

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Happy June, everyone! Coronation chicken and Victoria sponge recipes to the ready for Elkstone's Big Jubilee Lunch on the first Sunday of the month. Then, with barely a moment to shake the tablecloths, we want the village to look pristine for Open Gardens Day on Sunday 19th June. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so please do consider offering an hour or so of your time to help both events be as enjoyable and successful as they can be. As always, contact details for the organisers can be found in this month's newsletter, and once again a big thanks to those people for their super effort.

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Deadline for next newsletter: 20th June 2022

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Regular Village Hall Activities

Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.30pm	Ronnie Bury – 870493 or Martyn Wylie – 870441
Art Club	Every Thursday, 9am-1pm	Penny Casewell – 03330 119663

Waste & Recycling

Waste & Recycling	Food Waste	Every Tuesday
	All bags, bins, and boxes	Tuesday 14 th and 28 th June

Other Dates for your Diary

Big Jubilee Lunch	Village Green, Sunday 5 th June, 12 noon-3pm	David and Liz Kearney - 07912 676 951 or 07799 700 000
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Wednesday 8 th June, 7pm	elkstonepc@gmail.com
Open Gardens Day	Whole village, Sunday 19 th June, 2pm-6pm	Martyn Wylie – 870441

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Parish Church Services

Service times this month are as follows:

Sunday 5th June – 11am No service in Elkstone, but all invited to join the service of **Holy Communion** with the Revd David Minns at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cowley

Sunday 12th June – 10am **Morning Prayer** with Ruth Edy

Sunday 19th June – 11am No service in Elkstone, but all invited to join **Morning Prayer** with the Rev Cliff Pooley at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cowley.

Sunday 26th June – 11 am No service in Elkstone, but all invited to join the service of **Holy Communion** at St Peter's Church, Rendcomb, with the Revd Bob Edy.

Elkstone Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday 5th June, 12 noon-3pm

Thank you to everyone who has said that they would like to take part in this national celebration in our village. We hope that the weather will be kind and that we can picnic on the Green next to the Village Hall. If needs be, we can take shelter in the hall. It would be great to make it a little festive and if any of you have bunting or anything else red, white and blue that should help us get into the spirit.

The majority feel that 'Bring and Share' is the best approach to make it as relaxed as possible: please bring along your favourite dish, savoury or sweet, a chair or blanket, plates, cutlery, glass and bottle (or 2) of what you fancy, so that everyone in your party is provided for. It would also be really helpful if you could let us know ahead of the day what you plan to bring so that we can ensure there's a balance of savoury and sweet. Offers have already been made of Veggie cheese tart, Coronation Chicken, flapjacks.... Tickle our taste buds and let's see what we can share. Will anyone attempt the Jubilee Pudding....?

We will meet at The Hawthorns at 6pm on Monday 30th May to talk through final arrangements. If you can't make this time, please phone or email to let us know. (The Hawthorns is directly opposite the Village Hall.)

David and Liz Kearney, The Hawthorns, 07912 676 951 or 07799 700 000. Or email dnke@btinternet.com

Open Gardens Day – Sunday 19th June

Planning has gone well this year. In addition to opening 10 gardens and serving wonderful teas in the Village Hall, we will have a plant stall and tractor rides to aid transfer from one end of the village to the other. At the church, there will be bell ringers giving a demonstration and the Benefice Choir will sing at 3.30pm (the bell ringers will take a break!). Many villagers have come forward to volunteer for an hour or so on the day and we are very grateful. There's always room for more and if you would like to help, just let me know. Meanwhile cross your fingers and hope for fine weather so we can raise the maximum possible for the Church and the Hall.

Martyn Wylie on 870441 or 07788912645. Or email mgw123@btinternet.com

Publicity help needed for Elkstone Open Gardens Day

This year, many of the publications and websites that we have used in the past to publicise Open Gardens are either no longer functioning or will only publicise larger events. This means word about the event may not be getting out as much as we would like. Please could we ask everyone to join the effort in helping spread the word, especially on social media if you use it. To make things easy, below is 100 words of publicity detail which you can copy and paste. Please display where you can the poster attached to this newsletter; I will also leave posters in the church porch, so you can collect and share where you can locally.

ELKSTONE OPEN GARDENS DAY

Sunday 19th June 2pm-6pm

Elkstone is one of the highest villages in the Cotswolds and on Open Gardens Day you can see areas not normally accessible to the public. Organised by villagers, this raises funds for the upkeep of the wonderful Norman church and the village hall. Visit open gardens, the coronation meadow, hear the church bells and as well the choir singing in the church. Enjoy homemade afternoon teas and other refreshments, refreshments teas and ice creams and there will be a plant stall to browse and more.

