



March 2023   
Elkstonians Village Newsletter

### Margaret's Meanderings...

The village green has looked very pretty with snowdrops flowering round the new Notice Board, but by time you read this a big snow will have arrived! Fingers crossed it isn't too deep & long-lasting.....

**Note from Jane—sorry the newsletter is late—  
Paul & I have had Covid for the first time & have been feeling surprisingly poorly!**



### Diary Dates St John's Church & Village Events

<b>Sunday 26th March</b>	<b>Holy Communion 11am</b>
<b>Saturday 7th April</b>	<b>Easter Eve Service 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 21st April</b>	<b>Flower Festival Meeting</b> 7pm in church
<b>Sunday 7th May</b>	<b>Coronation Big Lunch</b> 12 noon village green
<b>Sunday 18th June</b>	<b>Elkstones Wakes &amp; Flower Festival Weekend</b>

Church cleaning March Sally Faulkner  
(no flowers during Lent)  
Church cleaning April Liz Buxton

A pair of Reed Buntings has been spotted in some Elkstones gardens. These little birds are about the size of a sparrow, normally inhabit reed beds & marshy areas, but if hungry in winter will come into fields & gardens.

The male has a black head with prominent white mustache-like markings, a white collar & chest. The female has a paler brown head & feathers, but still has the white collar & mustache.



### Village Steak Night

Hopefully the above-mentioned snow will have gone for our first Village Steak Night for over 3 years! We have made a provisional group booking at the newly re-opened Reform Inn in Thorncliffe, for the evening of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 pm for 6.45 pm.

If you would like to come along & enjoy a good steak or choose something else from the menu, please contact Katy [01538 300753](tel:01538300753)/[kparkinson@content2.co.uk](mailto:kparkinson@content2.co.uk)



Please book with Katy by Thursday 16th March, as she has to confirm our numbers shortly afterwards. See menu here <https://www.thereforminn.co.uk/menus> order on the night.

**The official logo for King Charles III's coronation has been revealed by Buckingham Palace**

It has been created by Sir Jony Ive, known for his innovative designs of Apple gadgets, including the iPhone. This is a more traditional image, with flowers forming the shape of the St Edward's crown which will be used in the coronation. "The design was inspired by King Charles's love of the planet, nature, and his deep concern for the natural world" says Sir Jony. The logo features a rose, thistle, daffodil and shamrock - emblems from across the United Kingdom.



Don't forget to keep a space in your dairy for the village's [Coronation Big Lunch](#) on [Sunday 7th May](#). It will be great if all the households in Elkstones can gather together on the village green to celebrate this once in a lifetime event. Thanks to those who have already registered their interest—please let Jane know [ASAP](#) if you want to come so we can start planning [01538 300225/janeprince@btinternet.com](tel:01538300225)

This year's **Wakes** will be on **Sunday 18th June** & we hope to hold a Flower Festival over that weekend, so there will be a meeting on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6.30 in church** to plan the Festival. Please come along to this meeting, bring your ideas & enjoy a hot drink, a nibble & good company, as well as helping to plan a Festival to equal the excellent ones that have taken place in the past.



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