

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

News from the 3/190 – The Race traffic was horrendous all week – The weekend after was so quiet that one could hear the birds singing! – Can you believe drivers speeding in the fog with only sidelights - or in some cases, no lights at all?

A week of sunshine is helping all of us to forget the miserable wet weather we have had.

Reg – 20th March

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Elkstone Supper and Film Night – Captain Phillips – Thursday 10 th April from 7.00pm	
ERG Walk – Sat 12 th April – 10.00 am, Chalford - details will be e-mailed to regular ERGers	
Annual Parish Open Meeting - Wed 16 th April - 8.00 pm – Village Hall	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Every Friday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins + boxes – Fridays 11 th & 25 th April (no missed days around Easter)
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: Tuesday 22nd April 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 April

April 6 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
April 13 th	10.00am	Joint Upper Churn Churches Palm Sunday service at Elkstone (walk from village hall at 9.45am)
April 18 th	10.00am	Good Friday service at Cowley
April 20 th	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
April 27 th	10.00am	Songs of Praise

Come on and Celebrate - Easter at Elkstone

Easter is the great Christian festival. Christmas and the pleasure of giving and receiving in celebration of the birth of Christ excite us all, but Easter has much more meaning. Why? If it were not for Easter, Christmas would not be celebrated. Find out why and join us at our Easter services.

Palm Sunday, April 13th will be a joint Upper Churn Valley Churches service at Elkstone. We will start with a walk from the Village Hall at 9.45 am, remembering Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, for the service at 10.00am.

Easter Sunday will be a Family Communion Service at 11.00am, followed by an Easter Egg hunt. See if you can find more than the Churchwarden! The service is for everyone. The warmth, sunshine, blue skies, and opening of the daffodils of the last ten days reminds us that Spring is coming and the joy of new birth.

Please join us and celebrate Easter.

David

Children's Society

Following the excellent collection of over £630 I informed Andrew Holt who is a Children's Society Volunteer and has been an inspirational speaker at our Christingle services for two years. His comments are heartfelt!

“That is a fabulous result - well done for such a great total! Thank you so much to you and all the supporters in Elkstone. I really enjoyed the opportunity you gave me to talk to you all at your Christingle service and was aware what a special, dynamic impetus there is in your church. The generosity of the people there, linked with the concern for children was vibrant - also the Christian determination of those present to donate or volunteer time to make a real difference. Your ‘hands’ truly are out there today, in some tough and dark places, reaching out to desperate young people.

I’d be grateful if you could pass on my sincere thanks - but more importantly, the thanks of those whose lives are changed today due to the continuing support of the Society.”

Once again, thanks to all the box holders and others who made donations.

Jennie Howlett

News from the Parish Council

The Annual Parish Open Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th April. This is a Meeting of and for Elkstone Parishioners, not a Council Meeting, although the Parish Council has the statutory duty of setting up, chairing and minuting it. Any Parishioner whose name is on the Register of Electors may address the Meeting, and vote on any motions. It had been hoped that this meeting would provide an opportunity, for those parishioners who had not yet done so, to meet our new County Councillor, Nigel Robbins, but unfortunately, he will after all be unavoidably away. Our District Councillor, Nick Parsons, will attend.

Illegal fly-tipping incidents are occurring at an almost weekly rate. Could you help to identify the culprits, please? Of the last five incidents, one was the loosely-bagged body of a dead ewe, small and black, with no ear tags. We are certain the ewe did not belong to anyone living in our parish, but do you know of anyone nearby who maybe has a small non-commercial flock, or perhaps has kept a pet lamb?

The other four recent incidents seem to have related to somebody’s garden project, as there have been old wooden fencing panels in a basketweave design, fencing posts, stones and soil, clumps of ivy, concrete blocks which might have had posts set into them, and bags of cement. The incidents have occurred on Highgate Lane and Uncombe Lane, so possibly left by someone who regularly drives between the A417 or the Cowley /Brimpsfield underpass, and Colesbourne or Woodmancote? The fly-tipper seems to have no compunction about blocking gateways, obstructing the highway, or dumping fence-posts with potentially injurious nails sticking out.

If you have can identify someone who has recently had garden work done, including the removal of basket weave fencing panels and fence posts, or any idea who might be responsible for the tipping, please let me know – your information will be treated in confidence.

Lois - 870375

Welcome Brochure

The Elkstone welcome brochure can be found, along with a village map/plan, on the Elkstone website under the tab - Village Welcome Brochure. We intend to have paper copies available for newcomers, but for existing villagers it can be downloaded from the website.

Please help us with corrections and additions!

Jennie Howlett – 870462

Elkstone Speed Watch

We could usefully employ extra people for these sessions. One villager recently pointed out that the passing traffic slows down to 40mph when we are there but immediately reverts to faster than 40mph once we have packed up. Our last sessions recorded only one driver exceeding 60mph in the 40mph zone, with very few having their registrations sent on for the police to take action.

An idea for villagers to consider is the placing of a bench on the south-east corner verge of Westerleigh cross roads where anyone could sit, e.g. cyclists, walkers, villagers, people waiting for the bus, speed watch volunteers. If there were people sitting there, drivers would slow down to see what was going on. A bench need not be expensive, if purchased from eBay, or maybe you have one to donate? Please let me know what you think.

