

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Would anyone like to take on the Editorship? If so, please contact me. Happy New Year!

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Features	
January ERG Walk Elkstone Rural Cinema "Green Dragon" Recital	Nature Notes PCSOs' Update Fun in February
Dates for your Diary	
Friday 1 st January – ERG Walk – Harford Bridge Junction – 12 noon start	
Wednesday 13 th January – Parish Council Meeting – Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Friday 15 th January – Rural Cinema – Elkstone Village Hall – 7.15pm for 7.30pm start	
Saturday 30 th January – Green Dragon Quartet – Elkstone Church - 7.30pm	
Sunday 27 th June 2010 – Elkstone Open Day	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste – Mondays 4 th , 11 th 18 th and 25 th
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Monday 11 th and 25 th
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - <i>Bernard Alder 870255</i>
Deadline for February Edition: Wednesday 20th January Please	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

ERG Walk: New Year's Day: Friday 1st January

Start 12.00 noon from the Harford Bridge Junction on the B 4068, about half a mile ESE of Naunton (O.S. Landranger 163 / Outdoor Leisure 45 grid ref. 129 229)

Park on the north east corner of this crossroads, where the verge is wide and firm.

This is a modest but boots-essential lanes-and-tracks loop of just under 4 miles which undulates around the valleys of the River Windrush and the Aylworth Brook.

Expect some mud and puddles, also scenic stretches and historic buildings.

(Sharon is unfortunately not able to lead, so I'm deputising)

Lois – 870375

Elkstone Rural Cinema

Friday January 15th

The featured film will be the 1961 classic comedy romance "**Breakfast at Tiffany's**"

This is a double Oscar winning film starring Audrey Hepburn as "Holly Golightly",

a New York socialite, and George Peppard as a young writer.

The Village Hall doors will open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Entrance is £3.50 for adults & £2.50 for under 16's.

Everybody welcome!

Advance Notice: The film for Feb 19th will be "Coco before Chanel"

Sue

UNICEF Card and Gift Sale

Last week I returned to the UNICEF agents in Fairford with over £200 received from the sale. They are always so grateful for our contribution each year. Many thanks on their behalf - and also from me.

Rendcomb Surgery Christmas Coffee Morning

We had a very successful morning at Winstone Village Hall. More than £300 was added to our funds. It was good to see so many patients attending our annual event. Thank you for your support.

Christingle Service

Join us for our candlelit service on Sunday 10th January 2010 at 10.00; you are very welcome to hear the Christmas story once more, receive a decorated orange and learn of the origins of this symbol.

It is at this service that the Children's Society boxes are usually collected - so please bring yours along.

Anyone want to help with Christingle making at Church View on Saturday 9th January? Please contact me!

Jennie Howlett - 870462

Thanks!

A big thank you to all who made a donation and provided their Christmas message in the December newsletter. Together we raised £101.00 by this initiative, which was donated to 'Send a Cow in Africa'.

Many thanks

Julia Davey

The Green Dragon Quartet – 30th January 2010

At our last village Open Day, wonderful musicians played in our Church and invited people to suggest names for the newly formed quartet. The name chosen was "The Green Dragon Quartet", so in one sense they are "our own" musicians. Everybody who heard them, both in the Church and afterwards at the barbecue, were thrilled by the pieces they played. The group so loved our Church, that they have kindly offered to perform in it again, and they will be returning on 30th January 2010 at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £7.50 to include a glass of mulled wine, will be available in the New Year from Lindy Price, Carole Bury, Sylvie Pierce and Anne Davies.

All proceeds will be for the Church fabric fund.

There is only seating for 70 so please book early!

David Pierce

Nature Notes

I am writing this in the last days of Advent – and what a change in the weather! Except that travelling is difficult, it is lovely to see the sunshine, and enjoy the crisp air. But I've missed the woodcock, which used to fly in the Uncombe poplars at dusk – such beautiful birds with their chocolate mottled feathers and big eyes. Another bird I haven't seen for a while is the snipe, which in cold weather like this used to be seen foraging around half-frozen pools, leaving distinctive fine peck-marks in the ground where they had been feeding. Perhaps someone has been luckier and seen them.

