



Village Newsletter

January / February 2020

Diary Dates

St John the Baptist, Elkstones, Church services

Sunday 19th January 3.30pm Lay Led

Sunday 2nd February 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th February 3.30pm Lay Led

For more information about Longnor Benefice :
www.longnorbenefice.org

Thursday 30th January 7pm for 7.30pm SEWING at New York Farm

Wednesday 12th February 10.30am Coffee Morning New York Farm by kind invitation of Katy (please note change of date)

Thursday 20th February 7pm Steak Night at Reform Inn, Thorncliffe. Please contact Katy if you are interested

WEDNESDAY 26th February 7pm for 7.30pm SEWING at Hill House (not The Barn)

Advance Notice

St John the Baptist, Elkstones, Church services

Sunday 1st March 11.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March 3.30pm Lay led

Monday 2nd March 7pm Flower Festival meeting at Myrtles, Townhead

Tuesday 3rd March 10.30am Coffee Morning, Hill House by kind invitation of Judy and David

Monday 9th March 12 noon –2pm Lent Lunch, Townhead by kind invitation of Myrtle and Des



Thanks to Andrew Wentworth for this photo from The Leek Past and Present Facebook page. Taken outside the Mermaid in 1986.

Neighbourly News

Stuart Wood of Averilside, who passed away during the week prior to Christmas, was laid to rest in Elkstones' Churchyard on 8th January. We extend our deepest sympathies to Malcolm, Sandra and the family.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Frank Deaville, formerly of Reapsmoor, who some of you will remember used to farm the land around Mount Pleasant. We send our condolences to his family.

Welcome to Kay who has come to stay at New York Farm with Katy, her daughter. We look forward to seeing you at village events Kay.

Brian Slack has retired as lengthsman and maintaining the churchyard. Thank you very much for your hard work over the years Brian. It has been very much appreciated.

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

This month we are at New York Farm on Thursday 30th January, 7pm for a chat to start at 7.30. Katy has very kindly offered to show us the barn she has renovated for her business clients and to host our SEWING activity. Please bring along something you are working on-sewing, knitting, art or craft or something you can do while chatting (we're all accomplished multi taskers!) or just bring something you'd like to show everyone or talk about- could be a photo, magazine article, proud possession etc We are in the process of timetabling meetings for the year. Please come along with any ideas of what you would like to do at SEWING.

February's meeting .

Wednesday 26th at Hill House NOT The Barn! Decorating lovely candle holders like this with Lucy.



Apologies to Lucyher web addresses were wrong in the previous newsletter
lucy@titanic.co.uk or
lucy@bewitchedcandles.co.uk

Christmas in Elkstones

Lots of preparation goes into making Christmas in Elkstones special. Steve and Des... the winning team for yew tree trimming and Christmas lights



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch at Biggin Hall was enjoyed by 15 people.

CAROL SERVICE

The carol service was well attended and the visit from Santa a great surprise! It was good to see Father David in our midst and thank you to Liz and Reg for organising the occasion and to those who decorated the church, provided refreshments and helped clear up afterwards. It was a lovely occasion.



Santa telling Cora she must be good!

CAROL SINGING

Carol-singing around the village raised £100 for the Douglas MacMillan Hospice Day Therapy Unit in spite of the reduced number of voices. Thank you to all who contributed to making it a jolly and festive evening with much fun, food and just possibly the occasional tippie



A sproutepede...did you have one of these on your Christmas table?

And to round off our festivities, lots of us descended on Mount Pleasant on New Years Day and were treated to coffee (maybe a little something extra for some of us?) and Liz's special mince pies. Thank you to Liz and Rob for their wonderful hospitality.



Save Money, Save the Planet - Tip of the Month

If you're not using your fireplace at any given time, keep the damper closed. Did you know that an open damper is like having a window open all the time? The heating simply gets sucked up the chimney and warms the planet instead of your living room!

Editor's Closing Thoughts

My friend said he didn't understand what cloning was. I said, "That makes two of us." My memory isn't getting any better. I spent ten minutes trying to remember what the opposite of "night" was. In the end I had to call it a day...

Wishing All Our Readers a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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