



# Elkstonians Village Newsletter

## September 2021

### Rob's Ramble

And you thought that you had seen the last of me as Editor ? Sadly, some of our team are leaving and others are ill so you will have to put up with me again for a while until I can corner another "volunteer". And you know the definition of a volunteer ? "A person who didn't understand the question" !

Our friends Jill and Steve, and Judy and David are leaving Elkstones after contributing hugely to our Village Society – we will miss their company and support, advice and hospitality but wish them well and hope that they will keep in touch.

Sorry to hear too that our Church Warden and Treasurer for too many years to count, Reg and Liz Meakin, have had to resign owing to poor health but have promised to carry on helping us.

But the rest of us are still here and looking forward to renewing friendships and closing the ranks.

### Diary Dates

The **ELKSTONIANS** are clambering up out of Lockdown and starting a new programme of Meetings. Still a bit limited due to Covid but ideas welcome (if you organise them !)

**Church Services** – being revised at the time of writing

**Harvest Festival** – **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**, at 7pm. Liz M's Raffle and Myrtle's Pea&Pie Supper to follow. Raffle to be drawn after the Sale on Monday (so you'll have to join us !)

**Harvest Sale of Goods** – **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**, at 8pm. Raffle at about 9pm

**Elkstonians Society AGM** – **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**, 8.00 pm at Bank House by kind invitation of Margaret and Peter. Agenda and Notes of last AGM available from Katy. Official business very short, time to talk about the future of our Society....

**Christmas Carol Service** – **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**, 7 pm followed by Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, and Raffle (I hope !)

**S.E.W.I.N.G.** – time to get going again ?

**Elkstonian Christmas Dinner** – let's see what happens to the Covid numbers....

### Villagers

Mary Deaville's funeral was very well attended in spite of the Covid restrictions, and the weather relented at the last minute. Curate David Green ran a pleasant Service and Pam Naden laid on excellent refreshments in Butterton Village Hall afterwards. The number of people at the Church was a tribute to Mary and she will be sadly missed by all her many friends and relatives.

Many thanks to Anthony and Carl who mowed the Churchyard in preparation.

**Welcome** to Myrtle's new grand daughter, Delta Milita Rose, born 5 weeks premature on 4th August. Mother and daughter both at home and doing well – hope you and partner Louis move up here soon !

### Harvest Festival and Sale

Please come and support our first Get Together for a long time !!!! Liz M will be running her usual Raffle (first prize will be a bottle of malt whisky), and Myrtle will be offering her usual excellent Pea & Pie Supper afterwards. We need plenty of **volunteers** to clean and decorate the Church on Friday and Saturday, and plenty of contributions of produce and goods for the Festival (to the Church or Rob / Liz M), and prizes for the Raffle (to Liz M).

We are hoping to persuade our traditional Auctioneer, David Swindells, to officiate at the Sale and we hope to raise lots of money for our lovely little Church – please come and help us, or send a donation to "St. John's Church, Elkstones" via Rob, Liz M, or Myrtle. Don't forget, Raffle to be drawn following the Sale on Monday at around 9pm.

*Chair Judy Holt Secretary Katy Parkinson Newsletter Rob Faulkner Treasurer Margaret Grant*

## Digi Project

Our website [www.elkstones.org/](http://www.elkstones.org/) is now up and running – do have a look ! The Archives now contain a vast number of photographs which need **YOU** to add notes, memories, and comments. Other sections are set up but need updating – we're working on it but help and ideas are always welcome.

## AGM and the Elkstonian Society

We are extremely lucky to live in a beautiful, quiet Village populated by friendly and helpful, supportive people. We have an active Village Society which helps to keep everybody involved but some of the people who have organised this are leaving and others are no longer as fit and active as they used to be.... So what do you want ? Do we need a Society ? if so, what can the Society do to help you and what can you do to help the Society ?

Ring Rob on 300 509 for a chat or, better still, come to the AGM at Bank House on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. We're wide open to your thoughts and ideas.

## Immigrant (illegal ??)

Seen around the Village, probably escaping from rising sea levels due to global warming !

Very surprised to see this bird wandering down Elkstones High Street, photo by Margaret on her lawn. Keeping up her tradition of a parrot and parakeet ? Originally imported from India (not this one !), only displays it's tail when there are females (peahens, not human) around, and screeches loudly if you don't feed it....



## Blast from the Past



Do you remember when we used to get Winters like this ? Looking down the Clough in 1979. Peter and I managed to dig out about ten yards before we decided that we had better things to do....

Wonder if we're due for another of these soon ?

Check out our website for lots more pictures of what it used to be like !

Even better,  
add your own  
Comments and dig out  
some more photos



## Thoughts for This Month

not Calvin's van !  
took me a while to get it...



- What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.
- Worrying works! More than 90 percent of the things I worry about never happen.
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but checks when you say the paint is wet?

## Contact Us

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