



April 2023

Elkstonians Village Newsletter

Margaret's Meanderings...

Thanks to Emma at Townway House for this beautiful photo which she took during the last week of March. And thanks to Dominic at Underhill Farm for the photo below, reminding us of the weather conditions in Elkstones a few weeks before Emma's picture was taken!



Diary Dates St John's Church & Village Events

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| Saturday 7th April | Easter Eve Service 7pm |
| Friday 21st April | Flower Festival Meeting 6.30pm in church |
| Sunday 7th May | Coronation Big Lunch 12 noon village green |
| Sunday 7th May | Coronation Sunday Evening Service 6.30pm |
| Sunday 21st May | Holy Communion 3pm |
| Sunday 18th June | Elkstones Wakes & Flower Festival Weekend |

Church cleaning April Elizabeth Buxton

Don't forget to come along to the Flower Festival meeting, share a cuppa & a cake and your ideas for making this year's Festival the best ever.....

Thursday 30th March saw a group of 10 Elkstonians gathering in the newly re-opened Reform Inn for our village Steak Night. The food was as good as ever & much enjoyed by all.



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Plans are going forward for our **Coronation Big Lunch** on **Sunday 7th May** but **we do need to know as soon as possible** the numbers of people intending to come. It's a picnic, so bring your own food, but the Elkstonians would like to supply all comers with a drink of bubbly with which to toast the new King. If you haven't already, please ring or email Jane **01538 300225** / janeprince@btinternet.com by Saturday 15th April, so that we can work out how many bottles of bubbly to buy & how many tables, chairs etc we will need

We also need help on the Friday night before the Coronation to put up bunting, erect gazebos on the green, and get out tables & chairs from Anthony's barn, give them a wipe down & set them up. Also to fetch chairs from the church. And of course, to put them all away again at the end of Sunday afternoon (or Monday, depending on how much fizz has been consumed!)



Please contact Jane as above to offer help. The more people who come to help, the quicker the jobs will be done

Leek Post & Times notice about local roadworks

Staffordshire County council has posted a notice in the Leek Post & Times—from 10th April the following roads in Elkstones may be subject either to closure or to a 20mph speed limit while the carriageway is being improved:

Stonyfold Lane, Well Lane, Church Lane

The work will be done as soon as possible, but hopefully by 31st October at the latest.



Whose baby? No, not Margaret's, though she had a delightful five minutes holding him!

Welcome to the world Victor Alcock, Diana's new baby, a lovely little brother for Delta.

WELCOME

Finally, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Rosalind & Allen who are taking up residence in Chapel House at the beginning of April.

We hope you will be very happy in Elkstones ☺

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