

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

The mosaic of pot holes by the church had a crew from Gloucestershire Highways Department parked next to the 'mess' and looking very nonchalant. They certainly admired the manner in which my motorcycle bounced from one hole to another. I drove over the same patch the following morning and wonder if they have made any difference?

It is great to see the hedges and crops bringing a freshness to our surroundings but it has not slowed the traffic. The use of the Speed Indicator Board at the upper cross roads appears to make drivers smile and the incidents of rude gestures and signs are almost nil. Let me know if you would like to join us lowering the speed of vehicles going past our village.

*Reg – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016*

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The Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party - Elkstone Village Hall – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – 4.00pm - 7.00pm	
Referendum – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – Polling Station Elkstone Village Hall – 7.00am – 10.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste – Every Friday
Waste and recycling	All bags, bins + boxes — Fridays 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June, and 1 <sup>st</sup> July
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>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> please	
The Elkstone web-site has current and past copies of the Newsletter – <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com">www.elkstonevillage.com</a>	
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## Elkstone Church Services

June 5th - no service

June 12th - Family Service 10.00am - Rev G Cox

June 19th - Holy Communion 11.00am - Rev C Pooley

June 26th - Songs of Praise 10.00am - Chloe Darling

*David Pierce*

## Latest update for Elkstone Gardens Open Day 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

We are very grateful to all those villagers who have offered their support and help on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Now we are very close indeed, though if you haven't volunteered yet to help on the day there is still time to choose. We can never have too many helping hands and the time needed varies from a few seconds of tweeting to all day serving teas. Please do offer whatever time you can to help.

Here's a quick guide to help you decide what's best for you....

How to help	Time needed
Tweet about the event on Twitter and add a link to the website ( <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181">http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181</a> )	30 seconds

Post about the event on your facebook page and add a link to the Village website ( <a href="http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181">http://www.elkstonevillage.com/?page_id=2181</a> )	30 seconds
Put up posters in your work, gym etc	30 seconds
Pop an extra item into your shopping to go in David Collins's Tombola.	Just a few seconds
Pot on plants to be sold at the plant stall on the drive of the Old Rectory	It depends how many you have!
Serve cream teas at Granary Barn	From 1 hour to all day
Serve tea and cake in the Village Hall	From 1 hour to all day
Collect entrance money from our visitors	1 hour time slots throughout the day
Ensure visitors' cars are parked safely in the Old Rectory field	1 hour time slots throughout the day

Once you've decided how you can help please do let one of us know.

Those of you with plants to donate, kindly deliver to Jo Allison on the Old Rectory Drive latest Sunday morning where she is setting up the stall.

Alan and Steve are hosting the post-event barbecue this year.

They will start serving food at 6.45 p.m. and this will consist of burgers, baked potatoes and sausages complete with baps/rolls, onions, coleslaw and butter.

They will supply paper plates and napkins and if you need cutlery please bring your own.

Bring your own drinks complete with glasses/cups as appropriate.

As usual, we can all help to bring tables and chairs from the village hall on to the village green.

The cost per person will be £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child.

Donations of salads are welcomed.

In the - hopefully unlikely - case of inclement weather we will migrate to the Village Hall.

This event is usually great fun and brings the village together in celebration of another successful Elkstone Gardens Open Day.

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### **Tea party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Elkstone Village Hall, Friday 10th June 2016, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Please just come along for a lovely cup of tea or glass of bubbly to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Please bring a cake or a plate of sandwiches if you can - everyone welcome!

*Carole Bury - 870493*

### **Elkstone Wine Tasting 2016 Success**

#### **Balkan and Levant Wines**

Once again there was a full house of past, present and newbie Elkstonians to enjoy an evening of conviviality at the Village Hall on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all who helped prepare the hall, clear it, and wash up the hundreds of glasses, crockery and cutlery. In addition, we are especially grateful to those who contributed salads, mains and puddings towards a delicious supper. As for the tasting itself, suffice to say that Jancis Robinson, Oz Clarke and Jilly Golden do not need to look to their laurels just yet so far as competition from Elkstone is concerned. Obviously more research and practice is required for the future. Nevertheless it was a great excuse for a party. In addition we have been able to donate a surplus of £130 from the proceeds towards Village Hall overheads. Cheers!

