
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello again,

What an amazingly warm & wonderful summer we are having, although the grass may not be feeling the same sentiment! Even the obligatory weather change as schools break up only lasted an evening & the collective sigh of relief from parents everywhere was almost palpable.

I hope you all have an absorbing August, full of good times & relaxation, this is the first newsletter I've written with no diary dates, so it seems you're all thinking along the same lines as I am, see you in September, fully recharged.

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20th August

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Regular Dates

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| Waste & Recycling | Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday |
| Waste & Recycling | All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 10 th & 24 th August |
| Indoor Bowls | Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493 |

Diary Dates

Unless I've made another editorial error, it looks like we're free for the summer!

SERVICES August 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

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| 5 th | 11 am | Holy Communion | Rev'd Arthur Champion |
| 12 th | 10 am | Family Service | Frank Booth |
| 19 th | 11am | Morning Prayer | Rev'd Cliff Pooley |
| 26 th | 11am | Join with Rendcomb | |

News from the Trust

Birthday celebrations, new visiting hours, organ donation & a plea for help.

This month saw the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the NHS, this was celebrated at the trust with a wonderful day that exceeded all expectations & was totally funded by sponsors. Hundreds of staff joined with patients & visitors in coffee mornings & tea parties across all three sites. If you visit the trust twitter site for Thursday 5th you can get a second hand feeling of the excitement & fun taking place. Our 100 leaders were also out & about joining in the celebrations experiencing, & showing, the benefits of 'visible leadership'. They found the seven things staff are most proud of & positive about alongside seven things the trust needs to address. Fortunately, the latter were all things that are already known about, but hearing the insights staff gave, added pace & urgency to resolving the issues. The day was also chosen as our launch date for new visiting hours which are now from 9.00am -9.00pm & this has already shown to be of benefit to staff, patients & visitors. A by-product of this is that finding a parking place is now not such a nightmare!

Organ donation has been a subject in which I have been personally interested ever since my stepmother was personal assistant to Magdi Habib Yacoub, who started the Harefield Hospital Transplant programme in 1980 & who, in December 1983, performed the UK's first heart & lung transplant. More recently a friend's daughter, who had very unstable Type 1 diabetes became the youngest person in the UK to have a pancreatic transplant; I know how this transformed her life. I am therefore delighted at the very positive news, that following a cultural change making organ donation an integral part of our End of Life Care, the trust referred 37 potential organ donors to the NHS Blood & Transplant Organ donation Service during 2017/2018. This resulted in 12 patients receiving a lifesaving or life changing transplant because of referrals from the trust.

Finally, we have experienced a huge rise in the number of patients attending the emergency departments on a Monday morning from 9.00am- 11.00am. Many of these patients do not need ED care but are reacting badly when they are signposted to where they should be seeking help. Not only is this impacting hugely on the ability to treat people who really need ED care, but it also very damaging to the morale of our staff who work tirelessly to ensure best care for all. You could help in this please by spreading the word that the Emergency department should be used for real emergencies. If anyone is in doubt a visit to the trust website www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk under 'Services we offer' leads to a link to the ASAP website & App which allows anyone with concerns 'Search by Service' or 'Search by Condition' – providing a step-by-step guide through symptoms, self-care & signposting to the appropriate NHS service. Thank you.

Anne Davies 01242 870516

Trevor Price

The Price family has long been an integral part of the Elkstone village community & indeed quite a few of us live in houses or on land which once formed part of their farm.

After his retirement as a Wing Commander in the R.A.F, Trevor, together with Lindy, became the personification of that Price family connection with the village.

He was, for a long time, Chairman of the Parish Council & his pride in the village remained evident through his tireless maintenance of both the Pound & the spring area for many years, before age caught up with him.

Being a keen gardener, he made sure the gardens of Springfield House were a focus of the Gardens Open Day & they were the happy venue where Trevor hosted various village social events such as croquet & the Jubilee games.

For myself & others it was his avid support of the Bowls Club which brought us into contact with his excellent organisational skills, whether it be his analysis of score tables, his keeping of the books or simply his ability to chivvy us along to keep to time yet never causing offense in doing so. Very often he would bowl a near impossible ball, exclaiming "Oh No!" only for us to see him land a winning shot. "Doing a Trevor" will long be a phrase in Bowls Club lore.

Trevor had many admirable qualities but it is his stalwart cheerfulness that is most memorable & he will be sorely missed by all.

David Collins

Goodbye Elkstone

16 years ago we moved to Elkstone & we have had the most wonderful years here. Most special are the friends we have made, the wonderful memories of Christmas, Gardens open days & the village celebrating like family. We have been totally spoilt for the beautiful walks, sunsets & night skies & Elkstone is a truly magical village.

We're moving to Tetbury for a few more amenities, less need of a car & a new adventure but I'm sure we will be finding an excuse to pop back to Elkstone before long. So thank you for making Elkstone such a special place to live, we love it & will miss it hugely. Please do keep in touch!

We also wish all the best to the new family at Ealac House & hope you love living here as much as we have.

Love, Maggie, Francis, Bethan & Kate

From the Parish Council

A Community Defibrillator for Elkstone has now been installed & is situated outside the Village Hall, in a dark green cabinet. The defibrillator is there for anyone to use should the need arise to save life (though we hope this never happens).

You do not need to be trained to use this equipment but remember to dial 999 first. The help of a grant of £500 has been received from Cotswold District Council to contribute towards the cost of the defibrillator. The Parish Council will be arranging an Awareness Session shortly - more details to follow.

Jane Thorn



Dog walking on farm land

Gloucestershire police have received calls from concerned farmers regarding dog walkers leaving dog's faeces on farm land , especially in fields with live stock.

If a dog has worms this can be treated. If sheep pick up dog worms , this can not be treated and the sheep become very sick and will die.

We are asking dog owners to be responsible and to pick up after their dogs in all rural areas. In public areas there are plenty of dog poo bins around.

If found committing this offence there is a fine of up to £1500

Many thanks,
PC 2201 Nick Westmacott
Wildlife Officer for North Cotswolds.

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