



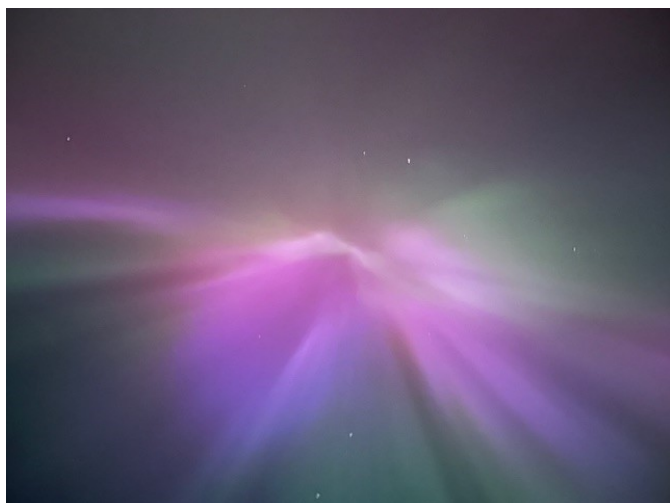
June 2024 Elkstonians' Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

May & June are my favourite months of the year, with all the lush growth of trees, flowers & bushes (well there should be plenty of growth with all the heavy rain we had in May!) I was very taken with the beautiful swathe of bluebells flowering in the wild area at the bottom of the churchyard.

In addition, those who were up late enough on 10th May were treated to a spectacular display of the Aurora Borealis above & around our valley. Emma Thoenissen of Lower Elkstone took some memorable photos to record what could be a once in a lifetime experience for most people.



Diary Dates St John's Church

Sunday 16th June	Elkstones Wakes & Flower Festival Service	7.00pm
Cleaning & Flowers for June	Myrtle Alcock	

June in history...

- 2nd, 1953 Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in Westminster Abbey at the age of 27, with 8,251 guests attending
- 5th, 1944 D-Day Landings on beaches Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno & Sword, the beginning of Operation Overlord
- 7th, 1329 Robert the Bruce, Scotland's "Outlaw King", dies & most of him is buried at Dunfermline Abbey...
- 12th, 1929 Anne Frank was born & in 1942, on her 13th birthday, was given the diary which she called "Kitty"
- 15th, 1215 King John & his barons met on the banks of the River Thames at Runnymede & signed the Magna Carta, removing total authority from the monarchy forever
- 18th, 1815 Battle of Waterloo, Belgium, the final defeat of Napoleon by the Duke of Wellington & his allies
- 20th, 1993 A high-speed train makes the 1st test journey from France to England via the Channel Tunnel
- 21st, 1675 Construction work started on St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren
- 28th, 1838 Queen Victoria's coronation. She was just 19 years old & the ceremony took five hours to complete

Flower Festival—Friday 14th to Sunday 16th 10am till 5pm daily, with home-made refreshments, tombola & raffle throughout each day.

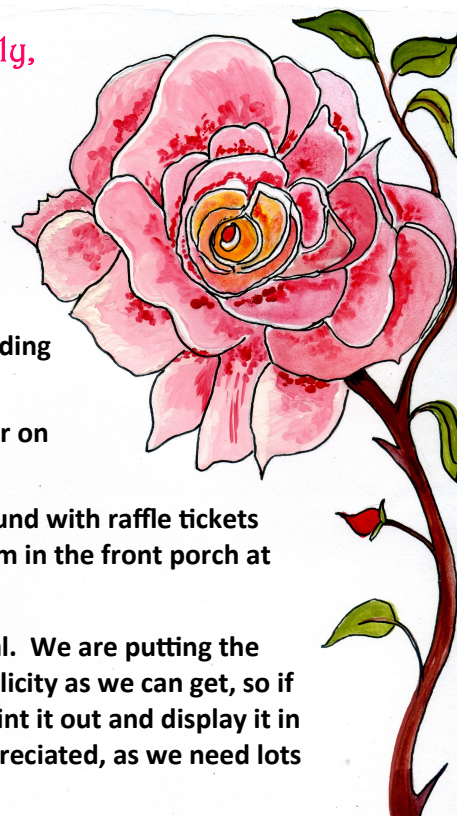
This year's theme is 'Books' & promises to be a very colourful display, so whether you are a reader or not, you will still have something really good to look at!

Don't miss Alan Salt's illustrated talk 'Cheese Making in the Staffordshire Moorlands Part II' on Friday 14th at 6.30pm. Price on the door £7.50, including wine & cheese tasting.

And our annual Festival Service is always an enjoyable village get-together on Sunday 16th at 7.00pm.

During the week before the festival opens, Hazel Bailey will be coming round with raffle tickets for sale. If you have any items for the Tombola or Raffle, please leave them in the front porch at Townhead Farm, or give to Myrtle or Hazel.

Also, attached to this newsletter is a poster advertising the Flower Festival. We are putting the poster round as wide an area as possible, however, we need as much publicity as we can get, so if those of you who receive the Newsletter by email have a printer & can print it out and display it in your window, or anywhere where it will be seen, this would be really appreciated, as we need lots of visitors to come & enjoy the Festival and make it worthwhile.



Flash & Longnor Community First Responders

We are very lucky to have Flash & Longnor CFRs covering our area in times of urgent medical need, & we're very grateful to all those who give up their time to provide this voluntary service. West Mids Ambulance Service is supported by more than 500 active CFRs, and although the Ambulance Service provide all necessary training, support & consumables, CFRs must raise funds for their uniform, equipment & vehicles.

Owen Frodsham, one of Emma Thoenissen's enterprising students at Leek High School, is running a Half Marathon on 29th June to raise funds for the Flash & Longnor CFRs. Owen has raised £140 so far—if you would like to help him reach his target of £350, you can donate to his Gofundme page using the link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/half-marathon-run-for-first-aid-responders>

<https://www.falfr.org.uk>

Events around Elkstones...

The Wildlife Trusts are celebrating 10 years of their 30 Days Wild challenge. Join them in June to embrace nature every day. Sign up and download a free pack at

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30daywild>



Open Garden & Plant Sale

Sunday 9th June
1.00pm - 5.00pm

Westbrook Farm,
Blakelow Road,
Onecote, Leek
ST13 7SQ

Delicious cakes and refreshments available

A great variety of plants including Himalayan Meconopsis for sale

Please book for one-hour time slots at 1.00, 2.00, 3.00 or 4.00pm
Email: zacune@btinternet.com or ring Cina on 01538 300394

Admission £3

All proceeds to YMCA Palestine who provide olive trees to farmers living under military occupation and Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)

TICKETS NOW ON SALE ...

Warslow Silver Band
Marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.
Sunday 9th June 2024, 2-4pm

Warslow Village Hall
Bar and Raffle. Supper included.

£4 per person

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.
Call Laura on 01298 84984

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ELKSTONES CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL “BOOKS”

Friday 14th—Sunday 16th June

10.00am—5.00pm Daily

Refreshments, Tombola & Raffle

Friday 14th 6.30pm

**“Cheese Making in the
Staffs Moorlands Part 2”**

**Illustrated talk by Alan Salt
followed by cheese tasting
& wine—£7.50 on the door**

Sunday 16th 7.00pm

**Elkstone Flower Festival
& Annual Wakes Service**

**followed by Ashbourne
Town Band concert,
beef baps & refreshments**

