

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

There is a meeting on 30th September when 'Fastershire' will tell us how the delivery of broadband may benefit the residents of Elkstone.

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Family Harvest Service – Sunday 11 th October at 10.00am	
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Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food + garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins + boxes – Fridays 9 th & 23 rd 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: Tuesday 20th October please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – www.elkstonevillage.com	
Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – reg.eyre@tesco.net	

Elkstone Church Services

Sunday, October 4th – Morning Prayer - 10.00am – Rev Arthur Champion

Sunday, October 11th – Family Harvest Service - 10.00am – Rev Canon Robbin Clarke

Sunday, October 18th – Holy Communion - 11.00am – Rev Cliff Pooley

Sunday, October 25th – Songs of Praise - 10.00am – Rosemary Franklin

David Pierce

Harvest Festival

As we all know the harvest around Elkstone is later than in the Severn Vale, and so our Harvest Thanksgiving will be in October as in previous years. The dates for your diaries are:

Family Harvest Service, when we will have an opportunity to thank God for his goodness and provision for us, will be on Sunday 11th October at 10.00am – led by Rev. Canon Robbin Clark. Please either bring your harvest gifts to the service, or if you cannot join us, leave them in the Church on the Saturday.

Our Harvest Supper this year will be on Saturday 17th October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This will be a 'bring and share meal' with shepherds' pie and puddings. Everybody is welcome.

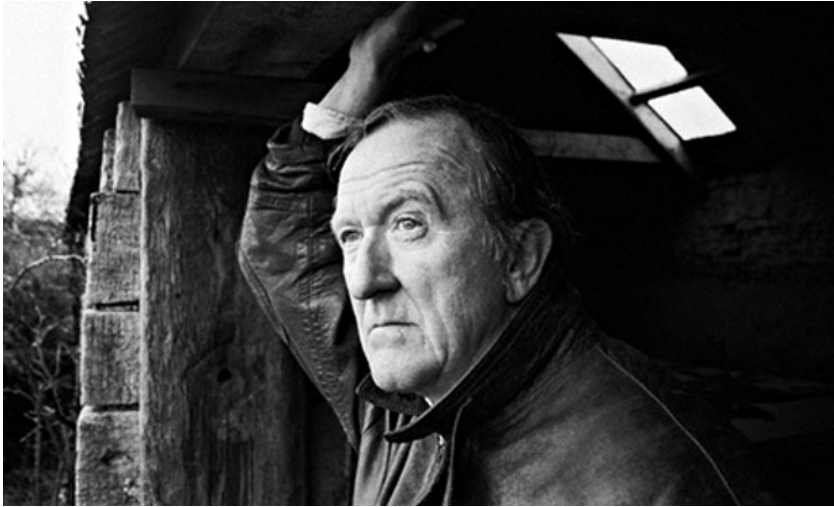
For a number of years we have supported the work of Send a Cow in Africa with our Harvest offerings. But this year, because of the difficulties many farmers are suffering in this country, we will be supporting the Addington Fund, which helps those who are in real need.

- If you would like to join us please let Carole Bury (870493) or Sylvie Pierce (870181), know in advance.

Organiser - Carole Bury - 870493

Obituary

Patrick Joseph Gregory Kavanagh, poet, actor, journalist; 6 January 1931- 26 August 2015



Photograph: Richard Baker/In Pictures/Corbis

Poet, actor, broadcaster, Elkstone parishioner and author of the memoir *The Perfect Stranger*, P J Kavanagh was born in Worthing, Sussex. His father was the prolific creator of *It's That Man Again*, the hugely popular radio comedy starring Tommy Handley. During the Second World War, the family was “bombed from flat to flat”, as Kavanagh later recalled in verse; life was “a show on the road, a series of one-night stands”, his father’s world “a vast / Gillray cartoon (only kinder)”. It was a peripatetic and somewhat ragged upbringing, including a period when Kavanagh attended a convent school in Barnes, west London. He had a holiday job as a redcoat at Butlins, took acting classes, and met the jazz musician Charlie Parker in Paris while working there as a newsreader. Kavanagh’s first collection of poems, *One and One*, had appeared in 1959, but there was to be nothing else in book form until after the success of *The Perfect Stranger*. He moved to Gloucestershire in 1963, “by a lake / Not even the Green Dragon locals know is here”, and married the translator Catherine Ward two years later. They settled in Elkstone, where Kate masterminded the conversion of a barn into the home in which they would raise their two sons; Kavanagh adopted a ruined cottage as his study. They leavened the solitude with regular trips to London.

