

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Firstly, thank you for the positive feedback on last month's newsletter, and a big thank you to those who are contributing again, or for the first time, this month.

The inclusion of how to join the Elkstone Village WhatsApp group last time proved lucky timing, when only a week after the newsletter came out, a water main burst between the north and south end of the village. Mobile phones were hot with activity all day on Sunday 31st January, with one or two people reporting the incident to Thames Water and then lots of villagers using the WhatsApp group to keep the rest of us updated on the water situation. It was hard to keep pace at times with the online conversations and new members joining, but it worked a treat.

It's been a tough winter but as, we come to the end of February, we can at last say Spring and hopefully much better times are just around the corner. Happy March, everyone.

Jenny, editor@elkstonevillage.com

Deadline for next newsletter: 20th March

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Waste & Recycling

Waste & Recycling	Food Waste	Every Tuesday
Waste & Recycling	All bags, bins and boxes	9th and 23rd March

Dates for your Diary

Cuppa and Chinwag – online get-together	Thursday 4 th March at 7pm	Graham – 07931 124165 for more details
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 24 th March at 8pm	Via Zoom. Email elkstonepc@gmail.com
Elkstone Parish Church annual Vestry, APCM and PCC Meeting	Saturday 27 th March at 9.30am	See editorial post below for more details

News from Elkstone Parish Church

Please join us if you can for our annual Vestry, APCM and PCC meeting on Saturday 27th March at 9.30am. Ideally, we'd meet in the Village Hall but realistically we anticipate that lockdown, or a version of it, will still be in force. Therefore, please use your web browser and this link to take you to the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84126001964> Alternatively, if you already have Zoom installed, you should be able to join the meeting by keying in the following ID: 841 2600 1964.

In addition, for the time being, Sunday worship continues online: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8tFvSwMNjxmX1IK5sb59UA> For more information about how to access services, please visit the website <https://www.churnvalley.org.uk>

We look forward to meeting up.

Arthur Champion (Revd) - Tel: 01242 870402 - New Rectory, Cowley

Parish Link church magazine

Our church in Elkstone has a Parish magazine produced 10 times a year.

The Parish Link magazine covers news and service times from all the 9 churches in the Churn Valley Benefice. <https://www.churnvalley.org.uk/>

You are welcome to buy a copy from the Church Porch for £1.00. Alternatively, please email me to register to receive a free emailed blind copy PDF of the magazine every month. carolebury@hotmail.com Or you can subscribe for £10 for a delivered copy for a whole year. This will be delivered with your village newsletter every month. Please phone me or pop £10.00 through my door with your name and address.

Carole Bury, 2 Hill View. Tel: 870493.

Oil collective

Most villagers are aware that we have an oil collective in which households benefit from a bulk-buying scheme. This is administered by Bryan Taylor. Anyone wishing to join the scheme just needs to contact Bryan (bryan@elkstone.plus.com) to be added to the group. The more people join, the better deal we get.

Tony Haynes

Jigsaws and board games free for collection

We have been clearing out cupboards. We have the following to give away:

Waddingtons World Map 300-piece jigsaw (probably complete)
Waddingtons 60 years Micky Mouse 300-piece jigsaw (probably complete)
Maqndolin Puzzles One For the Pot (teapots) 500-piece jigsaw (probably complete)
Mappa Mundi 750 piece jigsaw (probably complete)
World Most Difficult Jigsaw (Cats) 529-piece jigsaw (probably complete)
Gibsons Memories of the 1960's 1,000-piece jigsaw (probably complete)

Octogo board game (probably complete)

Thrice game (probably complete)

M&B game Lingo word game

Parker Games Trivial Pursuit Genus Edition (small) (unopened box)
Parker Games Boggle word game (small)
Sportominoes Golf Dominos game (small) (unopened box)
Jumbo Hocus Pocus Magic Show
Metropolitan Museum of Art (USA) Fun with Hieroglyphs
Mind Trap game (probably complete)
Poker set (probably complete, in aluminium 'brief case', on ebay at £40)

All of the items listed are free to collector. If you are interested in one or more items above, please contact us and once we have agreed a collection time, the requested item(s) will be left outside on our drive wall for pick up. Please note that we do not know for sure if the jigsaws and games are complete and take no responsibility if they are not. We will throw away any items which are left one week after we receive our copy of the newsletter.

Nic Williamson Tel: 870000

Gardens Open Day: Sunday 6th June 2021

The small steering committee met in early February to discuss plans for our annual important fund raiser for the Church and the Village Hall. Despite the current uncertainty, we decided to fix the date of Sunday 6th June and plan on the assumption that we will be able to welcome visitors to our beautiful village once more. With the Hall and the Church being closed for most of the last twelve months, it is even more important that we grasp an opportunity to get some income to cover ongoing costs. So, please put the date in your diary and, if you are able to help in any way, please do let me know. There are many ways in which you can offer an extra pair of hands, from an hour on the day in the car park or serving teas, to opening your garden to visitors.

