

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

Our village has lost two great characters in a short space of time, Jessie Hindson and Mary Partridge. I hope the photograph will help us to remember them.

All the notices for the Gardens Open Day have been put together. Please try to help with this event. Another poster has been attached for you to put up to advertise **our** event.

The Elkstone Community Speed Watch team have experienced overtaking on the 3/190 at the 'telephone' crossroads and further down the lane. Please be careful of these potential murderers who travel too fast. The police have been informed.

Reg – 22nd May

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Open Studio in Elkstone – 10 th to 16 th June – Carole Bury Studio – various times	
ERG Walk – Saturday 22 nd June – 10.00am start - Andoversford	
Green Dragon Quartet Concert at Elkstone Church - 13th July - 7.30pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 7 th and 21 st June
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: Thursday 20th June 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>	

Church Services in Elkstone for June

June 2nd 9.30am Holy Communion

June 16th 11.00am Morning Prayer

June 23rd 10 00am Songs of Praise

June 30th 10.00am Joint Benefice Holy Communion, Coberley – no service at Elkstone

David Pierce

Thank you

Martyn and I have been quite overwhelmed by the huge support, countless cards, flowers and kindnesses that have been expressed and given by wonderful Elkstone villagers.

We are so happy that we live here amongst you all. If I don't win my fight it will not be for want of trying - you have given us both such a warm glow to go into battle with.

Thank you all so much.

Gill

Elkstone Gardens Open Day Notices

Maintenance of the Village Hall

Is there anyone interested in helping with a few maintenance jobs before our Gardens Open Day? The following items need attention;

Garden Shed	Painting
Skirting Boards in entrance area	Painting
Red area in Entrance floor	Painting
Memorial Bench	Sand and Treat
Store Room	Sort and clear
Gutters and Drains	Clear
Car Park	Clear and tidy
Kitchen Step	Sand and Varnish
Interior Walls	Touch up paint

If you could spare an hour or so, perhaps with a friend, please contact
Ken Haslam - 870479 to arrange a time that suits you.

I intend to hang a mixed Art Exhibition in the Village Hall for the 9th June on our Open Gardens Day.

I will be hanging the exhibition on Thursday 6th June and if you have craftwork that can hang, painting or photograph you would like included, please let me know. Let's show our visitors what amazing skills we have in our parish.

The work won't be insured, and can be for sale or not for sale. If there are any sales then we ask that 10% go to the Village Hall/Church funds.

Please note, I cannot accept any late entries.

Your pieces need to be ready to hang, with details of your name and title, labelled ready for me.

Please deliver any work to 2 Hill View.

I will be able to let you have your work back on the Sunday evening after the BBQ.

Carole - 870493 - carolebury@hotmail.com

We are very short on **bric a brac** and **books** for the day so would be grateful for any donations, all in a good cause. Books and bric-a-brac can be brought around to our house anytime to suit you or I am happy to collect. If we should be out just leave it around the side of the house and I will put in garage. Thank you.

As most of you know after the Gardens Open we have a barbecue on the village green, this year Steve and Julia have kindly offered to organize. Has anyone got a gas barbecue that they could let Steve and Julia use for the evening? it will be very much appreciated. They are looking at getting two, if so you could lend one, please could you call them on 870038. The barbecue is open to all parishioners, so look forward to seeing you there - it always is a fun evening! and should the weather be inclement it will be in the village hall.

Thank you to everyone who has offered support on the day, and remember to tell friends and family to come along. Anne is doing the advertising so hope we get lots of visitors.

If anyone has a query please feel free to contact me.

Tess - 870480

I will be doing the bookstall on the day with help from Lye and Lois so all books/magazines/DVDs and bric a brac can be brought to my garage anytime so please look around and see what you can donate - all in a good cause. Anything that does not sell on the day will be taken down to the charity shop.

David & Sue Collins will be doing plants so they will be taking those.

To everyone who is opening their garden let's hope we have some good weather before and on the day. I have produced a flyer with this newsletter. Please can you put it up on your notice boards or anywhere that will get the message across to people.

Tess - 870480 - 0791 766 1457

ERG Walk - Saturday 22nd June

Once again, a small but select band enjoyed our ERG walk on 18th May, as Sharon led us from Alderton, around the hill and through the beautiful Dumbleton Estate parkland, with three areas of bluebells – two really dense – to add to our enjoyment.

In June – **Please note change of date** - our walk is now scheduled for Saturday 22nd, and will be the easy 4 to 4.5 mostly flat miles from Andoversford, via Dowdeswell Stud and Foxcote which was rained off last July. It could be muddy in places if there has been recent rain, so boots will be essential.

Meet in time for a 10.00 am start, Station Road, Andoversford, (O.S. Landranger 163, g.r. 024 197) opposite the new houses and near the old cattle market pens.

Post-walk refreshments/lunch in the Royal Oak, just round corner from start

Margaret - 01242 244833

Cheltenham Open Studios

As part of Cheltenham Open Studios I will be opening my Studio again, with Millie Joines.

