

Elkstone Newsletter

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November 2009

Editor's Bit

The Indian Summer has been washed away by a stream of rain cloud swirling around a black hole of a low pressure system. I think we can now declare that winter is beginning to take hold of Elkstone.

Reg – 22.10.09

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Dates for your Diary	
Friday 6 th November – BBQ and Bonfire – Coberley School – 5.00pm	
Thursday 12 th November - Elkstone Cinema – Village Hall – 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start	
Saturday 14 th November – ERG Walk – Coln Rogers Bridge – 9.30am for 9.45am start	
Wednesday 25 th November – Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste – Every Monday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Mondays 2 nd and 16 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 December Edition: Friday 20th November Please	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Thank You!

A huge Thank You to everyone who came to our World's Biggest Coffee Morning, and to those who baked delicious cakes, helped on the day and with the preparation, and those who made generous donations.

With some additional donations after the event, **together, we raised £427.21!**

Our money will help Macmillan Cancer Support to continue their work to improve the lives of people affected by cancer. They provide practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care. They also provide information about the different types of cancers.

Should anyone wish to do any volunteer work for Macmillan, I have a leaflet on the various volunteer opportunities they have, whether you have the odd spare hour or can volunteer on a regular basis.

If your life is affected by cancer and you need help, information, or advice, please do contact Macmillan on:

0800 500 800 - or - www.macmillan.org.uk

Many thanks for your support – together we have made a difference

Julia Davey - 870038

Barbeque and Bonfire Party

Elkstone organisers are having a break this year and we are being asked to support Coberley School.

Friday 6th November 2009 at Coberley School from 5.00pm

Refreshments available include burgers, hot dogs and soup

Please do not bring sparklers or fireworks

Tickets available from Julia Davey at £2.50 for adults, £1.50 for children, £7.00 for a family or you can pay an extra 50pence on the gate.

Julia Davey – 870038 - jrdavey@btconnect.com

Elkstone Village Cinema

The feature for Thursday November 12th is “**Marley and Me**” starring Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson whose naughty Labrador puppy teaches them some important life lessons in this award winning comedy. (Certificate PG)

“A must-see film for dog lovers.”

The Village Hall doors will open at 7:15pm for 7:30 start.

Entrance is £3.50 for adults & £2.50 for under 16's.

Everybody welcome!

Sue Collins

ERG Walk

Saturday 14th November 2009

A pleasant 5 mile walk incorporating the pretty villages of Coln Rogers, Winson and Calcot. The walk is generally flat with a few mild gradients.

Meet: Coln Rogers bridge (grid ref. 086094)

Directions: Take the A429 to Fosse Cross from Cirencester and turn right almost opposite the Hare and Hounds pub onto Fosse Cross Lane towards Arlington and Bibury. Take 2nd left off Fosse Cross Lane and this will take you directly to the meeting point.

Parking: Parking is spread out on grass verges around the meeting point. There should be enough for all of us but car sharing would be helpful.

Time: 9.30am for departure at 9.45am.

Lunch: Will either be at the Inn at Fossebridge or the Hare and Hounds. I will book a table in advance so it would help if I had some idea of numbers beforehand. Please give me a call.

Contact: *Bernard - 01242 870255*

UNICEF Card and Gift Sale

This year my volunteer UNICEF contacts cannot return any of their orders - is this because of the credit crunch? They received this information very recently - hence this invitation is later than normal.

However they still have large amounts of stock and I shall order further items from this year's catalogue. So I look forward to seeing old and new faces at Church View for the annual UNICEF Sale, where you can purchase cards, wrapping paper, stationery, Advent calendars.....

Open House on Friday 20th November 11am to 6pm

Saturday 21st November 11am to 6pm

Sunday 22nd November 11am to 6 pm

Join me for your first mince pie of the season. You'll be very welcome and any purchases will help raise funds for this children's charity.

Jennie Howlett - 870462

Christmas Messages (read on, I haven't lost the plot!)

