

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Lois, Rosie and Reg went for a coastal walk. It was a sunny but breezy day. However, who forgot to cover his arms and neck? Please be careful when out in the sun because, even if it is windy, sunburn happens quickly, is uncomfortable, and takes a long time to recover from.

The showers and warm weather are causing gardens and verges to grow grass and weeds quickly. Some drivers are still driving too fast, especially considering that their forward vision is obscured.

*Reg – 20<sup>th</sup> May*

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Services at Elkstone Church News from the Parish Council Neighbourhood Watch Elkstone Community Speed Watch repeat offer	Help needed for Gardens Open Day Local Events + Advertisements Sainsbury's vouchers still needed!
Dates for your Diary	
Elkstone Open Gardens Day – Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	
ERG Walk – Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – details will be e-mailed to ERGers	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Every Friday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins + boxes – Fridays 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> 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: <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</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>	

## Church Services in Elkstone for June

June 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	No service	Village Open Day
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Songs of Praise
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Upper Churn Churches service at Elkstone

*David*

## News from the Parish Council

After a lull, illegal fly-tipping is occurring again; there are currently two heaps, one on Uncombe Lane and one on Highgate Lane. At least one of these looks like a return of the previously-mentioned garden project, as there are blocks of cement, one with a sawn-off fence-post protruding, and some interesting black-and-white mottled drainpipe/guttering. Do you recognise the possible source of this material?

Please be vigilant, and watch for vehicles pulled into field gateways, in case the occupants are about to fly-tip rubbish.

Thankyou to everyone who has made sure their trees, hedges, shrubs and other vegetation is properly cut back so as not to obstruct or obscure any public route. There are still a few outstanding locations, and it is particularly hoped that parishioners with public footpaths at the bottom of their garden or crossing their field, and who have not already done so, will be able to cut back excessive growth very soon – ideally before the Gardens Open Day when the village is on show, and footpaths are used by our visitors.

*Lois - 870375*

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

### **1. Scam**

Please be aware there has been an increase in scam e-mails, Current, following the end of the tax year and the arrival of your P60 form, are e-mails which appear to come from a .gov address and suggest you can apply for the tax refund you are due. Please don't be fooled – it is trying to get you to reveal your bank details. **Ignore and delete.** Neither HMRC nor any other financial organisation will ask for your details online.

### **2. Non-Dwelling Burglaries**

There have been a number of break-ins to sheds, outbuildings and garages in the locality with goods stolen. Sometimes these have been broken into even though there was a significant locking mechanism in place, so it is worth locking items inside buildings as well, such as locking ladders onto racks, locking bikes to racks, locking away power tools, etc, just to make it harder to steal should the offender gain entry. Needless to say, there have been some incidents of theft of items where sheds / outbuildings have not been securely locked, so please do ensure that sheds and outbuildings are properly secured

*Julia Davey - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – [julia.davey@outlook.com](mailto:julia.davey@outlook.com)*

## **Elkstone Community Speed Watch, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Volunteers will be operating the speed detection equipment at the Westerleigh crossroads. This site has been deemed to be the only one where motorists can see us clearly (and this is a condition imposed on Speedwatch) and we are relatively safe to take readings. Our main focus is to indicate to motorists that we are operating a speed device and hope that they will keep to the 40mph indicated speed limit. We cannot wave you out from the village but our presence might slow the cars sufficiently to allow you time to join the traffic on the 3/190.

If you would like to join us and see if you could help in future, please contact me and I will provide a hi-viz vest and you can stand with us. We can only have one observer at a time and you would be expected to take training before you join the team of volunteers. We normally operate Monday to Friday in the mornings from 8.00am to 9.00am and in the afternoons from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. We will be operating outside these times this session.

*Reg Eyre – ECSW coordinator*

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

Thank you once again to everyone who has kindly agreed to open their garden; it is so much appreciated, I know how hard everyone works to get their garden in top tip condition for the day. **We are very short on bric-a-brac and plants** so if you could sort out anything it would be very much appreciated. It can be dropped off anytime at The Hawthorns, opposite the Village Hall. If we are not in just leave by back door and we will put in our garage.

It is good to see the young folk getting involved so I am delighted that Pete Collins will be doing the tombola, so if you could put aside anything that you feel would be good for tombola prizes I am sure Pete would appreciate it,.

Just a reminder to all, Julia and Steve will be doing a barbecue after the event and it would be lovely to see you all there and enjoy.

