



*A host of golden daffodils*

# *The Elton* **Echo**

A voice for everyone in Elton and Gratton

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## **Elton Village Hall Management Committee**

**will be holding its AGM in March.**

**Residents are invited to attend this meeting and make comments or give suggestions on the running of the Village Hall.**

**The date and time of the meeting will be displayed on the village notice board.**

**All COVID-secure measures have now been removed from Elton Village Hall and bookings are open to all.**

***More information is included in Councillor's Corner***

### **Editorial Policy**

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### **Diary Dates**

#### **March**

3 Parish Council 7.30pm VH  
11 Quiz Night 7.30 VH

#### **April**

7 Parish Council 7.30pm VH  
8 Quiz Night 7.30 VH  
18 Easter Monday events TBA

#### **May**

5 Parish Council 7.30pm VH

#### **June**

2 Parish Council 7.30pm VH  
3 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

#### **Weekly events**

**All Saints Church is now open every day**

**Tea/Coffee & Toast is open every Thursday now in the Village Hall - 10 - 12 noon. Everyone is welcome**

#### **Grey Bin & Food Caddy Collection**

Wednesdays one week

Followed by

#### **Blue & Green Bin & Food Caddy Collection**

Wednesdays the following week

**Four-weekly Mobile Library - see back page**

## Councillor's Corner

### Waste Collections

Over recent months, residents have continued to experience problems with their waste collections. At the time of writing, I am pleased to say there are signs of improvement and the backlog of missed collections has now been cleared. Following pressure from councillors, Derbyshire Dales District Council has adopted a much tougher stance with SERCO and the maximum financial penalties are being applied for failure to provide waste services. SERCO has also made changes to their operations and management which appears to be having a positive impact. I will continue to keep a close eye on the service in my ward. If you are having any issues with your waste collections, please get in touch.

### Defibrillator Training

It's been 4 years since the defibrillator was installed in the Elton telephone box. In the coming weeks, every household in Elton will receive a leaflet which will remind you about where the device is located and how to access and use it. Please read the leaflet carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference. Alongside this, the Parish Council will be issuing fridge magnets displaying the keycode needed to access the defibrillator. Please put the magnet on your fridge or another place in the home where everybody can see it or find it quickly if needed. Finally, we plan to hold a demonstration session in April which will show you how to use the defibrillator. Details about the training event will be included in the leaflet.

### Play Area Update

Fundraising for the new play area stands at £15,000. A recent application for funding from Severn Trent was rejected, but another is currently being considered by the Tarmac Community Fund. If residents know of any other grant opportunities or have any suggestions for fundraising, please let me know.

### Village Hall Update

All COVID-secure measures have now been removed from Elton Village Hall and bookings are open to all. Anybody using the village hall is asked to act responsibly and think about the welfare of others. If you are displaying the symptoms of Coronavirus, please take a lateral flow test before using the facilities. If you test positive for COVID-19, please do not attend any event in the hall or cancel your booking. Elton Village Hall Management Committee will be holding its AGM in March and residents are invited to make comments or give suggestions on the running of the Village Hall. The date and time of the meeting will be displayed on the village notice board.

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## **Keeping in-touch**

Residents can sign-up to receive regular emails from Elton Parish Council with up-to-date news, notices and information, please send your email address to [elton@live.co.uk](mailto:elton@live.co.uk) We will only send information that is relevant to Elton and your day-to-day life. We would also like to remind you that the Parish Council has restarted meetings in-person. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month (except August) at 7:30pm in Elton Village Hall. The public are welcome to attend to make comments or raise questions about the village, local services or Parish Council business.

## **Finally...**

The last two years have been difficult for everybody. As your District Councillor, they have certainly been the most challenging for me so far. I want to take this opportunity to thank residents for their patience, support and cooperation during this difficult time. I also want to apologise if at times I have not been as responsive or helpful as usual - or even a bit short! Hopefully things will calm down over the coming year and we can get back to business as usual.

## **Can I help you?**

If you need help, have an issue of concern or know of a problem that needs fixing, please contact me. My contact details are below. If I'm not the right person to help, I will try to point you in the right direction.

