



December 2024 Elkstonians' Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

In late November we really knew winter had arrived! Thanks to Emma T for the photo of the road into Upper Elkstone—which was passable compared to Breech Road along the top. They only see the Council snow plough occasionally & for about 5 years, like those of us in Upper Elkstone, they haven't received the very helpful & necessary grit heaps either...

Earlier this year, along with Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council & our then Councillor Gill Heath, I tried to get these grit heaps re-instated by the Highways Department, with no success whatsoever. The piles of grit they do leave stop just where the road becomes steep & winding...

However, at least our four-legged friends enjoyed the snow! Thank you to Tanya Fox & Paul Prince for pictures of Tess & Brodie having a good time in the white stuff!!



Thanks to Paul P for this photo of his walking stick in Breech Road!



Marriages by special license in Elkstones Church – correction

Last month I said that, including Phoebe (nee Faulkner) & Jack Vincent's October wedding, I could only recall 3 marriages in Elkstones Church, needing special permission from the Archbishop of Canterbury, as the church isn't licensed for weddings. However, it's been noted that there've actually been 4, the other being Andrew Halsey, son of Diane Carter, & grandson of Cliff & Mary Carter, formerly of Cowhay Head Farm, Stoneyfold Lane.

Diary Dates

St John's Church

Sunday 15th December Carol Service 3.00pm



The Carol Service is now in the afternoon instead of in the evening, so please come along & enjoy a festive sing, followed by mince pies & mulled wine with friends & neighbours. Offers of mince pies (or other nibbles) will be welcome—please let Myrtle know if you can contribute on 01538 304225. There will be a Christmas Raffle drawn after the service, so Myrtle would also welcome prizes for the raffle any time from now.

Cleaning & Flowers December Liz Meakin

Steak Night

Eight Elkstonians defied the weather on the evening of 21st November, to enjoy the village Steak Night at the Reform Inn at the bottom of Thorncliffe Bank, albeit while anxiously keeping tabs on the ever bigger & more swirling snowflakes that were dancing outside the window. We all got back safely, thanks to modern car technology (and good driving of course!), but were all well & truly snowed in by next morning.



BIGGIN HALL
HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Elkstonians' Christmas Lunch

Biggin Hall

Sunday 8th December

12 noon for 12.30pm



We are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Dinner, gathering beforehand at 12 noon in Biggin Hall's comfortable sitting room for a welcome glass of mulled wine.



Don't forget to bring along a wrapped present for Santa to give out afterwards, with a label 'for a Gent' if you're a man, or 'for a Lady' if you're a woman. It's only a bit of fun, so please don't spend more than a fiver on it. It should be sunny, so hopefully we'll avoid the Steak Night travel experience!

Carol Singing Round the Houses – Thursday 19th December

If you would like to be one of the carol singers, please be at Bank House by 6.30pm for a pre-singing glass of something warming & some nibbles before the start of the evening.

If you would like the Carol Singers to come & sing for you, please ring Margaret on 01538 300358 or grants.elkstones@btinternet.com. There's no obligation to invite us in, we're very happy just to sing at your doorstep.

This year we're raising funds for Guide Dogs which is the Chair's chosen charity.



This year I've chosen Guide Dogs as my charity. We 'adopted' our Brodie from them in May after he was withdrawn from training—he decided he didn't want to work for a living! He's blossomed into a happy, cheeky little chap ☺ Jane

In the UK 2 million people live with sight loss & every day 250 more start to lose their sight. Over the years we've developed a wide range of services with & without dogs to support people living with a vision impairment. Children & adults. Friends & family. Whoever you are, our expert staff, dedicated volunteers & life-changing dogs are here to help you live actively, independently & well. We're a charity, almost entirely funded by donations & we're the world's largest assistance dog organisation. As world leaders in puppy socialisation & dog training, we're the only organisation to breed & train guide dogs in the UK. We're also the largest employer of specialists dedicated to helping children & young people overcome the challenges of sight loss. For more information please visit

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk>

Wreaths, Turkeys, Geese and Chickens

Myrtle's **wreaths** are now all **sold out!** but there is just about time to put your order in for a turkey, goose or chicken, so get on the phone quick if you want a lovely succulent Christmas Dinner bird on your table. Ring 01538 304225 pronto, before they're all spoken for!



*Wishing all Elkstonians,
friends & neighbours a
very Merry Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy
& Prosperous New Year*

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