

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

The new road surface from High Cross to Highgate Farm is of tarmac with a silicon surface. When first laid it is very slippery, which is why it was dusted with the pinkish fine grit. However, it can still be slippery when it has rain on it. This was not mentioned in the letter published last month but I have since found out that sometimes cars slide off these surfaces. Take care!

Reg – 23rd October

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ERG Walk – 15 th November - details by e-mail to regular ERGers	
Parish Council Meeting - Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00pm – Wednesday 19 th November	
Elkstone Supper and Film night – Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00pm – Thursday 20 th November	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Every Friday
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins + boxes – Fridays 7 th and 21 st November
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 November 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>	

We are sorry to hear of the death, on 15th October, of Bill Barnes from Hillview. Bill has been a long term resident of the village.

His funeral will be at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 29th October in Elkstone Church.

David

Services at Elkstone Church in November are as follows:

November 2nd - 10.00am Morning Prayer (Common Worship) - Rev Janet Williams

November 9th - 10.45am United Remembrance Service - Rev Cliff Pooley

November 16th - 11.00am Holy Communion (Common Worship) - Rev Cliff Pooley

November 23rd - 10.00am Songs of Praise - David Pierce

November 30th - no service at Elkstone - United Holy Communion service at Colesbourne at 10.00am and other churches in the Benefice.

David Pierce

Harvest Service and Remembrance Service at Elkstone

Thank you to all those who made a contribution to our Harvest Service on October 12th. The church looked wonderful, with beautiful flower and harvest displays. Also a special thank you to our very young contributors, aged 4 upwards, who did some wonderful displays along the ledges by the pews. The produce given through the displays and during the service was donated to the food bank in Stroud and the Nelson Trust. The latter has a residential home and helps those with, alcohol, drug and other addictions.

Over 40 people attended the Bring and Share Harvest Supper on October 17th. We had an amazing selection of shepherds' pies and apple puddings. Thank you to all those who

provided the food. During the evening we heard from a representative from Send a Cow about their work in Africa. One of the projects they have is to help create a Keyhole Garden. This will provide more food than one family can use, and would normally help around ten families. For a donation of £104 Send a Cow will help create the Keyhole Garden, including buying the tools, providing the seeds to establish the garden, and give the training required. With the monetary gifts from the Harvest Service and the Harvest Supper we hope to be able to send a donation, which will help create three Keyhole Gardens.

As we look to November, our minds automatically think of the Remembrance service on November 9th, and the opportunity to remember all those who have given their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom we have in this country. This is a special year with all the events to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. But we should also remember those who have given their lives in other conflicts.

On February 25th 1915 there was a report in The Times that " ..the 9th Glos. Regiment chose another route for their weekly March on Thursday and this time they honoured Elkstone, a little Cotswold village ..., the battalion (to the number of 80) was preceded by a mounted patrol and signallers, together with their bands. ... On Elkstone being reached the mounted patrol took possession of the village and masked the various approaches so that the Cotswoldians must have thought they were fairly "trapped". The steep hill up to the village was ice-bound, and snow lay all around, making a delightful picture in the sun, but on account of the slippery state of the roads, the mounted party had to dismount and the wagon containing the luncheon rations had to be left at the foot of the hill. The Rector of Elkstone gave the officers ... a very kindly welcome, and at several houses flags were flying. After parading around the village, the troops returned to the foot of the hill. Here luncheon was served, and the band played several lively airs, much to the enjoyment of the Elkstone people who had journeyed down with the men."

Why was Elkstone selected for such a visit? The answer is probably in a letter which also appeared in the Times from the Rector at the time saying "... that 28 of our men in all offered themselves, out of a population of 193. This is one in seven, and I believe no other Cotswold village can equal this response." This had increased to 29 volunteers by 5th March 1915.

Thankfully a number of those who joined up returned, but some did not.

Please join us on November 9th to remember those who have given their lives. Our offering at the service will be given to The Royal British Legion.

David Pierce

We are delighted to confirm that we have at last received planning permission for our replacement gate at Juniper House and would like to thank everyone who kindly supported our application.

Rachel Bass and Philip Taylor

Elkstone Supper and Film Night Thursday 20th November - Elkstone Village Hall

Our November film is **Les Misérables**, this remarkable adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel, set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption—a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. Jackman plays ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, hunted for decades by the ruthless policeman Javert (Crowe) after he breaks parole. When Valjean agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's (Hathaway) young daughter, Cosette, their lives change forever.

