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# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

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## Editor's Bumbings...

Hello again,

I'll keep this short & sweet, as it is a full newsletter & we need all the space we can glean to make sure it all fits in!

I am writing this after a beautiful day of sunshine, which has been magical, I'm going to repeat that adjective & wish you all a really magical March.

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline for Next newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> March

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### Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling Food & Garden Waste – 1st & 15th March  
 Waste & Recycling All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 8th & 22nd March  
 Indoor Bowls Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493

### Diary Dates

Rendcomb Snowdrops	Perrott's Brook	10.30am	2nd March
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	8pm	20th March
Film & Supper Club	Village Hall	7 or 8pm	21st March
Church Mission Partners /	St John's Elkstone	11 am	7 <sup>th</sup> April
Church Lunch			
Cowley Fete	Cowley	2 - 5pm	18th May

## SERVICES March 2019 in St John's, Elkstone

3<sup>rd</sup> 11 am Holy Communion

Rev'd Arthur Champion

10<sup>th</sup> 4 pm Evensong

Rev'd Arthur Champion

17<sup>th</sup> 11am All Age Service

Rev'd David Minns

24<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion, Rendcomb Church

Rev'd David Minns

31<sup>st</sup> 11am Mothering Sunday Service

Alexandra Dyer

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and Electoral Roll**

At present there's an opportunity for everyone in the local community to have a fresh stake in our ancient and beautiful parish church of St John the Evangelist. By signing the new Electoral Roll you can have a say at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which is planned for Saturday 13th April at 9.30am in the Village Hall. There is no obligation on you to attend church although I know many of you enjoy coming along to our services especially at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Church membership is free of charge! It makes life easier for us if you wish a son or daughter to get married in church, or request a Christening for a child or grandchild or even (God forbid!) a funeral for a family member. Once you are on the Electoral Roll you have the right amongst other things:

- to vote on matters raised at the APCM,
- to stand for election onto the Parochial Church Council.

We are hoping to deliver the Electoral Roll form by hand via each letterbox although it can be downloaded using this link: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14302/news/>  
Please drop it through my letterbox by no later than Thursday 28th March. Thanking you in anticipation! Carole Bury. PCC Secretary, carolebury@hotmail.com 01242 870493  
2, Hill View

## **An invitation to meet with our "front line" mission partners**

Elkstone Parish Church is supporting an extraordinary couple and their young son Theo who have been serving God in some really tough places. Faith is the daughter of one our organists (Ian) and 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 and volunteering with a charity in Afghanistan, after the fall of the Taliban. More recently Faith and her husband Ben have been working in a very deprived area of Glasgow with a local church and 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 and financial inequality. They desire to be part of sharing God's love here and to advocate for those on the margins. Please join us on Sunday 7th April for some or all of the following:

- 11.00am A relatively informal service in St John's, featuring a 12-minute talk by Ben and Faith followed by Q&A
- 11.40am Coffee and an opportunity to chat with Faith and Ben
- 12.10pm Holy Communion (entirely optional) for about 20 minutes
- 12.45 for 1.00pm Bring and share lunch in the village hall

We hope you can join us for the church service and 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 and drink! As the saying goes: "many hands make light work!"  
Carole Bury PCC Secretary. carolebury@hotmail.com 01242 870493

## **From the Parish Council**

The five seats on Elkstone Parish Council are due for election on 2nd May. Nomination packs can be downloaded from the Cotswold District Council website, or are available from the Clerk. Completed nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at the Cotswold District Council Offices from 19th March up to 4pm on 3rd April.

Jane Thorn

## **Elkstone Open Gardens – Sunday 9th June**

A reminder to all that this year's open gardens event will be held on Sunday 9 June. Please consider how you can support the event which relies on volunteers to make it a success & raise valuable funds for the village hall & St John's Church.

Thanks to those who have already offered to open their gardens and/or lend support on the day. If you haven't been in touch, your help would really be valued & I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, David Kearney, The Hawthorns, 01242 506234 dnke@btinternet.com

## **Elkstone Movie and Supper Evening - Thursday 21st March**

To launch spring we're back with the latest rom-com **Crazy Rich Asians**: Rachel Chu (Constance Wu), an American-born Chinese economics professor who lives in New York, has been dating her boyfriend Nick Young (Henry Gouding for over a year when he invites her on a trip to his home country of Singapore to attend his friend Colin's wedding and meet his family. On the trip, when they're booked into first class on the plane, Rachel soon finds out Nick comes from a very wealthy family.

In fact, he's one of the most sought-after unmarried men back home - and probably throughout the rest of Asia. When Rachel meets Nick's mother, Eleanor (Michelle Yeoh), it quickly becomes clear that the woman thinks Rachel isn't good enough for her son and never will be. Even though Nick is crazy about Rachel and is considering marrying her, Eleanor does everything she can to come between them. Knowing that his family is very important to Nick, Rachel feels she either has to stand up to Eleanor - or let Nick go.

The film will be preceded by a salmon supper starting at 7:00pm, the film starts at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10.00 a head for Film + Supper, payment in a marked envelope please through the letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone please, by 6:00pm on Monday 18th March; film-only attendance is £5.00 each, pay at the door.

Regards, hope to see you there.

Jeremy & Anne 870516

## **Elkstone Manor**

Dear Everyone

You all know that Gerry & I are looking to downsize after 30 magical years here at the Manor. A sad but necessary decision as we are now too aged & infirm to run this wonderful place on our own, & do not enjoy anyone else doing our job!

