

Elkstone Newsletter

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Editor's Bit

This Newsletter has been prepared early because of my visit to Cheltenham to collect my new knee. Lois has bought our garden birds a couple of 'globe' squirrel-proof small bird feeders. The local 'mafia' magpies are seriously inconvenienced by these and are reduced to scrabbling on the grass with the robins to collect the dropped seeds that fall from the feeders. I have decided to train these magpies since they are very quick to learn how to scavenge for food or steal it from others. If you want your magpies to enrol, please get them to apply in the Editor's bird complex at High Beech.

Reg - 21st July 2016

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Ride and Stride - Saturday 10th September - Contact Carole Bury

Regular Dates

Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste - Every Friday
Waste and recycling	All bags, bins + boxes - Fridays 12 th & 26 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: **Saturday 20th August** 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

August 7 th - Morning Prayer -	10.00am -	Rev Janet Williams
August 14 th - Family Service -	10.00am -	Rev Joan Hobbs
August 21 st - Holy Communion -	11.00am -	Rev Cliff Pooley
August 28 th - No Service		

David Pierce

Wildflower Meadow At Elkstone

Progress is being made in the establishment of the wildflower area of the churchyard at Elkstone. At the end of last year the two areas for the wild flowers were marked out, and yellow rattle was spread over them to help to suppress the grass. Other than an initial cut, the two areas have been left uncut, but recently they have been cut short. This has been to make the ground ready for scarifying, which has now been done. We are now waiting for the bales of wildflower meadow hay, which will be here before the end of July. These bales will be spread over the two areas and then trampled in, so that the seed heads will deposit their fruit into the scarified soil. We then wait for next year. You cannot rush God's creation. We look forward to seeing the beauty of what he has created, and having an area around the Church where others can share and appreciate that beauty.

David Pierce

Village and Community Agent

Do you, or anyone in your family have the type of Debit Payment cards that is swiped across the card reader without the need of putting in a pin number for purchases less than £30.00?

To protect your cards from fraudulent use by another person using a card reader, standing in the queue near to where you are using your card, the Police have available a card minder. It is a

small metal lined plastic sleeve that the card fits into and stops the card being read and money being taken from your bank account without your knowledge.

These card minders are available from the reception desk at Cirencester Police Station for 60pence each.

Cynthia@villageagent.grcc.org.uk or 07776245780[voice mail]

Cynthia Laird

Ride and Stride

Saturday 10th September 2016

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

This year there are even more churches open on Saturday 10 September for you to visit and explore. Our Church here in Elkstone is always open 24 hours a day - every day of the year - but not all are so lucky! We provide biscuits and drinks for any visitors to Elkstone, and lots of other churches are starting to do the same, we have had homemade cakes from some.

If you would like to walk, cycle or horse-ride to any of these gems, you can raise money through donations or by sponsorship.

All raised money will be divided equally between our Church and this amazing Charity, which provides grants for all sorts of projects and conservation work in Gloucestershire Churches, both small and large.

I have more details and sponsorship forms, and there will also be some in the Church if you'd like to collect one.

www.ghct.org.uk/rideandstride

Carole - 870493

Dear Editor,

I do sympathise with your comments concerning local traffic. Since we had the meeting in the village hall a year or so ago, I think that things have got worse. In the last couple of months I have banged wing mirrors 3 times now (not due to my speed I would add!) and had numerous near misses down the country lanes. In fact Julia has had an even worse experience with road rage with a van only a week ago when she had to slam on the brakes and swerve off the road whilst heading up from the A417. At the recent meeting of neighbourhood watch, installing dash cameras was being advocated. Maybe that is the only way to try and make a difference? Anyway thanks for the hard work on this and the newsletter. We would be grateful to remain on the list as honorary Elkstonians!

Steve

(Are others suffering similar experiences? If so, please let me know and I will compile a report for our local PC and PCSO – Reg)

A Fond Farewell to Elkstone

Thank you to all of you who came to our farewell party at the Village Hall. Thank you especially to Carole whose idea it was and I'm sure to the many others who helped behind the scenes to make it a really special evening for us. We were so touched and quite overwhelmed by the number of people who came. We arrived in Elkstone 18 years ago, to do up a sad old house and move on after a couple of years. Well it's taken us more than a couple of years to do it up and somehow we just kept staying and that, I'm sure, is down to the community we have been lucky enough to live in. You have always made us welcome, celebrated our good times with us and been there for our sad times and even though we know it's the right decision to go now, it's still tough to leave Elkstone and our friends and neighbours behind. We will of course keep in touch and it will be lovely to pay to come to the Open Gardens and see all the gardens without doing a job!

Thank you also for all the lovely cards that have been given to us, everyone has been so kind.

With our very best wishes,

Julia, Steve and Hannah x

Girls Night Out, 10k sponsored night walk in aid of Longfield

A Great Night Out for a Great Local Cause

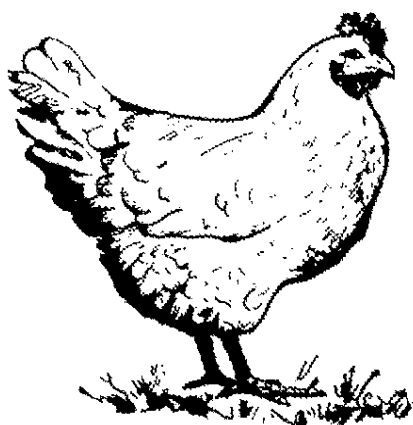
Calling all girls! It's the biggest Girls' Night Out in Gloucestershire and you're invited.

This year's theme is 'Bling it on', so we're expecting sequins and sparkle, from your tiara to your t-shirt and your tutu to your toes. Everybody will start the 10km walk together (9.00pm from Deer Park School in Cirencester, on Friday September 9th), after a pre-walk party and some top quality chat.

You'll be raising money for Longfield (formerly Cotswold care Hospice) to help people with life-limiting illness to live well and, if you raise more than £150, your entry fee will be refunded. Normal entry is £18 per person (including your t-shirt) but get a group of girls together and the sixth place is free. Bring your children aged 10 and over too, (but make sure 10-16 year-olds walk with an adult please).

So register now at www.longfield.org.uk/Event/girls-night-out . You know you want to!

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