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# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

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Editor's Bumbings...

Hello to you all & goodbye to 2018,

December is a delicious mixture of hibernation & dragging oneself out of the warmth to social celebrations, of exhaustion & jubilation & of reflection & resolutions.

I hope the highs have outweighed the lows for you all in 2018 & that 2019 already has some gems to look forward to.

Have a splendid Christmas time, a decadent December & a smashing New Year, see you on the other side.

Be kind to yourselves,

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20<sup>th</sup> December



*Merry Christmas*

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## Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling      Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday (apart from 28<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Waste & Recycling      All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 14<sup>th</sup> December & 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Indoor Bowls              Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493

## Diary Dates

Rendcomb Coffee Morning      Winstone Village Hall      10am      1<sup>st</sup> December

Elkstone Village Hall AGM      Village Hall      8pm      3<sup>rd</sup> December

Disco      Green Dragon      7.30pm      8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Meal      Green Dragon      7pm      10<sup>th</sup> December

## SERVICES December 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
9 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Family Service	Rev'd Paul Youde
16 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Animal Nativity	Rev'd Andrew Bowden
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	Carol Service	Rev'd Arthur Champion
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Holy Communion-Midnight Mass	Rev'd Arthur Champion

## NEWS FROM THE TRUST

Recent months have seen unusually high attendances & referral levels in several specialties & challenging performance in both cancer care & A&E.

Despite this we achieved the A&E performance target in quarter 2, & our achievement of cancer standards & reduced waiting times for routine care continues apace. This is in no small part due to a range of transformation initiatives that are beginning to bear fruit & to the enthusiasm, cooperation & dedication of our staff which has been so positively commented on by CQC inspectors.

One of the challenges of running a trust which has two main centres so close together, particularly in the current climate of difficulties in recruiting staff & with such high demand on all services, is ensuring we use resources wisely to give best care for everyone across our trust. This involves ideas around centralising areas of expertise & our woman's centre at Gloucester, & recent changes in trauma & orthopaedics are good examples of this.

Currently under consideration are various changes involving gastroenterology which will have additional effects such as freeing up bed space to help day surgery etc. A trial is taking place over this winter & the impact of the pilot will be reassessed in 2019. Please be assured that your views, those of our staff & of many experts in the field are always considered when decisions are being made.

It would be wrong to write this message without referring to the recent incident, reported in the news, about a sewage pipe leaking onto a patient. Whilst obviously extremely unpleasant & very serious, fortunately there was no ongoing harm done to the patient. This is being fully investigated & as your governor I will not be satisfied until I have assurance that all steps have been taken to identify the cause & ensure that this has been fully addressed.

Finally, can I bring your attention to our recently launched scanner appeal to raise funds for three new CT scanners & two mobile digital x-ray machines? These will make a huge difference to many patients with a wide range of needs from those fighting cancers to premature babies who need urgent medical treatment. You can read more about this on the trust charity website.

Anne Davies (Elected public governor Cotswolds)



### **Elkstone Film Nights December & January**

The festive season has taken a firm grip of everyone's social diaries in December including our own, so we are not running a film/supper evening in December. To resume in the New Year, we plan to feature Widows on January 17th, a modern day heist story - it's only just released, so we hope the DVD will be to hand by then! We plan a fish supper to precede the film. More details will follow in next month's edition.

A very happy Christmas & New Year to all, we hope to see you soon.  
Jeremy & Anne 870516

### **Elkstone Village Hall Committee AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee will begin at 8pm on Monday December 3rd at the Village Hall, we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible - this is your opportunity to express your views about the use and running of the Hall, and of course to elect officers for the year to come. After the meeting there will be the usual "Punch & Munch" social gathering.

Jeremy, Chair, Elkstone Village Hall Committee

### **Christmas Meal at The Green Dragon**

The Party Room at The Green Dragon is booked for Monday 10th December at 7pm for 7.30pm. The Christmas menu is posted on their website: [www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk](http://www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk) There are both 2 course £18 & 3 course £24 options & coffee is available for an extra £2. Vegetarian & Gluten Free items are also on the menu. We have paper copies of all the menu choices at Church View if you wish to check your choices. Usually we add an extra £2 as a gratuity. As we have booked before the end of October we will be given free house wine! Please let us know if you wish to join us for a meal to start the Christmas festivities. All villagers & friends are welcome. We would like to have the names of the Meal attendees by the beginning of the month please.

Thanks, Brian & Jennie Howlett 870462

### **Disco at the Green Dragon!**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

Mostly 80s & 90s with some 70s & current thrown in!

Tickets £25 to include welcome drink, food & disco

All funds raised will support our local primary school, Coberley.

Please contact Laura Delpport for tickets -[laurajdelpport@icloud.com](mailto:laurajdelpport@icloud.com)

### **Babysitting**

Are you or your children interested in babysitting in Elkstone?

Please get in touch if so!

Sian Macfarlane Westwood House 07985 804 782

***Rendcomb Patients' Support Group***

**Grand Christmas**

**Coffee Morning/Cake Sale**

**Winstone Village Hall**

**Saturday, 1st December, 2018**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Cake Stall – Raffle  
Fancy Goods & Cards**

**Tea/Coffee & Mincepies  
Festive Decorations**

A chance to meet and chat whilst supporting  
YOUR local surgery

**See you there!**

(Donations for all stalls greatly appreciated, please deliver to surgery.)  
For further details please contact Jennie Howlett 870462