Jack, who are going to start their married life living in Elkstones. We wish them a long & happy marriage ♥



It was also lovely to see Rob Faulkner home from hospital in time to attend grand-daughter Phoebe's wedding. Welcome home Rob!

Diary Dates

St John's Church

Sunday 17th November 3.00pm Holy Communion / Cleaning & Flowers November Katy Parkinson



Our Remembrance Day service is on Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm

Steak Night!!

We are planning a Steak Night at the Reform Inn, Thorncliffe, on Thursday 21st November, at 6.30pm. Please book with Katy as soon as possible but by Saturday 15th at the latest. Tel: 01538 300753 or email her kparkinson@content2.co.uk



Parish Council Meeting

The next bimonthly meeting of Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm in Warslow Village Hall. The Agenda is attached, or view on the council's website <https://warslowandelkstonespc.org> where you can also find previous agendas & minutes, as well as a list of Councillors, and contact details for our Parish Clerk, Sandra Hampson, if you wish to be considered for the role of Parish Councillor.

Finally a big THANK YOU to the Community Magazine, run by Trisha Tomlinson from Butterton, for awarding our village a generous grant of £250 towards the cost of the further stretch of hedgerow for our village green. We are very grateful for the funding, which will enable us to complete the planting of the hedgerow with hazel or privet in next year's Spring weather.

Thanks to Margaret for completing the application—Jane😊



Subs are now due for October 2024 – September 2025

If you'd like to continue receiving the Newsletter, it's time to renew your subs for membership of The Elkstonians ☺ Since we stopped having the Annual Sports Day, the subs are our only source of income, so it's important for us to have them coming in once a year. The subs will remain at £5 per year, unless you want to receive the Newsletter by post, in which case, with the added cost of postage (12 x 2nd class stamps @ 85p each = £10.20), the total now comes to £15.20 please.



Elkstonians Christmas Lunch
Biggin Hall
Sunday 8th December
12 noon for 12.30pm



Have a look at the attached menu, and if you would like to come, please let Katy have your order by Friday 15th November kparkinson@content2.co.uk / 01538 300753

Then please let Margaret have your payment, again by Friday 15th November, either with a cheque made out to The Elkstonians, or a bank transfer to:

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Giving as a reference your name and christmas

If you are paying your subs at the same time by the same method, please make them separate transactions, giving as a reference your name and subs, otherwise Margaret gets in a muddle! Many thanks



Carol singing – the provisional date for our carol singing night is Thursday 19th December –more details about carol singing & the Carol Service next month

And while we're on the subject of Christmas, with your own family Christmas Dinner in mind, if you want a home-reared Turkey, Goose or Chicken, please put your order in as soon as possible with Myrtle Alcock in Lower Elkstone, before they are all spoken for, by ringing Myrtle on 01538 304225

Neighbourly news... Kate & Nev Barker would like to thank friends & neighbours for their good wishes over the last few weeks, following Oscar's quad bike accident. They are very happy to report that he is now at home, recovering from his serious injuries. He still has a long way to go, but is making good progress. The family want to remind everyone of the danger of riding quad bikes without a helmet—however old or experienced you are, it only takes a split-seconds loss of concentration—or a hidden danger on the ground—and your whole life can change. Oscar has been very lucky ...

From the HSE "ATVs such as quad bikes & side-by-side utility vehicles are designed to cope with a wide variety of off-road conditions, but if used carelessly can very rapidly become unstable. Many quad bike fatalities in the UK have been caused by head injuries. Helmets would have prevented most, if not all, of these deaths. You should always wear a suitable helmet when riding a quad bike."



See the NFU's website for details of training from LANTRA, to download a safety leaflet & to order helmets from Spada with a 25% discount.

www.nfonline.com/updates-and-information/quad-bikes-on-farm-health-and-safety-reminder

**There's a lot going on, so this month's newsletter is a whopper compared to normal!
PTO for more Elkstonians' news & insider information following a recent public reveal...**

Stunning Statue created by Elkstones Sculptor!

Earlier in the year, our very own resident sculptor, Michael Talbot of Treetops, invited villagers to go along to his house to view the progress of his work on the 10-foot-high statue of John Rudge, former manager of Port Vale football team, which he had been commissioned to undertake by the club. Those who visited saw the work being created in clay & found it absolutely fascinating—we are now permitted to publish those “insider” pics! Once completed, the clay statue was moulded, which was then cut up into manageable pieces & sent to the foundry for casting in bronze. The magnificent finished article was unveiled at Port Vale last month on John’s 80th birthday, to wide acclaim.

Congratulations Michael

We are all agog as to who the next work will feature!



See more photos of John in situ on the BBC’s website below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8xez5kl0jlo>

