

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Those of us concerned about the speed of traffic on the 3/190 were re-assured by the presence of a Police Unit, measuring traffic speed at Westerleigh cross-roads (by the phone box). Several drivers were warned and some booked for exceeding the 40mph speed limit. I do hope the Unit can come again, soon, preferably on another Friday afternoon say from 4.00pm to 5.00pm?

Now, an invitation – please would parishioners write a short piece on the history of their homes? We have many interesting buildings, and maybe we can share what we have found out about people who have lived in our homes before we arrived.

Reg – 23.08.09

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Saturday 22 nd August – ERG Walk + BBQ – Elkstone Village Hall – Meet 16.45 (17.00 start)	
Saturday 5 th September – Short Mat Bowls – Winstone Village Hall – 2.30pm to 5.00pm	
Friday 25 th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – Elkstone Village Hall – 10.00 to 12.00	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste – Every Monday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Mondays 10 th and 24 th
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - <i>Bernard Alder 870255</i>
Deadline for September Edition: Thursday 24th August Please	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Dear Editor

We read in the newsletter the kind remarks about Melinda's riding accident. She was most upset not to be able to support the Open Day with her dressage and polo demonstrations, and indeed to be in hospital for the day itself.

We have both been greatly touched by the thoughtfulness and sincerity of the many villagers and visitors from outside Elkstone, who have sent cards and messages of support. Her recovery will take up the summer and autumn, but we are really hopeful that the leg will be back in one piece by October. The surgeons have done a quite remarkable job in piecing all the bits together and we think a full recovery is most probable.

Would you pass on our best wishes and thanks to all those of your readers who have wished her well?

Melinda and Alex

Welcome

We welcome Linzi and her son Lyndon Dursen who have moved into Hillview to Elkstone. We hope you will take a full part in the life of our village.

Erg Evening Walk and Barbecue **Saturday 22nd August**



An evening stroll of approximately 4 miles on local footpaths.
Meet at Elkstone Village Hall at 5pm
This evening walk in August has proved very popular for the last two years so we hope lots of villagers will want to join us.
Supper will be a barbecue and salad which Julia and Steve have very kindly offered to organise and hold on their deck. Please bring your own drinks which can be left in the Village Hall fridge before the walk.

Dogs are welcome for the walk only.

For catering purposes we will need to know numbers so **please let**

Julia Davey know by Wednesday 19th August if you will be staying for the barbecue. There will be a charge of £3 to cover the costs.

You can obviously choose to walk and not partake of the barbecue but hopefully lots of villagers will want to enjoy the whole evening.

Julia Davey – 870038 - email jrdavey@btconnect.com

The Events Committee

World's Biggest Coffee Morning! **Friday 25th September 10.00 - 12.00** **Elkstone Village Hall**

Please come along and be part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning and help me raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year we raised £409.12 and whatever we raise this year will help improve the lives of those affected by cancer. Macmillan Cancer Support provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK, with an estimated 2 million people raising their mugs for Macmillan on Friday 25th September. With the proceeds of all the Coffee Mornings, together we aim to raise over £7 million for people affected by cancer.

So please, let's get together and share a cuppa (tea, coffee and soft drinks) with a lovely slice of cake and have a good chat and in the process raise much needed funds for Macmillan.

No need to book - just pop in and please feel free to bring lots of friends! Children are also very welcome.

Julia Davey - Old School House - 870038

Open Day

The staff at the Village Hall Cafe was too exhausted to add their comments in July's newsletter. However now they have had chance to recover from their exertions, please accept their thanks to all who made contributions.

Even though many people were away on the actual day many had prepared cakes/marmalade/fudge and arranged for these welcome donations to arrive at the right place and time. Others could only offer help towards closing time - just at the time when fatigue was setting in. The younger members of the team were brilliant - running here, there and everywhere - without a single complaint.

As usual there were many, many compliments about the catering, so a huge thank-you to all the bakers in the village. All your efforts were worthwhile!

Margaret Holder and Jennie Howlett

Nature Notes

Sunshine and showers defined July - so far over 3 inches of rain in my rain gauge this month, so definitely no hosepipe ban!

