
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

It was really great to see all the planning for the Open Gardens come together so successfully, even though the pesky sunshine took the day off, & to meet some of you lovely lot. The Lancaster bomber was a big hit with my visitors, (no pun intended, as none of us actually managed to stab a target this time!), & it was a brilliant idea to have the Elkstone Stories dotted around, I saw lots of people enjoying delving into those. It's been lovely to read Bethan's thank you piece & to see all the people involved putting the Open Day on, what a special village Elkstone is. I think you've all earned a jubilant jiggle into July!

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Waste & Recycling	All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 13 th & 27 th July
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie - 870493

Diary Dates

Colesbourne Barn Dance	6 th July 7 – 10pm
Parish Council Meeting	18 th July 8pm village Hall
Colesbourne Flower Festival	14 th & 15 th July 2 - 6pm

SERVICES July 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

1 st	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
8 th	10 am	Family Service	Alexandra Dyer
15 th	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd David Minns
22 nd	11am	Join with Rendcomb	
29 th	11am	COMBINED Benefice Service	

News from the Trust

I became a member of the hospital trust when I moved to Gloucestershire as this offered me the opportunity to be invited to interesting seminars on a variety of topics & to have a say in consultations. Some two years ago, after I had been very ill following treatment within the hospital, I stood for election as a governor &, with your support, was successful. This role gives me the opportunity not only monitor trust working but also to ensure that the voices of those I represent are heard by the leadership team.

Gloucestershire has a diverse population & many factors can influence people's health & life expectancy such as housing, education, employment & the communities in which they live as well as the medical care they receive. The Gloucestershire Sustainability Plan & Transformation Plan (2016) laid out the way in which the NHS & Care organisations in the county would work together as 'One Gloucestershire.'. The vision was to improve health & wellbeing by using the strengths of individuals, carers & local communities, to transform the quality of care & support provided to local people to ensure joined up care.

So successful has this working together been that the county was recently given a huge vote of confidence, & praised by NHS England Chief Executive, Simon Stevens, for effective partnership working & for its plans to join up support & services for the benefit of communities. This has been recognised in a recent announcement confirming that Gloucestershire is to become one of only 14 Integrated Care Systems in the country. This brings a new type of even closer collaboration whereby our NHS organisations, in partnership with local councils & others, take collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering NHS standards, & improving the health of the population we serve. For the hospital trust it is envisaged that this will mean that with improved overall health & wellbeing in the community fewer people will need hospital care thus freeing up critical resources for those who need them most.

Please share in this exciting new future & join us as a trust member which you can do irrespective of your age, experience, ethnicity, or abilities. A diverse membership ensures that the voices of the widest possible representation of the community are heard & trust & governors can be more confident that decisions taken fully reflect the views of those we serve. Details of membership, & all its benefits, are on the trust website & I would be happy to talk to you if you have any queries about this.

Anne Davies, Elected Public Governor Cotswold District.

Hello all!

WELL DONE US!

I hope everyone has just about recovered. A huge huge thank you to everyone who helped make Open Day such a success despite the grey drizzly weather! I have so many thank yous to say but here's a thank you overview!

We had so many people come & enjoy the day & lovely comments about the gardens & cakes.

Firstly to all those who opened their gardens- THANK YOU, it's a really vital part of Open Gardens Day! The Tearoom was absolutely non-stop & wonderfully accompanied by Michael playing the guitar which gave it a lovely atmosphere, so thank you to Jennie & all other volunteers & cake bakers who helped keep that going.

Ann, Ronnie & all on the car park, you were fabulous, so full of energy & organization, you made it look easy.

Crazy Croquet was a thing of beauty with the absolutely brilliant construction of obstacles by Christoph, who also saved the day cooking many burgers at the indoor BBQ!

The church & all the flowers were truly stunning, accompanied by Sylvie's expert knowledge.

Anne Davies' publicity really pulled in the crowd, even getting us a feature on BBC Radio Gloucestershire. All of the wonderful stalls with their really generous donations were fabulous & of course the much loved tractor rides!

Barbara & Bob were a constant support to me, putting on a textile exhibition, making the Elkstone Story book covers as well as opening their garden.

To Brian who mentored me through the experience of organising the day.

Martyn & his counting & money management is invaluable & has given us the figure of around £2300 made this year!

Thank you to Bryan for creating the map & printing all the guides.

To Liz & David who stuck it out trying to sell ice creams in the rain all day, you were heroes.

Thank you to the Richardsons & Cream Tea volunteers serving scones in the drizzle!

To Carole for painting & creating all the signs & generally being a joy.

To Cat Collins who came back from travelling at just the right time to dive in the deep end & join me in preparing the day & knocking on doors!

I know that's a BIG thank you & I haven't even mentioned everyone, but isn't that incredible how many people get involved to make it happen!

I've been truly astonished at the amount of work & preparation that goes into it, but it's so worth it. It really is the best day of the year in Elkstone & so valuable to us as a village community. It's been wonderful getting to know everyone & seeing it all come together.

Elkstone is forever & always the best.

Bethan Marriot

Share your photos of Open Gardens Day 2018 for the Elkstone Website

Now that yet another successful Open Day has happened, I am hoping that some of you who visited (or helped) on the day might care to upload a few photos which you took on the day.

We would like to develop a 'montage' page using as many peoples 'scenes' as possible to convey the magic of the day - and hopefully provide even better promotional material as well.

Uploading the pictures is very easy if you visit www.elkstonevillage.com & from the link on the right click the Upload Your Open Garden Photos link. The page explains the very simple procedure.

Jeremy 870516

Village Hall Tea Room

Every year the same questions run through my head:

- Will we have enough cakes/biscuits/ preserves to sell?
- Have I bought too much/little milk, tea, coffee.....?
- Do we need any more helpers for running the Tea Room?
- Shall we put tables & chairs outside?
- And there are other questions as well!

In the end it all comes together. This year we were extremely busy in the hall as those who sat outside, did so for a very short time. After a very hot previous weekend we had to cope with a cold, windy & drizzly afternoon. Most visitors enjoyed the warmth of the hall along with the huge variety of cakes on offer. Many, many thanks to all the bakers & helpers. So many of you had arranged to help for an hour, but stayed for much longer - & that includes a few who just called in for a short while & ended up doing a long shift at the sink. It was an excellent afternoon.

Jennie Howlett

Friday 6th July 7-10pm - Colesbourne Park, A Real Barn Dance

Tickets will be on sale soon at the Colesbourne Garage: Adults - £10, Children - £5, Family ticket - £25 Music by the Odd Piece Band. Bowl food & hot dogs will be for sale plus beer, cider, soft drinks & icepops.

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July 2-6pm "Country Flowers for Country Churches" Festival

There will be flower displays & demonstrations in the Church; strawberry & cream teas in the Long Room as well as a book & bric-a-brac stall. There will also be some plants for sale.

Entry is free & there will be access to the Gardens & Arboretum - a rare & lovely opportunity to see the Estate in its summer glory!