

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

There have been some interesting cloud formations – we spotted one which made us think of Lalique glass. Even the sun-rises and sun-sets have been dramatic. Has anyone got some good photos of these for a future Newsletter?

One of our contributors has noticed that, even on *quiet* days, when only a few cars pass the village, they do so at remarkable speeds. Did they travel slower only a few years ago?

Reg – 24th April

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Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 4 th May – Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 8.00 pm	
Thursday 5 th May – District Election & AV Referendum – Village Hall – 7.00am to 10.00 pm	
Saturday 14 th May – ERG Walk – Seven Springs lay-by – 10.00am	
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 6 th and 20 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 June Edition: Friday 20th May 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>	

Margaret Holder wanted to say Thankyou! to all her neighbours and friends who sent lovely flowers, and cards, and gifts, and visited her while she was in hospital.

Nature Notes

The lovely warm weather and sunshine, and all the succession of flowers coming out, have been so enjoyable these last few weeks. There is a bird cherry tree in my garden, which has been a particular delight, as I remember in the place where I was born, there used to be a big hedge of them – scents and sounds of childhood remain in our memories. One morning recently, I was walking along, and could hear a loud buzzing, humming. I looked about and saw a tree covered in lovely yellow pussy willow, and the pussy willow covered in bees! Next morning, I looked again, but there were hardly any bees.

Other signs of spring have been the peaceful sounds of a rookery, and the first swallows returning – at the end of the first week of April, so really early this year.

Jessie

ERG Walk - Saturday 14th May

An easy 2 hour walk starting from the Seven Springs lay-by on the A436 opposite the Hungry Horse pub (near Coberley). Prompt 10.00 a.m. start, please!

There are few stiles and not much mud but some excellent views.

Lunch will be available in the Hungry Horse if desired.

Dave and Sue - 870373

Local Policing Team, Cotswold Local Policing Area

PC Hazel Watkins has now joined the Local Policing Team as Beat Manager as from April 2011. Her role as a warranted Police Officer is a very positive addition to the work Police Community Support Officer Andrea Shutt has been undertaking since working in this area since 2007.

Hazel is very keen to work with the Community to address the issues that affect them most, already Hazel is aware that the real concerns are Rural Crime namely theft of farm equipment, theft of diesel, speeding motorists, anti-social behaviour at local beauty spots and fly tipping. These concerns were discussed at the recent well-attended Neighbourhood Co-Ordination Group Meeting held in Birdlip early April. Hazel is also one of Gloucestershire Constabularies dedicated Rural Crime Liaison Officers (RCLO) and as such has had specialist knowledge in areas such as Poaching, Dangerous Dogs, Hunting, Wildlife Crime. If you would like to contact PC Watkins she is very keen to hear from the local community, her email address is hazel.watkins@gloucestershire.police.uk

PC Hazel Watkins and PCSO Andrea Shutt are urging local residents to call Police with details of vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances where they live.

We are eager to offer Crime Prevention, so please contact via email to arrange a Pre-Crime Survey, Information on Smartwater (The Forensic Marking of your Property), Tack marking (Saddles and Bridles), how to become a Rural Watch Member or Neighbourhood Watch.

Andrea Shutt and hazel.watkins@gloucestershire.police.uk

Police Non-Emergency Number 0845 090 1234

The cars that pass me....

The cars that pass me when I walk
They go in haste, and seldom slow.
They glare ahead, on 'phones they talk.
I wonder where they go.

Sometimes a tradesman asks the way,
With services, or heaps of stuff.
I tell him and go on my way
I think I have enough.

Perhaps the drivers think of work
And profits that the work will bring.
But I just turn along the track
And hear the skylarks sing.

Yes, there are needs and grief and fear;
Desire for status and for gain.
But – I have a world a-plenty here
Along a Cotswold lane.

Perhaps they go to heal the sick,
If so, I bless them as they go.
I get my health from stone and stick
Where hedgerow flowers grow.

Con Baker



Open Gardens Day 2011 – Our 20th Year
Sunday 26th June 2011

Did you do ‘your bit’ years ago?

Are you bored with Open Day?

These are not relevant thoughts, as the bills still need paying; the church roof needs repairing.

The Church and Village Hall ARE the very centre of our community.

To raise vital funds, we need:

Gardens: especially at the north end of the village.

Stall holders: Books, Tombola, Clothes etc.
These stalls are vital and earn about £600.
To lose them would be a disaster.

BBQ chefs: One of the highlights of our social year.

Bric-a-brac is up and running, so please contact Julia Davey 870038

Plant stall is up and running, so please contact David & Sue Collins 870373

We are close to confirming a display of Huskies and Mushing.

The Village Hall and Church really need every penny they can get; your contributions could not be more important. Please come forward with offers of help.

The committee and faithful few are spread so thin that they are taking on 3-4 roles on the day and dropping ‘fun’ items in favour of better cash earners. This is not sustainable or fair.

Please let the committee know – even if only confirming your ‘traditional’ contribution.

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

Recipes please

Please contribute one or more of your own recipes for insertion in our Elkstone Village Cookery Book, which will be launched at our 20th Garden Open Day.

Hand written or typed recipes could be delivered to Enfield Farm or sent by e-mail to marion.cooch@hotmail.co.uk and are needed **by 10th May** at latest.

Marion

Happenings!

Coffee Morning in aid of the **Cobalt Unit** at Cheltenham Hospital

Wednesday 18th May at The Old Rectory Restaurant, Colesbourne from **10.00am**

The Cobalt Unit has to find £160,000 each year so they can fund MRI scans for NHS patients to have them free - with no help from the government! Any help in raising funds for this worthy cause would be appreciated.

If you are able to donate good quality books, bric-a-brac, accessories or a raffle prize, we would be very grateful. Please drop them off on the Monday or Tuesday.

Thank You

Diane Pearce – 870120

Coberley C of E School Summer Fayre

Saturday 25th June

12.00 – 4.00pm

Do come and join us for an afternoon of great fun, delicious food and exciting entertainment.

*Bouncy Castle & Slides * Pick & Mix Picnic Lunches * Homemade Cakes * Pocket Money Stalls * Strawberries & Cream * Traditional Stalls & Games * Ice Cream * Plants * Books * Wishing Line * Raffle * Children's Uniform & Clothing – Recycled! * Pony & Trap Rides * Mystic Marion *

An afternoon of fantastic fun for all the family and free entry!

All proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the school hall and development of a nature garden for the children.

Julia Davey

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MAY 18TH COFFEE MORNING FOR COBALT UNIT
Cheltenham Hospit - 10am - 12.30 Stalls & Raffle

www.theoldrectorycolesbourne.co.uk