

# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

The kids have been eyeing up Easter eggs on the shop shelves & scheming up cheeky April fool's day pranks, I thought they were being a bit eager, but actually it's not that far away now. I have given up all things unhealthy for lent, so I'm willing this month to be a swift one! With that in mind, it may very well be a maddening March for me, but here's hoping it will be a magical one for all of you.

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

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## Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling	Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday
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Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie - 870493

## Diary Dates

Elkstone Film Night	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Phoenix Gardners' Coffee Morning	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Elkstone Stories Workshop	10 <sup>th</sup> March
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	21st March 8pm Village Hall
Elkstone Stories Workshop	31 <sup>st</sup> March

## SERVICES for March 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

4 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
11 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	Rev'd Geoffrey Cox
18 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Prayer	Rev'd David Minns
25 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	At the Village Hall bearing Palms/Branches for a SONGS of PRAISE Service for <b>Palm Sunday</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	A simple Communion Service in the Chancel
<b>Easter</b>	10am	Celebrate Easter in readings & Hymns of Praise	
<b>Day</b>	11.30am	Holy Communion for all who wish on Easter Day	

**Film & Supper Evening, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Our March movie is Paddington II Settled in with the Brown family, Paddington the bear is a popular member of the community who spreads joy & marmalade wherever he goes. One fine day, he spots a pop-up book in an antique shop — the perfect present for his beloved aunt's 100th birthday. When a thief steals the prized book, Paddington embarks on an epic quest to unmask the culprit before Aunt Lucy's big celebration. The film features a star cast: Hugh Bonneville, Hugh Grant, Julie Walters, Peter Capaldi & Joanna Lumley to name but a few. The film will be preceded by a Fish Pie based 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 door of Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone please, by 6:00pm on Monday 19th March; film-only attendance is £5.00 each, pay at the door.

Best regards, hope to see you there. Jeremy & Anne 870516.

### News from The Trust

Last month I reported on how well the trust had performed during the Christmas period & we have since continued to perform well even through the serious flu epidemic. This month I am delighted to report that the recent assessment of the care we provide to patients who have suffered a stroke, when benchmarked against other hospitals, has shown huge improvements. Most exciting of all however has been the promotion of the trust from a Grade 4 to a Grade 2 trust without us ever being classified as Grade 3 which reflects the speed & scope of our improvement. The grading is based on consideration of quality of care, finance & use of resources, operational performance, strategic change, leadership & improvement capability. If you would like to know more about this, Google 'The Single Oversight Framework'. Recently I visited the Women's Centre & was able to appreciate how lucky are to have this amazing facility, (for more about the centre check our website). During my visit 30-week gestation twins were born & a new midwife delivered her first baby, the whole atmosphere was so positive & caring. I was however saddened on seeing three bereavement suites, but the care with which they are set up to allow grieving parents to cope with their loss was palpable & totally heart-warming. On the wall of one suite is a most beautiful mural of a tranquil country meadow scene donated by a patient to say thank you for the care that they had received at such a sad time. Another reason to be so proud of our staff & the wonderful work they do. Anne Davies (Public Governor Cotswolds)  
anne.davies11@nhs.net

### From the Parish Council

EPC would like to thank the Snow Warden for clearing the roads after the recent snowfall. The Snow Warden observed that overhanging boughs & hedges growing over verges caused him

severe access problems. We therefore ask all villagers to please keep their boundary hedges trimmed well back from the road at all times & not to allow excessive growth which might make access for essential larger vehicles such as snow ploughs or emergency vehicles difficult.

Jane Thorn

### **Elkstone Stories**

To start the gathering & sharing our stories I am putting on a series of workshops in the village hall- come to all or whichever you can or like the sound of, but everyone is welcome so please come if you can! You don't need anything at all so come with yourself, your stories, pictures, ideas or just you!

The first will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 am in the Village Hall** & this is just a chance to talk, share stories & open up discussion on topics of community so that we can plan the next few workshops & think about the exhibition itself in response to who comes along. There will be tea & biscuits! So please do pop along, have a cuppa & listen & share some of our stories & experiences so we can make something that really reflect us all & tells our individual & our collective stories.

The major dilemma is that it would be great to have a space to put the exhibition on gardens open day- ideally a large garage or barn or gazebo if anyone happens to have one? If anyone has any ideas on a location for it would be greatly appreciated if not we shall think of an alternative solution!

Workshop dates:

10<sup>th</sup> March 10-12am, 31<sup>st</sup> March 10-12am

14<sup>th</sup> April 10-12am, 19<sup>th</sup> May 10-12am

### **Gardens Open Day**

Things are really coming together well for Gardens Open Day!

