

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

The Elkstone Community Speed Watch Team has been in action again. The team also recorded the number of vehicle movements on some days to provide a basis for future statistical analysis, against any threat from GCC or the Highways Agency to impose another scheme for the A417 with only assumptions on which to base their arguments.

If you would like a copy of the summary report of the team, please contact the editor by email.

Reg – 22nd February

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Parish Council Meeting — Wednesday 20 th March - 8.00 pm – Elkstone Village Hall	
Film Night– Thursday 21 st March – 6.45/7.30 pm - Elkstone Village Hall	
ERG Walk – Saturday 23 rd – 9.50 am – Bisley or Northleach	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 1 st , 15 th and 29 th Mar
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: Wednesday 20th March 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

March 24th - Palm Sunday - no service at Elkstone - Joint Benefice service at Cowley at 11.00am, starting with Palm Sunday procession from Guide Centre starting at 10.45am.

March 29th - Good Friday - Joint Benefice service at Coberley at 10.00am

March 31st - Easter Day - Family Service at 11.00am followed by Easter Egg hunt.

Many thanks to all those who kindly gave toys at our Toy service in February. There was a great collection and they will all be much appreciated by the children at the refuge.

March 10th is Mothering Sunday and it will be our Family Service at Elkstone. Why not join us and give thanks for our mothers.

Palm Sunday is March 24th, and as in previous years this will be a joint Benefice service, this time at Cowley at 11.00am, so there will be no service at Elkstone. Our normal Palm Sunday procession will start from the Guide Centre at 10.45am.

On Easter Sunday there will be a Family Worship Easter Service at Elkstone Church starting at 11.00am. This will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children and young at heart. Please join us and celebrate the good news of Easter.

David Pierce

Elkstone Film evening with optional supper - Thursday 21st March

We very much hope that you will join us for our last film evening of this season.

We have chosen **The Bucket List** - corporate millionaire Edward Cole (Jack Nicholson) and working class mechanic Carter Chambers (Morgan Freeman) have little in common, or so it seems. At a crossroad in their lives they share a hospital room and discover that surface differences (and sheer contempt aside), they have a deep desire to experience the best that life has to offer, before they 'kick the bucket'. They write a joint 'bucket list' and embark on the adventures of a lifetime. With plenty of comedy **The Bucket List** charts their journey across continents, building a friendship and discovering their own identities. Supper at 7.00 pm will be a beef and sausage pie, mashed potatoes and vegetables.

Tea and coffee will be available at 50p per cup. The film will start at 8.00pm

Supper + film: £10 - monies to Manor Farm Cottage by Monday 18th please;

film only: £5 on the night.

Anne and Jeremy - 870516

ERG Walk - Saturday 23rd March – 9.50 am

Plan A is a 5 mile circuit from Bisley, a quite easy loop which should be attractive at this time of year, but with a section of track which could still be waterlogged enough to make us decide to opt for

Plan B – an interesting 5 mile circuit starting from a layby to the west of Northleach, and passing through it, and through Hampnett and the edge of the Stowell Park estate.

Full details have been e-mailed to everyone on the ERG contact list, so if you'd like to come but haven't received the details, please contact me.

Lois - 870375

News from the Parish Council

The proposed Air Balloon 'no-right-turn' trial has been cancelled.

Many individuals and at least ten parish councils had been making their views known to their District and County Councillors, to the MP for the Cotswolds, and to the highways Agency. The issue, and the significant local opposition to it, has been covered in the media, both press and TV. In early February, Cheltenham Borough Council resolved not to support the trial, and a motion against the trial was to be put to a full meeting of Cotswold District Council at the end of February. On Tuesday 19th February, the County Council issued a press statement indicating it was withdrawing its support for the trial, and later the same day, the Highways Agency announced it would not be going ahead.

Local campaigning will now be seeking to persuade the Highways Agency to implement a 'proper' and long-term solution to the problems of the A 417 'missing link'.

Lois - 870375

Nature Notes

The first signs of Spring are evident and won't be deterred by any future cold snap. Apart from the snowdrops, and the daffodil heads just showing a hint of pale yellow, the piercingly sweet song of the robin is a heart lifting sound – really showing that winter is on the turn. Blackbirds, song thrushes and robins are the first of the birds to nest and already the male blackbirds are demonstrating their territorial dances and creating noisy havoc amongst the borders! In Elkstone there may be a few adult peacock butterflies emerging from hibernation on warmer days

If you have a compost heap, take care where you plunge your garden fork, as about now the frogs and newts will be emerging from the warmth of the heap and heading for the nearest pond. One frog failed to achieve the water and as he crawled across our lawn was attacked by a jackdaw. The call of Spring is not always pretty!

Barbara

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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 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.

Many thanks for your help and support for this local school.

Julia Davey