

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

News seems thin this month – it must be summer!

Reg – 23rd July 2015

Features	
Gardens Open Day – Final Report “In Touch” – personal safety event	Fastershire Community Speedwatch Historic Churches Ride & Stride
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins + boxes – Fridays 31 st July, 14 th & 24 th August
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 August 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>	

Elkstone Church Services

August 2nd - Morning Prayer - 10.00am - Rev Philip Thomas

August 9th - Family Service - 10.00am - Rev Janet Williams

August 16th - Holy Communion (CW) - Rev Cliff Pooley

August 23rd - No service

August 30th - Benefice Holy Communion - 10.00am at Colesbourne

David Pierce

Gardens Open Day – Final Report and a Big Thankyou!

Well, the weather was very kind to us and the people came, lots of them, which made the day a great success.

A big and very well-deserved thankyou to everyone who helped, there were so many of you, it made organising the day so much easier and we could not have done it without you. The final figure is just over £3250, which is great news.

Brian Howlett has volunteered to take over the reins next year which is also welcome news, Brian started off this annual event so we welcome him back.

Tess Dick and Marion Cooch

“IN TOUCH” is hosting a Personal Safety Event 2015

FREE tips and advice on staying safe in your home and feeling safe in your community
20th August 2015

Bingham Hall, King Street, Cirencester, GL7 1JT, 10am to 1.30pm

Tips from Gloucestershire Police, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards and Victim Support comprising short talks, freebies, tips, refreshments, information stands, etc.

If you would like transport to this event please contact Katie Lake at GRCC on 01452-528491 or katiel@grcc.org.uk

Best wishes, *Cynthia, Community Agent*

Fastershire ultra fast broadband in the Cotswolds

There was quite a 'meaty' meeting with the Fastershire broadband representative about a week ago. Read all about it at http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2639.

Please pass along this link as you see fit!

Jeremy

Elkstone Community Speed Watch

The Community Speedwatch initiative within this county was first mooted in 2011. In the autumn of that year, a handful of Elkstone parishioners volunteered to be trained, there had to be a Risk Assessment, and insurance put in place...and the first ECSW sessions took place in May 2012. Over the three years since then, volunteers have been trained, and weather permitting, have taken turns at standing out in teams of three at Westerleigh crossroads in their compulsory hi-viz jackets, with the borrowed speed device and other kit, for 1 hour sessions during the morning and evening rush hours.

The result is that a number of motorists have been recorded as passing through the crossroads in excess of the 40 mph speed limit, and where the volunteers have succeeded in correctly recording the make, model and colour of the vehicle, and its registration plate, a warning letter is sent to the registered owner.

The suspicion is that, when no ECSW team is visible, the motorists who tend to speed probably continue to speed.

With time passing, it is getting harder to find times in any week when the requisite minimum of three volunteers from the pool of 10 can be available to turn out for speedwatch sessions.

I have therefore taken the decision to declare ECSW defunct, though would be happy to help any parishioner willing to take on the co-ordinator role.

Reg - 870375

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Ride and Stride 2015: 12th September 2015

"Join the Ride and Stride Adventure and discover Historic Churches" - Bear Grylls

Ride and Stride, run by Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, is a great way to support our Church in Elkstone and churches across the County when they most need help. So if you fancy walking, cycling or horse-riding church to church, put Saturday 12 September in your diary now. You can plan your own route between churches, depending how far you want to go and whether you want to be in towns or villages. Take a picnic and top up with refreshments at the churches - or even incorporate a pub or teashop on your route.

50% of the money you raise (before Gift Aid) goes to the church of your choice.

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You get the chance to see inside some historic gems, which aren't always open.

If unable to ride or stride, you can be sponsored to man our Church, sing hymns or bake cakes!

Further information, together with a sponsorship form is available from your Local

Organiser - Carole Bury - 870493

Or by emailing rideandstride@ghct.org.uk , www.ghct.org.uk