



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

October 2019



Rob's Ramble

Well – here is my last Newsletter.... Sorry it's late but we have been away in Scotland enjoying some reasonable weather for once (it usually rains on Skye to encourage the midges !). I have been writing this Newsletter for the best part of seventeen years but it is becoming a struggle and it's time for a change anyway.

Volunteer needs to have thick skin, not care who he / she upsets, be good at getting blood out of stones, be able to start rumours at the drop of a hat. Pay and Contract non existent....

Diary Dates

Church Services – **Sunday, 7th October**, HC at 11 am and **Sunday, 21st October**, at 3.30 pm
Evensong Lay Led

Elkstonians Society AGM – **Wednesday, 16th October**, 8.00 pm at Hill House by kind invitation of David and Judy. Agenda and Notes of last AGM available from Rob

Italian Evening (in support of Digi project) – **Thursday, 24th October**. See details below

S.E.W.I.N.G. – **Wednesday, 30th October**, 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Church. "Mystery Event" !

Elkstonian Christmas Dinner – **Sunday, 15th December**, at Biggin Hall

Christmas Carol Service – **Monday, 23rd December**, 7 pm followed by Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Raffle, and Santa

Other Diary Dates to be agreed at the AGM – Steak Nights, Picnic, Ramble, etc.

Villagers

Peter Grant celebrated his 90th Birthday on 16th September, still cheerfully insulting anybody who visits him. Peter and Margaret started the Elkstonian Society 41 years ago and Peter wrote the first Book of Elkstones with illustrations by Jean.

Harvest Festival and Sale

Another very successful event with a lovely Service led by Fathers John and David on Sunday followed by the sale on Monday night led by Auctioneer David which raised £823 for Church funds.

Very many thanks to everybody who helped to clean and decorate, contributed Cakes, Jams, Groceries, Vegetables, and Raffle Prizes.

And especial thanks to Reg and Liz who organised us, Myrtle and Des for the Pea and Pie Supper, Liz M for the trifle !, Brian for mowing and tidying the Churchyard, and Simon M for running the Bar.



Elkstonians AGM

Wednesday, 16th October, 8pm at Hill House. You are invited to come for a coffee (and maybe something stronger....), cake, and a catch up to have your say in future events. AGM business will be kept very short !

Digitisation fundraising activity

Thursday 24th October 7.30pm at Hill House - help raise money for the Digitisation Project Italian evening. Food, drink and good company.all provided at £15 a head. Please contact Jill 07800 808805 or Judy 01538 300 646, 07833 663226 if you would like to come or for more details.

SEWING Christmas celebration

Thursday 28th November at The Barn at Hill House 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Bring a plate of your favourite Christmas treats to share.

We will also be painting the salt dough made in September....don't worry if you didn't make one there will be plenty of spares so you can paint and take home

September SEWING from Judy

In September we enjoyed an evening modelling with salt dough. Many of our regulars were unable to attend but fun was had by those who did. We have some very creative ladies as you can see !



Volunteers still required

Brian Slack has been mowing our Churchyard voluntarily for TWENTY SEVEN years but really needs some help ! The Elkstonians have our own big strimmer which is serviced every year but it is getting too much for Brian – please talk to Brian on 300 283 or Rob on 300 509

And Rob has been Secretary and Newsletter Editor for seventeen years and feels it is time for somebody else to take over – ring for a chat on 300 509

Thoughts for This Month

- Taxes are the price we pay for a civilization. In light of recent results, I want my money back.
- Team work is important; it helps to put the blame on someone else.

Contact Us

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