

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

It's such a bumper newsletter, I will be quick & wish you all an absorbing April ahead!

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Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling	Food & Garden Waste – 12 th & 26 th April
Waste & Recycling	All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 5 th & 19 th April
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493

Diary Dates

GDA Charity Supper	Coloesso Ristorante	6.30 pm	15 th April
Film & Supper Club	Village Hall	7 or 8pm	18 th April
Christian Arts Festival	Cheltenham	23 rd April - 12 th May	
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm	24 th April
Parish Annual Open Meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm	24 th April
Children's Workshops	St.Barnabas Church	10.00am	11 th May
Cowley Fete	Cowley	2 - 5pm	18 th May
Rendcomb Surgery Support Group	Rendcomb Village Hall	7.00pm	21 st May
Girl Guide Assoc. Afternoon Tea	Deer Park	2 - 5 pm	2 nd June
Elkstone Open Gardens Day	Elkstone	2 – 6 pm	9 th June

SERVICES April 2019 in St John's, Elkstone

7 th	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion with Ben & Faith Newton
		Bring & Share Lunch in Village Hall	
14 th	10 am	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer	Rev'd Arthur Champion
Good Friday			
19 th	9 am	Pilgrimage starting at Coberley Church	Rev'd Arthur
		visiting all the churches in the Northern end of Benefice	
19 th	10am	Meditation Coberley Cross	Rev'd Arthur Champion
21 st	11am	Easter Sunday	Rev'd Cliff Pooley
		Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Church Yard	
28 th		No Service in Elkstone or Rendcomb**	

Elkstone Village Gardens 2019- Sunday 9 June

Spring is here! In little over 2 months on Sunday 9 June we hope that there will be a sunny weekend for the Elkstone Village Open Gardens. Please pencil this date (or at least the afternoon) in your diary.

If you can open your garden – and smaller gardens would be wonderful to see too – or can offer help in any way please contact David Kearney on 506234 or email dnke@btinternet.com.

More details to follow in next month's newsletter

News from the Trust

This month, instead of giving you news from the trust I thought I would answer the question many of you have asked which is about my role as a governor in the trust.

Firstly, the role of governor is a voluntary role & we are elected by trust members in an open vote. We are elected for a period of three years & can stand for re-election until we have served a total of nine years. I was elected initially in 2016 to fill an unexpected vacancy & was reelected in 2017 for a further three years. I stood originally following treatment from the trust that resulted in me being very ill for almost a year. I put in a complaint with the hope of getting changes to avoid the same thing happening to anyone else & then felt that I could do a lot more if I was on the inside. My special interests are mental health & involving young people so that their voices can be heard.

Governors are a driving force & can make a difference. We must attend the meetings of Council of Governors, where as a body we can make our views known about all aspects of the running of the trust. We appoint the Chair & Non-Executive directors of the trust & approve the appointment of the Chief Executive. In addition, I try to attend all board meetings (which are open to members of the public should you wish to come). I sit as a deputy on the Quality & Performance Committee, I am a member of the Governor Strategy & Engagement Task & Finish Group & Governor representative on the Equality & Diversity Steering group.

My most important role however is to represent you, to hear your views & to ensure that you are kept up to date with the work of the trust. Whilst I cannot deal with individual concerns, I can help by pointing you in the right direction. If I hear the same concern being repeated rest assured that I will raise it to try to get action taken & will follow through to get the best result possible!

I enjoy my role which is made even more rewarding as our board are very open, approachable & a joy to work with. We have major challenges ahead to which there are no easy answers, but all of us involved are determined to do our best for our patients & we are now on our Journey to Outstanding which is our goal for our next formal inspection which could take place at any time!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Anne Davies (Public Governor Cotswolds) 870516

Elkstone Art Club

A group of people with varying levels of experience in art are planning to meet together on Thursday mornings between 9am & 1pm in the Elkstone Village Hall. We will share our knowledge & help each other as we work on our own projects.

If you would like to join the club please come along with some art materials & join in the fun. The cost is £5 per session & includes tea/coffee.

Occasionally we hope to book a visiting artist to provide a workshop & share the additional cost between us (probably £15-20 each).

