

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Last month's frost warning for the morning commute still holds true. Some motorists are driving without lights in the morning, but mist and fog makes them invisible.

The County Council has informed us that the plans for the 'Brown Route' for the A417, now known as 'The A417 Loop', are available from the media team; and we are asked to pledge our support for this plan by clicking the link at - <http://a417missinglink.co.uk/>

*Reg – 22<sup>nd</sup> January*

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Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Every Friday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February
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>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</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><i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – <a href="mailto:reg.eyre@tesco.net">reg.eyre@tesco.net</a></i></b>	

## Church Services in Elkstone for February

February 2nd - 10am Toy Service  
February 9th - 10am Family Service  
February 16th - 11am Holy Communion  
February 23rd - 10am Songs of Praise

*David*

## Joy and Happiness

**Wedding:** The village would like to congratulate Rachel Bass and Philip Taylor of Juniper House on their marriage at Sudeley Castle on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Lovely family:** All who attended would like to thank Rachael, Andy, Oscar, Tom and Jamie of Manor Barn for their warm hospitality on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Tony Haynes*

## Sadness

In memoriam

It is with great sadness we inform you that Sarah Smith died early on Saturday morning, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

As Manager of Churn Valley Services, Sarah worked with tireless dedication from the moment she took on responsibility for the business, understanding the importance for the local community of keeping such a vital rural asset alive. She was always smiling, welcoming, keen to talk to her customers to ensure she provided the service they wanted. Her short illness did not stop her from carrying out her duties until very recently, even though it must have been hard for her to continue, given the obvious pain she was in. We

owe her a huge debt of gratitude and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time. She will be sorely missed.

If you would like to give your condolences to the family, please hand them to a member of staff at the Filling Station who will ensure that they are passed on.

Sarah's funeral took place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm at St Peter's Church, Haresfield GL10 3EQ. It was Sarah's wish that no one wear black. Family and friends were invited to The Beacon Inn (GL10 3DX) after the service.

If you have fond memories and / or anecdotes, please email [cvnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cvnews@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

### **Thanks and Thoughts - Churn Valley Benefice Inauguration**

Service of Celebration - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014

What a beautiful service, joyfully attended by in excess of 100 people from the new Churn Valley Benefice congregations of Bagendon, Baunton, Coberley, Colesbourne, Cowley, Elkstone, North Cerney, Rendcomb and Stratton.

One realises one is getting old when doctors, policemen and now bishops look so young!

Before the service, I wondered to myself, 'Why was this man made a Bishop at only 47?'

After listening to his sermon, I knew! - Inspirational. His words were positive and uplifting, encouraging each and every one of us to be involved and working together.

How lovely it was to see the Church so full - to keep it that way is up to **us**.

*Pauline Farman*

*Churn Valley Benefice (Bagendon Branch)*

### **Internet Safety Week of Action 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Internet Safety Day takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and is an opportunity to raise awareness about keeping everyone safe on line.

- Make sure you protect your children by installing parental controls on any new gaming devices or mobile technology that they may have received for Christmas.
- Remind them and yourselves of the importance of setting privacy settings on your social media accounts.
- Only purchase on line from trusted websites that display the padlock sign and be aware of bogus emails and web sites that ask for personal bank details.

For more information about staying safe on please visit;

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[helpline@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:helpline@saferinternet.org.uk) or Tel: 0844 381 4772

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **Elkstone Film Night – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

With the passing of a great man, it seemed appropriate to run the 2009 film **Invictus**, that features the remarkable times following the election of Nelson Mandela in 1994 as South Africa's first black president. He had the daunting task of re-uniting a nation seared by centuries of oppressive colonial (mis)rule. The way he worked with divided communities, culminating with the preparations for, and the actual winning of the 1995 Rugby World Cup Final should be an inspiration to politicians and rulers in every region throughout the world. In the film, Mandela is brilliantly portrayed by Morgan Freeman.

The same format for the evening applies - **7:00pm informal supper** (Paprika Pork), followed by the **film starting at 8:00pm**. For supper and film, £10.00 per head through our letter box by 7:00pm Monday 17th February please. Entry for film-only - £5.00 at the door.

Either way, we look forward to seeing you for a great film!

*Jeremy and Anne - 870516*

## House Swaps

We have someone looking for a house swap in our area – is any reader of the Elkstone newsletter interested?

If so, please contact:

*Sian Macfarlane, Westwood House*

Would anyone be interested in an exchange to our Grenadian paradise for 3-4 weeks in June 2014? Information on the house and area can be found at <http://www.homebase-hols.com/index.cfm?aliasPath=listings/details/22960/> We have done 12 previous exchanges but the one we had arranged for June fell through because of medical issues. Please email me if you think a remote, non-tourist area of the Caribbean is for you.

*Margot Gibson - [margotmalc@gmail.com](mailto:margotmalc@gmail.com)*

## Gardens Open Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014

As you can see from the above, the Gardens Open Day will be Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June so I would appreciate it if you could please put this date in your diary now. As you all may know, the proceeds go to the village hall and church. Last year we had quite a few gardens open, let's hope we can do the same this year. If you would like to open your garden or help on the day I would love to hear from you.

*Tess – 870479 - [teresa.dick@btinternet.com](mailto:teresa.dick@btinternet.com)*

## Advertisement

**Please support National Star**, a local charity based 3 miles down the road in Ullenwood; you will be helping people with complex disabilities to develop the skills they need to live life more independently. If you have a New Year's resolution to get fit and fancy something to aim for, please consider the following challenge:

### Harvey 100 Star Cycle Challenge - Sunday 27th April 2014

**Start: 8am-10am**

Join us, and Dr Dawn Harper from Channel 4's Embarrassing Bodies, on Sunday 27th April 2014 for a cycle ride through the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside.

The ride will start and finish at National Star College, Ullenwood and will pass through Cowley, Brimpsfield, Bisley, Kemble, South Cerney Lakes, Quenington and Withington. This is a challenging event for experienced road riders and you can enter as an individual or as a team of family, friends or colleagues.

**£20 secures your place and the suggested minimum sponsorship is £80 per person.**

**To register, visit <http://www.natstar.ac.uk/harvey100star>**

If you require further information, please call **01242 524478** or email

*[fundraising@natstar.ac.uk](mailto:fundraising@natstar.ac.uk)*

(National Star is a working name of National Star Foundation which is registered in England and Wales, company number 522846, charity number 220239. Registered office Ullenwood Manor, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 9QU.)

Many thanks

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