

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

A good spell of weather has seen the harvest start, so now the fields will change colour again.

Three near misses of villagers' vehicles to report on the lane to Slutswell, caused by large vehicles travelling at over 50mph. Take care! Live long and prosper!

Apart from welcoming new people to the Village, we also have eateries under new management – see the advertisements.

Reg – 23.08.09

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Wednesday 23 rd September – Parish Council Meeting - Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Friday 25 th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – Elkstone Village Hall – 10.00 to 12.00	
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Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste – Every Monday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Mondays 7 th and 21st
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: Sunday 20th September Please	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Welcome

We extend a welcome to four new households:

Anthea and Elton Birden and their children Max, Oliver and Honor, the new occupants of Slutswell;

Adrian and Viv Montagu Scott, who have moved from Cowley to River Farm;

Carol and Martyn Bishop, new residents of The Bungalow, Butlers' Farm;

Ross Causon and Sarah Styzaker of Broad Close Cottage.

We hope to see you at future Elkstone events.

Wedding at Elkstone Manor September 12th

A wedding reception will be held at Elkstone Manor on Saturday September 12th.

Dance music will play until 11 pm.

Coaches will be used to reduce the number of cars.

ERG Walk, Saturday 12th September 2009

(Historic Churches Day)

A varied 5 mile mostly flat walk, possibly muddy in places after rain. The walk includes part of the Severn Way to Deerhurst where King Canute and King Edmund came in 1016 to sign a treaty to divide England into Saxon and Danelaw. We visit two Anglo Saxon churches, St Mary's Church, Deerhurst, founded pre 804, "one of the finest and most complete buildings in England to survive from before the Norman Conquest" and Odda's Chapel which dates from the early 11th Century.

Meet at the Coal House Inn, Apperley, on the banks of the Severn, at **9.45 am** to order food prior to a **10.00 start**. Please use car park away from the river on the Apperley side of pub.

Location – OS 854283 – approach from Cheltenham via A4019 Tewkesbury direction to Coombe Hill. At lights, turn right onto the A38 and then left at next traffic lights on B4213. Take second right turn to Apperley Village. At village centre take Gabb Lane downhill towards the river. The Coal House pub is at the end of this road.

Joan and Robin - 01452 412120

Harvest Supper

Friday 18th September

As a rural community we are very aware of harvest time, and the hard work of our local farmers. We celebrate every year in our Harvest Church Service all the good things provided for us to eat. However it is a few years since we last had a Harvest Supper, so we thought it was time to once again have a harvest meal together. This will be a "bring & share" meal in Elkstone Village Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 18th September. As there is limited space in the Hall, numbers will be restricted to sixty. Tickets, costing £5 each are available from Lindy Price, Carol Bury or Sylvie Pierce. The price of the ticket will include soft drinks and coffee / tea. Wine will be available on the evening at £1 a glass.

All proceeds from the evening will be for our Harvest charity this year, Send a Cow, which provides animals and plants to help establish sustainable farming activities in Africa.

Elkstone's Harvest Service will be on Sunday 20 September at 11.00 am. Please come and join us, and bring your harvest gifts.

David Pierce

Elkstone Cinema Returns!

The forward dates for the Elkstone Rural Cinema are Friday 23rd October, Thursday 12th November and Thursday 3rd December.

Further details of each evening's film will be published soon.

Sue Collins

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

Nature Notes

Last time, rainfall was mentioned, and over this last month, my rain gauge showed 6" for the month. In spite of this, the butterflies have been lovely once the buddleia started to flower, making me resolved to plant more bushes – and they are so easy to grow, just stick a twig in the ground and within a couple of years it's a job for a chainsaw! This is why my garden is now a wildlife centre, with rampant bushes, weeds, nettles, blackcurrant bushes and lots of hideouts for slugs and snails.

The sparrows that nested in the drainpipe above the waterbutt have successfully flown, though I did position a baking dish to catch the young ones in case they should fall in the water.

Jessie

Wine Tasting Evening
Saturday 10th October – 7.00pm

First Come, First Served for this very popular event which is now in its 7th year

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. You don't need to come as a team

Cost £7.50



For those who are unfamiliar with the evening, we work in teams matching wines to their descriptions and prices

Those attending will be asked to contribute food to the Buffet Supper which will follow the wine tasting. If you would like further information about the evening please ring

Sue - 870255 or Julia - 870038

Book Your Place Now By Ringing Sue - 870255 Or Julia - 870038
Deadline Thursday 1st October

Wordsworth at the Barbeque

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Not thinking of a walk at all,
When all at once I saw a crowd
Of ramblers at the Village Hall.
All country clad, in boots that please,
Chattering and laughing at their ease.

Continuous as the stars that shine
They set off down a local lane
And stretched in never-ending line
Returning to the Hall again.
They reached the gate and wandered through
To Steve & Julia's barbeque.

So oft when on my couch I dream,
In well-fed and contented mood
I think of Bernard and his team
And feel a debt of gratitude,
And then my heart will dance and skip
For our good Elkstone fellowship!

Con Baker

ERG Summer Evening Ramble

Thanks go to Bernard and Sue Alder for organising the walk from the Village Hall to Syde and back for a barbeque prepared by Steve Davey and his Apprentice. If there is space, some images may be put at the end of this Newsletter with more on the Village web site.

Ed

Advertisements

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



Highwayman Inn

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The Turner Family with 25 years of experience in the Licensed Trade are getting the Highwayman Inn back to how a Public House used to be by supporting the local community. We have lots of space and exclusive rooms for anything from Parish Meetings, Weddings, Christenings to Classic Car and Bike Clubs.

Ideas from local residents for Bridge/Domino Nights and Quiz Nights to support local schools, churches or charities are welcomed.

Having success at the Ryeworth Inn, Charlton Kings; The Plough Inn, Ford; The White Hart Hotel, Winchcombe and various other freehold establishments.

With Excellent Home-cooked Food & Local Arkell Ale and an easily accessible location (at the Elkstone turning – A417) and a building steeped in history offering en-suite accommodation at only £50 per room incl. breakfast.

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Pre- Christmas Party Menu now also available

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ERG Summer Evening Walk
Above: The Group shot
Right: Along Pheasant Valley

Images by Nic Williamson