Colin Swindell

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Well folks it's that time of year again, when the grass starts growing. Your "Churchyard" needs you! We are looking for volunteers to help with cutting and keeping your "Churchyard" looking good, tidy and something you can be proud of!

We have had a difficult time over the past 2 years with Covid restrictions, which has meant that we have not had the funds to complete this task. We have had quotes for cutting, but it's been way more than we expected (£750 per cut every 2 weeks). So perhaps it's your time to offer some help and support.

I don't want to be all doom and gloom, but I think it's time we all pulled together as a "community" to conserve our heritage and to look after something that has been in our village for hundreds of years.

So, if you think you're up to it and can help, please give us a call on 07548 264963 ask for John or 07521 015013 ask for Anne. Also to let us know if you have some equipment that you think may help i.e. petrol lawn mowers or strimmers. We will help with fuel costs, if necessary.

So, let's make the effort to make this happen.

Reverend John Spreadborough.

PS There will be tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes, etc and good company.

## All Saints Church

Team Rector: Canon David Truby 824707  
Team Curate: Rev J Spreadborough 650829  
Church Warden: John Sinclair

Following the relaxation of the Covid rules, the Church is now open everyday

## Mutterings – March 2022.

I don't like Winter. There, I said it. Mainly because the nights are long, the cold sets in, the days are gloomy and overcast, viruses are rampant and... well, you get the picture, not my favourite time of the year. But then little things can brighten up my day and often do. Today for example my day was improved by dozens of little blessings: a hot shower; a great cup of tea; a helpful receptionist at my local dentist making my life easier; the pleasure in helping someone who needed a lift; the fact that my computer worked this morning and my car started... It is easy to just let these moments of light pass us by without us noticing them. But noticing them is important because Scripture tells us that we are children of light, made in the image of God. Therefore, I always feel that gives me the duty, and privilege, to be light in the darkness. Sometimes the best bit of my day is when I somehow, manage to lighten someone else's day. John Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, had a prayer that summarises this beautifully and is a good prayer to start every day – specially a cold, dark winter one:

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

And it isn't long till Spring... and with Spring comes Easter. Just like when Spring bursts through the cold of Winter, Easter always feels like a blessed relief. Easter equals new life. For Christians it is the celebration of God's unlimited love washing over his creation. It's our annual reminder to show gratitude to God by loving others back. So, if it is possible in your context, go and *be* Easter to someone else, be life-giving to those around you.

God bless you and all whom you love.

Rev Carla Vicêncio Prior

## Your Village. Your Community. Your Shop.



We would love to tell you a bit more about the Shop. Did you know....

1. Winster Village Shop has been community-owned since its purchase from a resident of Elton in 2005
2. The Shop is in the top 8% of community owned shops in England based on annual turnover
3. The Winster Village Shop Association (WVSA) was established in 2005 to ensure the community ownership
4. The business is owned by the local community with over 70 residents, now living near and far, making interest-free loans to support the initial purchase and subsequent mortgage redemption
5. The Directors of the WVSA Board are accountable for the long-term sustainability of the shop, ensuring financial viability of the business and legal compliance. The Chairman of the Board oversees and approves all activities.
6. The shop is managed day-to-day by two full-time Shop Managers, Katrina and Jayne, both of whom live in Winster. They report directly to the Chairman. The shop also employs four part-time members of staff, all of whom live locally in Winster, Wensley and Elton.
7. The shop would not be able to function at its current level without the support and goodwill of over 30 local volunteers; several of whom come from Elton and Gratton. They support the day-to-day operation of the shop: working the till; restocking the shelves; preparing orders; dressing the windows; delivering orders for vulnerable or self-isolating residents or collecting produce from our local suppliers. The volunteers are co-ordinated and trained by other volunteers! If you would like to become a volunteer, please email: [volunteer@winstervillageshop.com](mailto:volunteer@winstervillageshop.com)
8. The shop manages the delivery of newspapers to Winster residents Monday-Friday and to Elton residents Monday – Sunday. We also reserve newspapers for many residents who pop in to collect theirs each day.
9. If you would like to join our Mailing List for regular updates and shop information, please ask in the shop or go to our website ([winstervillageshop.com/contact-details](http://winstervillageshop.com/contact-details))

If you wish to place an **order** please do so by 12noon on the previous day:

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- or phone us on 01629 650683

Please note:

- Coates the Butchers deliveries are Fridays only; all orders must be received by close of business on Wednesday
- Critchlows farm shop deliveries are Tuesdays and Fridays; all orders must be received by 10am the previous day

We have more choice than you think! Don't forget your local shop when you are planning your Easter purchases – chocolates, plants, or lunch for the family.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Baked Bean can cakes, bicycle smoothies and Stonehenge

We've been busy with all sorts of activities since the last issue. Before Christmas the children (and their families) baked some very tasty treats and dressed up for Children in Need. Through sales and donations we raised £174 for a very worthy cause.