Please call in and say 'hello' and take a peep at my latest work. Millie will be in my back garden firing her Raku pieces. The kettle should be on too!

Open from 10th -16th June at Venue 70

www.cheltenhamopenstudios.org.uk

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 11.00am to 6.00pm

Thursday and Friday from 7.00am to 9.00pm

Saturday and Sunday from 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Please join us for drinks and refreshments on Friday 16th June from 7.00 to 9.00pm

Carole – 870493 - www.carolebury.com

Nature Notes

As I write this, the flowers and beasts are desperately playing ‘catch-up’ as our weather fluctuates between rain and sunshine, cold and wind. It has hardly been a promising spring, so daffodils, still in bloom in mid-May, are joining with tulips and cowslips; fading butterbur with celandines and bluebells; and bees and red admirals snatching every available warm spell to buzz and bask.

However, the buzz of the bee, redolent of a warm, heavily scented summer’s day, is not quite as prevalent as it once was. There are 23 species of bumblebee in the UK, one species of honeybee and at least 225 other species, many of which will visit our gardens. But due to a less healthy environment, the numbers of the bee population are drastically declining. A helping hand is really needed to ensure that crops are pollinated and flowers set seed.

So, just some simple things that we could all do in our own gardens, even if you haven’t room for pollen-rich trees:

- Many flowers produce nectar and pollen, but some are especially rich, such as globe thistles (Echinops), foxgloves, Echinacea, raspberries, comfrey, thymes and salvias – to name but a few!)
- Plant each type of flower in blocks – bees love to drift from flower to flower.
- Plant a range of plants to nectar-cover the whole year.
- Include a variety of flower shapes. (Some bees have long tongues and others short!)
- Put up bee nesting boxes for solitary-type bees.

Please help if you can, so that our gardens and fields remain bee-filled and buzzing!

Barbara

Tribute to a Countrywoman

Others have spoken of her contribution through the church and as a nurse and mid-wife. To us Jessie was the archetypal villager and countrywoman; steeped in deeply held and true values, giving at every level, but asking for nothing in return.

A natural shepherd and stockman; if she hadn't got a lamb under her arm, she had a bale of hay on her back. When I last visited her in her home, I interrupted her as she took charge of a magnificent roast, surrounded by eager friends. It was all I could do to turn down her beaming invitation – gorgeous home cooking aroma lingering in my nostrils.

Few will imagine that such a diminutive figure was a talented dry-stone-waller and she wouldn't hesitate to lay a hedge. As we drink in the beauty of our patch of Cotswolds, as we look upon the patchwork landscape complemented by natural stonewalls, hedgerows, wild flowers and birdsong, as we rejoice in the bleating of spring lambs, we will remember Jessie --- for many years to come.
Nic & Ann Williamson

Mary Partridge

David's mother Mary died last Thursday 16th May. Like Jessie mentioned above, she was also a 'character' of Elkstone who always tried to help with village life. One of her main interests was dogs and their welfare, and she supported the Labrador Rescue Trust. Our thoughts are with David and Rose; the funeral will be mid June.

Editor – David found this photograph of both ladies co-ercing Jessica the donkey to lead the way to the Palm Sunday service.



Date(s) for your diary

Colesbourne Village Fete - Colesbourne Park [A435] Saturday 22nd June 4-6pm

Fun for all the family

- Bouncy Castle
- Dog Show
- Traditional games including splat the rat, coconut shy, skittles and many more
- Stalls including bottles, plants, cakes, books, gifts, etc.
- Face Painting
- Beer, Pimms, BBQ and cream teas
- The Great Colesbourne Bake Off
- Grand Raffle

New for 2013 – Dog Agility Course

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

“A wonderful afternoon for all the family”

- Pimms, barbeque and cream teas
- Traditional games and competitions including splat the rat, tombolas, hoopla and many more
- Stalls including plants, books, gifts, etc.
- Pony and trap rides
- Face painting
- Free bike and tack marking
- Music & dance displays
- Tractors
- Pets corner
- Grand raffle and

New For 2013 - Samba Drumming Workshops for families - just sign up on the day

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

Green Dragon Quartet Concert at Elkstone Church - 13th July at 7.30pm

Many will remember the very enjoyable concert given by the Green Dragon Quartet a couple of years ago. They have also on a number of occasions played in the Church during the Gardens Open Day. They have very kindly offered to do another concert for us in the Church to help raise funds for the Fabric Fund. This will be on the evening of Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £10 each, which will include drinks and nibbles after the concert at Manor Cross.

For those of you who are unaware of the Green Dragon Quartet, they are four experienced musicians who normally play in orchestras, but came together a few years ago for the Elkstone Gardens Open Day, to play in the Church. On that day they asked for suggestions as to a name for the group, and liked the proposal of the "Green Dragon Quartet". One of the members of the quartet is Caroline, the daughter of Jeremy and Anne Davies.

As seating is limited, admission will only be by ticket bought in advance. Please contact David or Sylvie Pierce (01242 870181), or Ronnie and Carole Bury (01242 870493) for tickets.

David Pierce