
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

It seems after a fairly relaxed August, everyone has their foot back on the pedal, charging into September, if the Newsletter is anything to go by. Elkstone sees arrivals & farewells this month, so a big hello to the new Elkstonians & best of luck on your new adventures to the Elkstone Alumni, especially to Reg, who passed the Editorial baton on to me with great warmth & kindness almost one whole year ago.

I hope the shifting seas of September are filled with serenity for all of you.

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Diary Dates

Ride & Stride			8 th September
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	8pm	19 th September
Defibrillator Awareness Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm	26 th September
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

SERVICES July 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

2 nd	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
9 th	10 am	Family Service	Rev'd Bob & Ruth Edy
16 th	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd Cliff Pooley
23 rd	11am	Join with Rendcomb	
30 th	10.30am	Harvest at Bagendon	Archdeacon Phil

Farewell & Welcome

The Marriott family- Francis, Maggie, Bethan & Kate have moved to Tetbury. We wish them well in their new home & welcome Tim & Antonia Winstanley into their new address at Ealac House.

Janet Williams is now living in Mirfield, Yorkshire. She is looking forward to pursuing her love of walking in the area.

Alastair & Amy McDonald have recently moved into April Cottage.

Welcome to all of you. We hope you enjoy living in the village.

A Farewell to Elkstone

If all goes according to plan, by the time you are reading this, the Eyres will moved. Lakin, now 30, was retired early this year, & is already part of a small herd in a retirement livery near Uley; whilst we, with Lulu & Octavia, are swapping one AONB for another, less well-known one, the North Wessex Downs.

We moved here at the end of July 1982, so have been here for 36 years & 1 month – just over half our lifetimes!

We have so many fond memories – the original Elkstonians who predicted that, as soft incomers from London, we'd never cope with the high Cotswold winters, the summer fetes, the Village Hall committee, the Entertainments, the walks, the traffic calming issues (not such good memories) the Newsletter & the Parish Council, our various animals...and of course, all the friendships made over the years.

We are looking forward to a new start in a spacious bungalow on a quiet village lane near Marlborough, with large garage, small garden, & handily placed PRowS leading up to the bluebell woods – oh, & Marilyn bagging!

We hope High Beech's new family, the Hutchinsons, will be at least as happy as we have been in Elkstone.

Reg & Lois

News From The Trust

This month I would like to share with you two matters of interest that you may like to be involved in: -

Firstly, each year the trust awards staff who have shown outstanding performance & commitment to their work & patients. One of these awards is the patient choice award & if you have received care from someone whom you would like to nominate for this award you can do so at Patient's Choice Awards:

<https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us/patients-choice-award/>

Secondly if you would like to help raise funds for the hospital trust, & have an enjoyable afternoon at the same time, you may like to join patients & staff with our 'Walk for Wards'. This event will take place in Cirencester Park on Sunday 7th October 2018, starting at 10am. You can choose a 3km or full 10km challenge. The family friendly shorter route gives supporters of all abilities the chance to join in, & dogs are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided for all walkers & The Metz Big Band will perform on arrival & at the end of the walk. You can decide which ward or area of the hospitals will directly benefit from your support & provide extra care & equipment over & above that provided by the NHS.

<https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/about-us/support-our-trust/donate-or-fundraise/charity-events/>.

Finally, I attach a recent press release from the trust: -

Roy Dyke, (former Associate Director of Capital & Development at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS FT) grossly abused his position of trust by deceitfully taking money from the NHS to fund a lavish lifestyle. The severity of his sentence, the financial ruin & the loss of reputation of Dyke & his co-conspirators sends out a strong message of deterrent to anyone who thinks they can cheat the system in such a way & get away with it.

“Under the Proceeds of Crime Act we are in line to recover 90% or £594,433 of the money taken, an exceptionally high recovery rate, & Dyke's NHS pension will also be recovered.

“We would like to pay tribute to the outstanding work undertaken by our local NHS Counter Fraud Service & Gloucestershire Constabulary in successfully convicting these criminals.”

The offences took place over a three-year period between 2012 & 2015. Dyke was suspended pending an internal investigation in 2015 before his employment with GHNHSFT was terminated in the same year.

Anne Davies, anne.davies11@nhs.net.

Elected governor representing Cotswolds.

Ride & Stride for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 8th September sees churches, chapels & meeting houses across Gloucestershire opening their doors to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders & drivers. Its a great way to explore our beautiful region & to discover some fascinating history in the buildings.

