



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

March 2019



thanks Margaret for the photo

Rob's Ramble

Snow drops everywhere – how do they spread ? Must be a sign of growing old but the more I read and hear the news of Murder and Mayhem (and Br*x*t) – the more I appreciate this beautiful quiet place where we live and enjoy the simpler things in life and around us. I wonder if everybody realises how lucky we are ???

Diary Dates

S.E.W.I.N.G. – Thursday, 28th February, "Wirecraft" by Suzanne at Royleedge

Church Services – March 3rd Lay led Evensong at 3.30 pm. and Holy Communion on **Sunday, 17th March**, at 11.00. There will also be an "Easter Eve" Service at 6.30 pm on **Easter Saturday, 20th April**

Steak Night – Thursday 7th March 7 pm at the "Red Lion" / "Reform" in Thorncliffe. Please let Rob know as soon as possible if you wish to join us.

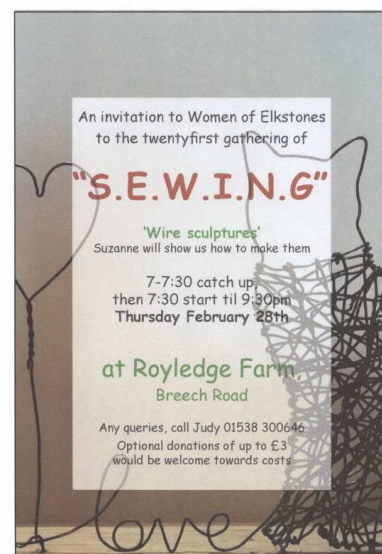
Coffee Morning – Tuesday, 12th March, at Hill House from 1030 to 1200 by kind invitation of David and Judy

Flower Festival Meeting – Wednesday, 13th March, 7 pm at Myrtle's.

Hunger Lunch – Myrtle and Des have very kindly invited us to join them at Townhead on **Wednesday, 20th March**, between 12 and 2 pm

S.E.W.I.N.G. from Tyra

We have been invited to Liz Meakin's for Lambing Live in March - an exciting addition to 2019's line-up of activities. Hopefully the weather will have warmed up enough for us to return to the church for our April event.



Snowdrops

One of the first signs of Spring. Snowdrops multiply by underground division of the bulb rather than seeding (I always thought it was the birds spreading seeds) so I don't know how they appear in new places each year unless somebody is secretly transplanting them. After flowering, snowdrop stems flop down and the seed pods develop on the surface of the soil. For the Victorians, the snowdrop represented death and they even



considered it bad luck to bring snowdrops inside the home.

Snowdrops enjoy a well-drained spot in light shade, similar to their natural woodland habitat.

Coffee Morning

Many thanks to Mary for inviting us to Overdale, and to all the people who helped her, and brought cake and flapjack.

Our thanks to Judy and David who have just offered to host the March Coffee Morning at Hill House on **Tuesday, 12th March** from 1030 to 1200

Litter from Margaret G

Walking in Lower Elkstones, I noticed loads of litter and decided to pick it all up on my way back, (foolish plan!). The 2 plastic carrier bags that I carry in my coat pocket were soon full, plus 3 others that I picked up on the way. Margaret W gave me a black bin bag to put it all in, (which I've left at her house as I couldn't carry it all, and will pick it up tomorrow) and another one to use for picking up the rest of the stuff between her place and the middle of the village. When I get it all back home, I am going to take a photo of it all and send it to the Leek Post with a plea for people to take their rubbish home with them. It's mainly drinks cans and plastic bottles. Hope the Government gets a move on with the cans and bottles returns scheme (which is apparently already working in Scotland) - it may solve the problem.

A Bit of History – about 40 years ago !

Not many of you will remember when we decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition.... We all turned out to clear the Clough below the Village, the Peak Park sent a pick up truck and a couple of people, and we collected two truck loads of rubbish – old bicycles, bed frames, all sorts of debris. And we didn't win the Competition either ! Or enter it again !

Thoughts for This Month

Good things WON'T come to those that wait ! They have to take the things that are left by those who got there first !

"Has there been any insanity in your family?" "Yes, doctor. My husband thinks he's the boss."

The knack of flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss

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