

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Your Editor (and Mrs. Ed) have returned from their break, and have replied to email contributors indicating that their contribution had been received and will be published.

If you email, but do not get an acknowledgement, please re-send to give me a nudge.

*Reg – 22<sup>nd</sup> September*

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| World’s Biggest Coffee Morning – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September - Village Hall – 10.00am to 12.00am  |   |
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| ERG Walk – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October – NT Sherbourne Water Meadows – 09.55am start  |   |
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| Regular Dates   |   |
| Waste & recycling   | Food + garden waste - Fridays   |
| Waste & recycling   | All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| 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>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</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 October

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| October 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                                      |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am | Family Service                                      |
| October 20 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am | Morning Prayer and Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration |
| October 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10 00am | Songs of Praise                                     |

*David Pierce*

## An Alternative to Speed Watch

I have had a chat with Garry Handley, who is a Road Safety Officer for Gloucestershire and he has very different ideas for getting motorists to slow down to the speed limits shown on roads. The idea is to use curiosity and intrigue so that the motorist feels uncertain as what is happening to his/her road. At the moment, we have abandoned the 3/190 to fast motorists. They do not need to slow down because we, the residents of Elkstone, no longer walk, cycle or meet on this road. Garry has given me an e-publication, which I will send to you if you contact me and ask for a copy.

I have arranged a meeting at our **Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** for him to discuss some of these innovative ideas, which we may be able to implement.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please let me know by the end of September.

*Reg Eyre – [reg.eyre@tesco.net](mailto:reg.eyre@tesco.net) - 870375*

### **ERG Walk, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

This will be an easy and near level circuit of about 4.5 miles, starting from near Sherborne, and passing the extremely picturesque Windrush Mill. There will be very little roadwork, and the few stiles are easy, but there could be some mud.

Meet by 9.55 am at the National Trust Sherborne Water Meadows car park, almost opposite the listed Northfield Barn (post code GL54 3DL, OS Landranger 163, Explorer OL45, grid ref 175 154)

N.B. this small car park is to the west of the Sherborne to Clapton on the Hill lane, not to the east, as shown on the OS map; and should not be confused with the Ewe Pen Barn car park!

After walking, refreshments/lunch could be obtained by driving on to the riverside Fox Inn, Little Barrington, or there are several options in Northleach, or walkers could sample the delights of the Sherborne Village Shop and Tea rooms, which serves snacks, light lunches, hot and cold drinks, ice cream, etc.

*Lois – 870375*

### **Harvest Supper Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm - Elkstone Village Hall.**

Elkstone Church warmly invites you to the Bring and Share Harvest Supper.

The evening will be a simple, but wholesome, 'Bring and Share Supper', giving us a wonderful chance to catch up with each other and enjoy an evening together.

There will be no charge for Tickets to the Supper, but there will be an opportunity for you to donate to our chosen Charity - 'Send a Cow'.

Please phone *Carole - 870493 or Sylvie - 870181* to reserve your seats. At the same time we will be able to give you suggestions for the food contribution.

*Carole Bury*

### **Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration - Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am**

For many years our Harvest Service has been in September, but because of our later harvests in the Elkstone area we have this year moved the service to October; so we will be thanking God for all his provision for our physical needs at our 11 o'clock service on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Church will be decorated on the Saturday, so if you have gifts of food which you cannot bring to the service, please take them to the Church on Saturday. But we would much prefer you to join us on the Sunday so that we can all give thanks together as a community for God's goodness.

The gifts of food will be given to a women's refuge in Stroud, which we have often supported in the past. Monetary gifts will go to 'Send a Cow', which has its 25th anniversary this year. Send a Cow works in Africa to transform the lives of the poorest families, by bringing real and lasting change. This is achieved by not giving short-term aid, but by giving people the resources and knowledge to help themselves. With Send a Cow's support starving families can be harvesting vegetables within a few weeks, and eating three nutritious meals a day within months. Some of the things which gifts can be used for are:

£5 feeds a child by teaching mums how to grow and prepare nutritious food

£24 buys 4 chickens, which can provide 200 protein rich eggs a year

£135 could provide a local cow, which can plough land for crops and provide manure

£750 pays for a dairy cow, which can provide a family with 3,000litres of milk a year.

There will also be a chance to give to 'Send a Cow' at the Harvest supper on the Saturday evening.

Advance notice - in November we will be changing the pattern of our services, so that the first Sunday (instead of being Holy Communion at 9.30) will become Morning Prayer at 10 am, and the third Sunday will become a Holy Communion service at 11am, (instead of Morning Prayer).

