

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Have you noticed the new banners outside Colesbourne Stores? They announce that Artur has started a car-cleaning and valet service at reasonable rates and done while you wait. Choose a pleasant day and you can enjoy a cup of tea and a bun while watching Artur thoroughly clean your car with much effort and speedily too! I only speak as a satisfied customer.

Damp autumnal days have set in with the remnants of American hurricanes blowing the garden furniture about.

Happy 'significant' birthday greetings to Jessie! If you know of people in the village with significant birthdays or anniversaries, why not wish them greetings through the newsletter?

Reg – 23rd September

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Hello and Welcome to Elkstone Church Service Times ERG Walk for October News from the Parish Council	Nature Notes PCSO News Harvest Supper Advertisement
Dates for your Diary	
ERG Walk – Saturday 15 th October – Yanworth Mill - 9.55am – Stowell Park Estate	
Harvest Bring + Share Supper — Saturday 15 th October 7.00pm - Village Hall	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 14 th and 28 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 next month's edition: Thursday 20th October 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>	

Hello and Welcome

We welcome Harvey and Caroline Pynn and their daughters, Nancy and Elsie, to Elkstone. They have moved into Rose Cottage.

Services at Elkstone Church in October are as follows:

October	2nd	09.30am	Holy Communion
October	9th	10.00am	Family Service
October	16th	11.00am	Morning Prayer
October	23rd	10.00am	Songs of Praise
October	30th	10.00am	Joint Benefice service at Coberley

David Pierce

ERG Walk - Saturday 15th October

This month's walk is loop around the Stowell Park Estate; it's a reasonably easy walk with two noticeable uphill, two noticeable downhill, quite a lot of level or near-level walking, and three assorted stiles, all of which could be avoided. The route is on well-maintained footpaths, estate roads and quiet lanes, so there should be little chance of mud. Also featured will be two water mills (not working), views of the Big House in its parkland, the C12 churches of St. Leonard's Stowell, which has medieval wall paintings, and St. Michael's Yanworth in its Church Farm setting, and the estate village of Yanworth. The loop is approximately 4 miles in length, but 5.25 and 6.5 mile options are available – please contact me for details.

After walking, lunch could be taken at the Fossebridge Inn, the Hare and Hounds at Fosse Cross or the Cotswold Fayre Farmshop's café.

Meet by 9.55 a.m. at grid ref 073 129 – midway between Yanworth Mill and Coulsty Barn, where parking is available on the verge.

Directions – for the cross-country route, head for the Chedworth Roman Villa, and at the junction signed 'Roman Villa only' to the south west, and 'private road' to the east, turn north east towards Yanworth – 1.5 miles. As you approach Yanworth, and just before the village sign, turn right signed towards Fossebridge and Cirencester.

The rendezvous point is at the bottom of the hill and just around the left bend. Those who prefer main road routes should take the A 429 from Cirencester, and immediately above the Fossebridge Inn, turn left signed towards Yanworth. Continue straight on ignoring a left turn, and go straight on through a crossroads signed towards Yanworth and Withington. About 400 metres after the crossroads you will pass Coulsty Barn on your right, continue a further 100 metres and park on the left near the footpath sign.

Lois - 870375

News from the Parish Council

Cirencester Library opening hours will change with effect from 3rd October:

Mon 9.30 – 5.00, Tues 9.30 – 7.00, wed 9.30 – 1.00, Thurs 9.30 – 5.00. Fri 9.30 – 7.00
Sat 9.30 – 4.00.

Cheltenham Library and Gloucester Library opening hours are unchanged.

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Nature Notes

It's September as I write, with the unmistakable scent of Autumn in the air, and the melancholy little song of the robin. The swallows are feeding madly, and settling in lines on the telegraph wires prior to their great migration. There seem to be a lot of them this year, so they must have had a successful nesting and breeding season. The fruit trees have been laden with apples, pears and plums even to the point of branches cracking under the extra weight on windy days.

It has concerned me to see on television pictures of walkers with dogs wandering about in fields amongst cattle. This can be very dangerous if cows have calves, they will attack a dog to defend their calves. Enjoy the countryside, but remember that half a ton of cow can easily run faster than you!

Jessie

The law on walking with dogs in the countryside requires that humans and dogs stay on the line of the Public Right of Way. Notices are sometimes posted saying e.g. "All dogs to be on leads at all times" but unless there are byelaws stipulating this, it is up to the dog walker to decide whether a lead is necessary to keep the dog on the correct

line, or whether it is sufficiently trained and obedient to stay to heel without, regardless of any temptations to run off 'at large' it may be presented with. Hopefully all dog owners are aware that they must not allow their dogs to worry sheep, though not all realize that this applies not just to sheep, but also to all farm livestock, horses, domestic poultry and waterfowl, and reared game.

However, as Jessie mentions, there have been alarming instances of people with dogs being injured by cattle, and advice to walkers is now more tempered. If your walk takes you through livestock, it may be more sensible to deviate off the line of the right of way to avoid going through a herd, in particular, to avoid walking between a cow and her calf. If a herd appears to be unduly unsettled, a walker has the responsibility not to upset them further, and should consider standing still, or walking back the way s/he came. In extremis, the dog should be slipped off the lead to fend for itself.

Lois

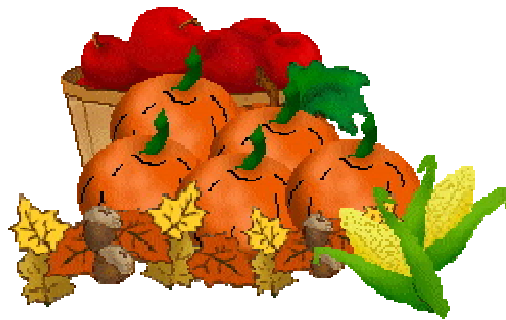
PCSO News

Our PCSOs and the Police – for non-emergency matters – can now be contacted using the new 101 phone number.

There is also a reminder that Gloucestershire Police offer a bicycle etched marking scheme at some of their events for free. This service is also available at a cost of £15 from Retainaguard on 01233-333000.

PCSO Andrea

St John the Evangelist, Elkstone Harvest Supper



**Saturday 15th October
7.00pm**

**Elkstone Village Hall
Bring and Share Supper
Talk by The Stable Company**

Tickets are free but please book in advance with:

Carole – 01242 870493 / carolebury@hotmail.com

Lindy – 01242 870246

Donations will be to The Stable Company, Cheltenham

Elkstone objects from another angle



Gable end of Village Hall
Yes, a gas pipe warning sign, but where is it?



Looking up the lamp-post by the church



Advertisement

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