

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Exciting times! I have changed computers so that everything works really quickly now, but am I sure that I have successfully transferred all my files across? If I have, and anyone would like to make an offer on a five year old Advent PC laptop, please contact your Editor.

As I type this, it is cold again, more snow is forecast, and the prospect of riding in the London to Brighton Run on a 100 year old motorised bicycle in four days' time is daunting.

*Reg – 22<sup>nd</sup> March*

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| Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Elkstone Village Hall – 7.30 pm  |  |
| Annual Parish Open Meeting – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00 pm  |  |
| ERG Walk – Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> – details follow by e-mail  |  |
| Gardens Open Day – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June   |  |
| Coberley C of E School Summer Fayre, Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 – 3.00pm  |  |
| Regular Dates  |  |
| Waste & recycling  | Food + garden waste - Fridays  |
| Waste & recycling  | All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> April |
| 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>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> please  |  |
| The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com">www.elkstonevillage.com</a> |  |
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## Church Services in Elkstone for April

Sunday 7th Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 14th Family Service at 10.00am

Sunday 21st Morning Prayer at 11.00am

Sunday 28th Songs of Praise at 10.00am

On Easter Sunday there will be a Family Worship Easter Service at Elkstone Church starting at 11.00am. This will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young at heart. Please join us and celebrate the good news of Easter.

*David Pierce*

## ERG Walk - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Details are not yet finalised, and will be e-mailed to regular ERGers later.

Please contact Ed or me if you would like to walk, but are not yet on our contact list.

*Lois 870365*

## Neighbourhood Watch News

I'm pleased to report that both the Bike / Equestrian Tack Marking Event and the Neighbourhood Watch Coffee Morning were successful. We had a good turnout for the Coffee Morning and enjoyed brief talks from Mike Bone, our Village Agent, about the services that are on offer to the over 50's, and from Andy Fogden who outlined some crime prevention advice from Neighbourhood Watch, especially with regards to doorstep traders. PCSO Andrea Shutt and PC Victoria Stinchcombe were both on hand to advise on the free Crime Prevention Surveys on offer

This month there was an incident in the village of a car being damaged by a key or other sharp implement, sometime between 5pm on Sunday March 10th and 8am the following morning. Please do report any incidents or anyone acting strangely on 101 so that the incident can be followed up by the Police.

We have about half of the village on the WatchWord email alerts which are sent to me by the Police and I forward them on for your information, via email. If you would like to join this email list, which will give you quick and up-to-date knowledge of the criminal and suspicious activities in the village, parish and local areas, then please email me your contact information to [jrdavey@btconnect.com](mailto:jrdavey@btconnect.com)  
Julia - Julia Davey, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

### **Nature Notes**

The walk across the Zeal has been particularly spectacular lately. Cold enough to send tears coursing down my face, but the bare fields beautifully shaded browns in soft sweeps, cool skies above with chasing clouds and, best of all, skylarks singing high and sweeping low over the earth.

The primroses in my garden are open so I'm hoping for a first glimpse of a brimstone butterfly. They have an extra-long proboscis so can reach down into the slender support under the primrose petals to collect the nectar, they are such a lovely sight with their yellow wings over the yellow petals of the flowers.

Not so delicate are the emerging hedgehogs, who seem particularly vociferous at this time of year with their snuffling and grunting. If you can, please feed them with specialist food – not bread and milk because it swells their stomach – but they love sultanas, dried shrimps and dried meat – easier in a ready-mixed food. Life is too short to dry a shrimp!  
*Barbara – (Have you seen the cost of shrimp towels recently! – Ed)*

### **Gardens Open Day - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June (2pm – 6pm)**

I would like to thank all those who have given me support and their time over the last two weeks in getting things up and running for the big day. I would like to thank: Brian & Jennie, Lindy & Trevor, Michael & Marion, Rachael & Andrew, Linzi, Sylvie & David, Lynne & Jan, Anne & Jeremy, Jenny & Graham, Edward & Alex for kindly agreeing to open their gardens.

As far as the stalls are concerned - who is doing what on the day is as follows:

**David & Sue** - Plant Stall (**so another reminder to get your cuttings going**)

**Jan & Mia** - Bric-a-Brac (Bric-a-Brac can be delivered to our house (The Hawthorns, opposite Village Green) from 1<sup>st</sup> May where we will keep it in the garage for safe keeping)

Book Stall – Waiting for confirmation but please keep books, DVD's, Magazines, etc as this is always a very popular stall

**Marion & Michael** – Ice Cream

**Jennie & Margaret** - Village Hall Tea & Cakes

**Anne Davies** - Advertising

**Brian & Lye** – Printing

**Rachael & Andy** - Cream Teas in the garden

**Nic & Ann** Tractor Rides, Car Parking & signs

**Julia & Steve** - Barbeque in the evening

**Martyn** – Treasurer

**Carole** - Road Signs. Art Exhibition Village Hall

If **you** can spare 1 hour on the day for car parking, helping out on the stalls, or in the village hall would be delighted to hear from you, **we really do need the help.**

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### **Date for your diary**

Coberley C of E School Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 – 3.00pm. Free entry and everyone welcome.

### **Coberley School is Collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Coberley School is trying to collect as many Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers as possible, as they can be used to buy new sports equipment for the school. If you have any vouchers that you would like the school to have, please pop them through the letterbox at the Old School House, next to the Village Hall, and I'll ensure they get to the school. I'm not sure if Tesco have also restarted their voucher scheme, but as soon as they do, the school will also be collecting those. Thank you so much to those people who are already dropping off vouchers through our letterbox at the Old School House. These are really welcomed by Coberley C of E School and buy much needed sports equipment. Please keep them coming!

Many thanks for your help and support for this local school.

*Julia Davey*

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**Finally**

A reminder of Spring 2013



This doodle is from an old Newsletter and was drawn by the late George Robey, a previous Editor.

The current incumbent does not possess such skill and would appreciate sketches, doodles or similar to enliven future Newsletters.

Please send, post, drop offers to the current Editor.

Many thanks,

*Reg*