
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hi,

There are a lot of lovely events this month to put in the diary, helping to combat the temptation to hibernate through the winter!

Speaking of hibernation, we have seen a lot of hedgehogs in the evenings whilst driving through the village, which not only made me worry about them getting squashed, but also led me to wonder when they go into hibernation.

It turns out they can run at 6 feet per second, which should stand them in good stead to get out of the way of our wheels, depending on the severity of the winter they go into hibernation in October/November through until March/April & amazingly they have around 5,000 spines, each of which lasts about a year.

On that prickly note, I wish all of you an outstanding October.

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

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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

Elkstone Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7pm	13 th October
Elkstone Film Club	Village Hall	7pm	18th October
Echoes of World War One	St.Johns	5pm	28 th October
Celebrations at Bubbs Hill	Cockleford	tbc	11 th November
Colesbourne Floral Demo	Long Room	11am	15 th November

SERVICES October 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

7 th	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Geoffrey Cox
14 th	10 am	Family Service	Rev'd Bob & Ruth Edy
16 th	11am	Harvest Festival	Rev'd Philip Thomas
21 st	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Cliff Pooley
28 th	11am	Service at Rendcomb	
	5pm	Commemorative Concert for WWI	

Harvest Supper, Elkstone Village Hall

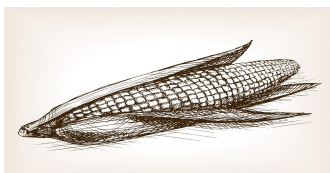
On Saturday October 13th at 7 pm we will be holding our popular bring & share Harvest Supper in Elkstone Village Hall. It would be lovely to welcome you there. The evening has become one of the chatty & joyful events in the Autumn, time to catch up with our village friends & hopefully meet & welcome all our new neighbours.

There is no ticket cost - but a donation to our chosen charity please, & also a shepherds pie (we can cover meat, gluten free & vegetarian) or a fruity pudding. We provide the wine & soft drinks! Please contact Carole for catering numbers & to offer a contribution to the supper.

Our charity this year is one of our favourites, Send a Cow, celebrating their 30th year. Since 1988 much has changed, they no longer send cows from the UK, sourcing them locally. In fact, providing livestock is now just a tiny part of what they do. Send a Cow has been helping families to grow their own food, confidence & aspirations over the past 30 years & having already worked with 2 million people. They want to keep on growing so more African families can lift themselves out of poverty for good. We are delighted to be able to welcome our speaker, representing Send a Cow, Simon Trapnell, Director of Nature in Art, & well known in these parts. Several of us recently went to the joyful & colourful 30th Celebratory Service at Wells cathedral, & we have stories to tell! As in previous years there is no ticket cost, please bring a shepherds pie or fruity pudding. All donations given will be directed to one of the poorest countries in the world, Burundi. We will be able to help bring to fruition the aspiration of the Burundi representative who said, "Send a Cow has given us Seeds of Hope & we are trying to grow saplings. Then we hope that they will grow into a Forest of Love"

Elkstone Parish Church

Please email or phone Carole with offers of food, carolebury@hotmail.com 870493



We Remember 1918 by Creating a Human Poppy

Enlist to honour & say thank you to those who gave their lives 1914 - 1918 by creating a human poppy in Cirencester, 2.00pm, Sunday 11th November 2018. You can be part of it, sign up by contacting Jane Thorn, Clerk to the Parish Council, email: elkstonepc@gmail.com or Cirencester Community Development Trust email: ccdttld@cirencester.gov.uk or Tel: 01285 644244.

Jane Thorn

Echoes of World War One: A Commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice November 11th 1918

On Sunday 28th October at 17.00 there will be a concert of words together with interludes of live & recorded music at St John's Parish Church, Elkstone reflecting the events of the Great War with particular reference to the men & women of the parish of Elkstone, as well as the county of Gloucestershire & beyond.

Led by the Clergy & members of the congregation we will explore the works of people with Gloucestershire associations such as Ivor Gurney, Gerald Finzi & Ralph Vaughan Williams & how the events of that period impacted upon them. Theresa Hester who is Finzi's granddaughter has kindly agreed to play live for us. All are welcome to remember & honour family & friends who fell in this conflict. If you would like further information or would like to take part, help or contribute to this special evening please contact Sylvie Pierce or myself.

Tickets are now available at £10, which will include light refreshments.

Proceeds to be shared equally between The Royal British Legion & the Fabric Fund of Elkstone Parish Church.

