



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

July 2019



Rob's Ramble – The 2019 Flower Festival

Another hugely successful Flower Festival in spite of the less than Summery weather although somebody suggested that the rain helped because Visitors wanted to find shelter ! Lovely to see everybody getting together to clean and decorate St. John's Church and to celebrate "100 Years Plus".

Many thanks to everybody who helped before and during the Festival – sponsored displays, donated prizes for the Raffle and Tombola, provided refreshments and entertained guests. Thanks to Brian for mowing the Churchyard, Myrtle for painting the Church windows and door, Des, Myrtle, and Liz for the Beef Baps and Trifle. and to Reg, Liz, and Myrtle for organising the whole Festival. (more pics next month – ran out of space this time)

Diary Dates

Church Services – Sunday, 7th July, Evensong at 3.30

De Cluttering Sale – Sunday, 4th August, 11am to 3pm,
details to follow

Phoebe's Tea Party – Sunday, 11th August, 2 to 4pm at
Mount Pleasant

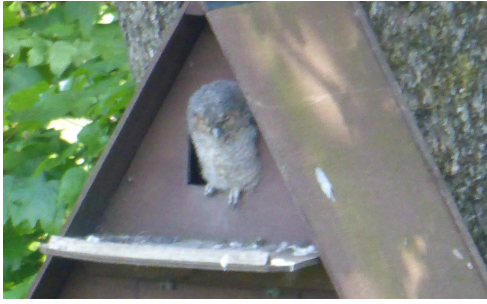
Margaret's Baby Owls – Flower pots

The Barn Owl Action Group put up a Barn Owl box at the bottom of Margaret's garden two years ago and this year two baby Tawny Owls appeared ! This was during a spell of very wet weather and we feared for the worst when they went quiet but they have re appeared and seem to have fledged.



pm Lay Led and **28th July** 11 am

Leek Group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust are looking for flower pots.. They are hoping to pot up enough plants to be able to sell at future fund raising events so that they can contribute towards the buying of Gun Hill, north of Leek, in order to link up that area with their other reserves around the Roaches. If you can spare any pots around 6" high, please will you let Margaret have them as soon as possible and she will deliver them onwards.



Mary

Our oldest Member has not been at all well

recently but we are delighted to see that she is making a good recovery.

Village Notice Board

Many belated thanks to Peter S who has made a splendid job of renovating the Notice Board on the Green. Thanks also to Margaret who keeps it up to date....



Ada Wood who reached 100 years and received "The Telegram"

Preservation of Elkstones' Historical Resources from Jill

Good news! Elkstones has been awarded a grant by the South West Peak Partnership and the Heritage Lottery Fund to help us preserve our historical resources for future generations.

Following the success of our two village books, it's become clear that there is a great deal of interest in the history of Elkstones and that there are still more photos and documents out there which help us to put together the village's past.

To make sure that nothing is lost or wasted, it is our intention to create a website which will have a link to all the information we have so far. This will include a digitised version of the two existing books, the many photographs that we didn't have enough space for, all past newsletters and any new information that can be added at any time.

The website will also be a vehicle to share information such as upcoming events, items for sale, requests for information etc. It isn't intended as a replacement for the newsletter though. Where would we be without that?

To access the grant money, we need some cash upfront and to raise extra funds to match the amount we've been awarded. That means lots of fund-raising activities so any ideas (and offers! – Ed) will be gratefully received.

If anyone would like to sponsor the project by making a donation - big or small - or advertising their business on the website, please let us know. We're also planning a table-top sale the first weekend of August, prompted by the mammoth decluttering effort made by the SEWING group, so if you have "stuff" you want to get rid of, this will be your opportunity. Details to follow shortly.

Judy, David, Jill and Steve have volunteered - or been elected, whichever way you look at it - to do the boring administrative bits and will keep you in touch with developments through the newsletter and social events. In the meantime we would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved. There will be many opportunities including helping to digitise resources, fundraising, helping out with social events and publicity. The more the merrier and every contribution will be welcome.

Look out for more details in future newsletters

Thoughts for This Month

- if I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
- Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- Worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

Contact Us

If you have any stories (rumours and gossip welcome!) or pictures you would like to share, please email Rob@titanic.co.uk