

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Hello Everyone

A very slim newsletter this month. Please keep the recipes and quizzes coming in, and any news you'd like to share with the village. Not all of our Elkstone residents use the Village Whatsapp for communication, which means that this is still a good place to let us know of any events and occasions you would like publicising. The newsletter, and previous editions are all held on the village website. You can book the Village Hall, check the up to date local weather and find local suppliers of businesses too. I am delighted to include news of Molly's new business in this edition.

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Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 August 2023

Features

- Open Garden reports
- Parish Council Meeting. 13th September. Village Hall
- Molly Hobbs new business.
- News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Regular Village Hall Activities

Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.30pm	Ronnie Bury – 870493 or Martyn Wylie – 870441
Art Club	Every Thursday, 9am-1pm	Penny Casewell – 03330 119663
Yoga	Every Monday, 10.15 – 11.15am	Emma Lowther – 07967 215569

Other dates for your diary

Waste & Recycling	Recycling boxes, recycling bags, refuse and garden waste	Tuesday 8 August Tuesday 22 August
	Food Caddy	Every Tuesday in August

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Elkstone Parish Church Services

Sunday 6 August – 11am Family Service

Sunday 13 August – 10am Morning Worship

Sunday 20 August – 11am Holy Communion

Saturday 27 August – 11.00am Service at Rendcomb Church

Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall

13th September. Commencing at 7.30pm

Belinda Holder. Clerk to Elkstone Parish Council

Elkstone Open Gardens

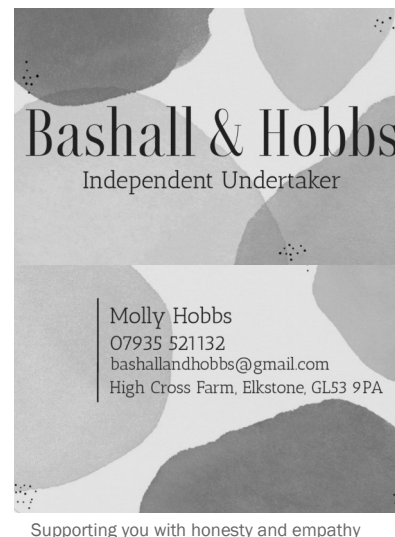
All accounts are now settled and we have claimed Gift Aid back from the Government so I can confirm the final total raised was £2425.84. The money has been split evenly between the Church and the Village Hall. Thanks to everyone for a successful day. The organising committee have met again to make recommendations for next year and learn some lessons from this year. You may have seen Amy's announcement on the WhatsApp group confirming that one or two of us old stagers are stepping down and asking for new volunteers are required to carry on the good work. Please do let her know if you can help. Martyn Wylie

Molly Hobbs

Business Owner, Undertaker and 4th Generation farmer.

Molly, has been pursuing her career in the funeral profession for nine years.

Molly is now in a position to offer a flexible and empathetic service to her local community.



Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

Date for your diaries - Saturday 30 September

More details to follow, but I know lots of you enjoy this regular date, and at last it is returning after 3 years.

Harvest Service will be on Sunday 1 October at 10am in the Church.

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Coberley Village Fete 2-5pm

Bank Holiday Monday. 28 August 2023

Silver band playing, produce show, BBQ, dog show, cream teas, cake stall, pre-loved clothes, children's games, scarecrow competition, and a grand raffle.

Admission £2 adults, children under 16 Free.

Coberley School, GL53 9QZ

A417 missing link updates

A useful website to keep a check on forthcoming road closures regarding the A417 is

<https://a417missinglink.commonplace.is/>

You are able to access an interactive web based platform called Commonplace. This platform allows residents to have their say, or keep up to date with the project. You can sign up for regular emails giving similar information.

August News from the Trust

This month saw the announcement that Kevin Mc Namara will be the new Chief Executive of the trust when Deborah Lee retires next year. For a time, the two will work in partnership to ensure an orderly handover. Kevin is currently the CEO of Great Western Hospital, Swindon.

Whilst coping with the ongoing disruption of strikes there have nevertheless been celebration within the trust. On 22nd of June there was celebration of 75th anniversary of the Empire Windrush arriving in Britain carrying nurses from overseas. To mark the event the Windrush flag was raised at 12.30 outside the Tower Entrance at GRH, followed by cake, refreshments, and entertainment from Music Works in the Memorial Garden (REC). During the celebrations at CGH our Equality, Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Lead and I found ourselves singing Let There be Peace on Earth to a reggae rhythm accompanied by a rapper! On 5 July the NHS marked 75 years of service which and part of the trust celebrations included themed menus; I can only guess as to how popular the Spam fritters were!

