



March 2025
Elkstonians'
Village Newsletter



[Margaret's Meanderings...](#) Finding to my pleasant surprise some lovely hellebores flowering already on my back patio, March means to me that at last we are marching towards Spring, with the hope of a bit more colour in our gardens to brighten things up after the snowy, cold, wet & murky February that we have just emerged from. And we do need a bit of cheering up after the recent waves of global bad news, especially coming from Mr Trump, who seems bent on trashing the post-war world order which has kept Europe peaceful for the past 80 years. Victory in Europe Day on the 8th May celebrates the end of the Second World War with the defeat of Nazism 80 years ago after 6 years of hard-fought battle against that military dictatorship. This country will be [celebrating the anniversary of VE Day on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday 5th May](#), so with a view to doing something to mark the day in Elkstones, the Elkstonians are holding a meeting to discuss a village event for May Day & also maybe some future events. Ideas needed! Please come along to the meeting, which will be at Katy Parkinson's house, New York Farm, Brech Road, on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm.



[Diary Dates](#)

[St John's Church](#)

Sunday 16th March

Holy Communion, 3.00pm

Celebrant Rev Jane Held

Cleaning & Flowers

March, Sally Faulkner

[Saturday 22nd March, Historic Cars Rally](#)

The Hero-Era historic motoring club is holding their first HERO Rally of 2025, around the Peak District & involving about 80 classic cars, which will start at Chesterfield & will pass through Elkstones at approximately 11am. It will take about 1 ½ hours for all the cars to pass through, so expect more traffic in the valley on that morning. It should also be really interesting to see all the historic cars as they pass by.

www.hero-era.com



Photos from previous years' rallies

We are sad to pass on news of the death of Mrs Jean Holt. Jean passed away on February 15th in Aston Court Nursing Home, Spondon, at the age of 95 years, after previously spending several months in hospital. Jean & her late husband Charles came to Elkstones in 1983 & quickly became leading lights in the village. Jean was a talented lady, artistically & musically, and ably supported by Charles, was soon organizing us to take part in a lively social scene of musical evenings, ceilidh dances, yoga sessions, a singing group (The Elktones !) & well dressings—these involved the whole village in one way or another & were something new for Elkstones. Led by Jean, a group of Elkstonians who, under Jean’s tutorship, had become quite expert at well-dressing, went on to give demonstrations at Garden Festivals in various cities in the 1980s & 90s, including London & Glasgow. Jenny Hurst, formerly of Treetops, Elkstones, says “I have very happy memories of spending time with Jean as an ‘Elkstone’ and doing the well-dressings.” Jean loved dancing & was still teaching line dancing at various evening class venues at the age of 90. We send our condolences to Jean’s two daughters & their families. Any donations in memory of Jean can be sent to Cancer Research UK either on line (<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org>) or by cheque to Freepost Plus RUAJ-ZCKA-ABHZ, Kathryn Toner, Cancer Research UK, PO Box 1627, Oxford OX4 9NG.



Left—
1st Well-Dressing
June 1985—
Willie Hurst,
Charles Holt,
Peter Grant,
Frank Deaville,
Stephen Cooper,
Des Alcock &
Roy Cooper
carrying the
board to the well.



Right—
3rd Well-Dressing
June 1988, Church
bicentenary. Bishop
of Lichfield & Jean.

Below—the Well-Dressing team at Glasgow Garden Festival 1988. Charles Holt, Jenny Slack, Willie Hurst, Jean Holt & Hazel Colett.



Wild West Evening
1990—Jean Holt
arranged & played
for the programme.

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm in Warslow Village Hall. Please see the attached Agenda. The minutes of the previous meeting can be read on the Council’s website warslowandelkstonespc.org

The Elkstonians: Chair *Jane Prince* Vice Chair *Don Sutherland* Secretary *Katy Parkinson* Treasurer *Margaret Grant*
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WARSLOW AND ELKSTONES PARISH COUNCIL

Acting Chairman: Mr P Moakes

Clerk and RFO: Mrs S Hampson

Email: parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com

A meeting of Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council will take place at
7.30 pm on Wednesday, 26th March in Warslow Village Hall

AGENDA

Non-confidential items

1. Apologies and attendance register
2. Declaration of interest of councillors related to the agenda
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Public speaking procedures document
5. Public speaking (10 minutes)
6. Update from County Councillor
7. Update from District Councillor
8. Possible update from Connect Fibre and public meeting,
9. Noticeboard repairs
10. Defibrillators and AED donate
11. Bank signatories
12. Items for the Community Magazine and Longnor Benefice Magazine (if required)
13. Planning applications, appeals, planning decisions
14. Items of account, clerk, lengthsman, HMRC, Warslow Village Hall, general income and expenditure
15. Highway issues, grit bins, street lighting
16. Correspondence and communication, website background
17. Items for the next agenda
18. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 28th May 2025

Confidential items

(Members of the public will be invited to leave at this point in proceedings)

19. Burial ground, churchyard drain

Mrs S Hampson
Clerk
Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

26th January 2025