

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Methinks I worry too much about the traffic on the 3/190! Or do I? While walking toward the High Cross cross roads, I looked behind to see a small car doing about 60mph being passed by a large black car at speed. Within seconds I became aware of the glorious sound of a Porsche at full throttle hurtling toward the cross roads and the wind, as it passed, made me fall onto the verge. A similar experience occurred a few days later to a villager - "This morning we were OVERTAKEN down Bubbs Hill! I remember a large black car filling up the back windscreen, then it passing us very fast with all its lights on. I'm normally very placid, but it shook me." I do wonder if we need a sign put up with the wording - 'Motor Racing is dangerous, pedestrians are advised to cower behind hedges while cars are on the track'!

Reg - 24th March

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Dates for your Diary	
Monday 4 th April – deadline for Parish Councillor nominations to CDC Returning Officer	
Wednesday 6 th April – Neighbourhood Group (PCSOs) Meeting – Birdlip Village Hall - 7.30pm	
Saturday 9 th April – Election of Parish Wardens - Annual Vestry Meeting – Elkstone Village Hall – 9.30am	
Wednesday 13 th April - Parish Council Meeting - Elkstone Village Hall - 7.30pm – followed by Annual Parish Open Meeting – Elkstone Village Hall - 8.00pm	
Saturday 16 th April – ERG Walk - Winchcombe Back Lane carpark – 09.45 start	
Sunday 26 th June – Elkstone Gardens Open Day	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 1 st and 15 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 April Edition: Wednesday 20th April please	
The Elkstone website has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com	
Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net	



What is this? – Turn to the back page for a reminder!

Church Services for April

3rd	9.30am	Family Holy Communion - Mothering Sunday
10th	10.00am	Family Service
16th	11.00am	Holy Baptism
16th	1.00pm	Holy Matrimony
17th	NO service at Elkstone, but 9.45am	United Palm Sunday Service at Coberley
21st	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Colesbourne with Agape Meal
22nd	10.00am	Good Friday Service at Elkstone (with Hot Cross buns!)
24th	10.00am	Easter Day Songs of Praise (with Easter Egg Hunt!)

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Saturday, 9th April, at 9.30 am in the Village Hall, for the election of Churchwardens. All villagers are welcome to the first part of this meeting.

Many thanks to all who supported the Vintage Tea Party on Saturday 12th March. We enjoyed wonderful cakes, sandwiches, and best of all, great company, and raised £241.25 towards the church gutters fund.

Sylvie

News from the Parish Council

The Parish's Annual Open Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th April, starting at 8.00 p.m. and preceded by a Parish Council meeting starting at 7.30 p.m.

This year, the Parish Council elections fall due. Anyone wishing to stand for election to Elkstone Parish Council can obtain a Nomination Pack from the Clerk. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer at Cotswold District Council Offices by noon on Monday 4th April.

Lois Eyre 870375

ERG Walk Saturday 16th April

Winchcome, Sudeley, Spoonley Wood and Water Hatch

Meet by 9.30 a.m. in the Back Lane car park (behind Winchcombe Library, OL 45/Landranger 163 grid ref. 023 284; £1.00 per day) but **N.B.** there is a Farmers' Market on the third Saturday of every month, so please park at the far end of the carpark, on the right as you come in from Back Lane; alternatively, there may be parking in the High Street or Vineyard Street (on the way to Sudeley Castle) but please remember to allow time to find a parking space and make it to the rendezvous in the Back Lane car park.

The walk will start promptly at 9.45 a.m., passing Sudeley Castle, Spoonley Wood, down to Water Hatch, and then return across stiles and fields to Sudeley and the car park – approx. 5.5 miles.

For those wishing to eat after walking, there is a wide choice in Winchcombe, including The Plaisterers' Arms and several teashops, or visit the Cleeve Hill Golf Club on the way back to Cheltenham.

Margaret 01242 244833

Nature Notes

March has been quiet this year, no “coming in like a lion” as the old saying has it, and at last there have been some beautiful sunny days and warmer temperatures.

Elsewhere, Nature has been so vast in its effects, with destructive earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, and huge loss of life; yet the fragile Spring petals can push through the earth and flower - violets and celandine delighting us after being underground for so many months. Tiny birds have survived through this last cold winter to begin nesting again; lambs are being born and begin to feed and walk within minutes. So much sadness, yet so much to cause us to stand in awe of the power of life.

Jessie

Elkstone – What’s in a Name?

The name of this village first appears in the Domesday Book (1086) as *Elchestane*. This is derived from the Old English personal name of *Ēalāc* with the suffix *stān*, the whole meaning ‘Ealac’s stone’.¹ Places in the parish are Cockleford, first recorded in 1327 in the Subsidy Rolls², which means ‘the ford where the darnel or tares grow’; and Comb(e) End, first recorded in 1220 in the *Curia Regis* Rolls³ as *Cumb* and in 1287 as *Cotelescumb*, in the Assize Rolls for Gloucestershire.⁴ *Cumb* is an Old English word meaning ‘valley’. The word *Cotele* in the second reference is the name of a family who held land there in the 13th century.

“Peter”

Dear Editor

I read with interest the Elkstone Village Newsletter – there appears to be a lot going on in your community. I wanted to get in touch for two reasons.

Firstly, having looked through our records it would appear that, as an organisation, we have had little contact with your parish in the recent past. I would be interested to learn whether there are any community initiatives where I may be of assistance at present. I am available to work on funding advice, project development and management advice, community consultations or parish plans and through my colleagues I can signpost experts in Village and Community Halls and rural housing needs.

Secondly, are you aware of the Vibrant Villages competition? It is an annual competition that gives communities the opportunity to promote what they are doing locally and there is prize money available for winners. From looking at the content of the newsletter I think that it could be worth putting in application. I’ve attached further details and the application form.

Chris Cowcher - Rural Adviser - Gloucestershire Rural Community Council - 01452 528491 – (Anyone interested in pursuing this should make contact directly – Ed)

Request from the Editor

Many of you are using Word to send articles for the Newsletter. Just to make life easier for the ancient Editorial Mac, please could you save your documents in Word 97 format rather than the latest default .docx format.

Reg

¹ A. H. Smith, *The Place-names of Gloucestershire*, EPNS vol XXXVIII, 159.

² In the Public Record Office.

³ Idem.

⁴ Idem.



Open Gardens Day 2011

Date for your Diary: **Sunday 26th June 2011**

Perhaps the greatest opportunity to contribute in a lasting way to the village community and its society

To help raise funds that the Church and Village Hall are desperate for, we need:

Gardens – especially at the north end of the village;

Stall holders: Books, Tombola, Clothes, Plants etc.

Bric-a-brac is up and running, so please save bric-a-brac and contact Julia Davie 870038

In a period when your Village Hall and Church really need every penny they can get, your contributions could not be more important. Please come forward with ideas and offers of help.

Please let your committee know –if only to confirm your ‘traditional’ contribution.

OpenDay Committee - openday@az.azteck.com or Jeremy & Anne –870516, Brian – 870462, Ronnie – 870493, Nic – 870556

