

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

The pipeline work is nearly finished and the earth is now covering the trench. What will I have to comment on next?

This Newsletter contains an article which I commissioned from Con Baker. I hope you like it as much as I do especially since it has consumed my budget for the next six months.

*Reg (24-09-10)*

Features	
Wedding at Elkstone Manor ERG Walk World's Biggest Coffee Morning Gas Pipeline News for Elkstone	Nature Notes Jabber Finance Village Hall Committee Colour Supplement
Dates for your Diary	
9 <sup>th</sup> October – Wedding at Elkstone Manor – until 11.00pm	
9 <sup>th</sup> October – ERG Walk – Carpenter's Arms – 9.45am	
5 <sup>th</sup> November – Coberley Primary School – BBQ and Bonfire Party – from 5.00pm	
26 <sup>th</sup> November – Village Hall AGM – Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes –Fridays 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - <i>Bernard Alder 870255</i>
Deadline for October Edition: <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com">www.elkstonevillage.com</a>	
<b><i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i></b>	

## Wedding at Elkstone Manor October 9th

A wedding reception will be held at Elkstone Manor on Saturday October 9th.

Dance music will play until 11 pm.

Coaches will be used to reduce the number of cars.

*Christine*

## Erg Walk - Saturday 9th October

### Valleys around Miserden Park

This is a moderately hilly walk, about 5.5 miles around the spectacular valleys in this area, taking in Sudgrove, The Camp and Wishanger Farm. There are some stiles, and if the weather is unkind, there will be a few muddy bits, otherwise easy, firm ground.

**Meet** at The Carpenter's Arms, Miserden at 9:45 for a 10:00 start; the pub car park is not large, it's probably best to park in the generous roadside verges approaching the pub, by the War Memorial opposite the church, or opposite the school. A post-walk lunch at the pub is easily available, *but must be pre-ordered before we set off, so please arrive by 9:45 sharp* so we can place all lunch orders before starting.

The Carpenter's Arms is at OS grid ref. SO 936 088, and is easily reached either via Winstone - once you have gone through the A417 underpass, continue through Winstone towards Sapperton and then turn right for Miserden, and particularly, Miserden Nurseries, the pub is on the left as you approach the centre of the village; or off the B 4070 Birdlip - Slad road, forking east just after The Foston's Ash, then east again for Whiteway and Miserden.

*Organisers - Jeremy & Anne - 870516*

### **Jabber Finance**

'Twas brillig and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the brine  
We feared attack but know not what  
In nineteen thirty nine.

Beware the phony war my son!  
The 'planes that dive, the bombs that fall!  
Gas marks prepared and shelters built ...  
But nothing came at all.

But when it did it hit us hard,  
The Nazi blade went snicker snack!  
But we "kept calm and carried on"  
And hit the blighters back.

And once again we face attack.  
The Jabberwocky money men  
Have wrecked our pensions and our banks  
(While pocketing the gain).

Now who can slay the Jabberwock?  
We do not know what cuts to fear  
But if as hard as it is said ...  
We'll live another year.

'Tis brillig, as it always was,  
We'll gyre and gimble all the way,  
We'll carry on and muddle through,  
To fight another day

*(With thanks to Lewis Carroll)*

*Con*

### **Gas Pipe Line and National Grid's Charitable Donation**

Personally, I find the efficiency, smooth operation, standards of health & safety and consideration for community and individuals alike that have surrounded the laying of the gas pipeline quite astonishing. In too-many-years-to-mention in project management, I have seen nothing like it. I think National Grid has done a spectacular job and that they deserve recognition for this. The only real impact for me is that Ann has had to wash my car more frequently than usual. I really hope that my enthusiasm

is echoed by everyone whose business and/or livelihood has been affected and that they are fully happy with the way in which they have been treated and compensated.  
*Nic*

### **The Village Hall Committee**

We are thrilled to announce that the National Grid have made a donation to the Hall Foundation of just under £5,000. This is as a result of a tremendous amount of work by the Committee in forming relationships, negotiating this generous offer and in preparing information for their scrutiny. We are also grateful to all parishioners who made suggestions as to needs and desires. The Committee evaluated each suggestion, and a handful was investigated in detail. The Committee's rationale was to purchase items which would enhance the use of the Hall, but not be in themselves a financial burden for the future, whilst meeting National Grid's express wishes that the money should be spent on educational and community development and not on repairs to the fabric etc. A short list was presented to National Grid and they have approved a commercial dishwasher (an inch or so bigger than a domestic dishwasher - but with fast cycle times) and a data (computer / DVD / film) projector and screen.

It is worth noting that, as required by the grantor, this donation will be spent in full and is, therefore, NOT an injection of revenue into the Hall bank account. The revenue from 2010 Open Day remains a great achievement but none-the-less a little low and the bills remain high. Continued success in Hall bookings and a buoyant Open Gardens for 2011 are vital.

### **Date for your Diary November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm**

Village Hall AGM where we will discuss this donation and enjoy wine & cheese.

*Village Hall Committee: Martyn – 870441 - Ronnie 493 - Ken 479, Jeremy 516 - Nic - 556*

### **Not Quite the Nature Notes**

The season of Harvest Thanksgiving is here again. It has been an unusual year and our clever farm workers have grasped each window in the weather to dive into action and work long hours to harvest the crops when the opportunity occurred. So many countries worldwide have suffered from drought or floods as well as war and violence, which disrupted the gathering of crops.

This year the collection from the Harvest Thanksgiving went to the people of Pakistan and the food given has been passed on to a women's refuge, perhaps only a very small contribution but given with concern.

Praise God for the harvest that's sent from afar,  
From market and harbour, from tropical shore  
Foods packed and transported and planted and grown,  
By God given neighbours, unseen and unknown

*Verse from a hymn by Brian Wren*

*Jessie*

### **Lost in the Manor Farm Area**

I have lost a bearing cover from my agricultural trailer. This is an aluminium pressing about the size and shape of a tea cup. It is greasy. I most probably lost it between Manor Farm archway, The Pound and the concrete track. Anyone have a metal detector? - *Nic – 870556*

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to everyone who came to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Elkstone Village Hall. Over 60 people came and spent their time and money. Thanks also to everyone who couldn't come on the day but popped in with donations or posted donations through my door. Thank you too to everyone who helped on the day and provided cakes, marmalade and chutney, plus a beautiful picture for our silent auction. Together we raised £561.64 which is incredible. The funds were greatly boosted by all those who bought Cotswold Lavender and Heavenly Soap products from my stall, as all the profit from these items went directly into the pot.

Together we will contribute to the £8m which is raised by the World's Biggest Coffee Morning happening throughout the UK, and together we will continue to help people who are directly or indirectly affected by cancer.

A massive thank you for your support.

*Julia Davey (Huge thanks to Julia for bringing so many people into the Village to enjoy giving while eating and drinking – Ed)*

### **Job Opportunity**

Waitress required for small family Restaurant. Hours required include Sunday Lunch time and some additional hours by arrangement.

Over 18 required as handling alcohol - good pay according to experience - will train - meal on duty provided

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## **Not Quite the Nature Notes 2**

Ed and Mrs. Ed took Merry the dog and Lakin the horse to Exmoor for an early autumn break. She admired the views from a great height while I enjoyed seeing beautiful mahogany-coloured Red Devon cattle, native Exmoor ponies and wild goats. I thought you might like to see the birds that I met while away as well as a Village garden welcoming visitors with a splash of colour.

*Ed*



Above: some of the flowers in the church for the Harvest Thanksgiving mentioned in Jessie's article

Below: two images of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, before and during!

