
ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

Hello again,

I read 'In Flanders Fields' this evening and a few lines in it hit me like a bolt, a great reminder to stop sweating the small stuff, to try harder to take time to soak in the privilege of having a house in Elkstone & all the wonders that brings...

'Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved & were loved, & now we lie in Flanders fields'

We are blessed with our sunrises & sunsets, I will remember that on the 11th, I wish you all a nitid November.

Laure, editor@elkstonevillage.com Deadline For Next Newsletter, 20th November

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Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday

Waste & Recycling All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 2nd, 16th & 19th November

Indoor Bowls Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493

Diary Dates

Celebrations at Deer Park	Bubbs Hill	6.30pm	11 th November
Human Poppy	Cirencester	2pm	11 th November
Film Club	Village Hall	7pm	15 th November
Colesbourne Floral Demo	Colesbourne Park	11am	15 th November
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	8pm	21 st November
Green Dragon Christmas Meal	Green Dragon	7pm	10 th December

SERVICES October 2018 in St John's, Elkstone

4 th	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
11 th	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev'd Andrew Braddock
18 th	11am	Morning Worship	Rev'd David Minns
25 th	11am	Shared Service at Rendcomb	

We Remember 1918 by Creating a Human Poppy

Enlist to honour & say thank you to those who gave their lives 1914 - 1918 by creating a human poppy in Cirencester, 2pm, Sunday 11th November 2018.

You can be part of it, sign up by contacting Jane Thorn, Clerk to the Parish Council, email: elkstonepc@gmail.com or Cirencester Community Development Trust email: ccdtltd@cirencester.gov.uk or Tel: 01285 644244.

Jane Thorn

Celebrate The End Of World War 1 at Deer Park, Bubbs Hill

Bonfire lighting at 6.30pm, November 11th

Sadly, due to some maintenance work that must be done on the zip wire, this will not be part of the celebrations as we had hoped. You are still however welcome to join us at the bonfire, drinks & cakes will be available, there will be readings & the Guide Singing Circle will lead about four songs. Parking is at Deer Park.

Anne Davies (Management Committee) 01242 870 516



News From The Trust

Thank you to you all who joined in our Walk for Wards in Cirencester Park. Over 100 people took part including many staff, Henry Trinder of Gloucestershire Rugby & Lord Bathurst who are patrons of our hospital charity. In another fundraising event our CEO Deborah Lee, & Chair of the Trust Peter Lachecki were two of 68 people who spent a night sleeping under the stars to raise money to help those sleeping rough in Gloucester to access food, warmth & shelter during winter.

The trust is currently being inspected by Care & Quality Commission inspectors & they will do several unannounced visits over the next month to assess how well the trust is run in respects of patient care & leadership. The previous inspection was shortly after I was first elected, & the conclusion was that we 'needed improvement'. We will not know the results of this inspection for some time but what is encouraging is that so far their comments have been very positive in respect of our staff being engaged, caring, & proud of their work, leaders at every level being visible & empowering, & the trust approach to quality improvement as being 'as good as they have ever seen'. This is a powerful reflection of our 'Journey to Outstanding' to which everyone involved in the trust is committed. As a governor I see this at every level from interactions with the board to wards on walkabouts. The contrast between when I first became a governor & now is amazing, but we are all well aware there is still a way to go before we reach 'outstanding' & I am very grateful & privileged to represent you on this journey. For any of you who read the news about a waste disposal firm not correctly disposing of human body parts I am sure that you will be as pleased as I was to hear that our trust did not use them.

Anne Davies

Elkstone Film & Supper Evening, Thursday 15th November - Elkstone Village Hall
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society is set in 1946, & features Lily James as free-spirited writer Juliet Ashton, who forms a life-changing bond with this eccentric group & decides to write about the book club they formed during the occupation of Guernsey during WWII. This film is from the producers of The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, & with an all-star British cast, comes a compelling romantic drama with an intriguing mystery at its heart.

The film will be preceded by a meat-loaf 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 letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone please, by 6pm on Monday 12th November; film-only attendance is £5.00 each, pay at the door.

Regards, hope to see you there.

Jeremy & Anne 870516

Harvest in Elkstone

Saturday evening saw 42 friends & neighbours sitting down together to a bounteous meal celebrating Harvest time in Elkstone. Another year of hard work for our farming community, our surrounding fields bringing in a successful harvest - be it different to last year, due to the hot summer.

It was a noisy & happy evening where we learnt about the charity Send a Cow from Simon Trapnell. The charity provides skills, seeds, livestock & materials to communities in Africa who live in circumstances where life is very difficult, but where knowledge & food are empowering, particularly in one of the poorest countries - Burundi.

We have been able to send a wonderful amount of £450, adding another quarter with Gift Aid makes it up to about £562, which is sufficient for 40 keyhole gardens at £14 for families, 18 bags of vegetable seeds at £30 for farmers or 4 bicycles at £135 for trained peer farmers to get around & train their fellow farmers.

Thank you, all of you for your generosity.

On Sunday in the Church we celebrated God's love for us with His Harvest. Beautiful flowers & vegetables gracefully adorned the church filling it with fragrance & colour.

All of the fresh vegetables & fruits have been taken to the Family Haven in Gloucester where the food is cooked on site with the help of families who also find themselves in difficult circumstances, where friendships & trust are being rebuilt.

All of the tins, packets & non-perishables have been taken to the Cirencester Food Bank ready for distribution to members of our local communities in need of extra help.

Thank you for contributions in whatever way this weekend. Our influence will spill further than we dream.

Elkstone Parish Church

Recycle4Charity

Please use the free-post envelope to post off any used inkjet print cartridges. This is a new venture we have introduced at the church as it raises £1 on most inkjet cartridges for our church funds. The envelope will take 2 cartridges & there is absolutely no need to give them any of your details. Funds are automatically transferred to the Church's bank account. I have a supply of envelopes if you need more.

Inside the Church Vestry there is a Recycle4Charity cardboard box to pop more in, if like me you find a draw full. Please note they do not accept Laser Cartridges.

Carole, Elkstone Parish Church

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

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.

Further information from; Brian & Jennie Howlett 870462



The poster features a decorative border with a red ribbon and a gold bell at the top. The text is centered and reads: 'Flowers for Christmas Demonstration by Helen Whitbread, Colesbourne Park, A435, Thursday, 15 November 2018'. Below the text is a photograph of a large, round floral arrangement in a dark blue pot. The bottom section of the poster lists the schedule: '11.00 am Coffee', '11.30 am Demonstration', and 'Special floral materials for sale'. It also includes ticket information: 'Tickets £10.00 available from Colesbourne Filling Station or call 01242 870262 for more details.' and 'In aid of Colesbourne Church.' The bottom of the poster is decorated with a red ribbon and a gold bell.

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