One day, Matthew saw four red kites which was very exciting. Another day, a small flock of mistle thrushes was foraging in the manure heap, about a couple of dozen birds enjoying the worms. Other years there has been a small flock about the same time and place, but as thrushes have been so scarce recently, it was very encouraging to see so many. They nest early and are noisy.

There have been lots of mid-summer flowers, and also butterflies so they must have a good hide-out for when the heavy showers come they disappear only to emerge when the sun comes out. I have been told by a friend who keeps bees, that so far, it has been good for honey with white clover, bean fields and earlier rape.

Another wonderful sight has been the sunset sky evening after evening with changing cloud patterns and colour. We are so lucky to live in Elkstone, so keep enjoying it.

Jessie

Advertisements

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Wanted!

We are grateful to Trevor Price for all the years he has been Elkstone's NWC – but he really would like to stand down now.

If you would like to take on this role, please contact Lois - 870375

Want something to seduce you away from the television?

Then come and try indoor bowling.

Winstone Short Mat Bowling Club is hosting a demonstration and explanation of this popular sport at Winstone Village Hall on **Saturday 5th September from 2.30pm to 5.00pm**



Everybody will have a chance to try their hand at the game which provides gentle exercise, improvement in hand and eye co-ordination amidst good company, together with a few laughs.

Don't get the idea that this is only a game for elderly people. We have some strongly contested (but friendly) inter-club games with players of all ages

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available so do come along and try your hand

For more information?

Call 01285 821 421

Rendcomb Surgery

The surgery will be closed for August Bank Holiday from Monday 31st August and re-opening again at 08.30am on Tuesday 1st September. Should you need a doctor over the holiday weekend, please telephone 08454 – 220220, (urgent calls only.)

History Corner

The Ringing World 4th November 1977, page 968 (Continued from July Newsletter)

In 1927 the four bells were augmented to five by the addition of a treble cast by Bond of Burford and donated in memory of Gerald Nolekin Horlick of Cowley Manor who died on active service in 1918.

At about this time enquiry was made to augment the ring to six and an estimate from Meal's and Stainbank quotes £104 12s. 0d, as the price for a new bell, frame and fittings. Although the minutes of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association make reference to a sixth bell being considered in the early thirties (Mr. William Hitch, churchwarden, was sure that Squire Horlick would pay for it!)

Nothing more was heard of the proposal for some 40-odd years until some five years ago when the then tower captain, Mr. Reginald Miles, whilst enjoying a cup of coffee in a friend's house one evening, suddenly declared that, come what may, he would be instrumental in installing a new treble in Elkstone tower.

Since then he has striven unceasingly to raise the necessary money; rummage sales, raffles, waste paper collections in neighbouring villages (at one time there was scarcely a house within a five miles radius that was not saving paper for Reg's bell-as it was affectionately known), and a splendid fete at which the master of the Oxford Guild just beat the chairman of the G&B at skittles, have all contributed to the £1200 required to install the new treble. Friends and relatives of the local ringers who helped regularly at the various fund raising events include Mrs. Cripps, Mrs. Gegg, Mrs. Holder, Mrs. Partridge, Mr Perkins and Mrs. F. Miles. A generous gift of bell metal from Mrs. and Miss Bliss and a grant from the Gloucester and Bristol Association were a great encouragement, and eventually the order was placed and the bell cast at Whitechapel. The frame and fittings are the work of Frank White of Appleton who almost needed a shoehorn to ease the bell into place, so limited was the space available. It is a beautiful piece of craftsmanship and the parish is now eagerly awaiting the dedication service next Sunday afternoon when it will hear for the first time its ring of six, just 50 years after the augmentation to five. It will be a proud day for Reg Miles when his bell sounds out: what a pity it is that the bell was not inscribed "Reg's Bell" for indeed it is his.

Apology

Some people living in Upper Elkstone did not get their copy of the July Newsletter until July 21st. Even households in Lower and Middle Elkstone had a late delivery. Management apologises but this was due to an unfortunate set of circumstances. The online copy was on the village website before the month of July for those able to access the internet.

Editor