If you are interested, please call **Penny Casewell** (The Old School House) 03330 119663 or email elkstoneartclub@outlook.com

Elkstone Manor

Hello again, everyone.

Thank you so much for taking the time to send me your views regarding a possible Change of Use for my home. Those who objected were concerned about noise, traffic & one even suggested noise from a disco! I put this exclamation mark because the "Spa" I abbreviated is not some sort of nail bar & hen party venue, but a quiet retreat for up to 12 people looking to get away from their normal life. Gerry & I do these every 9 months or so, works wonders!

Several of you wanted to know if they could get a job; two respondents wanted to know if they could get a discount.

Moving on...

Last week we had 10 boisterous chaps here for Race Week. Did you notice? We had one large delivery from Tesco to cover the week's food. Obviously, they left here each day & returned each night - did you notice?

I am not trying to change any of the three objectors' minds merely to clarify what is what. It is highly unlikely that I will proceed with this idea, but I value your opinion & appreciate your comments.

Thank you all,
Christine

Elkstone Film & Supper Evening - Thursday 18th April

We end the season with **A Star is Born** featuring Bradley Cooper & Lady Gaga in her first leading role in a major motion picture. It tells the raw & passionate tale of Jack (seasoned musician) & Ally, (young waitress trying to become a singer / songwriter) coming together on stage & in life. Theirs is a complex journey through the beauty & the heartbreak of a relationship struggling to survive. Jack helps Ally into the spotlight to find fame, even as age, alcoholism & inner demons send his own career into a downward spiral.

The film will be preceded by a lamb-based supper starting at 7pm, the film starts at 8pm. Tickets are £10 a head for Film & Supper, payment in a marked envelope please through the letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone please, by 6pm on Monday 15th April; film-only attendance is £5 each, pay at the door.

Regards, hope to see you there.
Jeremy & Anne 870516

Rendcomb Surgery Support Group

Sarah Davies, a Dementia Champion for the Alzheimer's Society, is giving a talk on the basics of dementia on Tuesday 21st May in Rendcomb Village Hall. It commences at 7pm and there will be time for questions and answers. This event is free but limited to 40 places. To book a place please contact the surgery on 01285 831257.

Jennie

Thank you for the Toys Donated

The toys & games that were collected at the Toy Service in February were delivered to the Acorns Children's Hospice for the second year. We have received a lovely letter of thanks from the charity - 'Acorns for the Three Counties' - based in Worcester.

The charity provides care & support to families in Gloucestershire. Acorns relies on the community to fund over 70% of its activities, these donations provide a network of care for life limited & life threatened children & young people, & their families.

In the last year Acorns has supported over 871 children & 1141 families, including those who are bereaved. It currently costs 10 million a year to support our families. The support of Elkstone Church is much appreciated by all at Acorns. www.acorns.org.uk

Children's Society

Today I deposited money from the house boxes along with the offertory from the Christingle Service. It was good to finally hand over the heavy bags of coins so many of us had collected over the last year. We were assured that this money would be well spent by Andrew Holt at the service in January. He is a Children's Society ambassador & we were delighted he was able to join us again this year. He gave details of individual children who have been helped by the society as well as giving a talk on gold, frankincense & myrrh.

When the collection from the Nativity Service held in December was added to that of Christingle & the house boxes our contributions totalled £734.48. Many, many thanks to all for such a marvellous result.

Further information regarding the society from Jennie Howlett ejenniehewlett@gmail.com

Children's workshops - <http://christianartsfestival.org/>

Artists Carole Bury (from Elkstone), Jan Thompson, Ross Cresswell & Tim Martin will inspire you to draw, paint, make pottery or graffiti a wall with spray paint in a workshop at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Cheltenham.

Carole will be inviting, inspiring & challenging budding artists of all ages to experiment with, & to try charcoal & pencils on a larger scale. Carole provides all paper & charcoal & pencils, please pre-book your space & bring an apron!

There are refreshments, but you can bring your own lunch.

You can stay the whole day & dip in & out of all 4 workshops.

Be prepared to be messy - & you're guaranteed to leave happy, excited & wanting more!

