
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

Wow, wow, wow! When Elkstone snows, it doesn't half do it properly. We made our first igloo in the field behind us, much to the delight of the children, who, like us, couldn't believe the depths of the snow drifts. Such a treat. I have to admit it is also quite a treat once it disappears, the wind whistles off & the sun comes out!

I do hope you all have some good April fools up your sleeves & have an Easter Egg or two to celebrate the end of Lent & the beginning of longer & lighter days.

Have an amazing April, Happy Easter!

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20th April

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Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling	Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday
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Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie - 870493

Diary Dates

Peals of Bells	5 th April
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	18 th April 7.30 pm Village Hall
Elkstone Parish Annual Open Meeting	18 th April 8 pm Village Hall
Spring Concert	29 th April 3pm Elkstone Church

SERVICES March 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

Easter	10am	Celebrate Easter in readings & Hymns of Praise	
Day	11.30am	Holy Communion for all who wish on Easter Day	
4 th	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
8 th	10 am	Family Service	Frank Booth
15 th	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Cliff Pooley
22 nd	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Bob Edy
29 th	3pm	Concert Day	

With refreshments in the interval. Please do come & enjoy an afternoon of favourite music played by our friends from Stratton who are giving of their time & expertise to enlighten our lives.



Toy Service in February 2018

Thank you from Elkstone Parish Church for all the fabulous toys which were generously given during our Toy Service last month.

This year the toys were taken to Acorns - a children's hospice that provides a service for the 3 counties of Gloucester, Worcester & Hereford. They provide facilities & services to babies, children & young people aged 0 - 18 years who have life threatening conditions & associated complex needs with a network of specialist palliative nursing care & support, 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

They are especially very thankful for our donation & value our support, & they wish to pass their thanks to you in the lovely letter we have had from them.

Acorns is flexible to those who use the facilities & services & is delivered in response to the individual needs of a child & their family. A package of care is tailored for each individual child which includes their medical, emotional, cultural, religious & spiritual needs. This package is provided both in the hospice & a family's home.

The toys that couldn't be used in the Hospice have been taken to their dedicated charity shop to sell, in order to raise more funds for the children.

With our thanks from Elkstone Parish Church

www.acorns.org.uk

Film & Supper Evening

Now that Summer Time is upon us, we will resume showings in October - so we look forward to seeing you then, we will of course announce the next film in the September edition of the Newsletter.

Jeremy & Anne 870516.

News from The Trust

You may have read in the local press of a decision taken by the trust this month to establish a wholly owned subsidiary company (SubCo). It is hoped that this will help in various ways to bring extra income into the trust & ensure that the services supplied to the trust will be more innovative & efficient. For reassurance this follows months of discussion & planning involving staff, non-executive directors, union representatives & governors as well as the board itself. I personally have found the process very positive, & in keeping with the new ethos of openness & consideration that is now so apparent within the trust. The questions & concerns raised during this period have significantly shaped the final proposal & the trust is confident that the changes will have a positive impact on services delivered

Our improvement in A&E performance has been highlighted by recently released national figures for the month of January, when, along with other trusts we saw a very large rise in attendances to A&E. Despite this rise in attendances (on average 400 patients a day attended our A&E departments), the trust still managed to admit, transfer or discharge 89.7% of patients within four hours (against the national standard of 95%). This compares favourably to 74.7% in January 2017 & demonstrates how well our winter plans have worked this year This meant that overall the trust was ranked 15th out of 137 trusts nationally. A further cause for pride in our A&E, following the launch of a national programme, is that we have increased assessment (screening) for sepsis in A&E from 52% to 96% & for timely treatment from 49% to 91% making us not only one of the most improved nationally but also in the top 10% nationally. The trust has recently allocated £920k to co-locate Ambulatory Emergency Care within the emergency department & to provide a GP service at the front door to Cheltenham. These developments will improve the flow of patients through Emergency Department at Cheltenham & improve the ability to triage at the front door & hopefully further improve our figures.

Finally, I recently attended a wonderful day when students who were about to qualify in health-related subjects were able to visit the hospital to see displays from the various departments & talk to the staff. The whole event was fun & very educational. I was very impressed as were many of the visitors that I spoke with who said that they would like to work with us. 100 soon-to-qualify nurses have already met a team led by our Chief Nurse & jobs have already been offered to 76 students & more interviews are scheduled. You can read more about the day, & other interesting bits & pieces on our twitter site <https://twitter.com/gloshospitals>

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Elkstone Stories

Thank you so much to all those who came along to Elkstone stories! We shared & collected lots of lovely memories & thoughts. If anyone else has any stories they would like to share do please email or drop a letter through the door. We would also like to include some photographs & drawings in the books so if you have any that would be great–this would be lovely from the younger generation too!

The current thought is to turn them into small books & put them all around the village as a story trail, giving a glimpse into the history & what goes on in these places around the village. It would be wonderful if everyone could have a part in this whether it be a story, photo, drawing, poem, collage or anything else. Then it would truly be us & our stories. At the village hall workshops this month we'll be making things to accompany the stories such as poems & drawings so do come along! Or if you have any ideas to add or suggestions get in touch. Tea & cake will feature as always!

The next two sessions are Saturday 31st March and Saturday 19th May

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Date for your diary

COWLEY FETE

SUNDAY 20th MAY

STALLS: Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Books, DVDs, Computer Games

GENUINE Home Produce, Plants, Vintage Clothes

A SUPER RAFFLE !

REFRESHMENTS: BBQ , LICENSED BAR, CREAM TEAS, ICE-CREAMS

LIVE MUSIC by UKESANON UKELELE BAND

Entrance: Adults £2, Children under 16 free

ALL proceeds towards maintenance of St. Mary s Church, Cowley

2pm - 5 pm

Kick-start your summer at this fun-filled Village Fete in a beautiful setting!

Old Photos

I have been going through boxes & boxes of photos & am surprised to find some photos of Elkstone taken by my mother in 1949.

She died in 2006 aged 78.

She never said that she had been here before (perhaps she had forgotten).

There are also photos of Cirencester, Chedworth, & Seven Springs, (which given that she lived in Yorkshire, is quite selective).

That said, she was a well regarded campanologist & rang in the only all women's peel to ring in victory (Keswick).

The photos of Elkstone church show the old lights.

Nic Williamson (Mum at the time was 21 year old Margaret Blench)

We are about to throw away photos of just pre-war & just post-war UK & Europe - if you want any, please get in contact via the editor.



Boiler as a Gift

Some will be aware that we replaced our oil fired boiler with a wood pellet unit.

Thus we have a boiler to be given away (for a donation to the Village Hall).

Strictly speaking, I understand that I should offer it as spares - thus I do.

You will understand that no item is guaranteed in any way.

It was taken out in 2015 (it was fully serviced & efficiently operational at the time) & has been in dry storage since.

Boiler: Boulter Camray II 135/175 39.6-51.3 kW

If I can not donate the boiler as a whole, the burner / blower unit is available. (This will fit a wide range of boilers).

Burner / Blower: Riello 40.G10 40/10mm Type 464T50

I am pretty sure that I have a spare unused nozzle & a spare unused oil filter:

Element = Nu-Way p/n E03-023M

I also have a pair of pumps: Heating pump Grundfos type UPS 40-80F250

DHW pump Grundfos Type UPS 15-50

I can deliver to Elkstone. Nic Williamson - contact via the Editor