

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

To have your Season's Greetings published in the December Newsletter, please e-mail them to the Ed and drop in a donation (with your name!) for Macmillan Cancer Relief by 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Reg – 21<sup>st</sup> October

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ERG Walk – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Nr. Edge – 10.00am – NT Haresfield Beacon car park	
BBQ and Bonfire Party - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November - from 5pm to 7.00pm – Coberley School	
Village Hall AGM - 1 <sup>st</sup> December - 8.00pm – Elkstone Village Hall	
Rendcomb Surgery Coffee Morning - Winstone Village Hall - Saturday 3rd December - 10am	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – <i>Trevor - 870246</i>
Deadline for next month's edition: <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com">www.elkstonevillage.com</a>	
<b>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – <a href="mailto:reg.eyre@tesco.net">reg.eyre@tesco.net</a></b>	

**Services at Elkstone Church** in November are as follows:

November 6th 9.30am Holy Communion

November 13th Remembrance Service Joint Benefice Service at Coberley at 10.45am - no service at Elkstone

November 20th 11.00am Morning Prayer and Baptism Service

November 27th 10.00am Advent Songs of Praise

This year the Remembrance Day Service is being held at Coberley.

The work on the church roof, guttering and down-pipes has now been completed, and the scaffolding has all been removed from the tower. Unfortunately all the work on the tower roof is not visible from the ground, but a wonderful job has been done, and the tower is now watertight for many years. What you will be able to see are two new shutes on the South and North sides of the tower, the overhauled and repainted guttering and downpipes, and the scrapped and repaired tiles on the Church roof. Wander down to the Church and have a look.

We haven't yet had the final bill but we are expecting the costs to be within the budget, as they did not find too many problems, which could have led to extra costs.

This means that we will still have something left in reserves.

*David Pierce*

### **ERG Walk to Haresfield Beacon and Cotswold Way**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10am start. Meet at Shortwood car park near Edge. This car park is National Trust close to Haresfield Beacon on OS reference 833 085. From Edge take the road, which starts from behind the church, in the direction of Whiteshill and Randwick for about two miles, and as the road swings sharp left, leave the road and continue on a minor road in the direction of Haresfield. The car park is about another half mile on the left.

The walk is about 4 miles and follows much of the Cotswold Way so there are many fine views over the Severn Valley. We walk through Standish and Stockend woods, passing a stone which commemorates the Civil War in 1643.

Afterwards we retire to the Edgemoor Inn. Please let us know if you want us to book a table.

*Joan and Robin - 01452 412120*

### **BBQ and Bonfire Party**

Friends of Coberley School present the annual BBQ and Bonfire Party on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm through to around 7pm. As well as our roaring bonfire, we usually have an excellent firework display and plenty to eat and drink including burgers, hot dogs, jacket potatoes, homemade soup and delicious cakes. Glow sticks can be bought on the night.

Tickets can be bought from the School Office from Monday or phone 01242 870366.

Adults            £2.50 (£3.00 on the night)

Children        £1.50 (£2.00 on the night)

Family           £7.00 (£8.00 on the night)

Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours.

*Please do NOT bring sparklers or your own fireworks.*



### **Village Hall 'Punch & Munch' AGM**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 at 8.00pm**

It has been a year of 'cutting our cloth' for our Village Hall and careful management to ensure the survival of this treasured village asset.

Come and join us for a brief meeting, where we can discuss how we have utilized the generous gift to the Hall's Charitable Foundation.

The future of Village Social Events will no doubt feature in discussion and our concerns.

Afterwards, there will be an informal time with each other, with 'Punch & Munch' provided by your Committee.

*Village Hall Committee*

### **Rendcomb Surgery Support Group**

Please join us at our annual Christmas Coffee Morning in Winstone Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am until noon.

There will be a cake stall, a raffle as well as other items for sale. If you would like to make a donation for the event please contact me or, better still, go along on the morning.

Over the last two years we have raised funds for an ear syringe machine, home use blood pressure monitors, a coagucheck machine, a doppler monitor and 2 patient beds.

Although last year's Coffee Morning was held after a heavy snowfall we still managed to raise over £320 towards our funds. Let's hope the weather is kinder this year.

*Jennie Howlett - 870462*

### **Nature Notes**

Autumn coming reminds me of two occasions when I have seen the full moon setting in the west at the same time as the sun rises in the east. Behold the beauties of the heavens with ever changing cloud formations and the beauty of the sky.

Years ago there was a spectacular aurora borealis covering the whole sky with bright colour and I have never seen it since. It was probably quite rare in Gloucestershire.

Another memorable occasion was sitting in a deckchair in the garden watching the moon where men were walking unseen. At this time of year after dark the twittering of migrating birds can be heard flying overhead and sometimes the honking of geese. These are your country bonuses for looking and listening.

*Jessie*

### **UNICEF Card and Gift Sale**

Please join me for my annual UNICEF sale at Church View for:

Christmas cards

Advent calendars

Everyday stationery

Gifts etc

All profits will go to UNICEF, which supports children all over the world.

Its aims are to ensure that all children are given equal opportunities to develop their potential.