*Tess - 01242 870480 - [teresa.dick@btinternet.com](mailto:teresa.dick@btinternet.com)*

## **Open Day Tombola - prizes needed!**

As we get closer to the Gardens Open Day, I need to make an appeal for your unwanted bottles, chocolate boxes, foodstuffs and tins! My aim is to get the tombola table groaning under the weight of all those prizes. Any contribution (alcoholic or other) would be greatly appreciated, and should help the stall be a roaring success on the day.

Thank you!

*Peter Collins - [pete.collins1529@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pete.collins1529@yahoo.co.uk) - 01242 870373 (evenings)*

### **Village Hall Tea Room**

As in previous years we are hoping that we will have produce to sell on Open Day - Sunday 8th June. In the past we have been so fortunate to receive a wide range of homemade cakes, biscuits, preserves.... Hopefully this will be repeated in 2014.

The Hall will be open from 12.30 onwards on the day, so you can deliver your goodies, but I can collect if required.

We have a willing band of helpers for the day, but are always keen to increase the number. This gives everyone the chance of visiting the gardens and stalls.

Offers of help, cakes, table decorations, etc. to *Jennie Howlett* – 870462 -

[brian.howlett@virgin.net](mailto:brian.howlett@virgin.net)

### **Advertisements and Dates for your diary**

Launton Handbell Ringers Concert in Winstone

Nearly three years ago we enjoyed a superb evening's entertainment by the nationally famous Launton Handbell Ringers. They played to a packed "house" at St Bartholomew's Church, in Winstone, using a wide variety of genres of music, in their unique style. Over refreshments at the end, everyone said what an excellent concert it had been.

They're coming again to give another amazing performance On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5.00pm\* this year.

Their previous visit was organised by the late Mary Bliss, who was their president. This visit is partly in her memory, and partly to help us raise £2,000 to repair a crack in part of the running gear of one of the bells in the church's "ring of six" (which Mary had installed in 1979/80).

Entrance will be free, with a request for donations.

It promises to be an excellent evening.

\* Please note the time in the "Connections" magazine was printed before confirmation, and is **wrong - it should be 5.00pm**

### **Rendcomb Surgery Patients' Support Group**

Invites you to a talk on: **The Future of the NHS**

Rendcomb Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd June at 6.30pm

(Tea/Coffee available from 6.00pm)

The speaker is Dr. Malcolm Gerald, a GP in Tetbury who is a CGP Board member.

Questions prior to the event can be sent to the Practice Manager - [Kate.Jacques@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:Kate.Jacques@glos.nhs.uk) or handed in at Rendcomb Surgery.

There will also be the opportunity to ask questions at the talk.

*Jennie*

**Open Farm Sunday** this year is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, which unfortunately, clashes with our Gardens Open. **Scrubditch Care Farm** in North Cerney is participating and would welcome your visit. Check out the website for further information, or to find out how you can help this valuable local project in other ways.

<http://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk/>

<http://www.farmsunday.org/ofs12b/home.eb>

## **Coberley School Summer Fayre – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Please note! change of date to **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, to avoid a clash with Cowley's Fete.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Thank you to everyone who has put vouchers through my door. We don't yet have enough vouchers at school to buy the 2 netball nets that we need, so please, please can you post any you have collected through our door at the Old School House as soon as possible.

Many thanks

*Hannah Davey, Old School House next to Village Hall*

### **Summer Solstice Walk**

This year's Summer Solstice Walk (5 or 10 kms, raising funds for Cotswold Care Hospice) will be taking place on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. It is a really important event for the Hospice and it would be great if you take part.

Please see our website, or contact Vicki Hayward if you would like any more information - [vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk](mailto:vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk)

Thank you so much for any support you are able to offer

Kirsty Bassett, Fundraising Volunteer, Cotswold Care Hospice, Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton, Glos. GL5 2PQ, Tel: 01453 886868

### **Stop press**

#### **Coberley School Summer Fayre - Saturday 14th June 12-3pm**

A wonderful afternoon for all the family to enjoy...

- BBQ
  - Cream teas (delicious homemade scones)
  - Grand raffle (some amazing prizes)
  - Pony and trap rides
  - Face painting
  - Children craft activities (pebble painting)
  - Traditional games for the children (hoopla, splat the rat)
  - Fancy dress competition (judging to take place at 1pm)
  - Dance display
  - Stalls including gifts, books, plants
  - Pet corner
- please come and join us

## **ELKSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 2 - 6.00pm.**

At Least Ten Interesting Open Gardens to View

Norman Church & Bell Tower Visits  
Tractor Rides, Cream & Traditional Teas  
Local Art Exhibition & Items for Sale  
Stalls: Plants, White Elephant,

All proceeds in aid of the Church and Village Hall

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