



November 2023



Elkstonians Village Newsletter

Margaret's Meanderings...

As I write this month's entry, we are emerging from a heavy drenching from the last few days continuous downpour, which ran down the road in Upper Elkstone like a torrent & left floods of water in the road in Lower Elkstone. The sun is currently shining so I am keeping my fingers crossed that we have seen the last of torrential rain for a while & that there will be more mornings like the one pictured right, of Ecton Hill from Breech Road.

Thanks, Jane, for the photo



If you take a good photo of the village or its surroundings, or any event in the village, please email it to Margaret at grants.elkstones@btinternet.com & we will include it if there's room.

Diary Dates	St John's Church & Village Events	
Sunday 12th November	Remembrance Day Service	2.30pm
Please support this service – it was really lovely last year, but most of the people who attended were from out of the area completely. It would be a nice opportunity for us to get together, as well as showing our respects & thanks to those who served & died in the Wars for our benefit.		
Sunday 19th November	Holy Communion	3.00pm
Cleaning & flowers November Katy Parkinson		

Thursday 23rd November	Steak Night at The Reform, Thorncliffe	6.30pm
Sunday 10th December	Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall	12.30 for 1.00pm
<i>Please see further details of these two events over the page</i>		
Friday 15th December	Carol Singing round the houses, more details next month	

At the AGM on 11th October Jane Prince was elected Chair & Don Sutherland Vice-Chair. Don is also Webmaster, as he updates & looks after the Elkstones Website <https://www.elkstones.org>. Do take a look at this if you haven't already – it's brilliant! Thank you, Don.

AGM

Margaret Grant continues as Treasurer & Katy Parkinson as Secretary. Margaret, Jane & Katy will continue to join forces to produce the monthly Newsletter.

The matters immediately arising are the November Steak Night, the village Christmas Lunch & the date for Carol Singing around the village. For other information please see the attached Minutes of the Meeting (thanks for these, Katy).



Thursday 23rd November, 6.30 pm Steak Night at The Reform, Thorncliffe
A table has been booked, but the new management at The Reform require a £10 deposit per person. If you would like to come, Katy needs your name & Margaret needs your deposit, please, to be paid either by cheque made out to The Elkstonians or by bank transfer to the Elkstonians' Bank Account (see below) with **your name & 'Steak Night'** given as a reference, no later than **Wednesday 15th November**. With £5 off the usual menu price of steaks, this is a good value, good fun evening ♥

Sunday 10th December, 12.30 for 1.00pm, Christmas Lunch at Biggin Hall
Please see the attached menu & book with Katy with your choice of food by **Thursday 30th November** & at the same time let Margaret have a cheque made out to The Elkstonians for your total, or pay by bank transfer (see below), giving as a reference **your name & 'Christmas'**.



SUBS are now due for the year October 2023 to September 2024

They remain at **£5**, but if you still need your Newsletter printed & posted out, please add an extra £9, as this is now the cost of 12 second class stamps (75p each), making the total £14 for posted Newsletters. If —understandably—you decide that you'd rather receive future Newsletters by email, please let Margaret have your email address, so that you can be added to the emailing list. Please pay your £5 or £14 by cash (to Margaret), cheque or bank transfer (as below) with **your name and 'Subs' as reference**.

Contact kparkinson@content2.co.uk or 01538 300753 to book Steak Night or Christmas Lunch (with choices)

Bank details for payment:

Account name: The Elkstonians Sort Code: 01-05-02 Account number: 01027816

A plea from Margaret " I know it's a lot more effort, but if you're paying by bank transfer, please keep the payments for the different events (and the subs) separate if you can, with separate references, as it makes the accounting much easier for my aging head to cope with than if they come all lumped together in one payment!! Thank you in anticipation 😊 "

There have been a number of burglaries in the area recently, including one up at High Fields. It's not a nice experience to find your property broken into & damaged, and items such as your tools of trade, quad bikes etc. stolen, probably while you're asleep. You can get regular updates, warnings about burglary activity in your area & advice on how to prevent a burglary happening to you, by getting onto the regular Neighbourhood Watch email list. Just email alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk with your locality, eg Staffordshire Moorlands or your postcode, and ask to be added to their email list.



Finally (phew!) Margaret has just received this certificate of thanks from Dementia UK for the funds raised at September's Time for a Cuppa event at Bank House. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed so generously.

Thank You

**The Elkstonians: Chair *Jane Prince* Vice Chair *Don Sutherland* Secretary *Katy Parkinson* Treasurer *Margaret Grant*
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BIGGIN
HALL

Festive Menu

2 Courses - £32.00 3 Courses - £39.50

Mulled Wine on Arrival

Starter

Soup Of The Day

Chicken Liver Parfait, Red Onion Chutney, Sourdough Croute

Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail, Paprika, Orange, Gem Lettuce, Crostini

Wood Pigeon Breast, Butternut Puree, Roast Chestnut, Sherry Vinaigrette

(v) Garlic Mushroom & Parmesan Cream, Toasted Sourdough

Main Course

*Roast Turkey Crown, Roast Potato, Parsnip, Sprouts & Bacon,
Turkey Gravy*

*Pork Tenderloin, Mustard & Tarragon Mash, Apple Puree, Tenderstem,
Poached Blackberry Jus*

*Braised Beef Blade, Celeriac Mash, Roasted Roots, Kale, Rosemary
& Red Wine Sauce*

Salmon Hollandaise, New Potatoes, Spinach & Peas

(v) Butternut & Sweet Potato Lasagne, Beetroot, Kale & Walnut

Dessert

Mincemeat Bakewell Tart, Brandy Cream

Apple & Sultana Cinnamon Crumble, Thick Custard

Lemon Posset, Meringue Kisses, Blueberry Compote, Shortbread

*Cheese Selection, Celery, Grapes, Chutney, Biscuits - £5
Supplement*

Selection of Ice Creams & Sorbets

*Lemon Meringue, Triple Chocolate, 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