We then continued making cakes. The next session involved our annual Christmas cakes made in Baked Bean cans. We had some lovely decorations added to the tops and we hope the families enjoyed them. At Forest School we enjoyed marshmallows outside on the fire, hotdogs, mini quiches and chocolate cake, all prepared by the children.



Recently our older children had a chance to make some unusual fruit smoothies. They took part in a healthy wellbeing event at Highfields School. During a great afternoon they had a go at Zumba, tennis, cycling and self defence activities. To make some healthy smoothies they



had to do some serious cycling to power the blender sat on top. Great fun and very tasty.



Key stage 1 followed this with their own visit to Highfields. They enjoyed a morning of entertaining exercises relating to ball skills. We always enjoy these sessions and it's great to see many personal achievements by the children.

We've just had the Chinese New Year and this year is the Year of the Tiger. The whole school has been looking at China,



we've been learning a bit about their country and culture. The children have been busy making tigers, lanterns and dragon masks. KS1 made a very impressive and brightly painted dragon mask that covered their entire head. It would look great in a parade! There was also more cooking. Our Thursday cooking group prepared tasty Chinese food for those outside doing Forest School.



For our topic in KS2 we are looking at Prehistoric times and we've been busy in our art lessons. We had a go at our versions of cave paintings and then produced some great images based on Stonehenge. We were all really pleased with the results. Even English Heritage Stonehenge sent us a message on Twitter to say they loved the pictures.

You can find us on Twitter - @elton\_school

## THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR.....MORE THAN JUST A MEDAL



As this picture shows, I have finally had my father's World War Two medals properly boxed up. He was proud of them all but the one second from the left in the photograph is surely the most important. It is the 'France and Germany Star' awarded for service in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany between 6 June 1944 (D Day) and 8 May 1945 (VE Day). I am no historian but to have someone in the family who took part in one of the most important military campaigns ever undertaken is a matter of great pride. Had the allied invasion failed in 1944/45 and Hitler's Germany prevailed as a result, we can only guess at the consequences for us all.

My dad was Cliff Stone. He died in 2005. Other than his period of war service, he lived his entire 86 years in Elton. Reading his notes from the period covered by that particular medal is a humbling experience. It is obvious that those men faced great danger pretty much at every twist and turn as they fought their way across Europe. I have picked out one incident from his notes for this article.

Dad wrote – 'In September 1944 we had to drop supplies to our ground troops at Arnhem in broad daylight. Our pilot was a Canadian and once he gave us the green light over the drop zone, we got the containers out as quickly as we could so as to get away from the fighters and the flak. I think we were lucky to get back safely. We lost an awful lot of the lads that were in the crews that day.' Dad gives very little additional detail about this in his notes. But, as it happens, one of the other pilots on that mission, Flight Lieutenant David Lord, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions that day and his citation gives considerably more detail about the circumstances.

The Arnhem campaign in the Netherlands (Operation 'Market Garden') was undertaken in the vain hope of shortening the war but it did not go well for the allies. By 19 September 1944 our troops in Arnhem were completely surrounded by the enemy. They had not eaten properly for several days and were also desperately short of water and ammunition.

That afternoon a fleet of Dakota and Stirling aircraft was ordered to drop supplies to the desperate troops below. The Dakotas were crewed by three RAF men (a pilot, a co-pilot and a navigator) and four army despatchers whose job was to actually discharge the supplies from the plane. Cliff Stone was a despatcher on one of the Dakotas. These planes were chosen as they were ideal for carrying cargo but they were completely unarmed and certainly not built for manoeuvring. Worse still - on that day they were required to fly particularly low (at 900 feet) in order to ensure that their payloads were delivered as accurately as possible. In short - the lumbering Dakotas were easy prey for enemy fighters and, flying so low and in broad daylight, proved to be excellent targets for the flak gunners on the ground. The British air crews were warned that that they would be met with 'intense opposition' over the drop zone. One can only imagine how they felt as they took off. They must have known that they would be very easy targets and that not all of them would get back safely. But this was war. Orders were orders.