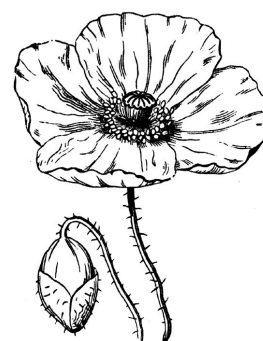
Please contact or e-mail me at the address below to reserve your tickets. Brian Howlett, Treasurer Elkstone PCC, brianhowlett21@gmail.com

Celebrate the End of WW1 with a Beacon & a Zip Wire Ride

You are invited to attend commemoration celebrations at the Guide Activity Centre at Deer Park Cockleford. A beacon will be lit at 6.30pm which is one of a chain being lit across the country. In addition a special invitation is extended to Elkstone residents to take a ride down the zip wire that was installed this year....long, steep & fun. Keep the date clear & I will put final details in the next newsletter.

Anne Davies

Management Committee member.



News From The Trust

Firstly, we are preparing for a CQC inspection starting in October & following the huge improvements that have been made over the last two years, coupled with enthusiasm from all the staff as we go about preparations, we are very much hoping that we will improve our rating from 'needs improvement' to 'good'. This will be an important step towards succeeding in our 'Journey to Outstanding'. Reconfiguration & improvement of services also feature prominently.

A successful bid for a grant has resulted in £1.3m being made available to assist with our winter planning & will be spent on enhancing emergency care in Gloucester Royal (GRH) following from £1m recently spent at Cheltenham (CGH).

Consultations have taken place with national clinical experts, commissioners & a patient representative to meet the challenges of delivering sustainable high-quality emergency general & surgical care & without impacting on elective & day care surgery. It is envisaged that both a dedicated emergency general surgery hub, & an upper GI & colorectal clinic for complex elective surgery will be based at GRH, with a dedicated day surgery unit at CGH. This will be open for public consultation early in 2029.

Finally, huge thanks go to Gloucestershire Fire Services who pushed a hospital bed between all 21 fire stations & in doing so raised over £15,000 towards our FOCUS appeal for planned developments in oncology. Congratulations are due to our community diabetic services who, working to support GP's to better manage patients with or at risk of malnutrition, have won nominations for a Health Services Journal award in the category of Primary Care innovation.

Anne Davies

Elkstone Film & Supper Evening, Thursday 18th October - Elkstone Village Hall

We begin our Autumn season with *Darkest Hour*, featuring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill, & Kristin Scott-Thomas as his wife Clemmie. This thrilling & inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Churchill must face one of his most turbulent & defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty & freedom of a nation. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe & the threat of invasion is imminent, & with an unprepared public, a sceptical King, & his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, & attempt to change the course of world history.

The film will be preceded by a Tarragon Chicken based supper starting at 7:00pm, the film starts at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10.00 a head for Film + Supper, payment in a marked envelope please through the letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone please, by 6:00pm on Monday 15th October; film-only attendance is £5.00 each, pay at the door.

Jeremy & Anne 870516

Grass Cutting

I have been requested to kindly ask for the grass **not** to be cut outside the front of the wall at 1 Hill View. Someone did earlier on in the year & cut through the outer casing to their fibre internet network cable, they would therefore prefer to be responsible for maintaining that area themselves. Many Thanks.

Colesbourne Harvest Supper News

The annual Colesbourne Harvest Supper was held in the Long Room on Sunday 16th September. Around 50 villagers, with some attending for the first time, provided a fantastic array of main courses & desserts to share. A raffle was held with a great selection of prizes, mainly alcoholic, & raised over £166 for the church roof fund. A new Colesbourne calendar featuring photographs taken by Pam Brogan, was on sale for the first time, raising £110. The event was another in the programme of activities which are bringing the village & its families together. Many thanks to all those volunteers who made the evening such a roaring success.

Scenes around Colesbourne 2019 Calendar

Local amateur photographer Pamela Brogan has compiled a calendar showcasing her wonderful photographs of the Colesbourne area. These are for sale in Colesbourne Garage for £5 & all proceeds are going to the St James' Church Nave Roof Fund. There's an A3 Family size option or a perfect for family & friends A4 option.

Christmas Floral Decorations Demonstration

The next scheduled event is the Christmas Floral Decorations Demonstration on Thursday 15th November. It will take place in the Long Room & the plan is to have coffee & mince pies on arrival at 11am, demonstrations from 11.30am & then a light lunch at 1pm. It will be a perfect opportunity for friends to get together & learn how to make wonderful table decorations. Tickets £10 will be on sale soon in Colesbourne Garage, by email snowdrop.cde@virgin.net or on the door.

Christmas Floral Decoration Demonstration
Long Room, Colesbourne
Thursday 15th November

11am Coffee and mince pies
11.30 Floral decoration demonstration
1.00 Light lunch
1.30 Raffle draw

Tickets: £10.00 (available from Colesbourne Garage
or by email: snowdrop.cde@virgin.net)