



Village Newsletter

September/October 2020

We were hoping to have more to report by now but it appears that we are heading back towards more Covid restrictions and therefore less opportunity to socialise and resume village activities. We hope all villagers are staying safe and well. Once again... don't forget if you are in need of any help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, a lift to the shops or an appointment etc or just fancy a chat, please contact one of the numbers at the bottom of this newsletter and we will try and arrange help.

The Village and Community Magazine is no longer printed but is available from Trisha Tomlinson email benefits@gotogoa.plus.com and is also on the News and Events page at elkstones.org.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Joe Critchlow and Avril Wentworth who both had ties with Elkstones. We send our sympathy to their families.

Church News

Sunday 11th October 11.00am Morning Prayer, St John's Elkstones

Sunday 8th November 10.45am Remembrance Service outside Warslow Church

Elkstones church remains open for private prayer between 2 and 4pm on Wednesday afternoons.

For more information about the Longnor Benefice visit: thelongnorbenefice.org

The latest Longnor Benefice newsletter is on the Church page of the Elkstones village website Elkstones.org.



One of the unfortunate casualties of new regulations was the harvest meal and auction due to take place on September 19th at Stoneyfold Farm. A lot of work had already been put in by Liz and Reg Meakin in preparation for the fully-booked event but they are hoping to put on something similar next year. Don't forget to book in early when you hear about it.

Since there will be no fundraising events for the upkeep of the church this year, you may wish to make a donation of what you might have spent at Harvest festivities. Cheques should be made payable to St John's Church, Elkstones PCC and forwarded to Reg at Stoneyfold Farm, Elkstones, SK17 0LU. Any amount, big or small, will be gratefully received as heating and maintenance remain important over the winter until normal services can resume. Meanwhile we have some photographs provided by Margaret Grant of folk sadly no longer with us



Charles Lovatt and Geoff Salt

enjoying Harvest in 1999. Let us know if you have any we can share from events gone by.



Former residents of Hill House, Helen Barnsley and Edna Ash

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Congratulations!....

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to Liz and Rob Faulkner who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 10th September. On that day this year they revisited the church in King Sterndale where they were married and as you will see, don't look a day older.....



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....to Judy and David Holt who celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary in August



....and to Katy Parkinson who celebrated a big birthday in August



Nature Watch



A grey wagtail seen on Margaret and Peter's bird table early in September



Elkstones' very own waterfall after heavy August rain!

Thanks

..... to Roger Miller who is doing a marvellous job in strimming the verges and unblocking drains to prevent the build-up that can so often cause problems as we head into Autumn and also for keeping the churchyard looking neat and tidy.

Website

Don't forget to visit our village website, elkstones.org, for any recent notifications and to browse the archives. Keep the photographs and items of historical interest coming in. It's always good to get feedback from people enjoying a trip down memory lane and adding more information in the comments box to help piece together the village history. Please contact Jill or Judy or email elkstonians@gmail.com for more information or if you have any questions .

AGM

The Elkstonians' AGM is due and this year we are going to experiment with a Zoom meeting on Thursday, 29th October at 7.30. Hopefully this will enable most people who are interested to take part and have their say in the future of the society. Please email elkstonians@gmail.com if you wish to "attend" so that we can send an agenda and copy of the accounts which Margaret has gone to great lengths to prepare. We thank her very much indeed for that. You will only be able to attend on Zoom as there will be no face to face meeting. If you don't have access to Zoom or can't make the date but have something to say please let Judy or Katy know and we will keep you informed and let your thoughts be known at the meeting.

Editor's Closing Thoughts:

My mother told me when I was a child that I could be anything I wanted to be. Turns out, identity theft is a crime. My boss told me to have a good day so I went home. I also know a lot of jokes about retired people but none of them work.

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