



# August 2023

## Elkstonians Village Newsletter



### Margaret's Meanderings...

July brought everything from heatwaves to torrential downpours & thunderstorms galore—the photo of the sunny field up the clough with storm clouds overhead says it all—but nature still managed to thrive somehow. I saw, every day down the clough, clouds of meadow brown butterflies enjoying the blossoming flowers on the brambles, & on my lavender a humming bird hawkmoth, with wings going so fast that it was impossible to get a photo. It's also nice to know that local barn owls are still producing young ones. Dominic joined Jane & Paul at Cave Farm when ringers from the Barn Owl Action Group visited to ring three still-fluffy female chicks.

<u>Diary Dates</u>	<u>St John's Church &amp; Village Events</u>
Sunday 20th August	Holy Communion 3.00pm
Cleaning & flowers for August	Margaret Grant
Sunday 3rd September	Time for a Cuppa—see over for details
Saturday 23rd September	Ramble & Refresh—see over

### Broadband in the village

From 1<sup>st</sup> August, the internet service provided to many properties in the village by Simon Faulkner (Dedicated Programmes) will be taken over by Internet Connections, a Rural WiFi specialist based in Cheddleton. During the next few months they will replace the current links to each house which will provide a much faster speed.

They can also run VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) so we can migrate our landlines ahead of the BT analogue shutdown if we want to leave BT (though for people with no mobile signal, this would not solve our problem of being cut off in a power failure as all digital services require electricity).



### Neighbourly News



Congratulations to Phoebe Faulkner & Jack Vincent who recently got engaged. They hope to marry in October 2024. We wish them love & luck for the future.

Ros & Allan who are currently renting Chapel House are looking to buy a property in the area to live in. Is anyone perhaps thinking of selling? Their contact number is 07595 622335 if you know of anyone.





## Manifold Valley Show

Saturday 12 August 2023 9:00am to 5:00pm

For ticket prices, directions & full show schedule visit  
<https://manifoldvalleyshow.co.uk>

The 43rd Annual Manifold Valley Agricultural Show will be held in Ilam on 12th August.

Events in the main ring will include Heavy Horses, Dog Agility, Sheep Dogs, Vintage Tractors, Carriage Driving, Chase Me Charlie Horse Jumping, Grand Parade of Prize Winners, Terrier Racing & Tug of War.

Many other events in side rings including the Fun Dog Show. Also refreshments, toilets & retail stalls.

It's always a popular summer show with something for everyone!



You are invited to join Margaret for Time for A Cuppa—a pleasant afternoon among friends at Bank House, Elkstones. Raising money for Dementia UK, Sunday 3rd September, drop in between 2.30 and 5.00. Share cake & other goodies, and if you're able, leave a small donation in the collection box.



Last year's Time for a Cuppa was a great success 😊

### Ramble & Refresh

We'll be organising a walk & lunch on Saturday 23rd September. The idea is to book a meal at a local pub & plan a short ramble around there. If you just want to meet at the pub to dine you're welcome too! Please let Katy know by the middle of August if you'd be interested, so she can research somewhere suitable based on numbers. She & Paul will then plan & check out the route!

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