UNICEF is committed to protecting millions of children from violence and exploitation, to provide quality education and to give them good health and nutrition.

Drop by any time from 11.00 to 5.00 on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th or Sunday 27th November.

*Jennie Howlett - 870462*

### **PCSO News**

A burglary was committed in Colesbourne on Thursday 13 October in broad daylight – some time between 08.30 and 16.30. The burglars were obviously disturbed but still made off with some items of value. Please be vigilant - lock doors & windows, use your burglar alarm if you have one, secure garden / outdoor sheds & equipment and keep a look out for any suspicious people, vehicles or occurrences.

If you feel something is not right, please report it to the Police using the non-emergency number 101.

If anyone wishes for a Basic Crime Prevention Survey to be carried out at their property please contact Police Community Support Officer Andrea Shutt.

Anne Davies is the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

[andrea.shutt@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:andrea.shutt@gloucestershire.police.uk)

### **Macmillan Support Coffee Morning**

Julia reports that **£485.50** was raised. Thank you to everyone who took part.

## Advertisements

# THE OLD RECTORY RESTAURANT

The Old Rectory, Colesbourne, Cheltenham  
GL53 9NP



Tel: 01242 870120

*Sean & Diana offer you a warm welcome to their charming  
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### **Dine in Style**

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### **Celebrate Christmas**

*Enjoy the festivities with a 3 course multi choice menu*

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**Private Dining Room available at no extra cost**

**Bookings please - Telephone 01242 870120**

**[www.theoldrectorycolesbourne.co.uk](http://www.theoldrectorycolesbourne.co.uk)**

### **Waiting staff required**

The Old Rectory requires waiting staff for small friendly restaurant for Sunday Lunch 12 to 4pm and functions.

Applicants will need to have their own transport and be over 18 to serve alcohol. We will provide training and food while on duty. Wages dependent on experience.

Please ring for information - Diana or Sean 01242 870120



***PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 2011***

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*Cream of Parsnip & Honey Soup*  
*Smooth Chicken Liver Pate with grape chutney & granary toast*  
*Twice Baked Goats Cheese Soufflé with sun blushed tomatoes & pesto*  
*Slices of Galia Melon with Parma Ham*  
*Smoked Mackerel & Salmon Terrine with cucumber salad & Melba toast*

*Roast Turkey, chestnut stuffing, chipolata, roast potatoes, roast gravy & fresh veg*  
*Fillet of Cod with a pea & herb risotto & Crab bisque & fresh veg*  
*Roasted Vegetable & Goats Cheese Strudel with sauté potatoes & tomato butter*  
*Steak, Mushroom & Stilton Pudding with mash, onion gravy & fresh veg*  
*Slow roasted Pork Belly with bubble & squeak, port wine sauce & fresh veg*

*Christmas Pudding with rum sauce*  
*Chocolate Terrine with Chantilly cream*  
*Raspberry Cheesecake*  
*Syrup Sponge Pudding with custard*  
*Selection of Cheese & Biscuits*

*£19.95 per head*  
*10% Service Charge for parties of 8 persons+*

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**Christmas Fayre**

Saturday 3rd December

11am - 2pm

Coberley Primary School

**Traditional Christmas Market**

Take a stroll around our traditional Christmas Market with a wonderful selection of beautiful handmade, and locally produced, crafts, jewellery, gifts, bird boxes, cards, pictures, tasty treats, holly wreaths and so much more ... All at amazing prices. Bring your family and friends to join us for all the festive fun and enjoy a light lunch in our Christmas Cafe.

Free entry - For more information contact *School Office - 01242 870366*

## Colesbourne Filling Station Shop and Post Office

Why not talk to us about your:-  
Christmas Turkeys - Joints of Beef - Chicken and Ham  
(all locally sourced)  
cakes and mince pies  
Remember that we sell logs, coal, kindling, Calor gas  
Plus wines spirits beers lagers etc.

We are here to help!!

Open everyday except Christmas Day  
Don't forget to use your local post office, which is also open every day  
Telephone 01242 870357  
Email: sarah@churnvalleyservice.eclipse.co.uk  
ps. Hand car wash valeting service available as well

### Harvest Supper

In a beguiling style that appears effortless but is the triumphant result of careful co-ordination and perfect execution Elkstone celebrated the year's harvest with a harvest supper.



The photo shows the harvest display by The Stable Company; a local charity who grow and then distribute produce from their allotments. Table talks led by the volunteers were especially impressive. Close to £180 was raised for the charity; this will be invested in seed for next year's veg-boxes. The food and company were fantastic - thank you to everyone who played a part. There was a sad but appreciative note to the evening as we paid tribute to and bid a fond

farewell to Bernard and Sue Alder. It is a risky business to attempt to list each and every way that they have contributed to the village. As I write, I can remember: bowls club organisers, newsletter editor, village hall committee & treasurer, events committee stalwarts, open-day committee and treasurer etc. They were great and generous friends, neighbours, hosts and participatory Elkstonians. Certainly, they have enriched all our lives.

*Nic Williamson*



A motorcycling friend of mine took this photograph of a signpost pointing to Elkstone.  
Exactly where was it taken?