In the winter of 1964, exploiting his talents as a performer, Kavanagh found himself co-presenting *Not So Much a Programme, More a Way of Life*, a short-lived satirical television show, alongside David Frost and Willie Rushton. Kavanagh’s later broadcasting and acting career took in work as varied as the documentary *Journey Through Summer* (1973), a perambulatory exploration of Britain; presenting Radio 4’s *Poetry Please!* and, in 1998, playing a cameo role in *Father Ted*, as Father Seamus Fitzpatrick, a collector of Nazi war memorabilia, whose relics include an actual surviving member of the Wehrmacht. After that, Kavanagh, a lean pipe smoker with a distinctive face and voice, was plagued with offers of more work playing Irish priests.

He is survived by Kate and their two sons.

This was compiled from obituaries appearing in The Telegraph, Independent and Guardian.

Elkstone Supper + Film Evenings

Now that the evenings are drawing in, the 2015 / 2016 Film season begins with **The Theory of Everything** on **Thursday 22nd October**

In the 1960s, Cambridge University student and future physicist Stephen Hawking (Eddie Redmayne) falls in love with fellow student Jane Wilde (Felicity Jones). At 21, Hawking

learns that he has motor neuron disease. Despite having been told he had two years to live -- and with Jane at his side - he begins an ambitious study of time, of which he has very little left, according to his doctor. He and Jane defy terrible odds and break new ground in the fields of medicine and science, achieving more than either could hope to imagine. Our evening starts with a fish supper at 7:00 pm, with the film commencing at 8.00pm. The Supper and Film is £10.00 per head, please put your marked envelopes with your money through the letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage by 6:00 pm on Monday 19th October. Attendance for the film only is £5.00 payable at the door.

Jeremy - 870516

Village and Community Agent

There has been more on the TV news and in the daily papers about people (usually the older age group) falling victims of scams, for example, the Lottery and prize draw scams. Victims are told they have won a large cash prize, but are asked to send some sort of fee to release it.

No genuine lottery or competition would ask you to send money to claim a prize.

The obvious place for this kind of mail is the recycling bin.

Best wishes, *Cynthia Laird, Community Agent - 07776 245 780*

Healthwatch Gloucestershire acts as a single point of access for health and social care information and provides an advice and signposting service to help people make informed choices. We also gather local peoples' views and experiences on health and social care using these views to improve services locally. If you would like to hear more about the work of Healthwatch Gloucestershire and would like to share your experiences with us please join us at our Public Event at The Westwood Centre, Bassett Road, Northleach GL54 3QJ on Wednesday 14th October 2015 from 7.00 to 9pm. There will also be a talk by the South Western Ambulance Service, which aims to give a better understanding of current ambulance provision. This will be followed by a Q & A session. Please call Healthwatch Gloucestershire - 0800 652 5193 to book your place.

Hare Coursing

Now that the harvest is in we approach the season for hare coursing.

Last year we twice interrupted a gang hare coursing between Highgate Farm and the Brimpsfield roundabout (north end of A417 dual carriageway), 4 cars were spotted in the last field gate on the right hand side. That field entrance has advantages, as a quick getaway can be made. A problem with detecting this crime is that participants claim to be walking their dog.

Hare coursing is cruel and illegal, and threatens these fabulous wild animals. It involves dogs chasing wild hares until they are exhausted or killed. Just after harvest is the perfect time as dogs cannot be seen within a standing crop.

If you see any vehicles parked as described above, please report on 101 **immediately** so that officers can follow it up. If possible, record car registration numbers, but do not put yourself in danger.

Many thanks,

In view of the violent nature of many hare coursers, the author wishes to remain anonymous

Wanted

Good homes needed for Children's Society collecting boxes. Cheap to feed, with just your spare change. Perfectly house-trained (no mess).

Completely silent. You don't even have to take a box for a walk or clean up after it. Emptied once a year. Satisfaction Guaranteed - helping disadvantaged youngsters!

For further details **and** a box, please contact either Jennie or:
Pauline Farman - 01285 831891
(I only put this in because I liked the humour! – Ed)

Christmas Meal

Last year around 30 of us enjoyed an evening meal together to celebrate Christmas. Please let me know if you would like us to organise it again - with suggestions of dates and/or venues.

You can contact us on any of the following:

Jennie Howlett - 870462 - brian.howlett@virgin.net - Church View

Nature Notes

Although the trees are beginning to shed their leaves, the woods still present a wonderful aspect of autumnal tints, a strange and subtle blend of colouring. Our old friend the chestnut has now taken on a new beauty. Its once green leaves have assumed a quiet golden-brown hue, and are falling slowly and softly to form a rustling carpet at its feet. We halt for a brief moment at a wayside hedge, and are momentarily startled by the sudden silence that falls on our ears after the last splutter of the engine. Our arrival has evidently disturbed the tiny feathered friend of our schooldays, the robin, for he flutters quickly aloft to one of the lower branches of a beech, from which safe perch he reviews the situation. His little bright eyes twinkle mischievously, and with head cocked pertly on one side, his famous red breast palpitating rapidly, he certainly makes a very pretty picture.

MJP – (A motorcyclist writing in the November 1934 copy of “The Motor Cycle” – Ed)