Governors have visited the new ED department at GRH which contains 23 key patient cubicles, seven triage rooms, six minor treatment rooms, six paediatric rooms and patient bays, specialist rooms for mental health and a fracture and orthopaedics unit along with more clinical rooms as well as waiting areas designed for different patient groups e.g for children and families. Another big step forward is the opening of the new Acute Medical Unit (AMU) at GRH. This 40-bedded ward will enable patients to be cared for under the one roof. and the improved environment will support an enhanced patient and staff experience.

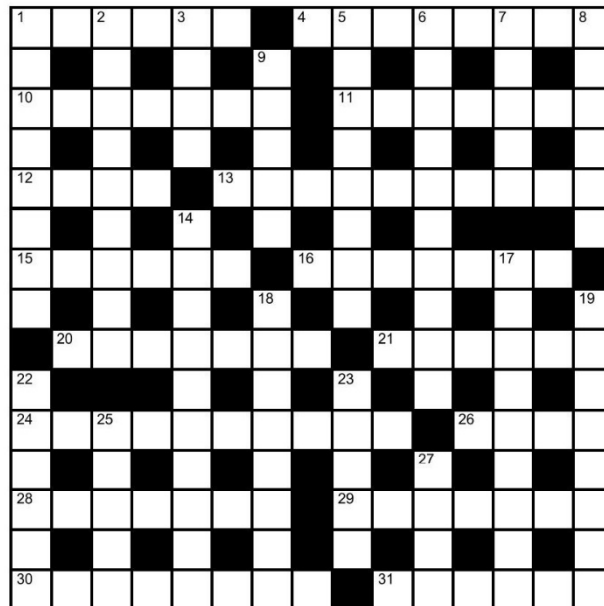
I sit on the EDI steering group and have particular interest in hidden disabilities. More recently, after the disappointing staff survey results which showed widespread bullying, I started looking at the impact that neurodiversity, and particularly autism, may have on working relations between staff members and for relationship with patients. I was delighted therefore to hear that a programme has been started to equip staff to have the right skills and knowledge to provide safe, compassionate, and informed care to autistic people and those with learning difficulties be they patients or staff members.

Finally, I want to let you know that, after a lot of thought I have, after seven years in the role, decided not to stand for re-election when my term comes to an end in September. It has been a pleasure and privilege to represent you all I will however continue to support the trust in any practical way that I can.

Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor) anne.davies11@nhs.net.

Finally, a Crossword.... To while away lazy summer days! Answers will publish on the village website www.elkstonevillage.com on Monday August 14th

Aquarian



Across

- 1 Large lady involved in an illegal marriage (6)
- 4 Wild boars taking over poor country (8)
- 10 Joiner buys tap, Leroy takes a cut (7)
- 11 Rescue reviled returnees (7)
- 12 First of all: let's introduce Eliza Doolittle (4)
- 13 The teacher's schedule is a comprehensive document (6,4)
- 15 Teach a swimming group (6)
- 16 Old lady with a really empty store (7)
- 20 Did Herr Von Bismarck have a piece stored here (7)
- 21 See 14 Down
- 24 Causing our discomfort is impolite (10)
- 26 Sinew transformation camouflages this animal (4)
- 28 Ironing at the end of the day (7)
- 29 Doctor has boil to get rid of (7)
- 30 Worker blocks new entry for estate occupants (8)
- 31 See 25 Down

Down

- 1 Fish catches fresh eels - that's not fair (8)
- 2 The fruit's stolen but could still be used as ammunition (9)
- 3 Philosopher's plant (4)
- 5 Car travels around dropping off university book reviewers (8)
- 6 One having a lot of pull in the church (10)
- 7 Lived up to Satan (5)
- 8 New tree shoot outside - especially at this time of year (6)
- 9 Groan about a donor's loss (5)
- 14/21 Expression of surprise when Antonio wavered then mowed roughly on the outskirts of a local field (10,6)
- 17 Again considering making it better (9)
- 18 A gremlin concocted to feign illness (8)
- 19 Boy embraces charmer to get things going (6,2)
- 22 Rugby forward resident in Nutwood (6)
- 23 In the countryside we find a short and a long river (5)
- 25/31 Elkstone's local ogre wanders around untidy garden on the first of November (5,6)
- 27 Sound warning after three (4)