## The Jessie Buxton 100 Club

### **PRIZE RESULTS**

#### **December**

1st Matthew Thomas 74  
 2nd Phil Sadler 42  
 3rd Carrie Mathieson 96

#### **January**

1st Anna Brown 85  
 2nd Carol & Craig Oxley 89  
 3rd Iris & Colin Shorrocks 13

#### **February**

1st Rachel Miller 93  
 2nd Ruth Ross 49  
 3rd Iris & Colin Shorrocks 13

The Jessie Buxton 100 Club has been a vital source of income over the past 2 years and covers necessary running costs, such as insurance for the Jubilee Field.

If you would like a number or to go onto a waiting list, please contact [eltonjubileefield@outlook.com](mailto:eltonjubileefield@outlook.com).

It's a brilliant way to support the Elton Jubilee Field and who knows ..... you may be a winner!

All proceeds go to the running and general upkeep of Elton Jubilee Sports & Recreation Field  
 (Registered Charity No. 507662)



## **Outreach Service, Elton**

The service is located at:  
**The School House, Elton Primary School,  
 Main Street, Elton**

Opening time  
**Every Thursday between 12:30pm and 2:30pm**

### **Services include:**

**Postal services, stamps, pensions, benefits, council tax & bill payments,  
 Plus car tax, paying in cheques to your bank and cash withdrawals**

*(Some services may be subject to change)*

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In the official record of the British Airborne Divisions (Dad was in the Sixth Airborne Division) the section describing this action is entitled 'They flew straight into a flaming hell' which pretty much sums up what transpired. There are dramatic eye witness accounts in the official record of British planes being shot down and crashing in flames even before they reached the drop zone. Flight Lieutenant Lord's Dakota was hit on the starboard wing by anti-aircraft fire early in the proceedings. On learning that his crew were uninjured and that they were only three minutes away from the drop zone he decided to proceed with the mission - acutely aware that the airborne troops below were in desperate need of his precious cargo. By now the fire on the starboard wing was raging and it was pretty clear that the plane would not make it back. Even so - Lord made a second run over the drop zone to enable discharge of two remaining containers still on board. With the mission now finally completed Lord ordered the others to abandon the aircraft, remaining at the controls himself to give his crew the best possible chance of escape. But almost immediately the damaged wing collapsed and the plane crashed to earth. Six of the men on board, including Lord himself, were lost. The navigator (Pilot Officer Harry King) was the sole survivor. After parachuting to earth King was taken prisoner by the Germans but, on his release at the end of the war, he was able to describe the events of 19 September to the authorities. As a consequence, Flight Lieutenant Lord was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for his actions on that afternoon over Arnhem. He remains the only RAF Transport Command member to be ever awarded the VC.

Cliff Stone was clearly one of the very fortunate ones that day. The aircraft he was aboard reached the drop zone, released its cargo and returned unscathed - somehow avoiding the enemy flak and fighter planes. It could have turned out very differently of course - in which case I suppose I would not be writing this piece today. Dad was lucky again a few months later as his unit moved into Northern Germany when it was attacked by low flying jets which the Germans had developed at the very end of the war. The jets (which the British troops had not experienced before) appeared to come from nowhere. They dropped anti-personnel bombs before machine-gunning survivors. Cliff managed to save himself by diving into a ditch but some of his mates were not so fortunate.

Not long after that incident Dad was a member of the British Sixth Airborne unit which met up with the Russians coming from the opposite direction at Wismar on the German Baltic coast in early May 1945. A joint victory parade was quickly arranged in the town's market square. The war was over. But, not surprisingly, Remembrance Day was always massively important in our house while Dad was still around. He never forgot those of his friends who didn't come home.

