



August 2022 Elkstonians Village Newsletter

Margaret's Meanderings

We've had all weathers in July, from the hottest heatwave ever, to torrential downpours, but at least everyone should have got their hay in without any problems!



St John's Church Diary Dates

Cleaning & Flowers August – Margaret Grant

Services **Monday 15th August 2pm** **Burial Service**
for Veronica & Cliff Lawrenson. All friends welcome at Hartington Youth Hostel afterwards
Sunday 28th August 11am **Holy Communion**
Sunday 18th September 7pm **Harvest Festival**
service followed by Pea & Pie Supper and Raffle. Raffle prizes will be welcomed by Liz or Myrtle
Monday 19th September **Harvest Sale**
details to follow next month

We were very sorry to hear about the recent death of Veronica Lawrenson & send our condolences to Fiona, Alistair & their families. Cliff & Veronica were, for many years, the wardens at Hartington Hall Youth Hostel. In the 1970s they bought Grove House in Elkstones, which was their home until they moved in 2011 to live closer to their children. Cliff died in 2012 but will be buried with Veronica so they will be together again in their beloved Elkstones, where they were a big part of the village for so long. Friends & former neighbours who remember Cliff & Veronica will be welcomed at the service & at the gathering afterwards at Hartington Youth Hostel.



Another sad event is the sale of Greenside Farm after Margaret Wentworth's death. Margaret's brother Frank has kept the farm going as long as he could, but recently had to say goodbye to his cows. Frank was born at Hole Farm, after which the family moved to Greenside where Frank & Margaret spent their childhood, both attending Elkstone School. Frank moved to Leek to work, marry & raise his family, but helped with the farm whenever needed. The good news is, he is keeping a few sheep so we will still see him around Elkstones for a while longer.



And now for some cheerful news! A happy event will be the wedding of Lee Cooper & Linzi Varley, which will take place on Saturday 13th August at 1.30pm in Warslow Church.

We wish you much happiness for your future together, Linzi & Lee ❤️



Another happy diary date is **Margaret Grant's 80th birthday!** To celebrate, Margaret is holding a 'Time for a Cuppa' event at Bank House on the big day **Friday 26th August** & would love you to drop in any time between 2.30pm & 5.30pm to share her birthday cake & a 'cuppa'. She does not want any presents but if you do want to give something there will be a box for small donations to **Dementia UK**. This is not expected though & Margaret will be really delighted if you would just like to come & share her special day 😊



happy birthday

The final piece of good news is the fledging of 3 beautiful barn owl chicks at Cave Farm, home of Jane & Paul Prince. Before they flew the nest, all three were professionally weighed & ringed by volunteers from the Staffordshire Barn Owl Action Group & will hopefully by now be finding their own territory in our locality.



More Diary Dates

Leek & District Show
Manifold Valley Show
Ipstones 70th Show

Saturday 30th July 9am-6pm
Saturday 13th August 8am-6pm
Saturday 27th August 9am-6pm

Dunwood Fields, Longsdon
Ilam Moor Lane, Ilam
Ipstones Memorial Hall