

# Elkstone Newsletter

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> September – ERG 'Churches' Walk – Meet by 9.55am – Puesdown Inn on A40	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – Village Hall Maintenance – volunteers please!	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September - Parish Council Meeting - 8pm - Village Hall	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.00 – 12.00 – Village Hall	
<b>Regular Dates</b>	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 31 <sup>st</sup> August and 14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> September
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>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September</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 during September are as follows:

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer – and Harvest Festival service
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Songs of Praise
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion – venue to be Confirmed

## Thank you

Colin Perkins is back home, and would like to send many thanks to all his friends and neighbours who sent cards and good wishes for his recovery

## ERG Walk - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Historic Churches Day – All welcome!

This month our walk will be about 6 miles, a lot of level walking, a few noticeable gradients, one short but very steep uphill and only one stile. Depending on the weather, there could be a little mud in places, and our first byway may offer only a narrow track through the weeds – shorts inadvisable!

We will take in three of the interesting Norman-origin churches in the Northleach benefice – Hampnett, Turkdean and Hazleton.

Please bring a drink and a snack with you. We will stop for a short break in Turkdean.

Meet by 9.55 am at the Pusedown Inn on the A40, 2 miles west of Northleach. We have to book lunches before setting off, and should be back at the Inn by 1.30 pm.

*Lois 870375*

### **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride**

Saturday 8th September

There will be an ERG walk on this day, please turn up or sponsor any of the Walkers - the details are above. The money raised from this day supports both our Church in Elkstone and other Historic Churches in Gloucestershire.

You can take the opportunity to explore the County and Churches by bike, or choose a walk that will take in a few Churches.

It is a lovely opportunity to visit historic gems that are not always open for visits.

Light Refreshments are usually provided in the Churches, as we also do in Elkstone Church.

If you would like a sponsorship form, there are some in the Porch of the Church, or contact:

*Ronnie and Carole - 870493*



Actually there is very little painting, but I like the graphic

### **Village Hall Maintenance – September 15th**

Please come to a half-day or so doing light maintenance jobs at the hall.

Please let Ronnie 870493 or Ken 870479 know and come along between 9.30 and 12.00 to lend a helping hand on the variety of jobs that need attention – nothing too onerous or mucky. Turn up fit to sweep paths and refinish the shed etc.: we will provide materials etc. but if you have a favourite paintbrush, bring it along. Children and adults all welcome. There will be drinks and biscuits available, please just turn up!

*Village Hall Committee*

### **Nature Notes**

The holiday season revives memories of various kinds. Bird songs which are different or particularly memorable are often associated with certain places. Once when I was in Ireland I heard snipe drumming. When further north, and especially in moorland areas, the sound of the curlew is haunting, and the lapwing makes such a lovely sound. Another call which is unforgettable is that of partridge in February, on a moonlit evening as dusk falls. Once when I was working in Cornwall I went for a walk along the cliff top, and a group of oyster-catchers flew below me, along the edge of the sea, calling as they went. It must be fifty years ago, but was beautiful and unforgettable.

This last week I saw two gatekeeper butterflies on blackberry flowers – it's not often you see them so I hope there will be more!

Happy memories and good listening!

*Jessie*

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00 - 12.00**  
**Elkstone Village Hall.**

## **BE PART OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**



**Please come along and be part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning** and help me raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year we raised £461 and whatever we raise this year will help improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

Macmillan Cancer Support provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care.

So please, let's get together and share a cuppa (tea, coffee and soft drinks) with a lovely slice of cake and have a good chat and in the process raise much needed funds for Macmillan.

No need to book - just pop in and please feel free to bring lots of friends! Children are also very welcome.

