
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumlings...

Hello again,

What a scorcher of a summer so far, I hope you are all coping with/enjoying the heat. The fields around us ripple with gold & all the flowers glow in the sunshine, what a place to be when the weather is like this, it feels like a very lucky place to be. I especially like the early evening in Elkstone, a cool breeze & a quieter A417.

My friends all commented how it feels like Elkstone is fresher, on top of the world almost, tucked away from all the madness! I hope the partying didn't annoy any of you, we had such a great time.

Ps. This is a the shortest Newsletter I've ever had to write, so I hope it means you're all swinging in a hammock & relaxing.

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20th August

Features

Elkstone Church August Services
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 Free Small Chest Freezer Offer

Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling	Food & Garden Waste – 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th August
Waste & Recycling	All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 9 th & 23 rd August
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493
Art Club	Every Thursday 9am - Village Hall - Penny - 03330 119663

Diary Dates

It seems nothing diary worthy happens in August in Elkstone, holiday for all of us!!

Church Services July 2019 in St John's, Elkstone

4 th	11 am	Informal Family Service
11 th	10 am	Morning Service
18 th	11am	Holy Communion
25 th	11am	Rendcomb

News From The Trust

Before every board meeting, we have a 'Patient Story' when a member of the public recounts their hospital experience, it is a very powerful way for us to learn. The issues raised are immediately addressed & after three months they are revisited to see that they have been fully embedded in the care we give to our patients. We are always very grateful to those that tell us their story, this week, which is National Transplant week was especially moving when the mother of a young man, who died after a fall from a balcony, recounted her emotions from despair to positivity.

Her son had signed up to be an organ donor & five of his organs were donated & saved the lives of five people. Her hope is that we will all hear, & act on the new 'Pass it on' campaign.

What do we pass on? That organ donation is a precious gift, that we should make our own decision about being a donor known to those closest to us, & finally spread the word. We are proud of the fact that in our trust last year 100% of those eligible for organ donation were referred, & as a result 25 people received lifesaving, or life changing donations

This month Cheltenham & Gloucester Hospitals Charity hospital scanner appeal reached its target of £2.4m in just seven months entirely due to the generosity of the public who have raised money in so many ways including an anonymous donation of £1.2m. Two new CT scanners are in place at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital & a third is planned for Cheltenham General. The state-of-the-art equipment will help diagnose patients quicker & reduce waiting times. The campaign has been so successful that the charity has decided to continue the fundraising appeal to buy further scanning equipment including much-needed extra mobile digital X-ray machines.

Huge congratulations are due to all staff involved, whose work resulted in theatres at Cheltenham General being awarded Placement of the Year by Oxford Brookes University. This positive recognition makes it more likely that students will look to us for placement & then, hopefully, will want to work with us as we continue our 'JourneyToOutstanding!'

Finally, if you would like to know about our strategic plan for the next five years please visit our website, click on 'Who we are & what we do' then 'Five-year strategic plan' & click to play the video. It is fun & gets the message across in a far better way than all the papers that I have been given to read!

- National Transplant Week, Alex's story (Salford Royal)
- Our way of describing how we view our working to progress from our new 'good' rating to 'outstanding' at the next!

Anne Davies (elected Governor representing Cotswolds)

Removals Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th August 2019

We would wish to warn villagers of possible delays on the above dates while our removal company packs up our house! We have been assured that smaller vehicles will be used that can be parked in the driveway and will not block the road but in case of any inconvenience on the day, we would like to apologise in advance.

Robert and Jilly Dixon

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Many thanks, Jilly

SMALL CHEST FREEZER FREE TO A GOOD HOME – 01242 870544

