

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

By the time you read this, I will be in the Land of the Long White Cloud. This is part of my research project on the change in New Zealand from a Settler Society to a Nation State. Yes, I am including motorcycles, 1895 to 1915.

I am told that the weather is currently about 30 degrees Celsius so I will be thinking of you. Lois will put the next Newsletter together so please continue emailing articles to my address and she will assemble it soon after the 20th editorial deadline. If you know of future dates that you would like to make known, please let me know and I will put them in a section called "Future Dates for Your Diary." Details can then appear in the month prior to the event.

Reg – 22-01-09

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Dates for your Diary	
Thursday 5 th February – Flying in the 1930s – Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Sunday 8 th February – Toy Service - St.John's Church, Elkstone - 10.00am	
Thursday 12 th February – Elkstone Rural Cinema – Village Hall – 7.30pm	
Saturday 14 th February – ERG Walk – Minchinhampton Common – 10.00am	
Sat 21st March - The Annual Village Quiz Night – Elkstone Village Hall	
Sunday 21 st June – Open Day – Cotswold Gardens at Elkstone - 2.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste – Every Monday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Mondays 9 th and 23rd
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - <i>Bernard Alder 870255</i>
Mobile Library	Tuesdays 10th, 24th - Hill View - 11.45am to 11.55am
Deadline for March Edition: Friday 20th February Please	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Flying in the 1930's - Northwest Frontier of India

Thursday 5th February – Village Hall, 8.00pm

Trevor has very kindly offered to give us another of his very interesting talks about life in the RAF. Those parishioners who came to his previous talks will know how fascinating they are – those who didn't should try not to miss this one.

Entry will be £1.50 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

The Events Committee

Elkstone Rural Cinema

Date: Thursday 12th February 2009

The Duchess Cert: 12a

Keira Knightley continues her reign as the queen of the period film with this 18th-century costume drama. The corset-clad actress stars as Georgiana Spenser, the Duchess of Devonshire. With her marriage to the duke (Ralph Fiennes), Georgiana achieves an impressive level of fame as Britons follow both her clothing style and her political advice. But even celebrity and wealth can't act as a salve in her marriage to the boring, boorish duke. When he begins to flaunt his affairs, Georgiana is tempted to return to a teenage crush, Charles Grey (Dominic Cooper), to the anger of her husband and her mother (Charlotte Rampling).

Doors open at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start.

Entrance: £3.50

Advance notice of showing for 12th March: *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*. Cert 12a.

Sue Collins

ERG Walk

February 14th 2009

A 4.5 mile walk starting at **10.00am at The Old Lodge, Minchinhampton Common, GL6 9AQ** grid ref SO852 008, largely centred on Minchinhampton Common but skirting the villages of Box, Minchinhampton and Amberley.

Apart from one short but steep climb the terrain is mildly undulating or flat and should be passable in all but the direst conditions! In parts of the common however it is somewhat exposed so we would suggest wrapping up warmly! A log fire, a warm welcome and lunch for those who want it await us at the end at The Old Lodge.

Brief instructions: Follow the A419 in the Cirencester to Stroud direction, bear left at the airfield towards Minchinhampton and continue on this road to the junction known as Tom Longs Post. Turn left and in about 0.2 mile the sign for the Old Lodge/Golf Club will be seen on the right.

Jeremy and Anne - 870516.

Nature Notes

Here's a little memory from the past to help us recall hot summer weather...

Once when Uncombe Lane was newly tarmacked, I drove along, and there by the Zeal gate was a brood of lapwing chicks stuck in the melted tar. They were cleaned as much as possible with margarine, and put back on North Slait where the frantic adults were calling. One never knows whether they made it or not – but just a chance.

It was the birds' habit to nest on the North Slait and take the chicks across the lane to rear them on the grass of the Zeal field; unfortunate timing that year!

There has been a short-eared owl in the area – it's a daylight hunter, so please drive carefully, in case it flies low across the road in front of you.

Jessie

(A flock of between 50 and 80 lapwings was spotted mid-January on the field to the north of the Half Mile – *Mrs. Ed.*)

News from the Parish Council

The efforts of householders who keep mown and neat the verges outside their homes is greatly appreciated; however, the Parish Council has been receiving complaints about the seemingly increasing number who are placing large blocks of stones, chunks of wood, and wooden or metal posts, along the verges.

A verge is part of the highway, and it is illegal to obstruct it.

Such obstructions can cause damage to manoeuvring vehicles, particularly at night in unlit streets or lanes when the obstructions can't be seen; and it is also possible that children on bicycles, (falling off bicycles) or other passers-by, may be injured.

Householders who have such obstructions outside their property can be found liable for any damage or injury.

Lois - 870375

(The householders at High Beech were given permission to protect their pedestrian gate and parking bay with plastic posts, though they used recycled posts – *Ed*)

Open Day

Sunday 21st June 2009 - 2.00pm

As a provisional date, this is getting firmer as weeks pass with no objections.

We are very pleased to say that our strong committee has been boosted by Sylvie joining in the past few days.

We would certainly welcome at least 1 more member and the return of experienced hands. I am sure Maggie would welcome some assistance with representing the northern end of the village. Just call or e-mail.

The Gardens Committee Nic 870556 openday@az.azteck.com

Committee currently is: Jeremy & Anne, Maggie, Sylvie, Nic & Ann

Filing Cabinet Wanted

I am sure other villagers get fed up as I do with the amount of files they keep for the Hall. It seems that every time someone leaves a committee or the village they come around and dump files.

Does anyone have serviceable filing cabinet that they could donate to the Hall please? We can then store files in the Hall itself.

Village Hall committee 870556 or hall@az.azteck.com