JOHN STONE

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## A House Through Time - Episode 2

A series of TV programmes called *A House Through Time*, presented by David Olusoga, inspired me to delve into the history of Lawson Cottage on West End. In the previous issue of the Elton Echo I followed its history from the early 19th century to its occupation by the family of William Staley, wheelwright, who lived there from the 1820s to the 1850s. By the time of the 1861 census he had moved away from Elton and another William Staley moved in not long afterwards. This isn't such a coincidence as the surname Staley used to be very common in Elton.\*

This second William Staley was born in Elton about 1818 and at sometime in his youth left to train as a soldier with the Royal Artillery. After 21 years in the army, including serving in the Crimea in 1855-6, he returned to Elton in his 40s with his wife Rebecca whom he had married in 1851. She had previously been married to another soldier, Ewan McLaren, by whom she had two sons, one of them named Charles. She also had a daughter called Jessie Mira McLaren, born in 1843 but it appears that Jessie's father was actually William Staley. Charles McLaren was living with his mother and step-father when he married in Elton church in 1863 and also when his daughter Jessie Susan McLaren was baptised here. Baby Jessie's birth certificate confirms that the house where she was born on 27 February 1866 was by then called Lawson Cottage.

Until William came along all of what is now Main Street and West End was called Town Street but when he took on the role of enumerator for the 1871 census he decided to divide Town Street from east to west into Main Street (37 houses), Church Street (4 houses), Smithy Lane (16 houses) and Pinfold (15 houses). He recorded the names of the public houses and only one private house, his own. He described himself as a Chelsea Pensioner, late of the Royal Artillery. At home with him in 1871 was his grandson William Staley Hodgson aged 9, a scholar, born at Chatham Barracks. He was the son of Jessie Mira who was briefly married to a James Hodgson and the boy was given the middle name Staley no doubt in recognition of his true ancestry. He later dropped Hodgson and went under the name William Staley when he too joined the army at the age of 18. He travelled round the world with the army accompanied by his wife who gave birth to 14 children on the way!

Jessie Mira Hodgson lived at Lawson Cottage from where she ran a private school for ladies, the schoolroom being at the front on the right hand side. In her research into education in Elton, Winifred Woodward discovered that 'the dame school' as Mrs Hodgson's was known, took in several pupils from Elton Church School when that was closed for repairs in 1873. The dame school probably closed in 1878 when Jessie Susan McLaren and her younger sister Amy were admitted to Elton Church School. Grandfather William died the following year and is buried next to the front wall of the church yard, not far from the seat by the school. Soon afterwards Rebecca left with her daughter and granddaughters for the Isle of Man. By this time Mrs Hodgson had become Mrs Henry Mew. Her husband opened the Chatsworth Hotel in Douglas, where the whole family went to live.



The family outside their hotel. Jessie is the lady in profile, Rebecca is the old lady by the door leaning on a stick. *Photo courtesy of Gill Wheatley.*



Lawson Cottage in 2006 before the rendering was removed.

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The cottage that had been on this site on West End since the 18th century must have been demolished in the 1860s and a new one built, most likely reusing stone from the old one. It was originally rendered in order to hide the irregularity of the stonework but tastes had changed by the early 21st century when the beauty of the stonework was revealed. Why was the new house called Lawson Cottage?

Rebecca's sister Tabitha lived in London in a large detached villa with her husband, their seven children and a servant. Tabitha's husband, James Lawson (1826-1903), a bandmaster and a very important figure in the history of the Band of the Royal Artillery, was a wealthy man. It seems likely that he largely financed the rebuilding of his sister-in-law's home and that it was named in his honour. According to a sensational report in *The Times* poor Tabitha came to a tragic end a year after the death of her husband. In old age she was paralysed and very ill, still in the same large villa with Mary Holdway, her servant for over 50 years. Mary couldn't bear to see her mistress suffering so much and decided to put an end to it by cutting Tabitha's throat! News of this probably never reached Elton but memories of another tragedy associated with Lawson Cottage would still be fresh.

After a brief period of occupation by George and Ambrosine Smith and family, Lawson Cottage became the home of Herbert Biggin who arrived about 1890 with his wife Elizabeth and their children Ada, Alfred, William and Francis. The Smiths lived nearby and it wouldn't be long before the two 16-year-olds, Florence Smith and Alfred Biggin, got to know each other. By the 1901 census they had married and were living with their baby daughter just inside Back Lane next door to Florence's parents, who occupied Bowling Green Cottage.

