



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

December 2021

Rob's Reflections

Well that was a rude awakening, wasn't it ? Power out for four days which makes you realise how little successive governments have done to support the Staffordshire Moorlands and how little they understand the disastrous effects of some of their Grand ideas. No mobile coverage because nobody is forcing the providers to extend their network. No analogue landlines soon because BT are being allowed to phase them out (and digital lines need electrical power, don't they !). No internet because broadband hasn't reached Elkstones yet and is unlikely to do so any time soon. And no woodburning stoves when they are outlawed in the near future.

It was an unprecedented storm with iced up lines and gale force winds which brought down trees and telegraph poles leading to numerous faults in difficult locations. Western Power worked hard to restore power but they did not seem to have any contingency plan to provide generators for isolated villages such as ours with vulnerable people. They said that they had 50 teams out working and the group around Elkstones said that they were going to work on through the night until power was restored – but every time they fixed one fault, they found another. Power finally went on (and stayed on !) at about 11 pm.

Find The Sheep

Suzanne looking for sheep and Neville made the TV News and Daily Mirror looking for his. (You couldn't tell which was Nev and which was the sheep !).

Diary Dates

Church Services – Sunday, 5th

December, 3.00 pm Holy Communion

Christmas Carol Service –

Monday, 20th December, 7 pm followed by Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, and Raffle

Other Events – still thinking about them (and looking for volunteers !) NONE so far.....



Photos from Lyndon

Christmas Carol Service

Hope as many of you as possible will turn out to join us in a happy family get together. Traditional programme of carols and readings (volunteers or pressed – your choice !). If you can't think of a good excuse or would like to read contact Rob on 300 509. Mulled wine and Mince pies (contributions please – contact Myrtle on 304 225. Liz M's Raffle (if you contribute some prizes and Donations) with all proceeds going to our Church. Please contact Liz on 304 295

Sally and her Girls have very kindly volunteered to put up and decorate the Christmas Tree so that the lights can be seen as you go past the Church. More volunteers needed to help Myrtle clean and decorate the Church – please contact Myrtle on 304 225.

Bring your face covering with you – common sense dictates that we should take sensible precautions.

Remember it's OUR own very informal Service and a lovely chance to get together just before Christmas so please join us. There probably won't be any Carol Singers this year.

Sadly, with the current Covid situation deteriorating, there is a chance that we may have to cancel at short notice – we will let everybody know.



More Snow

Looks lovely as long as you don't have to go out in it ! Another pic from Lyndon up on the tops. Incredible how quickly it cleared in only twelve hours as the temperature rose. And twelve hours earlier you couldn't see to take photos for the snow and mist !

Digi Project

No further contributions yet....
It's a bit like trying to squeeze blood out of stones !

I asked last month where "Landcroft" (in the Graves Catalogue) was – and Gwynn told me it is the house in Warslow opposite the old Shop – thank you.

Five more names for properties inscribed on headstones in the Churchyard – Brund Hays on I1, High Ash on U1, Round Knowl on I5, Summerhill on H7, and Swainsmoor on C11. Would be grateful for any ideas.



Thoughts for This Month

- Some people say that Nothing is impossible – but I do Nothing every day
- Some things are best left unsaid – unfortunately, I usually only realise this after I've said them
- Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk

Contact Us

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

