

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Gardens Open Day is almost here!

And the weather is at last getting warmer. The trees are looking lovely in their blossom, and the gorgeous scent as you walk around the village is heady and uplifting.

There are still opportunities to help on the day, so if you can spare an hour or so, please let Martyn know. mgw123@btinternet.com 07788912645 Please use your newsletter Posters we have been printing each month to pop into your local schools, shops, places of work, pubs etc

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Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 June 2023

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| • Open Gardens Village BBQ | Sunday 11 June | 7pm |
| • Cheltenham Open Studios - free entry to 81 art venues | 10 to 18 June | |
| • 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 13 June Tuesday 27 June
	Food Caddy	Every Tuesday in June

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Elkstone Parish Church Services

Sunday 4 June - 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 11 June - No Service as its our Open Gardens Day

Sunday 18 June - 11.00am Holy Communion

Open Gardens day Sunday 11 June 2pm to 6pm

Gardens Day is almost here!

Sunday 11th June is under three weeks away and it is getting (very gradually) warmer! There are still opportunities to help on the day so if you can spare us an hour or so just let me know.

My email is mgw123@btinternet.com and my mobile is 07788912645.

Let's all hope for fine weather on the day.

Martyn Wylie

Tea Room in the Village Hall

With the help of so many volunteers, the Village Hall turns into a Tea Room on Sunday June 11th. The opening hours are 2pm to 6pm, although early visitors are not unusual - and occasionally we have late arrivals.

A few kind souls have agreed to serving on the day and making cakes, but the more the merrier. Any cakes are welcome. Just make your easiest familiar recipe - we always have a wonderful selection. It is a lovely afternoon and compliments abound. Come and join us.

A rota will allow time to look round the gardens, as well as help in the hall.

Jennie

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Gardens Open Day Plant Sales

The plant sales will be in Sylvie's Garden and you can deliver any potted plants there on Saturday 10th June.



ELKSTONE OPEN GARDENS DAY 2023

Sunday 11 June 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Please come and join us on Open Gardens Day and spread the word about this popular annual event to your friends. On the day you will be able to visit areas not normally accessible to the public. The event raises vital funds for the upkeep of our wonderful Norman church and the Village Hall. Visit open gardens, the coronation meadow, hear the church bells and enjoy homemade afternoon teas, enjoy refreshments, teas and ice creams and there will be a plant stall to browse and more.

For more information visit: www.elkstonevillage.com

Car Park free, Visiting Adults £5, Visiting Children under 14 free

Assistant dogs only in gardens

Gardens Open Day Barbecue



I'm sure you all have Sunday June 11th in your diaries for our annual Gardens day which raises vital funds for the Church and the Village Hall. Offers of help are still welcome from anyone who has a little spare time on the day so just give me a call if you think you can help. Please also remember that we are holding a barbecue on that Sunday evening as a celebration of what we hope will have been a glorious sunny day with lots of visitors to our lovely village.

Everyone in the village, including any of your visitors, will be welcome and there will be just a nominal charge of £2.50 per person to cover the cost of the rolls, the burgers and the sausages.

Alastair and Amy will be letting you have more details by the Village WhatsApp and asking for how many will be attending the barbecue so we can get the catering right.

Martyn Wylie 870441 or 07788912645

Cheltenham Open Studios

As part of the art trails during Cheltenham Open Studios in and around the town, I will be exhibiting some of my current drawings and textile work at the Spring Gallery from 10 to 18 June 2023, and the Gardens Gallery, Venue 1.

There are 9 artists at the Spring Gallery, Venue 6, including the jewellery of our previous newsletter editor Laure Filho.

14 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street GL50 1SW

<https://cheltenhamopenstudios.org.uk/event/6/spring-cheltenham/>

Carole

www.carolebury.com

June News from the trust

This month our Chief Executive Deborah announced that she is standing down as from June 2024. Deborah joined the trust shortly after I was first elected. A big hole in the finances had been discovered and the Care and Quality Commission (CQC) rating was 'needs improvement' Since then, her contribution to the trust has been immense and she intends to make her final year one that really counts for the trust and get it back on a positive track.

Prior to the COVID pandemic the CQC had rated the trust as good, and the feeling echoed throughout the trust was hope that we were on a Journey to Outstanding J20. Unfortunately, the CQC inspected during COVID and downgraded the trust back to needs improvement. This reflected in part the problems that arose from the outfall of the pandemic, e.g., staff shortages and pausing mandatory training. A recent visit by CQC (not an Inspection) to check progress on their findings found positive change with still some gaps to close.

The current wave of industrial action represents a very significant risk to patient safety. Various actions have been taken to try to mitigate the problems such as closing Cheltenham A and E for a few days and a reduction in elective work to ensure everything possible to preserve cancer care and other planned urgent appointments. At the same time the board recognised that the staff were facing making very difficult decisions and that it was important that everyone stood together and treated each other with kindness and respect.

Resulting from the feedback from the staff survey, a Staff Engagement Task Force has been established. Over 30 staff have organised themselves into groups looking at policy, management behaviours, reward and recognition and patient experience. A staff member thanked me after I raised the challenges that staff who are neurodivergent (not a protected characteristic) may face and this is now being considered in their work. Finally, our Muslim colleagues hosted two events during Ramadan, with staff from the trust and partners from many organisations invited the fire service being invited This attracted attention regionally and nationally and hopefully is a positive start to reflect our diverse workforce.

Anne Davies (Public elected governor) anne.davies11@nhs.net



ELKSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY

Sunday 11th June 2023
2.00pm - 6.00pm

Many Interesting Open Gardens to View
A wonderful Norman Church to see.
Refreshments including teas and ice creams
Plant stall.

Adults: £5 Children: FREE
FREE CAR PARKING

Elkstone lies midway between Cheltenham and
Cirencester just off the A435 or A417

All proceeds in aid of the Church and Village Hall

Assistance only dogs in the gardens

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