

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

The last week in April will see some of the Elkstone Community Speed Watch Team using a large board that displays the speed of approaching vehicles, together with a video speed camera that the police can view to show drivers who exceed the 40mph speed limit around our Village. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Reg – 21st April 2016

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Diary Dates	
Wine Tasting – 7 th May – 6.30pm – Village Hall	
Elkstone Parish Council AGM – Wednesday 18 th May – 8.00pm – Village Hall	
Elkstone Gardens Open Day – 5 th June 2016	
Regular Dates	
Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste – Every Friday
Waste and recycling	All bags, bins + boxes — Fridays 6 th and 20 th May
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – <i>Trevor - 870246</i>
Deadline for next month's edition: Friday 20th May please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Elkstone Church Services

May 1st - Morning Prayer (CW) - 10.00am - Rev Janet Williams

May 8th - Family Service - 10.00am - Rev Joan Hobbs

May 15th - Holy Communion (CW) - 11.00am - Rev Arthur Champion

May 22nd - Songs of Praise - 10.00am - Frank Booth

May 29th - Joint Benefice Holy Communion (CW) - Rev Nigel Scotland

David Pierce

Elkstone Wine Tasting – May 7th Village Hall at 18.30

Balkan and Levant Wines

The time for this event is now rapidly approaching, and many people have already signed up.

There are however still a few remaining places if you have forgotten to book.

The committee has enjoyed selecting the wines from the Balkan and Levant regions, and has been surprised by the high quality at very reasonable prices. So we know it is going to be a fascinating and entertaining evening, with some wines which are going to surprise you.

After the wine tasting and the announcement of the results of the teams there will be a Mediterranean themed meal. If you are coming, could you please let Jenny Howlett know what dish, main course or pudding, you will be bringing so that we can ensure we have sufficient quantities of everything.

As a reminder tickets are £10 a head. Please contact one of the committee members if you want to come.

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Arnold – arnolddeering@gmail.com

Brian – brian.howlett@virgin.net

David – drpierce@msn.com

Latest update for Elkstone Gardens Open Day 5th June 2016

There are only a few more weeks to go until the Gardens Open Day so if you haven't volunteered yet to help on the day, now is the time to choose. We can never have too many helping hands and the time needed varies from a few seconds of tweeting to all day serving teas. Please do offer whatever time you can to help.

Here's a quick guide to help you decide what's best for you....

How to help	Time needed
Tweet about the event on Twitter and add a link to the village website (http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181)	30 seconds
Post about the event on your Facebook page and add a link to the village website (http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181)	30 seconds
Put up posters in your work, gym, etc.	30 seconds
Pop an extra item into your shopping to go in David Collins's Tombola.	Just a few seconds
Pot on plants to be sold at the plant stall on the drive of the Rectory	It depends how many you have!
Serve cream teas at Granary Barn	From 1 hour to all day
Serve tea and cake in the Village Hall	From 1 hour to all day
Collect entrance money from our visitors	1 hour time slots throughout the day
Ensure visitors' cars are parked safely in the Old Rectory field	1 hour time slots throughout the day

Once you've decided how you can help please do let one of us know.

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Anne – seabran@btinternet.com

Eric – e.magnuson@me.com

Maggie – Maggie.marriott@btinternet.com

Tea party for the Queen's Birthday

All will be welcome to the Village Hall for a good old fashioned tea party, 4.00pm on Friday 10th June, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. More details to follow in the June Newsletter.

Carole Bury

Supper and Film Nights Summer Recess

Thanks to so many of you who have supported our Film Night evenings during the winter; with the longer evenings we will not be showing films until October, so watch for details in the September Newsletter.

Jeremy and Anne

Donate a Bike

'Gloucestershire Bike Project' is 'a not for profit' social enterprise that works with local young people and adults - teaching them bicycle maintenance and repair.

They need bicycles to run their workshops. Your donated bike allows the project to teach vulnerable teenagers the skills needed to progress in their lives. They work with a wide range of people from across the County who need a bit extra help to find their place in society.

If you have a bike you are no longer using, they will happily collect it and give it a new lease of life, and you will know you are making a difference, they are based in 277 Barton Street in Gloucester. 01452 690979

www.gloucestershirebikeproject.co.uk

I am sure as a Village we could make a difference to this wonderful project, lets make their drive up to Elkstone worthwhile. Should you have a bike that they could use, could you check with your friends/neighbours to see if they have any bikes lurking at the back of the garage, gathering dust that could be collected as well?

Carole

<http://www.carolebury.com>

<https://www.artgiftedbygod.co.uk/profile/carole-bury/>

Advertisements

In The Merry Month of May The Return of....

The Cowley Village Fete!

Saturday 14th May 2.00pm – 5.00pm In the centre of Cowley

A jolly good afternoon for everyone at our usual traditional Fete

Activities: Fun Dog Show, Terrier Racing, Animal Corner (Alpacas) as well as

Fleece Spinning, Tug-Of-War, Coconut Shy, Splat-The-Rat,

Egg and Spoon and Sack Races

Stalls selling Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Books, DVDs and Computer Games, Genuine Home Produce, Plants, Bottle Tombola, pre-loved Clothes

BBQ, Licensed Bar, Cream Teas, Ice Creams

Ukesanon Ukelele Band will once again provide live music throughout

We will also have our generous Raffle, and the Tug-of-War will complete the afternoon.

Most certainly a date for your calendar!

All proceeds are for the maintenance of St. Mary's Church, Cowley

Saturday 21st May – Afternoon Tea and Barn Dance at Deer Park

To raise some much needed funds, The Guides at Deer Park are having an afternoon tea, put on by Friends of Deer Park, from 3.30pm onwards running into a barn dance later in the evening; we would love people to come and join us and have a fun afternoon/evening helping us to raise funds.

If anyone from Elkstone would like to go please get in touch with me and I will organise a table for us.

Also notification that, as last year, we will be putting on our 24hour challenge with around 250-300 people on site on 25th -26th June, we will be doing a staggered arrival and departure and repeating the one way system that we had last year with cars coming in from the Manor end and leaving by the Green Dragon end. These times will be 10.00am-12.00pm on Saturday for arrival and the same for departure on Sunday. We do hope that we won't cause too many problems for you all. (We did move the date for a number of reasons including not clashing with the village fete this time)

Anne Davies - 01242 870516

A great walk for a great cause

This year's Longfield Solstice Walk will be on Friday June 17th, with the option of 5km or 10km walks on Minchinhampton Common, plus music, children's entertainment, a barbecue and a bar. All money raised will support Longfield's amazing care for people in Gloucestershire with life-limiting illness and the walks start at their building in Burleigh Lane from 6pm.

Entry fees are £18 for an adult and £7.50 per child (£15 and £5 before May 6th) but if you can fundraise £150 or more, you will walk for free.

So register today at www.longfield.org.uk/solstice2016 or, if you need to know more, call

01453 886868 or e-mail events@longfield.org.uk

Jen McBride Fundraising Volunteer

Tribute to the Queen's 90th birthday – Thanks to Simon Drew



Corgi and Bess