I know it is early to be thinking of Christmas but in previous years some villagers have chosen to place a short Christmas message in December's newsletter and give a donation, instead of giving Christmas cards to fellow villagers. In the past we have raised valuable funds for Winston's Wish and saved trees in the process. This year, if you would like to put a Christmas message in the December newsletter, please let me have your message and a donation (no minimum or maximum) by 18th November in order that we have time to get our messages in print. I am proposing that we use the same charity as for our Harvest this year and all donations will go to 'Send a Cow' in Africa. 'Send a Cow' runs sustainable agricultural programmes in seven countries in Africa, to help small-scale farmers overcome poverty and malnutrition. Your donation will mean some of the poorest families in Africa will receive training in sustainable farming and resources such as livestock, seeds and trees.

If you would like to take part this year, please either put a note through our door with your message, or email it to me and I'll co-ordinate it for the newsletter in December. If you can pop your donation in an envelope through our door, I'll also ensure all donations are sent off to 'Send a Cow' which will make a difference to these families.

Many thanks

*Julia Davey - The Old School House (next to Village Hall) – Email -
jrdavey@btconnect.com - or - 870038*

Village Hall Wine and Cheese and AGM

Thursday November 26 2008, 7:30pm

It has been an important year for our Village Hall with significant changes to its relationship with the Village.

Come and join us for a brief meeting, where we can discuss how we have been spending the Hall's money, and what our plans are for the coming year.

Afterwards, there will be an informal time with each other, with loads of cheese and nibbles provided by your Committee.

Don't forget your favorite tippie, tea and coffee will be available.

Village Hall Committee

Another item from Con Baker about a course her daughter June is teaching

Tai Chi for Women

At the Hindu Centre, Cheltenham starting on Monday 26th October 2009 at 6.30 - 7.30pm. These are **no cost** sessions!

Come and enjoy relaxed gentle exercise with your friends

Please wear comfortable clothing to take part in the tai chi training such as baggy trousers and top with soft flat shoes.

Tai Chi is a centuries-old Chinese art for health and relaxation. It is based on a balanced flow of Yin and Yang which create harmony in nature. Tai Chi is most well known as the slow, graceful movements seen performed in Chinese parks early in the morning. It is a set of carefully coordinated movements, flowing together like a river.

Please wear comfortable clothing to take part in the tai chi training such as baggy trousers and top with soft flat shoes such as gym shoes or similar.

Nature Notes

The temperatures are dropping and the daylight is getting shorter as Autumn is upon us. We have had some perfect sunny days when the sunny silence felt unbelievable. The ivy has been full of flowers giving a last feast to wasps, bees and butterflies and shelter to the birds as the nights get colder. The animals love seasonal feasts like the fallen ash leaves. They used to enjoy elm leaves too before the Dutch elm disease killed the elms but do not bother to eat sycamore or beech leaves. We all enjoy the colours of the trees at this time of year and hope we have no severe frosts to bring all the leaves off.

Jessie

Open Day 2010 – Date for Diary

June 27, 2010 or July 11, 2010

These are a proposed dates for your comment and for your diaries.

Please contact with any screaming date clashes and preferences. Thank you.

Open Day Committee - openday@az.azteck.com - or – Nic - 01242 870556

From the Parish Council - Illegal Motor Vehicle Use in the Countryside

Our Police Community Support Officers and Public Rights of Way Officers intend to run a joint project this autumn and winter, aimed at dealing with a growing problem, illegal and inappropriate motor vehicle use on unsealed roads, byways and bridleways.

Elkstone has 4 unsealed roads, these are the Zeal track and the three ‘green lanes’ which are north of Uncombe Lane and lead to Cockleford and Colesbourne. Motor vehicles are permitted to use unsealed roads, but must be road-legal and obey the Highway Code, which includes giving way to other users – walkers, riders and cyclists. Other than the Zeal Track, the tracks to the south of Uncombe Lane, going down into the Valley, are restricted byways, footpaths or private farm tracks on which motor vehicles (other than those of the Landowner and his ‘agents’ – tractors, gamekeepers and shoot vehicles) are not permitted. If you spot any motor vehicles here – most likely on autumn or winter Sundays – please do not accost them, but note the registration number(s) and report them to our PCSOs -

Andrea.Shutt@Gloucestershire.pnn.Police.uk - or phone 0845 090 1234

Lois Eyre – 870375

Furniture Restoration

Cane seated dining chair in need of a well-seated bottom. The cane seat is fine, but the frame needs restoration. I have no idea how old it is or how valuable, but it does have some nice veneers and ‘chequer board’ inlays (I am sure the editor will know the correct name for these). Free to anyone who comes to collect it.

Nic - 01242 870556