

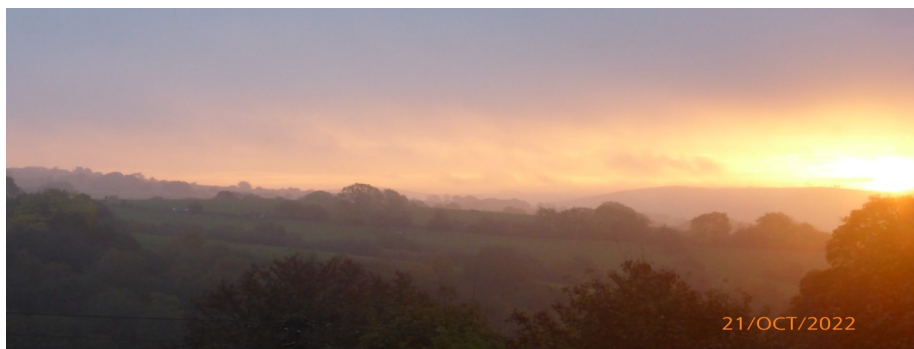


November 2022

Elkstonians Village Newsletter

Margaret's meanderings...
Let's hope that our third
Prime Minister in as many
months will bring a new dawn
for our crisis-ridden country!

Dawn over Ecton Hill



Diary Dates St John's Church & Village Events

Sunday 13th November **Remembrance Day Service 10.30am**

After the Service why not stay a while and enjoy a piece of Myrtle's cake, a cup of tea & a chat with neighbours & friends?

Sunday 11th December **Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall**

See below & attached menu.

Friday 16th December **Carol Singing 7pm**

We will meet at Bank House for home made punch before we head out to sing. Please let Margaret know if you'd like us to visit & sing for you ☎ 300358. All are very welcome!

Sunday 18th December **Carol Service at 7pm**

We have not had a Carol Service since 2019 due to the Covid Lockdown in 2020 & an upsurge in Covid infections in 2021. This year let's make it a good one! We have bottles of mulled wine, but offers to provide mince pies to go along with it will be welcomed by Myrtle ☎ 304225 & also contributions of Raffle prizes. All raffle funds will go towards helping keep our church well-maintained.

Cleaning and flowers for November – Katy Parkinson



CAROLING



Christmas Pudding & Santa Hat Chocolate Oranges
- £2.50 each for Dementia UK

Margaret has some lovely Terry's Chocolate Oranges inside cute knitted Christmas Puddings (12 left) & Santa Hats (5 left). If you would like one (or more!) please order now from Margaret ☎ 300358 or grants.elkstones@btinternet.com

First come, first served—there are no more once these have gone 😊

The Elkstonians AGM on 7th October at New York Farm was well attended. Many thanks to Katy for hosting. The 2022-23 committee is as follows:

Chair: Jane Prince Vice Chair: Don Sutherland Secretary: Katy Parkinson Treasurer: Margaret Grant

Don has agreed to continue updating & maintaining the Village Website. Thankyou Don.

The 2021-22 accounts were distributed & accepted; Margaret was thanked for her work as Treasurer & Jane was thanked for auditing the accounts. We currently have £2,131.39 in the bank. £1,240 of this is funding from South West Peak for the Digi Project, to be retained for ongoing outside costs of running the Website, £319.91 is profit from the sales of the village books & £571.48 is the remaining village funds. We will need to spend some of this at Christmas on a tree & new outside lights for the yew tree near the church door.

Digi Project Update

We have a projector, an iPad & a printer, bought with South West Peak funding, all currently in storage & we need to get ideas as to how we might use these within the society for the benefit of our community. The original intention was to use them to give talks about the village's archives, but Covid put a stop to this & those capable of delivering the history talks have gone on to pastures new. Any ideas anyone?

Subs for 2022-23

These are now due & the meeting agreed to keep them at £5 per household, except for the small number of members who still receive their Newsletter by post. Stamps have now gone up to 68p so, including printing, postage & envelopes, the cost for 12 Newsletters will be £13.20. Sorry, post people!!!

Future Events

Shall we re-start Steak Nights during winter?
The Reform has closed so we'd need a new pub
Shall we also re-start our monthly coffee mornings?
Please let Katy know if you'd like a Steak Night
or could host a coffee morning



Village Picnic 2023 to be held at Cave Farm during summer

Christmas Lunch

If you would like to come to the Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall on Sunday 11th December, please contact Katy by emailing her on kparkinson@content2.co.uk or ☎ 300753 & giving her your order before 30th November
The cost is £28.50 for 2 courses or £34.50 for 3 courses

Once you have ordered your choice of menu from Katy (don't forget to make a note of what you've ordered!) please give a cheque made out to The Elkstonians to Margaret at Bank House for the appropriate amount or, if preferred, you can pay it into The Elkstonians' bank account by transfer, with a reference of your name and 'Xmas Lunch'. If paying subs as well, please can you do it on two different transactions to avoid confusion, using your name and 'Subs' as reference. Many thanks!!!

Bank details:

Account Name: The Elkstonians Sort Code: 01-05-02 Account No: 01027816





BIGGIN HALL
HOTEL & RESTAURANT



Festive Lunch Menu

2 Courses - £28.50 3 Courses - £34.50

Mulled Wine on Arrival

(V) Homemade Broccoli & Stilton Soup, Croutons

Peppered Mackerel, Horseradish Potato Salad, Avocado Mousse, Parsley Oil

Prawn, Smoked Salmon & Apple Tian, Dressed Rocket, Pickled Cucumber, Lime Crème Fraiche

(V) Red Wine Poached Pear, Blue Cheese Mousse, Candied Walnuts, Balsamic Glaze

Lamb Croquette, Celeriac & Mustard Remoulade, Pea & Mint Puree, Watercress

Roasted Turkey, Cranberry & Thyme Stuffing, Sausage in Smoked Bacon, Bread Sauce, Creamed & Roasted Potatoes, Turkey Jus

Pan Fried Salmon, Crushed New Potatoes, Lightly Pickled Courgette, Prawn & Caper Butter

Braised Beef Feather Blade, Chive Mashed Potato, Parsnip Puree, Sautéed Mushrooms, Red Wine Jus

Roast Loin of Pork, Roast Potatoes, Apple Puree, Maple Glazed Carrots, Pork Jus

(V) Roasted Vegetable & Puy Lentil Nut Loaf, Wholegrain Mustard Cream

Traditional Christmas Pudding, Brandy Crème Anglaise

Lemon Posset, Fresh Berries, Shortbread Biscuit, White Chocolate Crumb

Dark Chocolate Torte, White Chocolate & Baileys Sauce, Pistachio Crumb, Chantilly Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Caramel Sauce, Clotted Cream Ice Cream, Honeycomb

Selection of Local Cheese & Biscuits, Homemade Chutney & Celery (£5 supplement)

3 Scoop Ice Cream & Sorbet Selection

Triple Chocolate, Lemon Meringue, After Eight, Salted Caramel, White Chocolate & Cherry, Clotted Cream, Lemon Sorbet, Raspberry Sorbet, Mango Sorbet

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies

Our kitchen contains nuts & seeds, please advise us if you have any food allergies