Riders & Striders are encouraged to seek sponsors & raise funds for the Trust. Here in Elkstone we recently received a grant from them towards our EcoLoo.

The charitable Trust awards grants for projects, repairs & improvements to eligible churches of any Christian denomination across Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire & North Bristol.

If you would like to support this event - please contact your regional organiser

Carole 870493 carolebury@hotmail.com

Sponsorship sheets are in the Church, or visit the the website www.ghct.org.uk

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 Email or phone Carole with offers of food please, carolebury@hotmail.com 870493

Elkstone Movie & Supper nights begin next month....

Just a reminder as the summer ebbs towards autumn that Film / Supper evenings will restart on Thursday October 18th starting at 7:00 pm.

We are featuring award-winning Darkest Day starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill in the darkest days of World War II. More details will follow in the October edition of the Newsletter.

Jeremy & Anne 870516

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

On Sunday 28th October at 17 there will be a concert of words & music at St John's Parish Church, Elkstone reflecting on the events of the Great War with particular reference to the men & women of the parish of Elkstone, 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.

Tickets at £10 will include refreshments. Proceeds to be shared equally between The Royal British Legion & the Fabric Fund of Elkstone Parish Church.

All are welcome!

If you would like further information or would like to help or contribute to this special evening please contact a member of Elkstone PCC.

Brian Howlett brianhowlett21@gmail.com

Treasurer Elkstone PCC

Litter

In August Pauline Farman collected 8 huge bags of litter from the slip roads leading to & from the A417 near The Highwayman. She is well known for this enterprise & regularly can be seen collecting litter near her home on the A435 & elsewhere. I'm sure many of you noticed the difference, but unfortunately the plastic cartons, take away cups & other rubbish are beginning to appear again. Many of us collect litter from the sides of the roads around the village in order to deter more being thrown out of the vehicles passing through. Many thanks to all those who help in this way. It's a shame that there are those who are so inconsiderate & feel that their rubbish can be deposited anywhere other than a bin or even taken back to their own homes. Once again, thanks for any help in trying to keep Elkstone clean & tidy.

Jennie Howlett

From the Parish Council

The Parish Council is sometimes asked about maintenance of verges & other grassed areas around the village. Unfortunately in the current economic climate funds are not available to mow or maintain these areas as we would like. Fortunately we have a variety of villagers & other volunteers who quietly & without being asked assist with this work & we would like to thank all those who give their time, & together contribute to maintaining a good appearance & a good impression of the village.

Barn Dance

On a balmy July Friday evening, villagers, friends & locals from the surrounding area congregated for an evening of food, drink & doesy-doeing at the Colesbourne Barn Dance. Dan Powell's barn was transformed with strings of lights thanks to Dave Hughes, & adorned with bunting & hay bales to sit on. Copious volumes of local ale (very kindly donated by Wadworths, Cotswold Lion & Westons Cider) & Pimms were supped to remove those inhibitions & encourage young & old to participate in the Dashing White Sergeant & Strip the Willow.

The Odd Piece Band played wonderfully & the dances were expertly called. Chilli & hot dogs provided welcome sustenance & the raffle was amazingly compered by young Tom Elwes before more enthusiastic dancing brought the evening to a close.



Thanks to everyone who helped with setting up the barn, preparing the food & manning the bar – a great time was had by all with over £2,100 being raised towards the St James Church Nave Roof Fund.

Country Flowers for Country Churches Festival

The majestic gardens & arboretum of Colesbourne Park played host to the “Country Flowers for Country Churches Festival” over a beautiful weekend. Shunning the competing tennis & football distractions, a steady stream of visitors enjoyed the rare opportunity to visit the park in the summer rather than during the more familiar snowdrop season.

The 11th century church was wonderfully decorated By Lady Carolyn Elwes & her team with arrangements making use of both cut & wild flowers to create a stunning backdrop to the well-attended Sunday evening service. A number of flower arranging demonstrations over the weekend showed how these lovely arrangements were put together.

Despite the hot weather, the gardens looked fantastic. Many visitors took advantage of Sir Henry's entertaining arboretum tours before sampling the strawberry cream teas & homemade cakes in the Long Room. The bric-a-brac & book stalls did a good trade & the weekend raised just over £1,000.

The success of the festival was down to the hard work of the various volunteers who helped create the welcoming & informal atmosphere which everyone enjoyed.