The bird feeders are hives of activity, and one day, four long-tailed tits came.

There is such endless variety in the climate – even in the types of snow.

Jessie

Safer Community Team PCSO Updates

PC Sue Watkins, PCSOs Andrea Shutt, and Victoria Beale would like to invite you all to attend our next Multi-Parish Meeting which we are holding on Tuesday 2nd February 2009 at Brimpsfield Village Hall at 19.30 hours.

We continue to hold an open meeting every quarter and invite all the parishioners in Parishes we cover to concentrate on the issues which are important to local residents. We aim to engage with all our parishes as part of the Neighbourhood Management Strategy which ensures that our time is more effectively spent, and of better service to the community as a whole. This does not take away our ability to attend individual parish councils/community gatherings if and when the need arises. All Welcome.

Digital Switch Over

The BBC is helping people switch to digital TV

TV is changing from analogue to digital in Cirencester & South Cotswolds soon. For many people, television is an important way of receiving information from the outside world; however, some are going to find it difficult at switchover time. The BBC has set up the Switchover Help Scheme to assist older and disabled people make the switch.

The Police (and in particular Safer Community Teams) know their communities and although the BBC will write individually to all eligible people, the BBC know people often need to hear about things from more than one place before they take action. Many people who could benefit from the Help Scheme are amongst the most vulnerable people in society.

About the Help Scheme

More information is at www.helpscheme.co.uk. We are committed to delivering a safe and friendly service providing all eligible people with easy to use equipment that suits their needs. We understand that security in the home is important so we have a variety of security measures such as mandatory CRB checks for all our home visit and contact centre staff.'

Please do not hesitate to contact us on the Non Emergency Number 0845 090 1234 or andrea.shutt@gloucestershire.police.uk victoria.beale@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Fun For All The Family

Saturday 6th February at 5.30pm, Elkstone Village Hall

Beat the winter blues. Come and join in an evening of fun for all ages with a Beetle Drive in the Village Hall. We will start at 5.30pm so that younger villagers can participate and finish the evening with a supper of sausages, baked beans and jacket potatoes followed by a pudding. Please bring your own drinks.

We do need to know numbers for catering purposes so if you would like to come please let any member of the Events Committee know asap and certainly **no later than Tuesday 26th January**. Please say when booking if you would like vegetarian sausages. Cost will be £3 for adults and £2 for children.

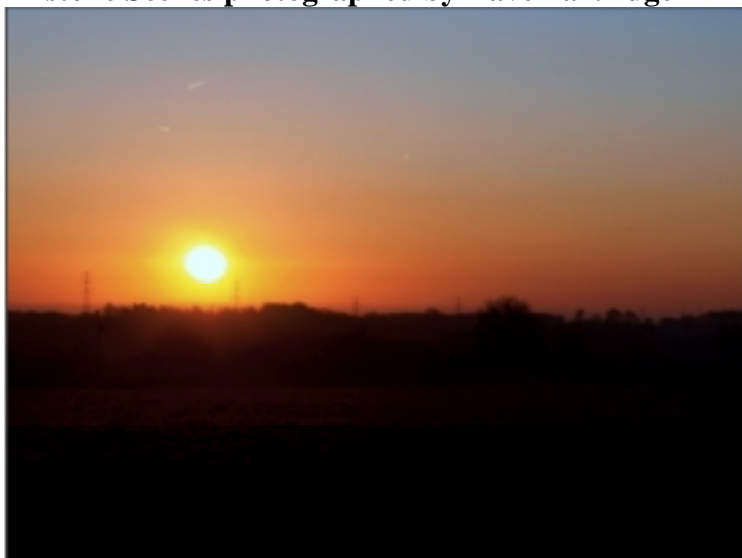
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ERG Programme 2010

The ERG Programme of monthly walks for 2010 is now available, please contact me if you haven't received a copy but would like one.

Lois – 870375

Elkstone Scenes photographed by Dave Partridge



Sunrise

Sunset

These and others may be seen in glorious colour on the website:

www.elkstonevillage.com

Newsletters under the News: Newsletter Archive tab (green).