*David*

### **Elkstone Film Evenings Resume: 7.00pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

After the summer recess we're starting the season with Steven Spielberg's **Lincoln**, which tells the story of America's 16<sup>th</sup> President contending with continuing carnage on the battlefield during the American Civil War, whilst also fighting many inside his own cabinet and party as he championed the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution to emancipate the slaves.

The evening will start with a supper at 7.00pm, it will be a variation on Sausage Casserole suited to an Autumn evening, with the film starting at 8:00pm.

Tickets: Film with Supper: £10.00 each, please make payment in a marked envelope through the letter-box of Manor Farm Cottage by mid-day Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

For the film only, entry is £5.00 each, paid on the night.

*Jeremy and Anne - 870516*

### **Electoral Review**

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Cotswold District Council.

This will draw new council ward boundaries across the district.

Following a public consultation, LGBC is proposing that CDC should have 35 councillors in future, nine fewer than the current arrangements.

Now LGBC is asking for evidence about our local area to help decide a new pattern of council wards for Cotswold district.

Do you have suggestions about where our ward boundaries should be?

Which areas do you identify as our local community?

Where do people in our area go to access local facilities, shops and leisure activities?

For more details and interactive maps, visit:

[consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk) or [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

Send your views to:

The Review Officer (Cotswold)

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Layden House

Turnmill Street

London EC1M 5LG

Email: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)

The consultation closes on 11 November 2013

### **Gloucestershire County Council's Big Community Switch**

**Worried about rising energy costs?** Gloucestershire County Council is concerned about the impact that rises in energy prices have on Gloucestershire residents, particularly older people and those living in fuel poverty. The Big Community Switch aims to help people get cheaper electricity (or gas and electricity) by working together.

The Big Community Switch is bulk buying – if a large number of people want to change supplier together they are likely to get a better deal than would just one person shopping around and switching on their own.

The more households that register their interest in switching, the more attractive it becomes for an energy supplier to offer a competitive price and the more likely consumers are to achieve significant savings.

Residents need to register their interest with the Big Community Switch in the next few weeks. You can do this either online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch) or by phoning the Council on **01452 42 57 57** between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday. By doing this, you are under no obligation to switch supplier.

People only need to provide basic information at this stage: name, address, contact details, an indication of their energy consumption and whether they wish to consider switching for both gas and electricity or electricity only. It's a good idea to have a recent bill to hand as it makes registering easier and more accurate registration means a more accurate offer.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader, Gloucestershire County Council, said: “Switching energy supplier is often the best way to save money on your bills, but the process of applying can often put people off. That’s why we are supporting this scheme and we hope as many people as possible will take part. All you need is a recent energy bill and the Big Community Switch will do the rest of the work and hopefully get you a better deal.” Residents who have registered their interest will receive a personalised energy offer during late October or early November. Although this is likely to be lower than their current bills, there is no guarantee of this, but there is also no obligation to accept the offer and switch supplier. People only need to sign up to the scheme and make the switch if it works for them.

**To take part in the scheme, you must register by 23:59 on Tuesday 15th October.**

**Village Hall ‘Punch & Munch’ AGM** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8:00pm

Come and join us for a brief meeting, where we can discuss a successful year. Our hope is that the many new families to the village will join us as we plan and strengthen this most important focal point for this community.

After a triumphant return to the rhythm of Open Days we will have plenty to talk about. The future of Village Social Events will no doubt feature in discussion and our concerns. Afterwards, there will be an informal time with each other, with ‘Punch & Munch’ provided by your Committee.

*Village Hall Committee*

### **Somewhere to Visit**

This recommendation is a little bit out of our area but is a candidate for ‘A Grand Day Out’. Goodrich Castle is located and signed from the A40, just beyond Ross on Wye. To make a full day out, you could consider getting there via The Forest of Dean with its many parking places for picnicking and walking. The castle itself is maintained by English Heritage and offers concessionary entry rates; and has a tea room.

The earliest remains are a Norman square keep, which was then developed into a fully defended site with double curtain walls, portcullis, raised bridge and a dry moat. It became more of a family home until the Civil War when the Parliamentarians laid siege to remove the Royalists. This involved the construction of ‘Roaring Meg’, a mortar gun, which was used to breach the defences and cause the castle’s inhabitants to surrender. The damage is more than superficial but not as bad as some castles in Wales. Worthy of study are the reinforcement buttresses to the corner drum towers. These would have prevented the undermining of this type of tower.