Reg/Editor

Elkstone Film Night - Captain Phillips Thursday 10th April 8.00pm

The Film Night will be slightly earlier in the month so as to avoid the Easter weekend.

Captain Phillips, whilst featuring an epic battle between a ship's captain and crew and ruthless Somali pirates, the real story is about the major divide between the developed, affluent West, and the oppressed Third World nations.

The film features extraordinary levels of taking the audience into the very hearts, minds and backgrounds of the two main protagonists, the pirates' leader Muse, and his captive and main hostage Captain Phillips. The final scenes have not been equaled in cinema for years - do not miss this extraordinary tale of peril on the high seas.

The main course for supper for this evening will be Lamb Tagine and Rice. The supper will start at 7:00pm, with the film beginning at 8:00pm

For those attending the supper + film please post an envelope marked with your details and £10.00 each through our letter-box at Manor Farm Cottage by 8pm on Monday April 7th; for those attending the film only, the charge is £5.00 each, pay on the night.

Jeremy and Anne - 870516

Gardens Open Day – Sunday 8th June 2014

Thank you to everyone that has agreed to open their gardens this year we could do with a couple more so if you do decide to open please get in touch.

The bric a brac stall will once again be held on the village green and Alison and Gabe Fernandes have very kindly offered to run the stall on that day. All donations, can be delivered anytime from the 6th May to The Hawthorns, (same place as last year), telephone number 870480 and we will put items in our garage for safe keeping.

Dave Collins said that last year on the plant stall rhubarb sold really well so if you have any spare produce as well as cuttings, plants etc, it would be most welcome. So all plants, bric a brac, etc, can be delivered to our house at beginning of May.

We still need helpers for the day, remember that although the village hall and the church are the main beneficiaries, it is the community of Elkstone that is helped so that must be good for all of us. Thanks to all but particularly to those who have offered to help on the day at this time it is so much appreciated by me.

Tess - teresa.dick@btinternet.com

Advertisements

Please support National Star, a local charity based 3 miles down the road in Ullenwood; Please consider the following challenge:

Harvey 100 Star Cycle Challenge - Sunday 27th April 2014, Start: 8am-10am

Join us for a cycle ride through the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside.

The ride will start and finish at National Star College, Ullenwood.

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

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

For further information, please call **01242 524478** or email: fundraising@natstar.ac.uk

Churn Valley Benefice Flower Festival

St. Peter's, Rendcomb, 3rd to 30th May 2014, 10.00am – 4.00pm daily

(Refreshments available)

Rendcomb Church welcomes visitors to come and view the flowers arranged by all the Churn Valley Churches (Rendcomb, together with students from Rendcomb College; Coberley; Cowley; Colesbourne; Elkstone; North Cerney; Bagendon; Baunton and Stratton)

Songs of Praise Service

St. Peter's, Rendcomb

Sunday, 25th May 2014, 5.00pm – 6.00pm

(The Revd. Warwick Heathcote)

Everyone Welcome

Favourite Hymns of the Churn Valley Benefice

Coberley School Summer Fayre – Saturday 14th June

Please note the change of date of the Summer Fayre, to **Saturday 14th June**, to avoid a clash with Cowley's Fete.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please can you help my school – Coberley School, by collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for us again. We are aiming to collect 3887 vouchers so that we can have 2 new netball posts. Please pop the vouchers through the letterbox of the Old School House for Hannah.

Thank You!

Hannah Davey – The Old School House

The Friends of Corinium Museum invite you to adopt a Roman Coin

The Tetbury Hoard was discovered in 2010 by a metal detector and excavated in the days following its discovery. The coins were declared Treasure and initially sent to the British Museum for analysis. They have now been generously donated to the Museum by the landowner and are ready to be conserved and put on permanent display.

The hoard consists of approximately 1500 coins dating from AD 260s – 280s. This was a time of great political upheaval in the Roman world. The coins are all from the denomination known as *radiates*.

The globular flask of the 'New Forest' type with painted decoration held the majority of the coins. The vessel dates to c. AD 300-330.

The Friends of the Corinium Museum, who were established in 2006 to raise funds to help acquire and restore new artefacts and to help promote greater interest in the Museum, are now asking for your help to conserve the coins and display them in the Corinium Museum.

The Friends Chairman Kevin Ronaldson said "at the heart of the Museum are its collections, the most important of which are the Romano-British collections from the Roman town of Corinium (Cirencester) and the surrounding area. We are asking for a minimum donation of £10 per coin to raise the funds needed to see the Museum's first Roman coin hoard on public display." To find out more information about how you can adopt a coin please visit www.coriniummuseum.org/support-us/adopt-a-coin or contact the Museum on 01285-655611

Ed's Thoughts

Thank you to the people who send in articles. I have noticed that many of you have your Word document settings on US English. It would help me greatly if you could work in UK English and use 12 point Times New Roman – the 'house style'. I have been reviewing other local newsletters and noticed that many of them contain advertisements – Would you like **your** newsletter to do this? If so, please could a volunteer step forward to 'sell space'.

Many thanks

Reg