

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

I know spring is due but the cold wind and remains of wet weather from America does not bring much joy. However, the buds are appearing on the trees and hedges and several birds are making repairs to their old nests. The morning chorus of bird song also makes me happy.

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Diary Dates

Elkstone Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 26th April - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Elkstone Parish Annual Open Meeting - Wednesday 26th April - Village Hall - 8.00pm
Elkstone Film and Supper Club – Summer recess
Cowley Fete - Saturday 13 th May 2017 – 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Elkstone Village Gardens Open Day - June 11th 2017

Regular Dates

Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste – Every Friday
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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: **Thursday 20th April** please

The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com

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Elkstone Church Services

April 2nd -	Morning Prayer -	10.00am - Rev A Champion
April 9th -	Family Palm Sunday Service -	10.00am - Frank Booth
April 16th -	Family Easter Day Service -	11.00am - Rev D Minns
April 23rd -	Songs of Praise -	10.00am - Sylvie Pierce
April 30th -	Benefice Service -	tbc

David

Easter at Elkstone Church

Come and join us to celebrate the great news of Jesus' resurrection this year. The services at Elkstone will be as follows:

Sunday April 9th - **Palm Sunday Family Service 10.00am** - This will start at 9.45am with a walk of witness through the village starting at the village hall, singing and waving palm crosses with the service then at the Church at 10.00am. Join us for whichever part you want.

Sunday April 16th - **Easter Day Family Service 11.00am** - This will be a Songs of Praise type service with hymns and readings following the events of the first Easter Day. The service will be followed by an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for the children. The Churchwardens have bought 400 eggs so see if you can find more than them, they like chocolate!!

Dates for the diary - just further reminders about forthcoming services:

28th May 10.00am **"Bikers" Songs of Praise Service** 10.00am - this will be led by Alexandra Dyer who is a member of the Christian Bikers Association. We are hoping those who like their

motorcycles will bring them along so that everyone attending can look over them after the service.

30th July - time tbc - **Benefice Service - "Noah's Ark"** - a service to celebrate all God's creatures. If you have any pets they can be brought to the service.

Elkstone Film and Supper Group - Summer Recess

Thanks to all who have supported us through the past season, as in the past we are suspending our gatherings during the summer months from April through to September, we look forward to seeing everyone from October 19th, when we plan to resume.

Jeremy and Anne - 870516

Village and Community Agent

Good news for those who wanted the travel assistance cards to use on the stagecoach bus services. I do have a small number available for those who contacted me last year. Please contact me and I will see that you receive one.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy Easter, I hope it is a nice warm and sunny weekend. It is so nice to see all the spring bulbs blooming in the garden, even on a dull wet day it makes a splash of colour.

Cynthia Laird – 07776245780 - cynthia@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Elkstone Village Gardens Open Day – June 11th 2017 - Our 25th Year

There is now plenty of evidence in the flora and fauna around the village that the seasons are changing and that spring is well and truly sprung. The Easter Holidays are close and after that we shall be only six full weeks away from our annual village showcase. Clearly now is the time to get cracking on preparing your garden if you are opening and potting up those extra cuttings and seedlings for the Plant Stall.

Those of you still considering opening your garden in 2017, please let us know definitively by the end of April so that we can start to draw up the maps and design the posters and brochures correctly.

Many in the village and outside are very proud of the Eco initiatives that have been undertaken at the Church in the past two years and these will be featured strongly in this year's programme. So it is pleasing to note that seedlings are emerging in the wild flower meadow from the hay that had been strewn by children of Elkstone last summer and it now looks as though the Eco loo will be in place by June 11th.

As an additional attraction for 2017 Mick Ralph will have his four-inch scale model of an Atkinson steam lorry on display in steam, which will be of great interest to many visitors.

Thank you, Mick!

The advance publicity for this year's event has already stimulated enquiries to the Elkstone Village website. It's interesting that some potential visitors have suggested an earlier opening time: 13.00 or even 12.00 to allow them more time to experience the gardens and attractions.

Though most volunteer helpers, stall-holders, tea brewers and car parkers to whom I've spoken feel it is already a long and tiring day for them and so it seems we will stick with the usual 14.00 -18.00 on the principle of "if it ain't broke don't fix it". Further offers of help, ideas and suggestions are most welcome, please.

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I am running a preloved jewellery stall at the Open Gardens. So ladies ... please dig deep into your jewellery boxes and be kind enough to let me have any unwanted items - necklaces, ear rings, bracelets etc. All gratefully appreciated. Please drop off at Wool Barn (opp. Langdale).

Julia Haynes

Cowley Fete - Saturday May 13th 2.00 to 5.00pm the First Local Fete Of The Year!

