



Elkstonians

Village Newsletter

Margaret's Meanderings

It's very pleasing that Rob Faulkner, who usually produces this Newsletter, is now back home after a 2nd stay in hospital & we hope that he will soon be feeling his old self again. Until then you'll have to put up with Margaret having a go!

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The first date in the June Diary is of course the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, which we will be celebrating this year on **Saturday 4th June, with a service at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's Church**. The children from the village will be presented with a £5 Platinum Jubilee Coin as a memento of this very historic event. No other monarch has reigned for as long as our Queen or with such dignity, so let's make it a day to remember, as we did with the Golden Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee. After the signing of the book which is to be sent to Buckingham Palace, there will be refreshments and tea & coffee, but please bring a plate of food to add to the gathering, and if you prefer to celebrate with an alcoholic drink, please bring one of your preference (and a glass!)



Diamond Jubilee
celebrations at the
Townway House
gathering in 2012



Cleaning and flowers, and mowing at the church

A big thank you to Liz Buxton & Katy Parkinson who have come forward to fill gaps in the church cleaning/flowers rota. This puts the rota back onto a footing where each person does a turn of two months. If more people come forward, we could hopefully get back to doing a one month per person rota.

A big thank you also to Des Alcock & Rowland Pitcher for strimming the churchyard in readiness for this month's celebration of The Jubilee & The Wakes (more of that overleaf). Again, we are still in need of volunteers to come forward to keep on top of this job.

The next diary date is **Cina's Open Garden & Plant Sale, Sunday 12th June from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Westbrook Farm, Blakelow Road, Onecote, ST13 7SQ. Cakes & refreshments outdoors, plus plants available for sale. Please book for 1 hour time slots at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm or 4pm by emailing Cina at zacune@btinternet.com or ringing 01538 300394. Admission £2 per person, proceeds to charity providing olive trees for Palestinian farmers.

Our final diary date for June is.....**Elkstone Wakes, Sunday 19th June, 7 pm. In St. John's Church**, with Ashbourne Town Band. Thanks to Covid 19 we have been without our Annual Wakes celebration for the past two years, so let's make it a good one this time by welcoming back Ashbourne Town Band to play for the service in church & to give us their usual rousing concert afterwards! The picture below is of their June 2010 concert.



The service will also be followed by Myrtle's succulent beef baps, and tea and coffee, and outside there will be a bar as well as a small Tombola. We will also have a Raffle, for which prizes will be welcomed during the weeks before the event by Myrtle Alcock at Townhead Farm and Liz Meakin at Stonyfold Farm.

Funds raised will go towards paying church bills, as we have not been able to have the usual big fund-raising Flower Festival during the pandemic, so please support these efforts as much as you are able, if you want to see our lovely little church looking good into the future. Myrtle would welcome any offers of help in preparing for the Wakes (and for the Jubilee!) so please contact her on 01538 304225 to find out if you can help in any way.

The Wakes are a long-standing village tradition which everybody used to help with - this is the first Elkstonians Chairman John Alcock (Des's Dad!) giving a hand to put up the decorations in 1983...