We are just in the process of approaching everyone about opening their gardens but if you already know that would like to then please do get in touch!

Thank you to Marion for all of her years of serving ice cream- a very important role indeed! This year we will need someone else to step into the wonderful shoes & take on the serving of ice creams. If this could be you or you'd like to know more then do get in touch with any of the committee.

Other than that continue to get excited, spread the word & get involved. We will especially need volunteers in the car park & in the village hall tea room so look out for those seeking help! HUGE thanks to everyone who has supported, emailed, come forward & offered their time, gardens & ideas so far!

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### **Phoenix Gardeners**

Invite you to COFFEE MORNING & Bring & Buy on Wednesday, 7th March from 10:30am onwards in Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester.

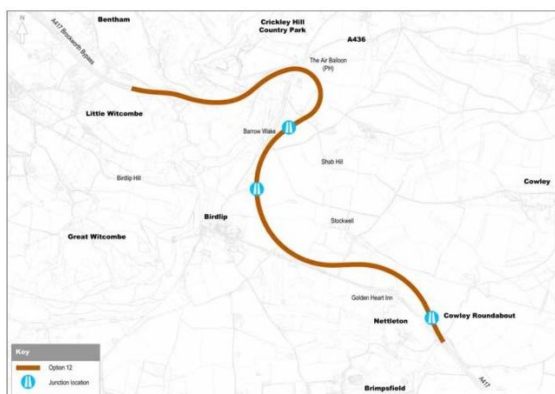
Help us raise funds to make our town a vibrant place.

## A417 “Missing Link” Consultation by Highways UK

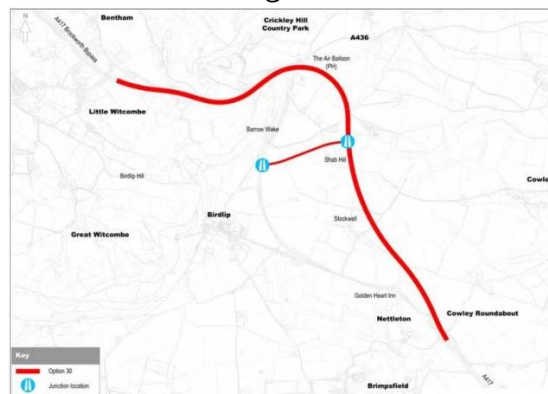
The consultations programme is well under way, and it’s hoped that the Elkstone Village website will feature as much up-to-date information as possible in regard to matters affecting our locality, especially in regard to the effect on traffic levels on local roads during, and after construction.

If you cannot attend any of the consultations, please visit the website [www.elkstonevillage.com](http://www.elkstonevillage.com) you will find links to all the information they provide, as well as a link to provide feedback directly to Highways England. The maps below show the two road alignments selected to go forward for consideration after extensive analysis of many other routes: -

Route 12



Route 30



### Comparison of Routes – Key Differences: -

Route Option 12	Route Option 30
4 miles long, journey time slightly longer	3.4 miles long journey time significantly faster
Sharp bend by Air Balloon, 40-50 MPH limit	70 MPH speed through the route
Approach to Air Balloon has a steep incline	Route has a lesser degree of incline.
Two junctions affording local access near to Cowley & Birdlip	One junction only for local access near to Cowley & Birdlip
Air pollution is reduced but effect is limited by greater distance and road incline.	Shorter route with less incline leads to best reduction of pollution.
A key concern for both routes is the (yet) undefined junctions for the A436, and also for Leckhampton Hill. It is likely that this Oxford and Cheltenham traffic will have to enter and leave the new dual carriageway via junction(s) from the ‘old’ A417 road, creating a complex and extended route with significant potential for minor roads in the area to be used instead.	

### Dates for your diary

COWLEY FETE

SUNDAY 20th MAY

2pm - 5 pm

Kick-start your summer at this fun-filled Village Fete in a beautiful setting!

More details to follow Next Month

### Thank You

To everyone who supported the recent Snowdrop Walk in Perrott's Brook which raised the magnificent sum of £300. Special thanks to John & Lyn for their generous hospitality.

All money raised will go towards projects for the benefit of patients of Rendcomb Surgery.

Pauline Farman (Rendcomb Patients' Support Group)

### Keys Lost & Found

A big thank you to whoever picked up lost keys in the village recently, & thoughtfully handed them in to our community police officer. We are pleased & relieved to have them returned.

A grateful neighbour.