



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

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ELKSTONIANS' NEWSLETTER October 2002

Darts and Dominoes – 7.30pm, Saturday, 5th October, at Mount Pleasant. Not to be taken too seriously because we assume that most people have not played for some years (if at all! – but plenty of help will be at hand). Find a partner (it may not be a good idea to play with your wife?) and play as many other couples at either darts or dominoes or both as you can between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. Sandwiches, tea or coffee, and arguments at the end. Bring your own drinks if you need the courage! Please let Rob know on 300509 now (just pick up the phone!!!) if you are coming.

AGM – Friday, 11th October, 8pm at Towaxay House by kind invitation of Dai and Christine Evans. Des and Myrtle have kindly agreed to let us park in their yard. We need nominations or volunteers for a new Chair and a new Secretary. Don't be shy, plenty of help available and it's only for one year... please ring Rob on 01538 300 509.

The main agenda items are planning for Christmas and an outline for next year's events.
Minutes of last AGM and Matters Arising
Treasurers Report and Expenditure of Funds
Election of Officers... Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee
Future Events... Christmas Shopping, Christmas Dinner, Carol Singing, Carol Service,
Theatre Trip, May Ramble, Sports Day, Mid Summer Night, and other ideas
Any Other Business... membership of Elkstonians

Stoneyfold Lane... Rob would be interested in your views about the cattle grid. Do you use that road regularly? What do you think about the grid? I have complained to the Parish Council because I think that the grid is badly installed causing at least a major inconvenience and, at worst, a road hazard especially in winter. The County Council say that they think it is acceptable.... ring Rob on 300509



Another "Old Elkstones" picture from Peter Grant's collection Who were they? and Where?



and another view of the Church because one of our Members preferred it with the bell tower. picture from Peter Grant's book



and finally...

"Elkstones now" from Jean

and "Elkstones soon" from Simon



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Rob's Ramble

Many years ago I was required to produce a lengthy quarterly report with lots of statistics for my employers. After a few years I realised that nobody ever read them so I told my secretary to start digging out old reports and just update the figures. Nothing was ever said so I guess that they never noticed! I wonder if you would notice if I did the same with the "Elkstonian" because I have been writing it for 17 years since October 2002 and I'm running out of ideas....

Diary Dates

Church Services – **Sunday, 2nd June**, Evensong at 3.30 pm Lay Led and **16th June** Wakes

Flower Festival – Friday, **14th June**, to Sunday, **16th June**

Elkstones Wakes – Sunday evening, **7pm on 16th June**

Village Picnic / Elkstones Ramble ???

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

Congratulations

to Gwynne Floyd on her 90th Birthday – we wish her many Happy Returns and always love to see her around Elkstones at our various events !

Get Better Soon

Mary Deaville has been quite ill recently so we wish her a speedy return to good health.



"The Other Elkstones" from Jill

Some of you may have found that your post has been delayed, having been re-routed via Elkstones in Gloucestershire. Well perhaps this month, it will be delivered by hand by the other Elkstonians themselves !

Their vicar, Arthur Champion, stopped by to visit our church last month and is keen to forge links between our two parishes which seem to have a lot in common. Both are of a similar size, both high up in the hills and both have distinctive historical churches.

Arthur is planning to bring a small group of his parishioners up to the Flower Festival on Friday, 14th June, and will be at the church in the early afternoon. It would be great if there were lots of us to welcome them and give them an idea of life in our own lovely Elkstones..

Meanwhile, if any of you fancy a trip down to the Cotswolds, they are having an open gardens event on 9th June. Perhaps next year we could organise a village trip for any one interested.

Flower Festival

Opens in just TWO WEEKS ! Arrangements are well in hand and our theme is "One Hundred Years Plus" so any more ideas (and Sponsors, Donations, Raffle or Tombola Prizes) to Liz M or Myrtle please. There will also be a Rota in the Church (please fill your names in) for people to "man" the Church and brew teas / coffees for Visitors from 10am to 5pm each day (three two hour slots each day).

The Wakes Service starts at 7pm with our friends, the Ashbourne Town Band, and there will be Beef Baps and Trifle with a Bar to follow. All proceeds to the Church.

S.E.W.I.N.G.

Thank you Margaret for a lovely walk around our Valley looking at wild flowers . Six SEWERS (sorry !) found over 40 species – Margaret produced a booklet and has a few copies left if you would like one. (Pic from Margaret)



Fly Tipping

A bit of good news just for a change from my usual whinge about the Litter Louts around us. Somebody dumped two old freezers, a settee, plenty of old carpet, and some black sacks of household waste on the open ground just beyond the Mermaid's Pool last Bank Holiday Saturday evening. I reported it online to the SMDC on their website on Sunday and it was cleared completely on Tuesday – how's that for excellent service ? And if the Tippers can take the trouble to go up to the Mermaid, why don't they take it to the tip at Fowlchurch ?

Deer Warning

Derbyshire Police have been issuing Traffic Warnings about an increased number of deer accidents. They are more commonly seen at this time of year, between dusk and midnight, searching for new territory and can cause severe damage and risk of injury because they are tall enough to go over the bonnet and into the windscreen. The advice is if you see a deer in your headlights, dip because they tend to "freeze" and stand still, and watch out for others because they tend to move around in herds.

Phoebe's Charity Tea Party

This year Phoebe has decided to do her tea party in aid of a new charity called The Brother's Trust. They help several less well known charities, one of which provides food for orphaned children in Kenya. Join Phoebe at Mount Pleasant on Sunday, 11th August, from 2 to 4pm



Thoughts for This Month

- I asked my teenage daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school and that people use tablets nowadays, then handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.
- (one for David) The goal of golf is to play as little golf as possible.
- Sometimes I drink water - just to surprise my liver.

Contact Us

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