Herbert Biggin was the manager of the brick works near Minninglow. Bricks were made in the kilns here from special, high-firing silica sands found in pits by Minninglow Grange Farm. The remains of the kilns can still be seen by the High Peak Trail with the ruins of Herbert's manager's house alongside. It was on Herbert's watch that an accident occurred at the works, resulting in the death of 16-year-old James, one of the 15 children of William Heathcote. At the time, the Heathcote family lived in what is now Hawthorn Cottage in Well Street. The late Barbara Andrews, a descendant, told me that James's mother knew that something bad had happened to him when his dog came home alone. On the afternoon of Wednesday 23 August 1899 James and two young workmates were digging at the face of a pit when a sudden fall of sand completely buried them all. Robert Marples (15) and Thomas Lowndes (23), both from Elton, were able to extricate themselves but James suffocated. At the inquest, held at the Duke of York, the verdict was accidental death but the manager and foreman, Herbert and Alfred Biggin were declared to have failed to exercise proper superintendence.

Whether or not it was because of the accident Herbert left Elton soon afterwards. Lawson Cottage was bought by John Dakin, the late Mary Turner's grandfather. The house and farm were to remain in the same family for three generations. They will be the subject of 'A House Through Time - Episode 3' in the next edition of The Elton Echo.

*Lynn Burnet*

I am indebted to family history correspondents Gill Wheatley and Patricia Coombs for much of the information about the descendants of William and Rebecca Staley.

\* The Staley family have literally left their mark here in Elton. On a lintel on The Old Smokehouse, opposite the bottom of Stonefoot, is the inscription S I E 1725. These are the initials of John and Esther Staley who were married in Winster in January that year. (The letter I was often used instead of J on inscriptions.) Another Staley built Greengate Farm and Cottage on Main Street. The initials SSS and the date 1747 are prominently displayed in the middle of the limestone frontage. These are the initials of Stephen and Sarah Staley whose daughter Sarah was born at Greengate Farm in 1750. Stephen's father was a yeoman, owning several properties in Elton and it was he who sold the Old Smokehouse to lead miner John Staley a few months before his marriage to Esther Ball.



Happy New Year to the residents of Elton from PCSO Mattison and PCSO Nixon.

Myself and PCSO Nixon have been monitoring the feedback from our street meets and completed Derbyshire Talking Surveys and as a result have been conducting speed checks in the Wensley, Cross Green and Hackney area. If you have any concerns around speeding or any other issues please visit <http://derbyshirealert.co.uk/derbyshiretalking> and complete the survey.

**You Said....** At the Elton Street meet in January, a couple of residents expressed their concerns around a vehicle that had appeared to have crashed in Gratton and had been there for a couple of months.

**We Did....** We liaised with the Derbyshire Dales District Council who arranged via their environmental health department to have the vehicle removed.

We are also urging people to sign up to Derbyshire Alert which is a community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire.

By registering, you can receive news and appeals, local crime information, and prevention advice direct to your email address.

Registration is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feedback information to your local policing teams to help them better look after your neighbourhood.

We also send out a monthly newsletter via Derbyshire Alert, which has more information on what we have been up to, who the team are, how to contact us and where our community engagements.

**Many Thanks**

PCSO Carly Mattison



#### **The Sanctuary p.s. Christian Retreat.**

Cliff Farm, Cliff Lane, nr. Elton, Derbys. DE45 1LL

Following the pandemic, lockdowns, tiers AND my advancing years, etc.  
the Secret @ Peak Serenity is no longer open.

HOWEVER...

The Sanctuary p.s Christian Retreat IS...

This is a small place in the Peak District which is dedicated to being a place of peace, meditation and prayer, here at my home, Cliff Farm.

Would you like to come and spend time in this secluded, inspirational, safe place to meet with God in the stillness.? Come on your own or bring a friend, read a book, listen to music, have a coffee, say a prayer or two or...just sit awhile, listen to the birds and the bees... the sounds of nature.

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Medical Herbalist



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### Go over the edge to support hospice care in the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales

Adrenaline junkies are being invited to take part in an exciting challenge to help raise funds for hospice care across the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales.