*Reg*

### **Warning! Nasty email scam**

Lois received a nasty scam email and notified Andrea before deleting it. It started like this:

“Subject: Free Tesco Voucher From: [online@tesco.co.uk](mailto:online@tesco.co.uk)

Dear Customer, Our automated raffle draw server picked your email to have won a 1000pounds Tesco Voucher, useable in any of our tesco outlet or online. Follow the link below to claim voucher now. You must be a credit card, savings or loan customer to claim. Voucher will be posted to your mailbox. All fields must be filled in correctly. If you have more than one product with us follow both links. CREDIT CARD CUSTOMER CLICK THE LINK BELOW Credit Card Click here to Claim SAVINGS OR LOAN CUSTOMER CLICK THE LINK BELOW Savings/Loan Click here to Claim With thanks Chris Bush UK Managing Director ... “

## **Advertisements**

### **UNICEF Sale – Advance Warning**

UNICEF provides medicine, food and water for children to survive and flourish, and education and protection to change children's lives for good.

UNICEF works with families, local communities, partners and governments in more than 190 countries. Recently we have been made aware of its contribution in helping children in war torn Syria.

You are very welcome to join me next month at my annual sale to make our small but very useful contribution to this Children's Fund. There will be more information about this in November's newsletter.

However I have received the official UNICEF catalogues, so if anyone would like to make a specific order - cards, calendars, notepaper, gifts, decorations and much more - take a look and let me know. The website is [www.unicef.org.uk/shop](http://www.unicef.org.uk/shop) where you also can see the collection of design-led gifts and cards, many handmade in Fairtrade projects.

*Jennie Howlett - Church View - 01242-870462*

### **Rendcomb Surgery Support Group**

#### **Two December dates for your diary:**

#### **Saturday 7th December**

Our annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will be held as usual in Winstone Village Hall from 10am to 12noon. Any donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, raffle prizes.... can be taken to the hall on the morning or I'll collect if needed. Last year was an excellent event, we raised £478 in one morning. This money will go towards the proposed purchase of specialist surgical equipment.

#### **Thursday 19th December**

Many of you will now be aware that, after 30 years at Rendcomb, Dr. Drysdale is retiring from the practice. To mark this event there will be an open afternoon at Rendcomb Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Patients and ex-patients are invited to come along to this informal occasion. Join us for tea and cakes and say goodbye to Dr. Drysdale.

Further details of both events will be in next month's newsletter.

*Jennie Howlett - 01242-870462*

P.S. Did you know both cats, (one from Ivy Cottage Farm and the one lodging at The Manor), were now back at their rightful addresses? Thought these success stories should be our "good news" entries!

*Jennie*

**Chris Milner** will be playing and singing in Elkstone Village Hall on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

November at 7.30pm

Voluntary entry contribution

Bring your own drinks

Chris Milner was born in West Yorkshire Northern England.

Although Chris Milner the folk singer has been around for 30 plus years, it has been in the last 10 to 12 years that his contemporary lyrical style has been heard in a broader field.

Several artists are interested in his songs, he is receiving more and more attention through air play and You Tube and performing to a wider audience far beyond the circuit of the folk scene.

His last two albums 'Clear Thinking From The North' and 'Four Fields Meet' have enjoyed worldwide sales and critical acclaim.

As well as fulfilling diary commitments all over Britain, Chris Milner is currently making regular visits to Ireland, Holland Germany, and recently to Turkey and Africa.

**Chris Milner is a 'Journeyman' performer singing and writing song of universal themes.**

*“ This isn’t background music, I like the directness, his songs are like poetry set to music, not one word wasted or compromised” ... Roots North*

[www.chrismilner.com](http://www.chrismilner.com)

**Charity Piano Recital**, (*music by Bach, Debussy, and Ravel*) by *Charles Owen* (making a welcome return after his previous performances) on **Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 3pm at Butlers Farm, Colesbourne, Gloucestershire GL53 9NP**

Tickets £30 to include wine and refreshments

Proceeds in aid of St James’ Church, Colesbourne

**Please remit to:** Dr. Christine Watson, Butlers Farm, Colesbourne, Nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 9NP - Tel: 01242 870103 - Email: jimw@casab.demon.co.uk

### Moreton Show

(photos from Nic{Hon Printer} to fill last page)



Makes me think: Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Reg after his bike accident.  
Can you name both in the top left photo? (No prizes)

**Stop Press: World’s Biggest Coffee Morning - Thank you.**

Julia says the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £355 - report in November's issue.