St. Barnabas Church Hall. May 11th 2019. 10 am - 3 pm

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cheltenham/st-barnabas-church-hall/have-a-go-art-workshop>.

Christian Arts Festival, Cheltenham. 23 April - 12 May 2019

Do make a note of the dates of this vibrant festival, whose patron is the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester. The Festival's aim is to -

‘provide an opportunity for the town's churches to come together in celebration of our artistic Christian heritage through all the contemporary & traditional arts & share the vibrancy, the joy & the colour of this God-given creative expression with the local community in Gloucestershire.

Chasing Mo in the London Marathon!

I am raising money for the YMCA by running the London Marathon on 28 April. It is my first marathon & training is going well so far. I'm even strangely enjoying it!

I would really appreciate any support that you can give to the YMCA who support young people around the country. The money you donate will help YMCA to provide safe accommodation for homeless young people, support for those with mental health problems, & the opportunity for many more to access education & training.

If you would like to sponsor me, please visit JustGiving to make the donation:www.justgiving.com/katherine-mcrae.

On the day, you can see me giving Mo a run for his money by tracking my race number on the London Marathon app. I can send an update closer to the date.

Thank you very much,

Katherine (Carole & Ronnie's daughter, 2 Hill View)

An invitation to meet with our 'front line' mission partners

Elkstone parish church is supporting an extraordinary couple & their young son Theo, who have been serving God in some really tough places. Faith is the daughter of one our organists, Ian, & she has a heart for sharing God's love with Asian women. Soon after leaving Balcarras School in Charlton Kings, she spent several years living & volunteering with a charity in Afghanistan, after the fall of the Taliban. More recently Faith & her husband Ben have been working in a very deprived area of Glasgow with a local church & with Christians Against Poverty. Now they feel God is calling them to similar pioneering work in Tower Hamlets, East London; which has a diverse population with much health & financial inequality. They desire to be part of sharing God's love here & to advocate for those on the margins.

Please join us on Sunday 7th April for some or all of the following:

·11am - A relatively informal service in St John's, featuring a 12-minute talk by Ben & Faith followed by Q&A.

·11.40am - Coffee & an opportunity to chat with Faith & Ben

·12.10pm - Holy Communion (entirely optional) for about 20 minutes

·12.45 for 1pm - Bring & share lunch in the village hall

We hope you can join us for the church service & even better if you can stay for lunch. It would be helpful for catering purposes if you can let me know you are coming so that we don't all bring exactly the same food & drink! As the saying goes: "many hands make light work!"

Carole Bury - PCC Secretary carolebury@hotmail.com 01242 870493

Charity Supper in aid of the Gloucestershire Deaf Association (GDA)

This local association (www.gda.org.uk) has long been a major support organisation for deaf & hard of hearing people in our area, especially children, & also for young adults who benefit from programmes to overcome obstacles to employment - I have myself supported them over the years & I was also a Trustee for 6 years. This year is their Centenary Anniversary, & many fund-raising projects are in hand to ensure their next 100 years is even more successful. One of their fund raisers, a regular supporter of our Movie Nights (often providing wonderful puds!) has arranged a fund-raising supper evening starting at 6.30pm on Monday 15th April at the Coloesso Ristorante in Fairford. Tickets are £22 per head, of which £8 will go to the GDA. If you would like to attend, please contact event@gda.org.uk or phone 07875 610860.

Jeremy Davies

Neighbouring Events

COWLEY VILLAGE FETE

- SATURDAY MAY 18th 2 - 5 pm
- IN STUNNING GROUNDS OF COWLEY MANOR
- Traditional Village Fete Activities: FUN DOG SHOW (Judged in 5 categories), ANIMAL CORNER, FLEECE-SPINNING
- Children's games & Stalls of Cakes, Vintique (vintage clothes & bric-a-brac), Books, DVDs & Computer Games,
- Toys, Genuine Home Produce, Bottle Tombola.
- Refreshments : BBQ, LICENSED BAR, CREAM TEAS, ICE CREAMS
- Live Music throughout with THE UKESANON
UKELELE BAND SUPER RAFFLE
- Entrance : Adults £2 Children under 16 free

GIRL GUIDING ASSOCIATION