Blythe House Hospicecare and Helen's Trust are hosting a fundraising abseil at the iconic Millers Dale Bridge in the Peak District National Park, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

The bridge above the River Wye provides a thrilling location for the 80-foot abseil, 90% of which is free hanging above the water below!

In 2021 Blythe House Hospicecare & Helen's Trust's Hospice at Home service provided over 20,000 hours of care to patients in the High Peak, Derbyshire Dales & North East Derbyshire who wished to remain at home at the end of their life. All the money raised through the abseil will help the charity to continue providing this much-needed service.

The minimum age for participants is 10 years. There is a £20 registration fee and £75 minimum sponsorship requirement.

To find out more contact Rachael Gee, Fundraising and Events Coordinator, by calling: 01298 384 105 or emailing: [events@blythehouse.co.uk](mailto:events@blythehouse.co.uk).

I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who voted for me in the Reflections Magazine Photographic Competition. The theme was “Superb Settlements” and I was fortunate enough to win with my shot of Stanton Hall, Stanton Church and Cow Close Farm, taken from Elton Jubilee Field in August of this year. I hope you will enjoy a selection of my photos in the next edition of Reflections.

Thanks again, Jasmine Banks

#### I PICTURE COMPETITION

### JASMINE TAKES THE TITLE...

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Jasmine Banks of Elton, winner of our 2021 “Superb Settlements” photographic competition.

The 21-year-old was, thanks to your votes, the decisive winner of this year’s competition. Jasmine has lived in Elton all her life and works as a receptionist at the Eltonell Veterinary Clinic.

She loves to go walking around the Peak District with camera in hand and also enjoys “snapshot” live images on her computer at home!

There was nothing unusual about her winning image of Stanton Hall, however, which she took from across to Elton Jubilee Field, Elton.

Second place went to Lorraine Banks, of Matlock, with her a superb picture of the tower and thatched roof. Third was Steven Keenigan, of Walton, with his picture of Lively Edensor.

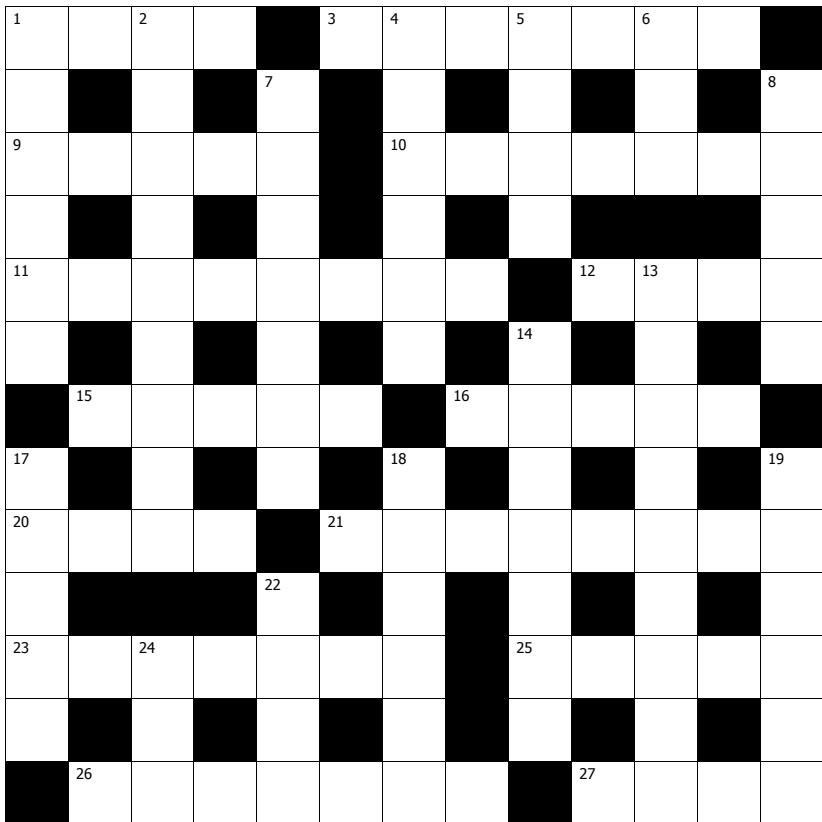


**Across**

1. Dodgy side (4)
3. Mitigate (7)
9. Poke but not badly (5)
10. Lost despite searching (7)
11. Popular Grecian assembly (8)
12. To be abroad (4)
15. Two crotchet palindrome (5)
16. Intellectually bright (5)
20. Agent Jim (4)
21. Showing the way there (8)
23. Nullified (7)
25. Neck hanger (5)
26. Arouse emotions (7)
27. Spirit (4)

