



# Elkstonians Village Newsletter

## April 2022

### Rob's Rambles

A lovely spell of warm sunny weather was just what we needed and it hasn't snowed (yet !) as forecast. It seems much easier to leap out of bed and fix a smile on your face when the sun is shining, and I am starting to feel much more optimistic about Elkstonian Life starting up again !

Plans are taking shape for the Wakes (10<sup>th</sup> June) and the Platinum Jubilee (4<sup>th</sup> June), and it would be nice to get together after the Service at St John's on Easter Eve, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.30pm. Anybody for a cup of tea or a glass of wine ?

### Diary dates

**Palm Sunday, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Holy Communion at 3pm in St. John's

**Easter Eve, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Service in St. John's at 6.30pm

**Platinum Jubilee, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June** - 2.30 in St. John's followed by refreshments (see below)

**Elkstones Wakes, Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June** – 7pm in St. John's with Ashbourne Town Band, Beef Baps, and a Bar

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

There will be a Church Service at 2.30pm on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, in Elkstones followed by refreshments and a get together. There will be some basic tea and cake provided but you might like to bring and share

There will be a book on the Altar Table in the Church for signatures which the Vicar will send to Buckingham Palace along with similar books from the other Churches in the benefice.

We are planning to present a Jubilee Mug to each child in the Village – please contact Rob 300509 or Myrtle on 304 225 to make sure your children are on our list.

### Spring

Never mind what the Met Office says, it isn't Spring until Myrtle's Daffs come out – what a lovely welcome to Elkstones as you drive in up the valley ! And thank you to Roland for keeping the roadsides neat and tidy, and adding to the Daffs

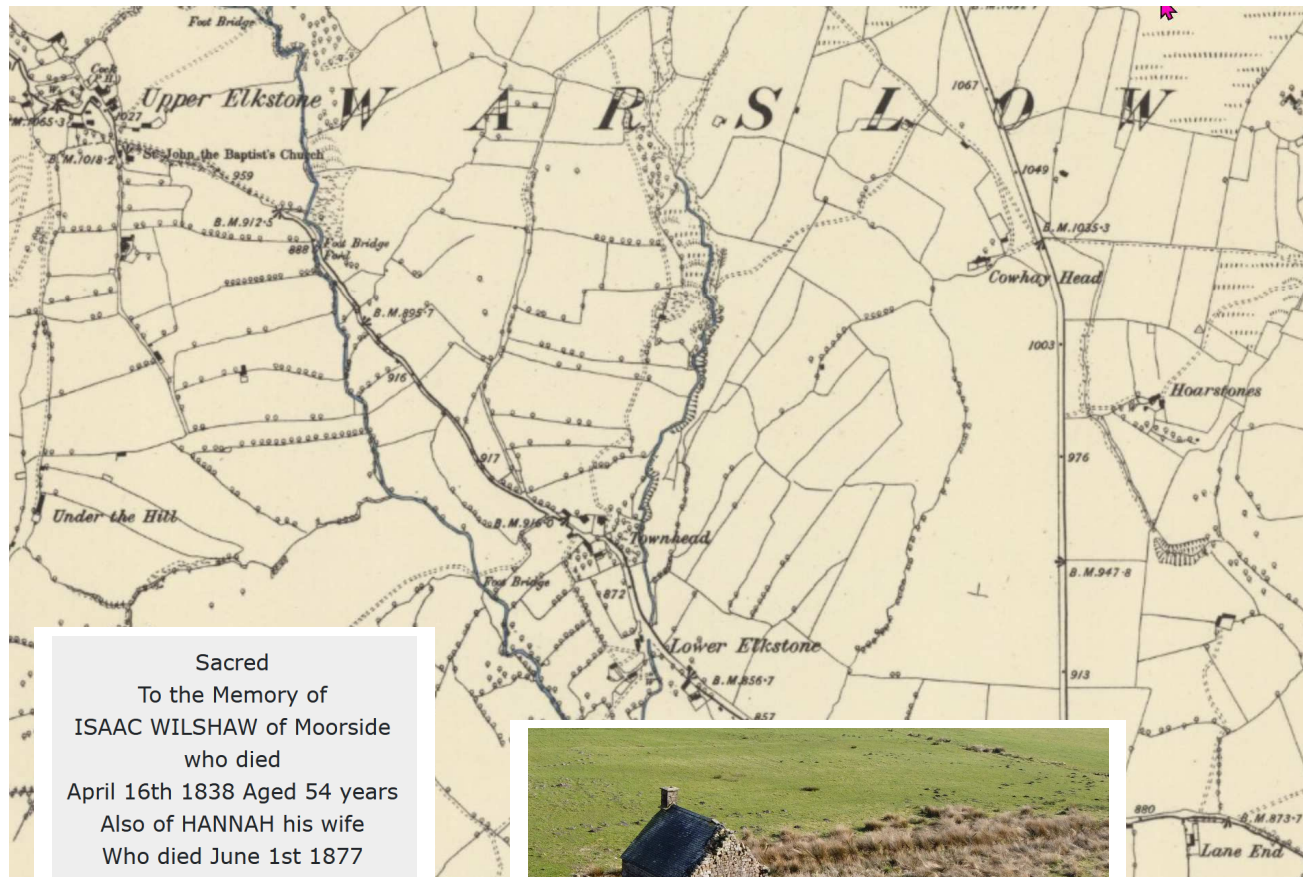


## A Bit of History

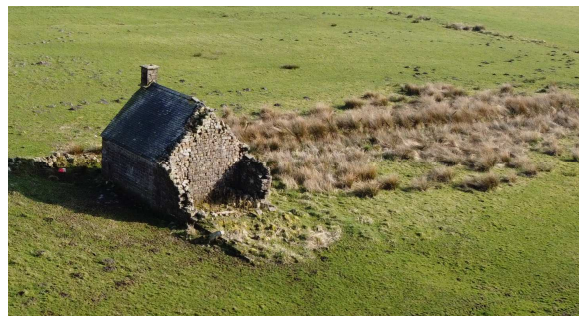
I find old maps absolutely fascinating and around Elkstones we still have the remains and even some records of old properties which have disappeared since the maps were published. And quite a few properties which are not shown on those Maps. There is a large collection (unfortunately incomplete) of old OS Maps in the National Library of Scotland - <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/find/#zoom=6&lat=53.3995&lon=-3.0305&layers=39&point=-1.9538,53.0377>

This OS Map surveyed in 1878 still shows a ford and footbridge down at the bottom of the Clough and the 1919 Revision shows several more properties such as Heath House and the Village School.

Just above Cow Hays on Stoneyfold Lane is (or was) Moorside which is not named on this map but is shown on others – it is now derelict but some of the residents are shown in the Churchyard Catalogue and one of their descendants still lives at Reapsmoor....



Sacred  
To the Memory of  
ISAAC WILSHAW of Moorside  
who died  
April 16th 1838 Aged 54 years  
Also of HANNAH his wife  
Who died June 1st 1877  
Aged 91 years  
Also THOMAS WILSHAW son of  
ISAAC and HANNAH WILSHAW  
who died  
March 31st 1850 Aged 35 years



## Thoughts for This Month

- Can February-march ? No, but April may....
- Do you ever notice that when you're driving, anyone going slower than you is an idiot and everyone driving faster than you is a maniac?
- Why does anyone still have a landline? To locate their mobile when it goes missing!

## 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)