*The 2016 Committee: Brian, Andy, Arnold, Brian and David*

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### **To Loo and Strew in Elkstone Churchyard**

We are proposing to improve Elkstone Churchyard in two major ways for the convenience of the people and enhancement for wildlife.

In the area of the old compost heap, where there are no graves, we are hoping to erect an oak framed Eco-loo. This will be hand made by a local craftsman using oak from a friend's wood. It will have a porch with a seat for people to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet of the churchyard. The room will house a compost loo and have a baby changing facility. It has been designed so that wheel chair access will be possible with a path from the current church path.

The oak will be left to age naturally to a silver colour, and so very quickly will have an air of permanency, and will compliment the Church. Being of oak construction the building should last several centuries.

The facility will be extremely useful to the regular congregation, those attending weddings and other special services, "providing relief at last, after over 800 years"!

Planning permission and approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee ("DAC") is currently being sought. The DAC have commented favourably on the proposal, and if approved would be keen to promote it as a blue print for other rural churches.

Our second plan is to strew the area of the churchyard nearest the road, which is currently unused, with hay from flower rich meadows. You will see areas marked out by sticks with a path going between them. The seeds from the hay will enhance the patch for flowers and wildlife. There is a Coronation meadow in each county, which replicates old meadows. Prince Charles had the original idea to celebrate the Queen's 60year reign, and he started his own Coronation meadow at Highgrove. So it is appropriate in the year of the Queen's 90th birthday that we should be creating our own wildflower area. So if you see a group of people in the churchyard spreading hay, and then trampling all over it, don't worry it is not some new form of Church worship, but people trying to release the seeds in the hay so that they eventually germinate. If you want to help, you will be very welcome.

By increasing the diversity of wild flowers we can attract many interesting and beautiful butterflies etc. back to our corner of Gloucestershire. 95% of all meadows have been lost over the last 50 years, and we are trying to do our bit in re-instating them as well as showing the beauty of God's creation.

During the summer we hope to have a couple of days when children can help build "bug" houses in the churchyard, further details to follow next month.

*David Pierce*

### **Referendum 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Do you need to register to vote, or to register for a postal or proxy vote? If so, please see the Notice of Referendum on the Village Hall noticeboard; the first deadline is midnight on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Applications can be made online at: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Applications, cancellations or amendments to existing postal or proxy votes must be sent by the relevant deadline to:

The Electoral Registration Officer

Cotswold District Council

Trinity Road

Cirencester GL7 1PX

Tel: 01285 623002 Email: [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk)

### **Elkstone Parish Council News**

At its AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May, the Parish Council voted Matt Hobbs to continue as Chair, and Bob Luck to take on the Vice Chair role. Michael Cooch continues as Responsible Financial Officer.

*Lois 870375*

## **Advertisements**

### **A great walk for a great cause**

This year's Longfield Solstice Walk will be on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>, with the option of 5km or 10km walks on Minchinhampton Common, plus music, children's entertainment, a barbecue and a bar. All money raised will support Longfield's amazing care for people in Gloucestershire with life-limiting illness and the walks start at their building in Burleigh Lane from 6pm.

Entry fees are £18 for an adult and £7.50 per child (£15 and £5 before May 6<sup>th</sup>) but if you can fundraise £150 or more, you will walk for free.

So register today at [www.longfield.org.uk/solstice2016](http://www.longfield.org.uk/solstice2016) or, if you need to know more, call 01453 886868 or e-mail [events@longfield.org.uk](mailto:events@longfield.org.uk)

*Jen McBride Fundraising Volunteer*

### **A Date For Your Diary - Advance Notice**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Open Gardens at Daglingworth House, Daglingworth

Entrance £6.00 to include tea/coffee and cake, (wine available)

Church open, with music

Further details in July magazine

All proceeds to improving access ramp to Rendcomb Surgery

*Pauline Farman*