**Down**

1. Menace (6)
2. Diminution (9)
4. Atelier (6)
5. Soccer's Euro clan (abb) (4)
6. Wildebeest (3)
7. Confuse (7)
8. Venomous abacus (5)
13. Primary shades (9)
14. Going round (7)
17. Dark wood (5)
18. Stuff of sages (6)
19. Where the homeless live (6)
22. Many growing up (4)
24. Well partnered with vigour (3)

**ROBIN'S KNOTTY CROSSWORD**

**Note:** This crossword is published here with the kind permission of its compiler, Robin Hemmingway.

**SOLUTION ON BACK PAGE**

**If you feel you could make a contribution to the Echo in the form of an article of interest to readers or an upcoming event or photos of a past event, please contact me by email at [eltonecho@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eltonecho@tiscali.co.uk) .**

**Articles should be in .doc, .docx (not .pdf) or in .jpg format for pictures, approximately 750 words would be ideal and received by the copy date which is always the start of the month prior to quarterly publication. I am most grateful to our regular contributors; without them the Echo would be full of blank spaces.**

***The Editor***

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**Jubilee Field**  
The pitches & pavilion are available for hire. For all bookings, contact Jasmine Banks on 01629 650593 or email her at eltonjubileefield@outlook.com

**Mobile Library**  
Calls once every 4 weeks on a Friday at the Duke of York - 10.10 - 10.40am from 20 Dec 21

**Post Office Outreach Service**  
Every Thursday in the School House  
From 12.30 - 2.30pm

**Village Hall**  
Hire of hall: **New Rates** £7.50 per session or £20 all day for residents & village organisations. Non-residents at reasonable rates. For bookings or more information contact Sue Lightfoot 650641

**Winster Surgery Hours**  
Mon – Fri 8.30am to 12noon  
Mon & Wed only 2.00pm to 6.00pm

**Each month one Wednesday is not open in the afternoon.**  
*See list on Surgery door*

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Crosses Across: 1. Dark 3. Assuage 9. Nudge 10. Unfound 11. Ecclesia  
12. Etre 15. Minim 16. Lucid 20. Bond 21. Signpost 23. Negated 25. Noose  
26. Infame 27. Grit  
Closes Down: 1. Danger 2. Reduction 4. Studio 5. UEFA 6. Gnu 7. Bedevil  
8. Adder 13. Ticolour 14. Trumng 17. Ebony 18. Wisdom 19. Street  
22. Stol(lots) 24. Gin

## Village Directory

- **Bellringers** Practice night Thursday 7:30. Beginners always welcome please contact Richard Freemantle 07871 450149. Email: rjfreemantle@msn.com
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- **Community transport** 641920
- **County Council** 08456 058 058
- **Cricket Club** 650494
- **Crime Stoppers** 0800 555 111
- **Darts Teams** Paul Carson 650359
- **District Council** 761100
- **Doctors** (Winster) 650207 Emergencies 733205 or NHS Direct 0845 4647
- **Electrical emergencies** 0800 6783 105 or New national 3 digit number 105
- **Energy Efficiency Grants** 761304
- **Fire advice** 582849
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- **History Group** Lynn Burnet 650015
- **Hospital** The Whitworth, Darley Dale (minor injury only) 580211
- **Housing advice** 761311
- **Jubilee Field** Jasmine Banks 650593
- **Mobility Scooter** (Tissington Trail) for more details contact 01335 343156 - seasonal only
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- **Police** For emergencies dial 999 otherwise dial the NEW number 101 (It's confidential)
- **Power Cut?** Call 105
- **Rail services** Enquiries 0845 7484950
- **Refuse collection** DDDC 761122
- **School** 650282
- **School PTFA** Natalie Cooper 650561
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