

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Mild temperatures have given many friends, and me, a cold. People who work outside have said that a good dose of cold weather will kill off such germs. Any thoughts? Our local friendly inquisitive fox has disappeared for now. Perhaps he knows the local Hunt is due!

*Reg – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016*

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Christingle Service – Elkstone Church - Sunday January 8th 2017 - 10.00am	
Seasonal Invite to Manor Barn – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January – 3.00pm to 6.00pm	
Elkstone Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 18th January - Village Hall - 8.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> , Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>
Waste and recycling	All bags, bins + boxes —Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>
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>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</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

January 1st - no service

January 8th - Christingle family service at 10.00am - Jennie Howlett and representative from the Children's Society

January 15th - Holy Communion at 11.00am - Rev C Pooley

January 22nd - Songs of Praise at 10.00am - Rev G Cox

January 29th - no service at Elkstone - joint benefice service at Cowley at 10.00am.

*David Pierce*

## Christingle Service

We are holding our annual candlelit Christingle Service on January 8th 2017 at 10.00am.

Andrew Holt from The Children's Society will be with us. He is always entertaining as well as giving valuable information about this charity.

Please bring your house box along to the service if possible. I will collect others later if need be. Last year we collected about £750, a wonderful amount from a small community.

If you want to know more about the Christingle service there is website which can help, otherwise come to the service and receive your own decorated orange.

*Jennie Howlett - 870462*

**Dear Residents of Elkstone!**

We would like to invite you all to Manor Barn for tea and cake/ wine and cheese on the afternoon of Sunday January 15th. Please feel free to drop in anytime between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible. If you are new to the village then do come along as it is a great opportunity to meet the people of Elkstone and we are a very friendly bunch!!

We look forward to seeing you. Please let us know if you are coming so I have a rough idea of numbers. Meanwhile we wish you a very Happy Christmas.

Best wishes,

*Rachael and Andy Richardson - RSVP – 870581 - [rachael@pobox.com](mailto:rachael@pobox.com)*

**Elkstone Supper and Movie Night: Thursday 19th January: Hunt for the Wilder People**

Raised on hip-hop and foster care, defiant city kid Ricky gets a fresh start in the New Zealand countryside. He quickly finds himself at home with his new foster family: the loving Aunt Bella, the cantankerous Uncle Hec, and dog Tupac. When a tragedy strikes that threatens to ship Ricky to another home, both he and Uncle Hec go on the run in the bush. As a national manhunt ensues, the newly branded outlaws must face their options: go out in a blaze of glory or overcome their differences and survive as a family. Equal parts road comedy and rousing adventure story.

There will be a Sausage-and-Mash supper starting 7:00pm with the film at 8:00pm.

Film and Supper £10.00 each in a marked envelope through our letterbox at Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone by 6.00pm Monday 16th January please, Film only £5.00 paid at the door.

*Jeremy and Anne - 870516*

**Refuse & Recycling Collections**

<b>Normal collection day</b>	<b>New revised collection day</b>
Friday 23 Dec	No change
Friday 30 Dec	Will move to Tues 3 Jan 2017
Friday 6 Jan	Will move to Mon 9 Jan
Friday 13 Jan	Will move to Saturday 14 Jan
Friday 20 Jan	No change

***The collection schedule will return to normal on the week beginning Monday 16 January***

**Rendcomb Surgery Patients' Support Group**

Thank You very much to all who supported in an way the Rendcomb Surgery Patients' Support Group Christmas Cake Sale/Coffee Morning on 3rd December when the magnificent sum of £360 was raised during a most enjoyable and friendly occasion.

*Pauline Farman and Jennie Howlett*

### **Village and Community Agent – January 2017**

Helping older people in Gloucestershire feel more independent/secure/cared for  
Cotswold District Council - Get ready for winter

We have gathered together some information that you may find useful to help you prepare for winter.

Are you allowed to clear snow from the footpath? Don't believe the myths - its unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully

Find out more at:

GOV.UK: clear snow from a road, path or cycleway (<https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>)

Gritting maps

(<https://gloucestershire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=LSTCQJbNuQS&HideToolbar=1>)

There is a vast amount of information on The C.D.C.web site, too much for this space for now.

That covers many situations that anyone might find themselves in.

Best wishes for 2017

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### **News from the NHS Trust**

The Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust has joined the West of England Genomic Partnership as part of the West of England Medical Centre based in Bristol. This is one of thirteen centres, which are part of the 100,000 Genome project launched in 2012. The project, it is hoped, will eventually lead to quicker conclusive diagnosis for rare and inherited disease or cancer and to specific targeted treatments. You can find more about this at the Genomics England website. Of particular local interest is that in the mid 1970's Frederick Sanger, who was the son of a Rendcomb doctor, and who was baptised and married at Syde, developed techniques to sequence DNA, which is crucial part of the basis for the new project.

A piece of good news coming from the trust relates to organ donation where we have achieved very good results as assessed by the NHS Blood and Transplant audit based on data reported at 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016. As an example our referral rates for donation after circulatory deaths continue to rise and this year were 90% against a national average of 85%. Gloucestershire now has 62% of the population signed up to organ donation which is twice the national rate and which results from a local media drive. If you have not yet signed up to be a donor please may I ask that you consider doing so?

Finally my sincere thanks to those of you who have talked to me this month about your experiences with the trust and questions and experiences that concern you.

*Anne Davies – 870516*

**A Tribute to all the Grandparents** who have learned to use the computer

The computer swallowed Grandma  
Yes, honestly, it's true  
She pressed Control and Enter  
And disappeared from view

It devoured her completely  
The thought just makes me squirm  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind  
I've even used the Internet  
But nothing can I find

In desperation I asked Google  
My searches to refine  
The reply from there was negative  
Not a thing was found online

So if inside your inbox  
My Grandma you should see  
Please copy, scan and paste her  
And send her back to me.

Sylvia Baker (sister of Constance) sent this from her local (New Zealand) magazine



*The printer has been very naughty: on seeing empty space and having this photo he ...*