All of our usual Traditional Village Fete activities including Fun Dog Show Terrier Racing Alpaca Corner Tug of War Tombola Coconut Shy Face-Painting Splat-the Rat and Stalls - Cakes, Plants, Genuine Home Produce, Books and DVDs Computer Games, Pre-Loved Clothes, Bric-a-Brac, Toys; also BBQ Licensed Bar Cream Teas Ice Creams And Live Music from the Ukesanon Ukelele Band

Adults £2.00 Children under 16 free

Venue Cowley Village Centre

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

Lynn Joy - 033011 38410

News from the Hospital Trust

On March 9th the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucester officially opened the new organ donation artwork in the atrium of Gloucester Royal. This is a stunning hanging heart created from 1000 tags engraved with messages from organ recipients, organ donors and their families. It is intended as recognition for all those patients and families that have thought of others and given the gift of life. It is also hoped that the impact of the artwork will encourage members of the public to join the organ donor register.

I am privileged to know a girl, who was very ill with type 1 diabetes, become the country's youngest ever recipient of a pancreatic transplant. She had a long wait and spent a lot of time in hospital but the transplant has transformed her life, she can now work and is currently studying for a degree.

In Gloucestershire with a population of 620,000 over 41% are signed up to the organ donor register. This is well above the national average of 30% but still has a long way to go to match the best at over 60%. In 2016/17 85 transplants for county residents were carried out but 6 patients died whilst waiting. This year we have 91 people on the transplant list waiting for an organ to become available.

Please consider joining the register if you have not already done so, go to

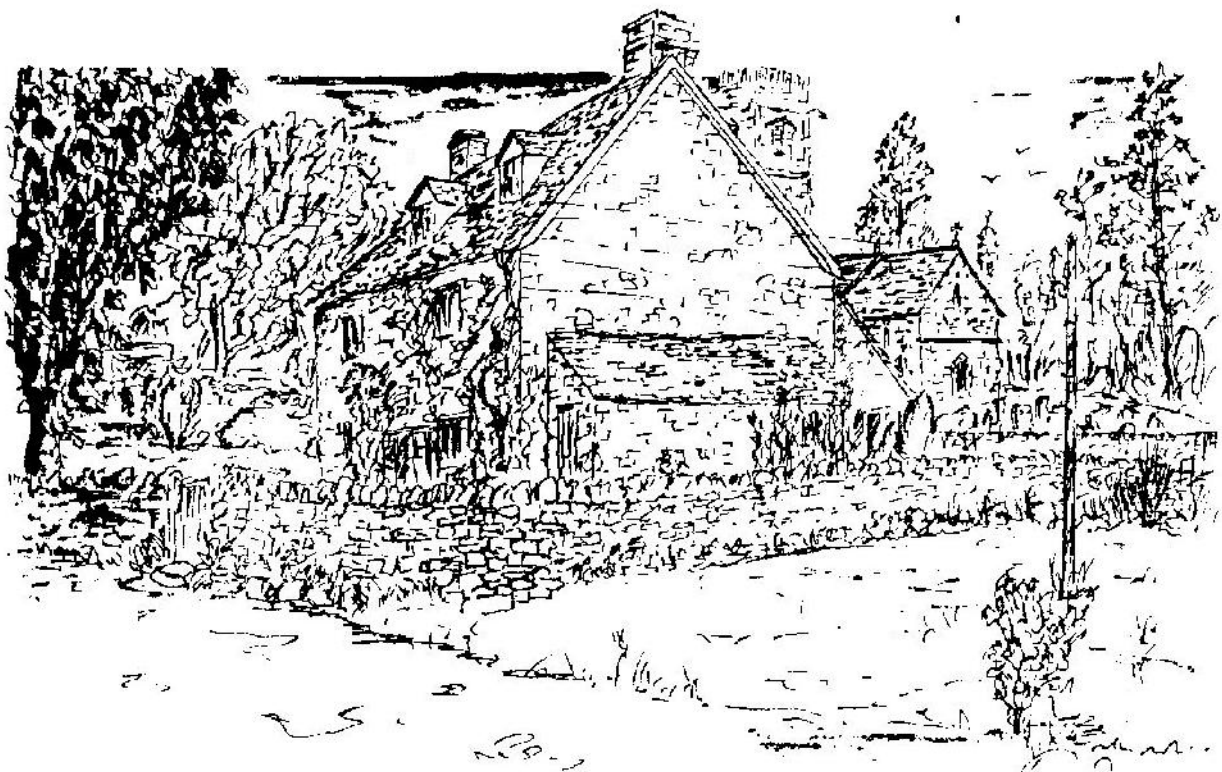
www.organdonation.nhs.uk

You can find more up to date news about the trust on our website and the February edition of the Outline magazine, found under "News and Media", contains some very positive information and stories about how new initiatives are helping with better patient care. Amongst this is a topic that I know has affected some of you, namely fractures being missed on x-ray.

Please keep your questions coming because they can raise issues that might otherwise not be recognised. This month I was asked if the new automated telephone system could be slowed down to make it easier for hard of hearing to respond. If any of you would like to raise a question with the board in person you can do so. Details are on the website or contact me for help.

Anne Davies – 870516

A previous editor of the Elkstone Newsletter, George Robey, used to decorate the Gestetnered sheets with his drawings. This one is the Priest's House.



THE PRIEST'S HOUSE, as it was
ELKSTONE - 9/05.