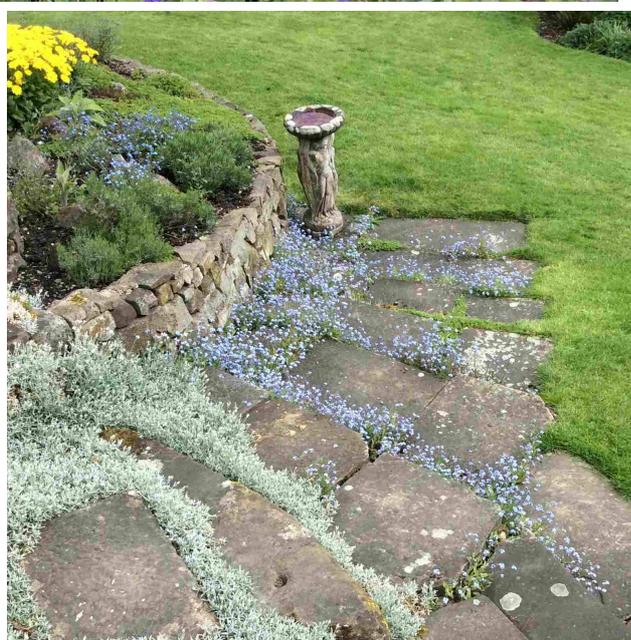




# Elkstonians Village Newsletter

## May 2019



### Rob's Ramble

Last month was Yellow with daffodils everywhere and this month is **BLUE** with the Bluebells and Forget-Me-Nots down the Lane around the Bridge and on the banks of the lanes. The weather certainly seem to suit the flowers even if it is not altogether what everybody wants (especially the farmers!).

Lovely to see the migratory birds arriving back with some more unusual ones joining "the residents". Sad to think that some of those which used to be common are now "unusual".

### Diary Dates

Church Services – **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**, Evensong  
- **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**, HC at 11.00

Flower Festival – Friday, **14<sup>th</sup> June**, to Sunday,  
**16<sup>th</sup> June**

Elkstones Wakes – Sunday evening, **16<sup>th</sup> June**

Village Picnic any body ???

Elkstones Ramble ???

### Congratulations

to Paul and Jane Prince on their recent Silver Wedding Anniversary.(photo from Margaret)



## Litter

Spent nearly an hour last week picking up plastic drums, tins, bottles, cardboard pizza base, plastic sacks on the top road past the old Gliding Club.... Next day there were three new bottles and drink tins !! Used to blame the locals louts but I wonder if it may be the white van delivery drivers ? Persuasion clearly doesn't work – perhaps a 10p surcharge on every container which can be reclaimed if you take it back ? It might also encourage people to collect the litter and get paid for doing so ?



## Another Summer Migrant ?

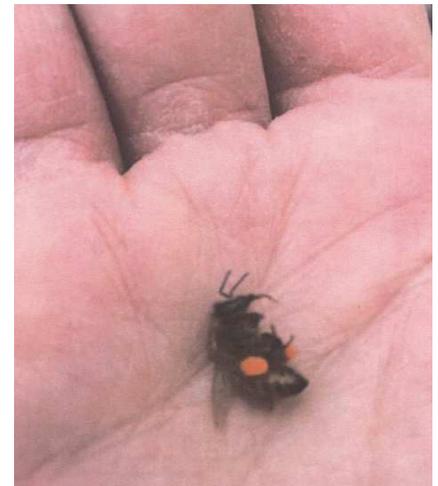
Thought it was the Peak Park keeping a friendly eye on us but it had "Electricity" written all over it so I guess they were trying to find out if anybody had tapped off their supply ! Very low and threading it's way through the trees !

It reminded me that my Mother always told me not to trust any aeroplane whose wings were flying faster than the fuselage...

## Weedkillers

This dead honey bee has dandelion pollen

on her legs but has died from the weedkiller which people use on their lawns. Unfortunately, dandelions are the first food source for the bees in Spring as well as the first "weed" to appear in our lawns. The best answer may be to cut the head off and spray the leaves but that still leaves the bee without sustenance.



## Unusal Birds

← Mandarin

duck nesting up at Underhill (thanks for the photo Dominic).

and a pair of Linnets having breakfast with Margaret and Peter



## Thoughts for This Month

My car horn now sounds like gunshots. People move out of the way much faster recently.

It is so cold outside that I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

There are three kinds of people in this world: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; and those who wonder what the hell happened

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