

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

It must be the Summer! No ERG Walk, no jets over Elkstone and peace all around. Apologies to all our readers for a couple of typos in last month's edition – proof-reading malfunction!

*Reg (23-07-10)*

Features	
World's Biggest Coffee Morning Nature Notes	Open Day Thanks Family Day and Picnic
Dates for your Diary	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Family Games and Picnic – Springfield House garden – 3.00 pm	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September – World's Biggest Coffee Morning – Village Hall – 10.00 to 12.00am	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes –Fridays 6 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>
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 September Edition: <b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b> please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com">www.elkstonevillage.com</a>	
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## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

**Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12 noon, Elkstone Village Hall**

### What's it all for?

Every day 822 people in the UK are told they have cancer. This is news that not only turns their world upside down but also affects their family and friends. I'm sure, like me, many of you have also had your lives touched by cancer, either directly or indirectly.

Macmillan's ambition is to help every one of these people by providing them with the medical, emotional, practical and financial support they need, so please help me to raise much-needed funds, by coming to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Elkstone Village Hall.

From 10am to 12 noon, come and enjoy a cup of organic tea or coffee and delicious homemade cake with family, neighbours and friends.

Cakes, scones, cookies etc, will also be available to buy to take home.

This year I'll be selling some gorgeous soaps, bath bombs, melts, and soufflés for the bath – all natural ingredients with no nasties, and Phoenix Trading will be selling their excellent cards and gift wrap at amazingly low prices. Try your luck on the Wishing Line and please feel free to bring lots of your friends!

I hope to see you.

*Julia Davey*

*In memory of my mum*

### **Nature Notes**

Margaret Holder was telling us for how many years we had been holding the Open Gardens Day in Elkstone. This reminded me of two tiny oak trees I bought at the plant stall in the early years. They were in little plant pots and I planted them on the edge of the small enclosure in North Slait. Now one is at least forty feet high and the other about thirty feet high but more bushy. They look very healthy so are a vigorous momento of Open Days gone by.

*Jessie*

### **Thank you**

Margaret Holder wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Church flowers - making the church look especially beautiful for the Gardens Open Day. It's a lot of work to get the flowers there and arrange them all, so everyone's input was very much appreciated.

### **Elkstone Open Day**

On one of the hottest days of the summer so far, our lovely parish church was THE place to be. There was a steady stream of visitors. They came to sit in the cool, enjoy the stunning flowers, have a go at bell-ringing, explore the tower and columbarium and ask questions about our amazing church. Many stayed on or returned later to enjoy wonderful music played by the Green Dragon Quartet.

Some of the visitors were first-timers and we were thrilled by their excitement and enthusiasm. Some were undoubted old hands and we were honoured to hear stories of their links with Elkstone - cottage and allotment, school and farm and rectory.

They told us of their family - that they were baptised or married in Elkstone church or that their ancestors lie in our care. All were pleased that a service takes place every Sunday.

The Open Day has a way of connecting the faithful past to the exuberant present for both the Hall and the Church. The funds will be of great help to both.

Well done Elkstone!

*David and Sylvie Pierce*

### **Family Summer Picnic**

#### **Sunday 5th September, 3pm to 6pm**

Trevor and Lindy Price have once again kindly offered the use of their garden for an afternoon of summer games and relaxation. Various games will be provided e.g. boules, badminton, croquet, quoits, pick up sticks, etc., and maybe some races for children.

All parishioners are welcome - please bring your own picnic and drinks, plus a picnic rug and/or garden chairs would be a good idea. The event will be weather-dependent, so if there is any doubt please check the Village Hall notice-board at the weekend.

*Sue Collins*