

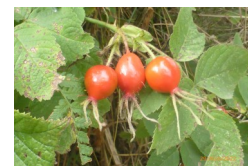


September 2022

Elkstonians Village Newsletter

Margaret's Meanderings

Well, summer's nearly over & it seems as if we're already into the season of 'mist & mellow fruitfulness' & looking towards harvest time



St John's Church Diary Dates

Cleaning & Flowers September—Margaret Grant
October—Katy Parkinson

Services **Sunday 18th September 7pm Harvest Festival**
 followed by Pie & Pea Supper & raffle
 Monday 19th September 8pm Harvest Sale

Please do support the Harvest Festival Service & the Harvest Sale. As well as a great chance for us to get together, they are the major fund-raisers for our little church.



Help is also needed to prepare for the Harvest. The above photo is from Harvest 2009 & even then, the amount of produce donated was nothing like it used to be. We need lots of colourful fruit & veg to make a good display, & then to sell the following night. Also, anything like jams, chutneys, sweets, cakes & other foodstuffs, especially if you have grown or made it yourself (though that is not essential, any foodstuffs welcome!) **Please bring your offerings along to the church by 2 p.m. on Saturday 17th & if you can stay to help with the display that will be welcome too. It's good fun!** We would also be grateful for Raffle prizes. Please let Myrtle have any offerings well before the Harvest Festival. They can be left in the church vestry, or put inside Myrtle's front door at Townhead Farm, Lower Elkstone. Thank you in anticipation!

Elkstonians AGM

Friday 7th October 8pm at New York Farm (Katy Parkinson's)

It's several years since we were able to have a non-virtual AGM so it will be good to meet face to face again! We're not sure what's on the agenda yet but hopefully it'll include plans for more get togethers - maybe meals out & a Christmas Lunch somewhere local as of old. Perhaps we can have a discussion on how to get our community linked up to the same internet supply as the rest of the country, who are all in line for superfast broadband installations while we here have virtually no internet. Without the signals relayed to us by our local suppliers we would have nothing at all. Apparently, we need to contact our MP & make a fuss, so please contact Margaret if you are up for doing this 01538 300358 as we don't know who is supplied by whom & we need to be united in our efforts.

**Annual
General
Meeting**



A big **THANK YOU** from Margaret to everyone who sent cards for her 80th birthday & donations for Dementia UK and to those who went to Bank House to share cake & a cuppa. It was great to see old friends & neighbours again & donations on the day came to a fantastic £525. Along with Margaret's Facebook page & other sources the total is £1000. The money will be used to train more 'Admiral Nurses' (specialists in Dementia Care) who gave Margaret & Peter a great deal of support during the final two years of his life.



Lost property! Someone left a blue cardigan on the Birthday afternoon. Please ring Margaret if it's yours.



New Notice Board

The village has a new, maintenance-free Notice Board on the Village Green, to replace the old one whose insides were rotting away. It has been donated in memory of Peter Grant, who was a big part of village life for 44 years. The key is available at Bank House, but any notices for display can be popped through the letterbox at the top end of the porch & they will be put on the board as soon as there is a free space.



Saturday 24th September, 10am-4pm, Foxlowe Arts Centre

'Making Fashion Cool and Sustainable' an all-day workshop organized by old Elkstonian Tyra Till, formerly of New York Farm. 'Can you be cool & still care about the climate? Well, yes you can', says Tyra & her group of local textile experts. **'Re-Think Fashion'** aims to speed up the fashion industry's transition away from cheap throwaway clothes made using fossil fuels. Participants will learn a whole range of skills & techniques at this free event, but you need to book a place. Contact details are attached to this Newsletter, but hurry, as places are limited & going fast!

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