
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello again,

My apologies, I made a massive error in the May Newsletter & muddled up the date for the Elkstone Open Garden Day. So I'm using my introduction to correct it in capitals! ELKSTONE OPEN GARDENS is on SUNDAY 17th JUNE.

Looking forward to meeting some of you there, have a jocund June.

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

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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

Colesbourne Barn Dance	6 th July 7 – 10pm
Colesbourne Flower Festival	14 th & 15 th July 2 - 6pm
Elkstone Open Day	17 th June 2- 6 pm

SERVICES June 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

3 rd	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
10 th	10 am	Family Service	Rev'd Geoffrey Cox
17 th		Open Day No Service	
24 th	11am	Join with Rendcomb	Rev'd David Minns

News From the Trust

You may have heard the news on BBC Gloucestershire about the trust deficit & the inference that the Trust's variance to plan was not something previously known or reported by the Trust. This 'news' came from the reporting of an update provided by the Trust, as part of its regular reporting to the Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee where in fact, in contrast to what was implied there was very constructive debate.

Unhelpful analogies were drawn to the summer 2016 but this could not be further from the truth. I became a governor just when the original financial problems were disclosed, & they came as a complete shock. (The report on this is available on the trust website.) With the current board there is a culture of openness & of mutual respect & the executive team first reported a forecast deterioration in its financial performance in August 2017 & formally revised its year end forecast in September of last year, & in doing so explained how this situation had come about. This was fully explained at Council of Governors meetings & at the main Board to which the public are invited.

A large part of the problem has been the implementation of a computer patient record system called Trakcare which has caused many problems. Extra support has now been employed to help with this & finally we are beginning to see positive benefits. What is important is that throughout this we have maintained or improved the standard of patient care. This could not have been done without the huge support & effort of all our staff. I am reassured by the fact that as we are under Financial Special Measures we are subject to scrutiny by NHS Improvements & our last year performance was recently reviewed by the regulator NHS Improvement.. In the year we achieved one of the best Cost Improvement Plan (CIP) performances in the sector, having delivered just shy of 6% of cost reductions. The sector average was 3.5% & for FSM Trusts it was 4.7%, so our performance really was exceptional – our own average over the previous four years has been in the order of 3%. They have accepted our plan for next year.

To end on positive notes a recent visitor to the trust was Chris Hopson, the Chief Executive of NHS Providers who is one of the most insightful & influential people in the sector, regularly speaking out for NHS Trusts & has the ear of everyone from the Secretary of State down. Chris toured GRH & met frontline staff & was very impressed by all he saw.

Finally, we had a huge success with the Trust's first ever camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes. The aim of the camp was to encourage children aged 8 to 12 years old to self-manage & become more confident in looking after their diabetes. The feedback from the children & their parents has been phenomenal & hopefully the camp is the first of many such events to take place.

Anne Davies. (Public Governor Cotswolds)

Gardens Open Day- SUNDAY 17th JUNE – 2-6pm

Gardens Open Day is less than a month away now & everything is coming together well. Now we are into some of the logistics of the day. We have ten gardens opening, ice creams, teas, art exhibitions, two gardens with games in, the church with its bell ringers & flowers, tractor rides & stalls, so a really fantastic amount to keep our visitors busy! Thank you all who have made this possible.

Now we are looking for donations & volunteers!

Tea Rooms: The village hall would like donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, fudge & other baked goods to sell on the day. Drop them off to Jennie or at the village hall on the day.

Tombola: We would appreciate any kind of bottles (alcoholic or not but preferably full ones!) to be delivered to us at Briars Cottage on the week beforehand or we can collect on the morning of the day itself if needed.

Book Stall: Also if you could donate any good quality second hand books, the same arrangements applies to those as to the tombola.

Jewellery Stall: Do get in touch with Sally to drop off any jewellery items-
sallycthomas@me.com

Plant Stall: Please keep saving plants for the plant stall & drop them off outside the church gate at the top of the Rectory Drive on the morning of open day.

If you have any donations but can't drop them off, do drop me an email or phone call & I can arrange to come & pick them up at a time that suits.

Volunteers: Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help but there is still need for a few more. We will need some people to help operate the Lancaster Bomber challenge. Also a few more to help serve teas & cakes in the village hall, & also help on the car park. Please do offer what time you can, if you could do an hour or two somewhere it makes all the difference & then everyone can get a chance to explore & enjoy the day as well.

To help publicise the event get in touch with Anne Davies (seabran@gmx.com) if you could distribute some posters, or if you have the perfect place in mind for a very large banner.

The BBQ will take place in the evening to celebrate all our hard work on the day. Whole village welcome!

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Open Gardens Car Park Volunteers

Hi everybody, I'm looking for volunteers to help me with car parking on Open Day. Helping to guide our visitors into the field to park in allocated parking spaces, & take their entrance money & gift aid forms.

Could anybody spare an hour between 1pm & 6pm?

Please let me know if you can help.

Ronnie 870493

CONCERT AT ELKSTONE

A WORLD PREMIERE was played at Elkstone church on Sunday 29th April 2018! Andrew Hodges, a brilliant violin player, teacher & arranger of music had rearranged some Beatles tunes for a String Quartet & this was its World Premiere. He had brought along his Stratton String Quartet & 3 star pupils to give the 70 people in the audience a wonderful concert ranging from early folk music through baroque, classical, romantic & on to very modern times. The mixture was pure delight & much appreciated by everyone who came, many of whom were Andrew's pupils & families of the players. What a huge talent on our doorstep at Stratton. We are extremely grateful to them in helping us to raise funds for our lovely little church. They gave their time to give us pleasure.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, & Team Elkstone for supporting the event in their usual efficient ways.

Chloe Darling

Friday 6th July (7-10pm) - 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!