



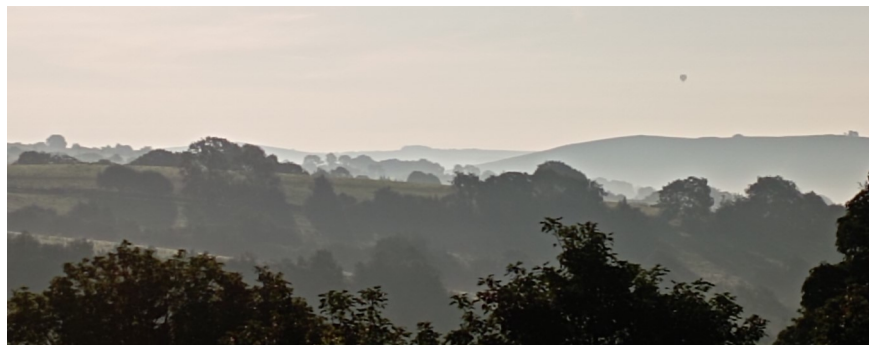
# October 2023

## Elkstonians Village Newsletter

### Margaret's Meanderings...

It is definitely becoming Autumnal around our little valley. I woke up early one morning at the beginning of the month to the below scene over Ecton Hill, but only noticed the balloon in flight when I downloaded the picture! A few days later a different sort of flight was happening up at Cave Farm, as hundreds of swallows gathered in readiness for their migration back to Africa for the winter.

Thanks to Jane Prince for the photo



Diary Dates	St John's Church & Village Events
<b>Sunday 15th October</b> <b>Cleaning/flowers October</b>	<b>Holy Communion, 3pm</b> <b>Katy Parkinson</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th October</b>	<b>Elkstonians' Annual General Meeting, 8.00pm, Bank House</b> <i>Please come along to a friendly informal gathering to discuss the last year's events &amp; suggestions for the village in 2023/24 over a cuppa &amp; a biscuit. If there is anything you would like to add to the Agenda, please let Katy know by Sunday 8th <a href="mailto:kparkinson@content2.co.uk">kparkinson@content2.co.uk</a> or 01538 300753</i>

Margaret's 'Time for a Cuppa' on 3<sup>rd</sup> September was a great success, raising the very pleasing sum of £472.20 for Dementia UK. It has been sent to them to help pay for the training of 'Admiral' Nurses, who specialize in supporting people living with Dementia & their carers. It's a very worthwhile cause, as Margaret knows from experiencing their wonderful support during the last years of her husband Peter's life. Dementia UK have sent their thanks for our 'continued incredible support', so thank you very much to all those who turned out to share tea & cakes on a pleasant afternoon & donated so generously.



Karen & Billy came to the event – thank you to everyone in the village who attended & gave their support. It's very much appreciated 😊

Calvin our window cleaner & partner Paula making their donation – thank you!



The colourful harvest is now past & we are into cooler & wetter weather, leaving the lovely flower arrangements, fruit & goodies donated & the very tasty Pie, Pea & Pudd supper as just beautiful memories...Thanks to the Rev Nicola Pepper for taking the service. Big thanks also to Hazel Bailey for the raffle & Myrtle Alcock for the flowers & food – she excelled herself! – and to all who donated goods, then came to the sale & bought them back again! The sale & raffle raised about £800 for the church.



Peter Bailey helping to serve tea & coffee – thank you Peter



Andrew Wentworth & Tracy Phillips (nee Wentworth)



Frank & Julie Wentworth – very nice to see old faces coming back to village events



Myrtle Alcock & Cora Etches

We were very sad to hear of the death of Gwynne Floyd who died on September 6th aged 94. She & husband Arthur lived for many years up at Cave Farm, raising their two boys Richard & Andrew there, before moving to Park House at Reapsmoor on their retirement, where Arthur kept a carriage pony & built pony traps. After Arthur's death Gwynne moved to a bungalow in Leek but she always kept in touch with Elkstones. She was a founder member of the Elkstonians back in 1978 & was Chair in 1994-95 & 1997-98, playing a big role in organizing events. Still a keen member when she moved away, she supported any Elkstones events that she could. She loved to come to the church Flower Festivals & especially enjoyed the Christmas Lunches where she could catch up with old friends & meet new ones. We shall miss her very much. RIP Gwynne.



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