Directed by Tom Hooper (Director of The Kings Speech), the production stars Hugh Jackman, Oscar winner Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried, Eddie Redmayne, Aaron Tveit, Samantha Barks, with Helena Bonham Carter and Sacha Baron Cohen. Songs featured include "I Dreamed a Dream," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More" and "On My Own"

The film starts at **8:00pm**, and as before is preceded by a **supper served at 7:00pm** which will be themed on a Chicken Bake with Rice; if you would like to attend both, please put an envelope marked with your details including £10.00 per person through our letterbox at Manor Farm Cottage by 7:00pm on Monday 17th November.

For film-only attendees, please bring £5.00 per person, payable at the door of the Village Hall.

Jeremy and Anne - 870516

Nature Notes

"November comes And November goes, With the last red berries And the first white snows.	The fires burn And the kettles sing, And earth sinks to rest Until next spring."
With night coming early, And dawn coming late, And ice in the bucket And frost by the gate.	<i>Elizabeth Coatsworth</i>

As the trees start to lose their leaves now is a good time to invest in some binoculars to do some bird watching as the reduced cover allows a better view of the birds and gives more opportunity to follow their movements. It was good to see a couple of Redwings in a Whitebeam tree helping themselves to its large red berries. This good-looking winter migrant is a member of the thrush family and is a little smaller than a Song Thrush, less spotty in appearance and with distinctive light eyebrows and ginger-red patches on its body. More a bird of open country I think the berries attracted it into the garden. In fact now is a good time to see other members of the thrush family as they venture more on to your lawn in search of worms and fallen fruit.

The hedgerows still have elderberries, rosehips, sloes and haws providing a good food supply for birds and mammals. If you wanted to provide a better wildlife habitat in your garden now is a good time to plant trees, shrubs and hedges; bare-rooted plants at this time of year are much cheaper than container grown.

Finally, if you are building a bonfire please take care to check that a hedgehog hasn't crept in before you light it.

Francis

GRCC'S "FREE In Touch 50+" Activity Event

Come along and try a new activity, speak to local agencies and meet new people at Daglingworth Village Hall on Thursday 27th November, 10am-1pm

Free refreshments, to book transport, please call Katie Lake or Julie Pritchard on 01452 528491

Advice from PCSO Andrea Shutt Just a reminder with the clocks changing at the end of the month to invest in a timer so that a light is visible from the road so that it appears that someone is at home even when they are not.

Cynthia Laird, Village Agent for Ablington, Barnsley, Bibury, Brimpsfield, Calmsden, Chedworth, Coberley, Colesbourne, Coln St Dennis, Compton Abdale, Cowley (inc Birdlip), Elkstone, Farmington, Hampnett, North Cerney, Northleach with Eastington, Rendcomb, Syde, Turkdean, Winson and Yanworth

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Christmas Meal

We have booked the small dining room on the ground floor of The Five Mile House for the evening of Thursday 18th December for our annual Christmas Meal. We hope many villagers will join us to celebrate the season.

Christmas Party Menu A offers several choices and is priced at £16 for 2 courses or £19 for 3 courses.

There are vegetarian options, but wine and tea/coffee are not included. More details are on their website.

The room accommodates 24 diners - so first come, first served!

Please ring 870462 or e-mail brian.howlett@virgin.net if interested.

I could have a further one to add later in the day.

Thanks – Jennie

Advertisements

Rendcomb Surgery Support Group Christmas Coffee Morning

When? Saturday 6th December from 10am to noon

Where? Winstone Village Hall

Join us for our annual cake sale and raffle. As on previous years there will be other items for sale, some seasonal, some surprising, only revealed on the morning of the sale. It depends what people bring along!

In previous years we have raised around £400 at this event.

We recently purchased a new medical bed for the surgery, which offers easy access for all patients.

If you would like to make a donation of cakes, home made items, raffle prizes..... and are unable to attend on the morning please contact me on 870462 or call in at Church View.

Jennie Howlett and Pauline Farman

UNICEF Card and Gift Sale

An opportunity to support UNICEF - Open House at Church View

Saturday 22nd November and Sunday 23rd November from noon until 5pm

Join us for coffee/tea and cakes (including mince pies) and a chance to buy UNICEF cards, gifts and stationery.

Further details - *Jennie Howlett - 870462*

Colesbourne Stores have had a new delivery of mailbags of every size, padded and non, strong packing tape, festively coloured tissue paper and numerous envelopes to accommodate the rush. There is also some good news from the **POST OFFICE** –



- The cost of a 1-2kg package sent 2nd class is GOING DOWN by £1 - whoopee!
- From 20 Oct – 18 Jan 2015, a new band of up to 60g for an international standard small parcel has been introduced, costing just £2.34. Currently the cheapest option is up to 100g at £3.20.