



May 2025 Elkstonians' Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

Well, we definitely had plenty of April Showers last month, but also a good share of sunshine as well, which all helped the grass & the spring flowers to grow along the clough.

The thought of snow is long gone, but actually, I have known it snow in Elkstones in June... and does anyone remember the cancellation of the 2nd June 1975 cricket match in Buxton (Derbyshire V Lancashire) when the ground was covered with a layer of snow? It even made the front page of The Mail!



To celebrate the famous event, Buxton Cricket Club has invited players & officials from that game back to the ground. To be part of the day and attend the lunch, interviews and speeches visit www.buxtoncricket.com/post/copy-of-50th-anniversary-of-buxton-s-famous-snow-game



Anyway, it's nice to see that the only bit of whiteness now along the Elkstones roadsides is coming from the stitchwort, which is flourishing at the moment.

And at the time of writing, we're having a very pleasant little heat wave, which brings a positive feeling to cheer up these troubled times.



Coffee Morning

The May coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th at 11.00am at Bank House. Please come & have a natter with friends and neighbours, along with some coffee or tea & cake or biscuits —or all of the above 😊



Diary Dates—St John's Church

Sunday 18th May Holy Communion 3.00pm

Cleaning and Flowers for May – Elizabeth Buxton

Flower Festival 13-15 June

The Flower festival will take place over the 13th 14th & 15th June, and on the final evening, our Flower Festival Service will be accompanied by Ashbourne Town Band, after which will be the usual band concert, with a small bar outside. There will be a tombola & raffle during the weekend. Myrtle (01538 304225) & Hazel (01538 304303) will welcome prizes for these, which can be left in the front porch of Townway House, Lower Elkstone, or please ring Myrtle or Hazel if you need them to be collected.

The Festival meeting held at the end of April was very productive with exciting ideas. The theme we settled on is "Old Sayings", so whether you usually do an arrangement, or have never done one before but would like to try your hand at something new, please ring Myrtle as soon as possible, so that you can choose one of the many suggestions on which to base your offering, and so that the plan can be finalized quickly.

If arranging flowers isn't your thing, help is also needed over the 3 days of the Festival, to serve teas & coffees, and to wash up etc. Offers of cakes, traybakes or buns for the refreshments are also very welcome. Please ring Myrtle if you can help in any way, as a big team effort is needed to make the Festival a success. We get lots of visitors over the weekend & it's a fabulous fundraiser for our church.



Local Churches Reorganisation

The Alstonefield Deanery Mission Area has recently been reorganized, and Warslow & Elkstones Churches have now been welcomed into the care of the Rev. Jane Held, who is the interim Priest in Charge of Butterton, Ipstones with Berkhamstych, Onecote with Bradnop, & now Warslow with Elkstones.

Rev. Jane is based in Ipstones & can be contacted as follows:

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Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council at Warslow Village Hall on Wednesday 28th May at 7.15pm. The Agenda & the minutes of the last meeting can be read on the Council's website at : www.warslowandelkstonespc.org

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