Julia Davey, Old School House, Elkstone 01242 870038

### **Second Hand Books Needed**

I'm looking for good quality second hand books to sell at The World's Biggest Coffee Morning for MacMillan, so if you have any books that you no longer need, please either leave them at the back door, or in the blue/cream shed in the back garden if we're out. I'm also happy to collect from you if you give me a call. Please can you let me have them by 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Charity Concert to raise funds for local hospices**

To be held on Saturday September 29th 2012 in the Bingham Hall King Street Cirencester. Doors open at 6.15pm and the concert will start at 7.00pm

Cirencester Soroptomists are organising a concert to raise funds for Cotswold Care Hospice and Sue Ryder Leckhampton. The concert will feature the Caldicot Male Voice Choir, a superb welsh choir that celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. They will be supported by Claire Lees, a prize-winning soprano who has appeared on television, and a Corinium Players Guitar ensemble. The Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble was established in Cirencester in 1999 and performs music from traditional Spanish and Latin American guitar music to popular classics and easy listening standards.

During the evening refreshments will be available and a raffle will also be held. A bar will be open and profits from this will go to The Timmy Mason Trust, a local charity started by the parents of a Cirencester boy who died of a rare form of cancer just before his eighth birthday. The charity currently supports children and their families through cancer by helping with travel costs for treatments, short breaks and special requests. The long-term aim of the non-profit trust is to create a holiday home for families of cancer victims which would be a safe

haven where families with children coming to the end of their lives could spend quality time together and batten down the hatches with everything laid on from logs for the fire to food in the freezer.

Tickets for the concert cost £10 and are available from *Anne Davies - 870516*

### **Elkstone Cinema**

#### **"Premiere" Screening of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - Elkstone Village Hall**

Thursday 11th October 7.00 pm

The first of a series of three test screenings this autumn, the evening will start at 7:00pm with a Fish & Chips Supper followed by this hilarious tale of a group of retirees from the UK seeking to spend their retirement in exotic India. Star cast including Judy Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith.

Hopefully attendances at these three film evenings will have attendances / finances which enable film screenings to take place on a regular basis in the village from now on.

The cost is £6.00 each for the Fish & Chips, and £4.00 for the movie, total £10.00. Booking requests and money in an envelope to Manor Farm Cottage by 6.00 pm on Monday 8th October please, so that we can confirm the order. Please write your contact details on the envelope.

Drinks are not included in the cost, *please bring your own*.

Movie-only is ok, but as this is the first time we are running the evening in this format, we cannot be sure what time the screening will start!

£4.00 each pre-paid as above, or £5.00 pay at the door.

Suggestions to Jeremy for the next two films in the series will also be very welcome.

*Jeremy – 870516*

### **St John the Evangelist Church, Harvest Supper - Saturday 13th October**

Join us for a Bring and Share Supper at the Village Hall.

There will be no charge for the harvest supper - just bring something yummy to share!

A simple menu of Shepherds Pie followed by Fruit pies/Crumbles.

Donations towards 'Send a Cow' charity will be appreciated on the night.

More details to follow in the next newsletter

Please contact - *Carole - 870493 - carolebury@hotmail.com*

### **"Harvest Service at Elkstone Church - Sunday 16th September**

It has been a difficult year for the farmers with so much rain and short warm spells but no real long periods to ripen the crops. We know in Elkstone we are always later with the harvest, because we are higher than in the valley, but this year it seems later than before until the crops will be gathered in.

But God is good and He has once again provided through the crops. Our Harvest service to celebrate God's goodness will be on 16th September at 11.00am. If you cannot join us for the service then please bring any produce offerings to the Church on the Saturday, when it is being decorated.

The food offerings will be given to a local women's refuge to help those women and their children who have had to leave home quickly, often with nothing. The offering from the Harvest service will be given to 'Send a Cow' to help towards providing animals, trees, seeds and plants to help impoverished families in Africa towards self sufficiency.

Please come and join us and celebrate God's provision for all our needs." – *David Pierce*

### **Community Speedwatch**

The grand plan for an everyday presence at the cross-roads is not yet possible.

We can cover three consecutive days with the volunteers we have.

The meeting in August generated three more volunteers to be trained but if we could find one or two more people, I think we might persuade the Traffic Unit to do the training at Elkstone Village Hall and then we can try a more robust presence at the crossroads.

*Reg – 870375 (before 9.00pm please)*