



August 2025 Elkstonians' Village Newsletter

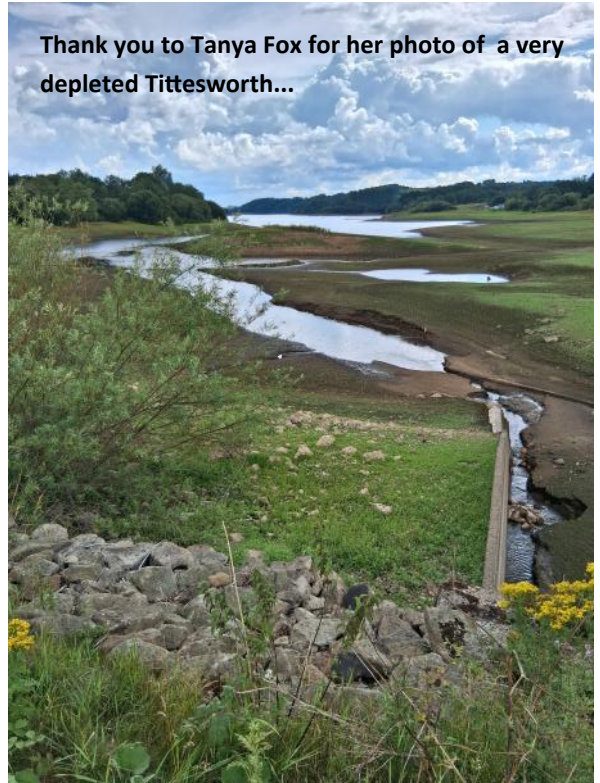


Margaret's Meanderings...

The heat wave in the early weeks of July was a very welcome interlude, enabling people to get the first cut of hay mown & dried in record time, as seen from the pattern of fields beyond Breech Road (below), before the later days of torrential downpours. These were also just as welcome, (to me anyway...) as by then we were being asked by Severn Trent to save water because the reservoir at Tittesworth was by that time already only just over 50% full, and I was soon fed up with staggering out with watering cans & bowls of washing up water to deal with distressed garden flowers!



Thank you to Tanya Fox for her photo of a very depleted Tittesworth...



The hot weather also brought out a beautiful sight of lots of butterflies. We usually see plenty of small tortoiseshell butterflies, but apparently there aren't many of these around for some reason this year, though there are lots of red admirals, peacocks, and large and small whites. At one point I counted over a dozen beautiful peacock butterflies on the buddleia in my front garden. But I was also thrilled during the hot weather to see a Humming Bird Hawkmoth on the lavender. Like a humming bird, this beautiful moth has a long proboscis for feeding on the nectar in the flowers, and its wings move so fast that it can hover like a humming bird, though this made it impossible to photograph with my camera phone.



Photo Credit: Graeham Mounteney
www.butterfly-conservation.org

Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council

We now have a new Parish Councillor, Cllr. Charlie Plant from Hob Hay Farm, to represent us on the Parish Council, along with Mick Wardman.

Many thanks, Charlie (and Mick!) for coming forward to fulfil this role.

www.warslowandelkstonespc.org

Diary Dates—St John's Church

Sunday 17th August—Service at 3.00pm

Cleaning & Flowers for August—Margaret Grant

Charles Robert Faulkner (Rob) 07/09/1937 - 07/07/2025

It was with great sadness that we learnt of Robert's death on Monday 7th July, and we send our deepest condolences to Liz & all the family on their great loss. Rob is also a great loss to the village, as he has been a major part of Elkstones life during the 52 years that he & Liz have lived at Mount Pleasant Farmhouse. He was a faithful & stalwart supporter of Elkstones Church, and was a very active Parish Councillor, serving as Chairman of Warslow & Elkstones Parish Council for several years.

In addition, until ill health began to take its toll, he also spent a good many years as Secretary of the Elkstonians Village Society, producing the monthly Newsletter for much of that time, as well as doing the Elkstones entries for the Longnor Benefice Magazine & the local Community Magazine, complete with his 'Rob's Rambles' and jokes. The editor of that magazine remembers him as 'a true gentleman', which indeed he was, and also as someone who supplied her with a seemingly endless stream of jokes to lighten up the Community Magazine every month.

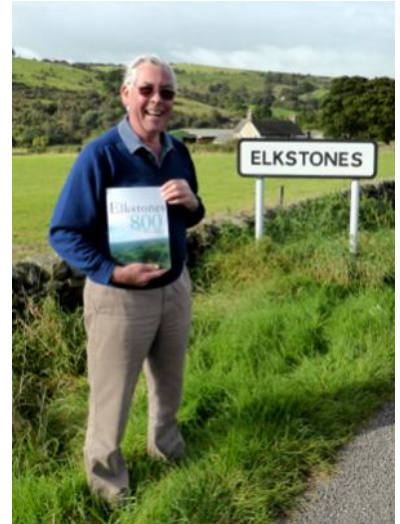
Looking through my old photographs of village activities from 1978 onwards, Rob is a continuous stabilizing presence throughout, giving solid & reliable support to anything that was going on, a perfect example of a really public-spirited citizen. I never heard him speak ill of anybody, but at the same time he was always good humoured & ready for a joke – thoughts of him in the Fancy Dress Competition at the 1983 Sports Day, dressed as Prince Charles, with conspicuous big cardboard ears, or at the Burns Night at Julie & Peter Grindey's gathering at Treetops in 2004, dressed in comical tam o'shanter and kilt, or raising funds with his Whisky Galore game at every Sports Day, Rob was always ready to join in & to be a part of whatever was going on at the time. He will be much missed by us all.

His funeral will take place
at 10.30am on Wednesday
30th July at St John's, Elkstones.

Rest in peace, Rob

Margaret xxx

*There is Comfort
in Friendship
Hope in Prayer
And Sunshine
in Memories*



With Cliff Lawrenson, Burns Night 2004



With Jean Holt, Peter Grindey, Cliff Lawrenson & Peter Grant
New Year's Eve 2006
(all now sadly departed)

