

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Jessie was asking me about the woodpecker that had tried to knock down our house by flying into the bedroom window. We think he made a full recovery and can now be seen on both our peanut feeders.
'Doctor' Reg – 26th July

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Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 7 th August – Elkstone Speedwatch – 11.00am for tea/coffee in Village Hall	
Saturday 11 th August – ERG Walk – Meet at 10.00am – Highwayman Inn	
Friday 28 th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.00 – Village Hall	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 3 rd and 17 th
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: Monday 20th August please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com	
Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net	

Services at Elkstone Church during August are as follows:

August 5 th	09.30am	Holy Communion
August 12 th	10.00am	Family Service
August 19 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer
August 26 th		No Service

ERG Walk – Saturday 11th August

This walk will start at the Highwayman Inn (OS Ref SO965108) Meet in the car park at 9.45am for a 10.00am start. For these who are travelling the Highwayman is just off the A417 and is accessed from the Elkstone/ Winstone exit.

The walk is approximately five miles long with, in the most part, easy walking. There are three easy stiles and some short but moderate inclines. We will pass through the village of Winstone and then proceed to Missenden Park lakes passing the highly wooded remains of Miserden's motte & bailey castle. On the way we see both the wooded and open views of the beautiful Frome valley. The first part of the walk is through arable land where the footpath is not well cleared so trousers rather than shorts would be advisable. When we walked it an flat open grassland area that we had to cross was a little wet but passable in normal waterproof walking footwear but hopefully, if we are lucky and get some drier weather this will improve! For the largest part of the walk it is very dog friendly. Towards

the end we will detour slightly to see the old wartime radio station (now used for aviation) before our return to the Highwayman. Those who wish to eat will be able to enjoy the excellent range of light snacks or main meals provided by the landlord Mark.

Leaders - *Anne and Jeremy* - 870516

Nature Notes

Having recently enjoyed two weeks' holiday in the Lake District, I thought you might like a change this month, and have a short description of some different scenery.

Our first three days were blessed with bright sunshine, and we had two rides, one to the pass over the Langdales. Every hill, tree and stream was clearly silhouetted after the previous wet weather – it was gorgeous! Our second ride was to Tarn Hows, where we enjoyed similar, crystal-clear views of the surrounding mountains.

Later in the week, the River Kent, which runs along the bottom of the cottage garden, changed from rippling water with bobbing dippers to a rushing torrent with white waves leaping up, and the water roaring down.

We had a trip over Honister pass, and visited the slate quarries and shop – a very interesting place. The scenery was that bit bleaker, dotted with Herdwick sheep with their black lambs. The trip we took along the shores of Coniston was also beautiful, though different again, with the lake to one side, and to the other, the steep rocks with unfurling ferns and lots of foxgloves.

Wet or fine, the quality of the air is wonderful.

The churchyard is not mown until the flowers have seeded, so it was a mass of dog daisies, buttercups and vetch. Inside the church, each family sews a tapestry hassock in memory of loved ones, and in a plain church, these look very colourful and special.

Jessie

Village Hall Trustees

□ In the last year two Trustees from the north (Village Hall) end of the village have moved away and we are in real need of a couple of volunteers to replace them. The role of the Trustees is to ensure that the hall is properly maintained and is suitable and available for residents and others to use. It is not an onerous responsibility – for example separate groups organise any events – and we generally meet only twice a year, keeping matters relatively informal.

The Hall is an important asset to the parish and if you think you may be able to help please give me a call.

Martyn Wylie - 870441

Elkstone Cinema

After extensive assessment of various public viewing licensing schemes, your Village Hall Committee feel that the best one for Elkstone has now been identified, and would bring to our new large silver screen the very latest releases as soon as DVD versions are available. This is far earlier than was the case with the previous Rural Cinema scheme, where the relative age of films and lack of choice did limit appeal, and audience size was all too often a problem despite the best possible endeavours.

Of course the success of the new Scheme will also depend entirely on size of audience, and in order to test this, we intend (from October) to run a few trial screenings, to ensure that that

a Films Group can run it confidently as a regular 'feature' that has good appeal and works financially.

Please watch for details of what is planned in the September edition of the Newsletter.

Any queries meanwhile, please contact me.

Jeremy - 870516

Has anyone else noticed?

This is a call to parishioners who attempt to walk along the 3/190.

I have experienced drivers getting very close as they pass Rosie and me while we walk from High Beech to the crossroads. All I can do is to gesticulate to them but they do not seem to register people walking. Mid July, a driver passed extremely close, I shook a fist and the car stopped at the crossroad. As I approached the car made a U-turn to face me and I glowered at the driver who wound the window and asked what the problem was. I explained that the car had been driven too close and the driver mumbled something about the mobile phone. With a sultry "sorry" we parted. By the time I got to the wood-yard, the driver overtook and asked why I was so ungrateful for the offer of a "sorry". I reported the whole incident to PCSO Andrea who has offered to follow this up.

This lack of consideration extends to lots of situations such as some drivers intimidating others by driving too close or attempting a passing manoeuvre in our 40mph zone. The advice is to record the car registration mark, colour and make and report to the police and let them warn drivers who display aggressive behaviour toward others.

End of rant - Reg

Community Speedwatch

It has been a long time since three of us sported our yellow hi-viz clothing and, with the aid of a domestic broom, waited near the telephone box pointing a speed gun at approaching motorists. The effect on the traffic was noticeable with hardly anyone travelling above the 40mph speed limit in our 40mph zone. It is now time to make a dramatic reappearance!

Please could I invite anyone interested to a short meeting, (with coffee/tea), at **11.00am in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th August**. If you are interested but cannot make this date/time, please contact me by telephone, email or over the garden gate.

Six of us have had police training and they are willing to train more.

The aim is to establish a strategy in the times/days when we operate to make drivers aware that we will be monitoring speeds in the 40mph zone to make the road and its junctions safer for other car drivers as well as pedestrians.

Reg – 870375 (before 9.00pm please)

Falconry Display

The Colesbourne Inn will be hosting a falconry display on Monday 6 August at 6.30pm. A great fun event for all the family and there may be a BBQ.

Call Trevor or Liz on - 01242 870376 for further information

Friday 28th September
10.00 - 12.00
Elkstone Village Hall.

BE PART OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



Please come along and be part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning and help me raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year we raised £461 and whatever we raise this year will help improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care.

So please, let's get together and share a cuppa (tea, coffee and soft drinks) with a lovely slice of cake and have a good chat and in the process raise much needed funds for Macmillan.

No need to book - just pop in and please feel free to bring lots of friends! Children are also very welcome.

Julia Davey, Old School House, Elkstone 01242 870038

Village Hall Maintenance – Date for diary

The tide of time catches us up and this year we are arranging a half-day or so doing some light maintenance jobs at the hall.

Please put September 15th in your diary and let Jeremy 870516 or Ken 870479 know so they can coordinate brushes & hammers.

Children and adults all welcome.

There will be drinks and biscuits available, please come!!

Hall Committee

