

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



This month's newsletter is appropriately brimming with appreciation to everyone who volunteered time and participated to make last month's Big Jubilee Lunch and Open Gardens events so successful. Should I say despite the weather? We missed warmer, sunnier days by a whisker on both occasions, but happily our village community spirit has a warmth of its own. Special thanks must go to Liz and David Kearney for organising the Big Jubilee Lunch, and to the Open Gardens Committee led by Martyn Wylie and including Ronnie Bury, Brian Howlett, David Collins, Anne Davies, Graham Hopkins and again David Kearney. Every contribution of time before and on the day makes a positive difference, but shout-outs must also go to those who generously opened their gardens to visitors; the sterling good work of Ronnie and his group of car park attendants; and, last but not least, Jennie Howlett and her team for another splendid Village Hall Tea Room effort. The Open Gardens Day is justifiably the highlight on our village calendar and long may that continue.

Jenny, editor@elkstonevillage.com

Deadline for next newsletter: 20th July 2022

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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

Waste & Recycling

Waste & Recycling	Food Waste	Every Tuesday
	All bags, bins, and boxes	Tuesday 12 th and 26 th July

Elkstone Parish Church Services

Service times this month are as follows:

Sunday 3rd July – 11am **Morning Worship** with Mark Venn.

Sunday 10th July – 10am **Morning Prayer** with the Revd Janet Anderson-Mackenzie

Sunday 17th July – 11am **Holy Communion** with the Revd Cliff Pooley.

Sunday 24th July – 11 am No service in Elkstone, but all invited to join the service of **Holy Communion** at St Peter's Church, Rendcomb, with the Revd David Minns.

Sunday 31st July – 11am No other services around the benefice, but all invited to join the **United Benefice Service** at St Mary the Virgin, Cowley with the Revd David Minns.

Big Jubilee Lunch – Sunday 5th June

Thanks to all who turned out in the fresh weather at lunchtime on Sunday 5 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Although the weather forecast was not particularly favourable, the rain held off and everyone ate well from a wide variety of sweet and savoury dishes brought and shared by all.

Thanks especially to David Collins for use of the large gazebo, Flagmaster Ronnie Bury (who along with Carole sadly couldn't attend as they were recovering from Covid), Penny Casewell for making the village hall available, and Nic Williamson for the photo (which he just managed to race back and appear in!)

Liz and David Kearney

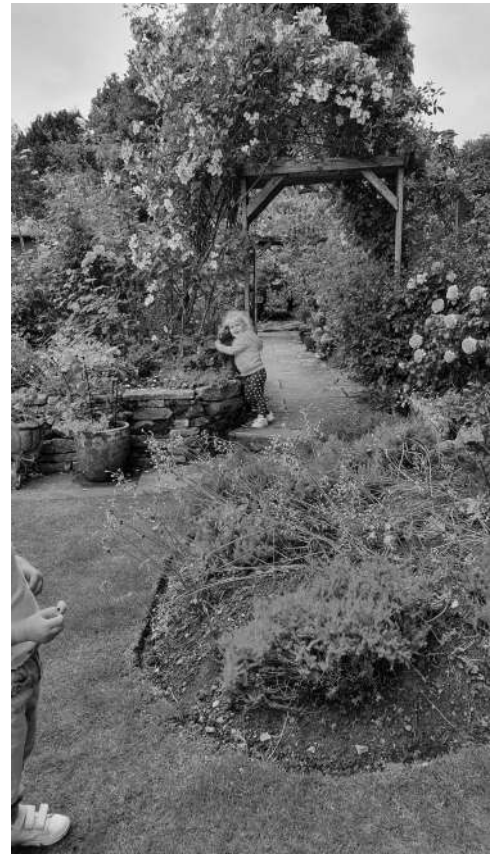


Open Gardens Day – Sunday 19th June

I am writing this the day after our Open Gardens Day. As yet I can't confirm the exact amount of money raised but, hopefully, by the time you all read this I will have given you the figure on the Elkstone website. I can say that, thanks to the tremendous efforts of a huge number of villagers, the day was a great success. People leaving were at pains to point out what a great time they had, and what a beautiful and friendly village we live in. As an early indication it is likely that the profit from the day will

be around £2400, shared equally between the Church and the Village Hall. With an acknowledgement that we were relatively lucky to get a dry day, thanks to everyone for your help, especially those who opened their gardens and made it all possible. It was a real team effort.

Martyn Wylie



Village Hall Tea Room – Sunday 19th June

Once again, many thanks for a brilliant afternoon in the Tea Room. So many compliments from visitors to the village. The team of helpers were outstanding both on the actual day and beforehand - baking, setting up, serving, waitressing, washing up and clearing away. And always with a smile.

It was a great day.

Jennie Howlett

Village Newsletter – New Editor Wanted

Could you be the new editor of our Elkstone Village newsletter? I will be stepping down from the role at the end of the year. It's just a few hours of work each month and provides a lovely opportunity to contribute to our community in a creative way. A changeover of editor means the newsletter stays fresh, and the format and set-up are straightforward enough for anyone with a basic knowledge of Microsoft Word. I will gladly help with the handover when the time comes. If you are interested in taking this on, please get in touch in the first instance with Jeremy Davies on 01242 870516

Jenny Hopkins

News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This has been a difficult month for the trust, with national and local media understandably focusing on the challenges caused by ambulance delays.

Currently every patient is triaged in the ambulance to ascertain the care they need, and they may then be admitted to a 'cohort room' to allow the release of ambulances and paramedics back into the community. A national newspaper has reported a whistle-blower claim that patients in Gloucestershire have been left to die alone in such a room. This has been disputed by the trust and a formal complaint has been lodged with the Independent Press Standards Organisation. More recently the BBC, in a feature on ambulance delays, highlighted the tragic case of an older patient who died at GRH after waiting up to five hours for an ambulance following a fall and repeated 999 calls.

The trust and the ambulance service continue to do all they can to ensure patient safety in these most challenging times. Much of the problem still stems from the difficulty of freeing up bed space. Unsurprisingly, the negative media coverage is affecting the morale of frontline staff, but sadly, "these unprecedented times mean that, at times, the experience of both patients and staff may not be what we aspire to." (Mark Petroni, Medical director.)

Ending on a more positive note, I was delighted to attend a staff awards event recently. Clearly, there is still much evidence of innovation, good practices and patient care taking place in our local hospitals. The number of nominations in each category was very high and it must have been incredibly difficult to decide the winners. To me they all were!

Anne Davies (Public-Elected Governor Cotswolds, GHNHSFT) - Email: anne.davies11@nhs.net

July Quiz

Below are anagrams of the common names of summer plants you may have spotted at our Open Gardens. Can you work out what they are? (Answers at the bottom of the page)

1. IDBLENGE REHAT
2. MLAULI
3. OLOFVGXE
4. RWCNEFLOOE
5. UERANIMG
6. LIHDAA
7. NERAVLED
8. HNTAPESA LTAI SGSRA
9. SHOAT
10. OOSMSC

Quiz answers: 1. Bleeding Heart 2. Allium; 3. Foxglove; 4. Coneflower; 5. Geranium; 6. Dahlia; 7. Lavender; 8. Pheasant Tail Grass; 9. Hosta; 10. Cosmos.