

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

The weather over the last couple of months seems to be following various economists' forecasts about the state of the economy! It appears to depend on who says what and when. I have included two items, one from our own Newsletter and one from the Benefice Newsletter. I hope you will think they are relevant.

Reg – 26th January

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Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 4 th and 18 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 March Edition: Sunday 20th February please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com	
<i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net</i>	

Welcome to Elkstone

We welcome Alison Fernandez and her son Gabe who have moved into 5 Hillview.

ERG Walk – Saturday 12th February – 10.00am

Due to the recent bad weather that caused the cancellation of the Boxing Day Walk, we have decided to start the February walk from the Village Hall.

If the weather is reasonable, we will walk around 5 miles to arrive at a local pub for lunch. Shoes can be given to Lye who will take them to the pub (by car). Walkers can either have lunch at the pub or be taken back to the Village Hall. After lunch we can continue walking back to the Village Hall, or a lift can be arranged.

If there is snow, we can walk a couple of miles around the Village and miss out on the pub lunch.

Please let us know if you will be walking or lunching three to seven days before so that we can arrange space in the pub.

Brian and Lye – 01242 870481

Church services for February

Service times always follow the same monthly pattern.

Sunday 6th 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th 10am Toy Service

Sunday 20th 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th 10am Songs of Praise

Sylvie

Nature Notes

The full moon and frosty ground have made the nights very light, that makes such a change from the foggy dark days after the snow melted. At last a few early snowdrops are in flower, which is a promise of growth, and one or two trees have hazel catkins out but most trees seem to be completely asleep. This allows us to see the beautiful bark patterns and branches and views across the country, which is obscured when the leaves are out. My grandmother used to tell us as children to look out for the rooks getting busy at their nests in early February, as they are the farmer's friends eating lots of pests.

Jessie

Anyone for Tea?

Please come along and enjoy a traditional Afternoon Tea, serving a selection of sandwiches (no crusts of course) followed by delicious cakes and while away a couple of hours chatting to friends, all in true vintage style.

When? Saturday 12th March, 3pm to 5pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets in advance or on the door, including full Afternoon Tea, are £5.00 from either Sylvie Pierce (Manor Cross - 870181) or Julia Davey (Old School House - 870038)

All funds raised in aid of the Church Tower Roof and Guttering Appeal.

Open Day 2011 – Date for Diary

Date for your Diary: Sunday 26th June 2011

This is perhaps the greatest opportunity to contribute in a lasting way to the village community and its society. In our 20th year and a period when the Village Hall and Church really need any penny they can get; your contributions could not be more important. Please come forward with ideas and offers of help. A committee is up and running with a returning member, but it is never too late to get involved.

Each year we try out new ideas. All who took part enjoyed the day enormously and want to take part again.

The first thing we need help with is Gardens – so please contact us and let the committee know.

OpenDay Committee openday@az.azteck.com or Anne & Jeremy 01242 870516, Ronie 493, Brian 462, Nic 556.

Letter to the Editor

I have been involved with the Marah Charity for 5+ years now and this is the first public fundraising project we have undertaken. Cardboard City is happening on Friday 4th February when silly folk like me will be attempting to spend the night with only a sleeping bag and cardboard for shelter. Given the winter temperatures we have

experienced so far it's very likely to be sub zero and not a very pleasant experience. Of course I have the choice but as we all know that there are a lot of unfortunate people who don't have anywhere else to sleep. Our aim is to raise £5k towards our ongoing work and it would be great if you would sponsor me for any amount you feel it's worth just to see me freeze. Attached is a photo of our press release with the Stroud MP, who along with a number of high profile people will be joining in and links to the just giving website where you can make your payment.
www.justgiving.com/marah or www.justgiving.com/bryan-court If you would prefer to send a cheque then please make it payable to MarahTrust. Thanks.

Blessings

Bryan Court

Winter Grief

Blow, blow thou Winter wind
Thou art not so unkind
As Haiti's brutal quake.
With shock and aftershock
The crazy buildings rock
So many lives to take.

Freeze, freeze then bitter sky
But let the nations try
To forget their trivial strife.
We see each country send
A helping hand to lend
To save a precious life.

Con

Tater People

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work ...

They are called 'Spec Taters'

Some People never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work ...

They are called 'Comment Taters'

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands ...

They are called 'Dick Taters'

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them ...

They are called 'Agie Taters'

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually giving the promised help ...

They are called 'Hezzie Taters'

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not ...

They are called 'Imie Taters'

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop what they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others ...

They are called 'Sweet-Po Taters'

If you know any 'Sweet-Po Taters', please send this to them!

Sandra Body – Benefice Newsletter 2004

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Open Day Potato Growing Competition

Last year's potato growing competition proved to be lots of fun and I have been asked to run it again this year. Join the fun and see if you can beat the 1.2Kg yield from one potato that was the winner last year. The seed potatoes are now being started so this is an opportunity to book your chitted potato early and have the choice of the crop. There will be prize for the winner and runners up get to keep a bucket and a crop of lovely new early potatoes!

Please join in!

Competitive Potato Growers should contact the Committee. -
openday@az.azteck.com - Anne, Manor Farm Cottage
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