The A417's noise is causing a problem for prospective buyers who fantasise about a tranquil rural retreat. I have now moved to selling the Manor as a prospective business.

As you know, over the last 20 years or so, I have hosted the occasional marquee wedding. I am now looking to get a Change of Use (thank you Highways England) which would allow a potential business buyer to run Elkstone Manor as

- a. a boutique hotel/spa
- b. a care home - don't fancy this - too many stairs
- c. serviced apartments (can't see that working)

It is so sad that the arrival of the dreaded A417 has made this property unacceptable to residential buyers, but a magnet for business buyers. I think making this Manor into a boutique hotel/spa would be a plus for the village, because people would need to be employed to run it.

Those nearest to the Manor should not suffer any inconvenience, because the in-route would be via Sylvie - & those people would come once a week in 6 cars maximum, and Jo at the Rectory, who would see delivery vehicles coming in opposite her gate. Before I commit myself to trillions of planning fees, could you all please let me know how you feel about this.

I have two e-mail addresses: might I suggest that you do a quick e-mail to either & say something like 'no objection' or 'object' with the subject line 'The Manor Change of Use'. Let's hope we can use the Manor to the advantage of our village & I am so sorry that the A417 has made me recourse to this.

Christine    info@elkstonemanor.co.uk

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## News from the Trust

I am delighted to be able to write that on Wednesday 7th February, we learned that after our recent inspection by the Care & Quality Commission, the trust had been rated as good, a rating achieved by only about one third of trusts in the country. A fabulous result by any measure & one being celebrated beyond the bounds of GHFT, especially by our system partners with whom we will be working as an Integrated Care System. Some of the positive comments received from Dr Nigel Acheson Deputy Chief Inspector of Hospitals that I would like to share include: -

‘Since their first comprehensive inspection in March 2015, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has implemented, & thoroughly embedded improvements & I am pleased to congratulate the Trust in reaching an overall rating of good’.

‘Overall the inspection found that the Trust’s leadership team had the experience, capability & integrity to manage a well-led organisation. Leaders at all levels were visible & approachable for their patients & staff. There was an emphasis in the Trust on the safety & wellbeing of staff & benefits available to provide staff with the opportunity to maintain & improve their own health.’

‘Patients we met on inspection were entirely positive about their care. We found staff to be dedicated, kind, caring & patient focused. We found clear evidence of leaders who were visible & committed to continual improvement & instilling a shared vision of high-quality care’.

‘Staff at all levels of the organisation were actively involved in quality improvement; we found evidence of positive changes in practice as a result of their improvement initiatives. We hope that the trust will support their staff to continue to embed those improvements. We will return in due course to check their progress.’

Whilst this rating is a huge achievement & a very important milestone in our journey, there remains much to be addressed & we will use the report as another improvement tool. We have already commenced actions to address the ‘must do’ & ‘should do’ recommendations within the report. Waiting times are of huge concern & we hope in 2019/20 to make considerable in-roads into this issue.

This will not only require a commitment from commissioners to fund the additional non-recurrent activity required to make progress but even more so, it will require services to be unrelentingly focused on how we can increase productivity in theatres & outpatients through innovation & transformation as well as through investment. This sets good foundations for the next step in our journey & all the team are now committed to ensuring that when the CQC returns in three years’ time, landing outstanding is a foregone conclusion!

I am excited about this & delighted to have my part to play in decisions that will have to be made. You too can join us on the next exciting phase of our journey by become a member of the trust & adding your voice, (details are on the website & as a bonus you become eligible for NHS discounts); volunteer on one of the wards by helping patients in various ways which has many benefits including freeing up qualified staff.

Finally, young people in year 11 or above who either live or study in Gloucestershire & who want a work experience placement are encouraged to contact clinicians or departments directly to ask if they have capacity to host them on work experience. Details can be found on our Work Experience website <https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/work-us/work-experience/> or by contact the Lifelong Learning Team either by email [ghn-tr.lifelong.learningteam@nhs.net](mailto:ghn-tr.lifelong.learningteam@nhs.net) or by phoning 0300 422 5176.

Anne Davies (Elected Governor Cotswolds)

## Mushroom Curry Serves 4

I enjoy a curry, not too spicy hot but fragrant. I hope you find this one tasty! Let me know.

- 500g mixed mushrooms (portobello, chestnut etc)
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 7cm piece of ginger
- 2 onions
- 1 fresh chilli
- 500g fresh tomatoes
- sunflower or olive oil
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 2 tsp fenugreek
- 2 tsp black mustard seeds
- 3 heaped tsp medium curry powder
- 1 tbspn mango chutney
- 1 x 400ml tin of coconut milk
- 2 limes
- 1 bunch of fresh coriander

### Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F

1. Roughly chop some of the mushrooms, keeping the smaller ones whole. Tip into a large casserole dish or frying pan & dry fry/toast on the hob over a medium heat for 5 to 8 minutes, until nutty & golden.
2. Slice the onion & sauté in oil until soft. Add the spices, fry for two minutes add the peel & finely slice the garlic, ginger & finely slice the chilli. Sauté for another minute.
3. Stir continuously until fragrant & the spices are toasted.
4. Add the mushrooms, chopped tomatoes, mango chutney & coconut milk, stir to combine & season well with sea salt & black pepper.
5. Place in the oven in a casserole dish. Cook for 30 minutes, or until cooked through.
6. Taste & season as required, adding a little lime juice if needed.
7. Roughly chop the coriander leaves & scatter over the top. Cut the remaining lime into wedges to squeeze over the top if required.

Antonia Winstanley