Martyn Wylie Email: mgw123@btinternet.com Mob: 07788 912645

New rapid, regular COVID-19 testing site in Cirencester

There is now a new community testing centre at the Royal Agricultural University, making the second of two Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) centres in the county set up to help prevent people unknowingly spreading the COVID-19 virus. Using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs), this type of test is designed for people not showing any symptoms and should be taken twice a week in order to take action quickly to help protect others. It only takes a few minutes and results are known within 30 minutes. A negative test is not certain proof that you do not have the virus, but the test does tend to catch people when they are at their most infectious. You must book an appointment using the following web page <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/community-testing/>

Survey launched to shape future of Gloucestershire's fire and rescue service

A consultation running for four weeks and finishing on 15th March will be used to inform the fire and rescue services' Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) for 2022-2025. This is an opportunity to help identify the needs of people living in villages as well as the key towns, so do think about taking part. More information and a link to the survey can be found here - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosfire/consultation-crpm-22-25/

News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



This sign greeted staff outside the hospital recently and helped to lift spirits enormously, as have many letters of thanks from patients and families for the care they have experienced.

A total of £378,000 has been received from the fund set up out of the amazing achievement of the late Captain Sir Tom Moore. Some of this money has been used to recruit staff support counsellors and a link psychologist, to help provide extra support for the staff who continue to face many operational and personal pressures. As numbers of COVID patients in the trust falls, and we dare to look forward, a difficult balance will need to be struck between catching up with delayed operations and giving exhausted staff time to rest, recover and restore.

In memory of all those who have lost their lives to COVID, a memorial sunken garden has been designed and commissioned and will be built at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. Within the 'Every Name A Person' initiative, the trust has sent the family of any patient who died a beautiful carved dandelion and a similar one accompanied the body. The dandelion will feature in the garden and fundraising initiatives will include the public sale of locally created wire dandelions, which can then be temporarily planted like the poppies at the Tower in 2014. When eventually the smaller dandelions are collected, a few larger dandelions will be left to mark corporate sponsorship. It is hoped that a VIP will open the garden between 20 - 24 April 2021, along with a dedication by the chaplaincy. There are also plans for a commemoration which links to multi-faith groups.

Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

News from Citizens Advice (Stroud and Cotswold Districts)

Following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK government launched the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). The deadline for applications is 30.6.21. Stroud and Cotswolds Citizens Advice is helping EU nationals to understand the scheme and how to apply. It can provide help EU nationals to apply until 31 March.

The EUSS allows those EU nationals resident in the UK by 31.12.20 to apply for settled or pre-settled status. Any EU nationals who fail to apply by the deadline risk losing their right to live, work and study in the UK. They could also lose access to public funds, pensions and the opportunity to apply for British citizenship.

For more information contact: paul.lock@ca-scd.org.uk or call 01285 425871.

Penny Casewell (Volunteer, Citizens Advice)

Canadian lemon souffle

Thank you, Sue Collins, for sharing this favourite family recipe.

Ingredients

50g (2 oz) plain flour [works just as well with gluten free flour]
75g (3 oz) soft margarine
100g (4 oz) sugar 3 eggs (separated)
Rind and juice of 1 large lemon
Half pint of milk

Method

Preheat oven to 160c/140c fan/325f/gas 3

1. Cream margarine and sugar.
2. Add egg yolks and lemon then beat well.
3. Stir in flour and milk.
4. Whisk egg whites until stiff and then fold into the mixture.
5. Pour into a 1 litre/1.5 pint dish or basin and stand in a shallow bath of warm water (bain marie) within the oven to cook for around 40-45 minutes.

Note: The pudding should be sponge on the top and lemon sauce on the bottom

Quiz: guess the animal

Thank you, Sue Collins, for contributing this fun quiz where you have to guess the animal. For those who need a moment to get their brains into gear, the first answer is included. Feel free to share your score on the Elkstone Village WhatsApp. No cheating (but answers on the next page)

No.	Word that means the same as...	Guess the animal
1	Naked	Bear
2	Expensive mammal	
3	Pulled	
4	Female relative runs away	
5	Eight cats	
6	Run away	
7	A location	
8	Grows from follicles	
9	Parts of a chain	
10	A type of light dessert	
11	Bird found at the end of a long piece of string	
12	Cowardly bird	
13	A fish to stand on	
14	A weapon and a gymnastics term	

15	A golfing term (3 possible answers for this one!)	
16	He doesn't play by the rules	
17	Popular sport	
18	Type of fuel	
19	A royal one is made of wax	
20	Might travel by aeroplane	

Don't forget Mother's Day!

SUNDAY 14th MARCH 2021



Quiz answers: 1. Bear. 2. Deer. 3. Toad. 4. Antelope. 5. Octopus. 6. Flea. 7. Plaiçe. 8. Hare. 9. Lynx. 10. Moose. 11. Kite. 12. Chicken. 13. Perch. 14. Pike. 15. Albatross, Eagle, Birdie. 16. Cheetah. 17. Cricket. 18. Petrel. 19. Seal. 20. Mayfly.