Car Park free, Adults £5, Children under 14 free. Assistant dogs only.

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Anne Davies - 870516

Elkstone Theatre Group

We are planning a visit to Giffords Circus at Stratton Meadows Cirencester on Thursday 15th September. There is also a possibility to include a meal at Circus Sauce after the show. Giffords shows are always a very high standard and the food is excellent. Let me know if you are interested - if possible before 4th June.

Martyn Wylie on 870441 or 07788912645. Or email mgw123@btinternet.com

Welcome to new neighbours

It was farewell and good wishes to Jo and John Dickson, who left Elkstone in May for a military posting abroad. Their friends Mary and Kevin Challis, along with daughter Sarah, are going to be the custodians of Rose Cottage whilst Jo and John are away for three years. Mary and Kevin are local to Cheltenham and apparently keen to experience village life. With two highlight village events happening in June, what better time for us all to give them a big Elkstone welcome.

Additional electric charging points

According to a recent report from Cotswold District News, drivers of electric vehicles in the Cotswolds will soon have greater choice about when and where to charge their cars. The roll out of additional electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs) in Cirencester has already started with an upgrade to outdated

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and decommissioned units at The Beeches, There will also be publicly available EVCPs for the first time at the Council office's Trinity Road car park. Many of you may also have noticed the new EVCPs in the Waitrose car park.

Cowley Village Fete, Saturday 4th June, 2pm-5pm

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II means a bus-load of events to pick from over the bank holiday weekend. Among them, on Saturday, nearby Cowley is putting on a traditional country fete in the stunning grounds of Cowley Manor Hotel, with a variety of stalls, activities and live music. All are welcome and it's a dog-friendly event too. Entry fee £2.50 per adult, children free.

News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The concern over ambulance delays is still with us in Gloucestershire, and of course it's a nation-wide problem. Last month, though, GHNHSFT's own Chief Executive Deborah Lee experienced symptoms that suggested a stroke. Her husband, aware of her concern about the ongoing issue

around ambulances, chose to drive her directly to the hospital. Happily, she has now recovered after initial urgent treatment and then a trip to Oxford to have a clot removed. As soon as she was able to, Deborah tweeted her thanks to those who cared for her, adding, 'but I can't get one thing out of my head. What if my husband hadn't been there and my daughter had called for an ambulance, and I'd been put in the Cat 2 "stack"?' Her story, relayed by Deborah in an insightful and honest way that is typical of her, attracted national interest and an outpouring of supportive responses, including the following:

'You've turned a heartening message of personal recovery into a powerful call to arms.'

'The call to arms around ambulance services & hospital 'back door' inc. Social Care so desperately needed too. NHS needs more CEOs demanding Govt action.'

'Ambulance response times are a whole system issue including primary, acute, community & social care. A proper funded plan to develop the social care workforce would be top of my list too!'

Anne Davies (Public-Elected Governor Cotswolds, GHNHSFT) - Email: anne.davies11@nhs.net



Update on A417

The Development Consent Order (DCO) Examination for the A417 missing link ended on 16 May 2022. The Planning Inspectorate now have three months to submit their recommendation to the Department for Transport, with a final decision being made around November 2022.

National Highways has awarded the construction company Kier a £430m contract to design and deliver the A417 Missing Link scheme. If there is a positive decision in November It is anticipated that work will start in spring 2023.

Graham Hopkins, Cotswolds National Landscape

Platinum Jubilee Quiz *(answers at the bottom of the page)*

Queen Elizabeth II has so far been served by fourteen UK prime ministers. Can you a) untangle the letters to find their names, and then b) put them in the right order historically?

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SHERTEA YMA

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Quiz answers: 1. Winston Churchill (1951-1955); 2. Anthony Eden (1955-1957); 3. Harold Macmillan (1957-1963); 4. Alec Douglas-Home (1963-1964); 5. Harold Wilson (1964-1970, 1974-1976); 6. Edward Heath (1970-1974); 7. James Callaghan (1976-1979); 8. Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990); 9. John Major (1990-1997); 10. Tony Blair (1997-2007); 11. Gordon Brown (2007-2010); 12. David Cameron (2010-2016); 13. Theresa May (2016-2019); 14. Boris Johnson (2019-present).