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# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

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Editor's Bumbings...

Hello,

Thank you for all your lovely communications from the last newsletter, it confirmed my impressions of Elkstone being a wonderfully warm & friendly village.

Winter blew in with some force this month, helpfully eliminating the need to hand pick the apples from the trees! As the daylight grows shorter & the temperature drops, let's look forward to a nurturing November, especially from Mother Nature.

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

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## Regular Dates

Waste & Recycling	Food & Garden Waste – Every Friday
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Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Trevor - 870246

## Diary Dates

Elkstone Supper & Film Club	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Village Hall AGM	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Charlton Kings Choral Society	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Green Dragon Christmas Meal	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

## **SERVICES for November 2017 in St John's, Elkstone**

5 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Morning Praise	Rev'd Geoffrey Cox
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 am	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	Canon Andrew Braddock
			from the Cathedral by special request
19 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Arthur Champion
26 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Songs of Praise	Jennie Howlett
29 <sup>th</sup>		Combined Benefice Service	

**Our Carol Service will be on Dec 17th and a special Nativity with donkeys will take place at 3 pm. on Christmas Eve**

**Elkstone Film Nights & Supper Evening, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Elkstone Village Hall**  
Our November film is, Hidden Figures, based on 1960's true events at NASA as the USA struggled to match the achievements of the Soviet regime in space development. This is the story of how Project Mercury astronauts Alan Shephard, Gus Grissom & Jon Glenn made a triumphant first entry into space orbit, thanks to the effort of hundreds of unheralded NASA workers, "computers" as they were called, who did the calculations for their orbital trajectories.

The film is based on a 2016 book by Margot Lee Shetterly & celebrates the contributions of some of those workers, namely Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson & Dorothy Vaughan. Against the prevailing prejudices of the time, these three Afro-American women earned their way into the elite mathematical & programming teams, whose work was crucial to the mission.

The film will be preceded by a Chicken & Rice Supper, starting at 7pm, the film starts at 8pm. The cost for Supper & Film is £10 each.

Please put marked envelope through the letterbox at Manor Farm Cottage, Elkstone by 6pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Film only £5 each, pay on arrival.

Jeremy & Anne 870516

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

Our traditional annual celebration at the local hostelry has been booked for Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 for 7.30pm, in the party room. There is space for everyone - villagers, friends & guests. Let me know if you would like to join us by November 30th along with your menu choices. These can be found on [www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk](http://www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk) & I have several paper copies available.

3 courses are £23 With gratuity £25

2 courses are £18 With gratuity £20

Add coffee @£2

We always have a lovely evening together with no food shopping, preparation or washing up!

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## **HARVEST IN ELKSTONE 2017**

We celebrated Harvest Festival in a beautifully decorated Elkstone church on Sunday 1st October in a delightful way: five pairs of people took up gifts, including soil & corn, appropriately given by two local farmers, to be presented to Rev'd David Minns who accepted & blessed them.

Harvest hymns were sung & appropriate readings read by members of the congregation. Gifts of food were also given on the day, then taken to the Food Bank in Cirencester. All the lovely fruit & vegetables were collected the next morning by members of the Magic Bean Company. They were given coffee & then allowed to help themselves from the adorned window cills & porch. This was great treat for them as they all have learning difficulties & were taking the produce back to cook a communal lunch.

The next day I was invited to join them for another special meal using the veges, apples & eggs from Harvest. The collection is to be given to The Gloucestershire Farming Friends after the Harvest Supper which will be on 21st October in the village hall. We always send our gifts in alternate years to a local charity or one overseas. This year our chosen charity is very local, started 25 years ago by Malcolm Whittaker of Syde, who understands the stresses some farmers are under & who need our support.

So from one service we are able to GIVE in 3 different ways. Many thanks for all who came & partook in our happy service.

**Our Remembrance Day service will be lead by Canon Andrew Braddock from the Cathedral & we are planning a return of the donkeys on Christmas eve!**

### **Annual General Meeting of the Elkstone Village Hall Committee**

The meeting will begin at the Hall at 8 pm on Thursday 23rd November, & all from the village are welcome to attend. Proceedings will be followed by pre-seasonal "Punch & Munch".

Jeremy - Chair, Elkstone Village Hall

### **Charlton Kings Choral Society Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm**

Charlton Kings Choral Society, joined by Helen Wright (soprano), Melvin Brown (baritone), Readers from St Edwards School & the Regency Sinfonia Orchestra will be giving a concert in Pittville Pump Room Cheltenham on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Conducted by John Wright the programme will include The First Nowell, a nativity play, with music by R Vaughan Williams, this full version with spoken dialogue as well as choral work is rarely heard. Also included will be Christmas music by Buxtehude & Corelli & instrumental works.

Tickets £15 (concessions £10) can be obtained from Anne Davies, Manor Farm Cottage or from Cheltenham Town Hall Box Office.

## **News from the Trust.**

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me in the recent elections for the post of Public Governor to represent the Cotswolds on The Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS foundation Trust. My first year was challenging & a steep learning curve & I look forward to representing you for the next three years. My role, as well as overseeing the work of the Non-Exec Directors is to ensure that your voices are heard in relation to our hospitals so please keep your comments coming. Whilst I am unable to follow up individual concerns I can, if a pattern emerges, try to ensure that it comes to the attention of the board.

Whilst bad news about the NHS continues to dominate the news I would like to share with you some positives from the Trust. Firstly, in respect of A & E performance there is an upward trend towards meeting the national standard but days such as one in September when we saw 470 patients, against a usual average of 370. do impact heavily. Secondly at the AGM members heard of the fabulous work done by our staff which has resulted in a 36% reduction in deaths following fractured neck of femur, equivalent to saving 20 lives per year.

Finally, I was privileged recently to attend the Trusts Annual Staffs Award. I can only say that whilst I have been aware of the wonderful working of our staff & the huge effort that they give to every aspect of their work for me this evening showed the real feeling of 'family' within the trust. The huge success of the evening impacted on both those who attended & on staff morale. The evening was very kindly funded by sponsors & such was the impact on them that one has doubled their pledge for next year. You can see more about this, evening, and our award winners on the trust website.

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(Stop Press Announcement for Web Edition - apologies for its omission in the printed edition)

## **Elkstone Parish Council Meeting - November**

There will be a meeting of Elkstone Parish Council on Wednesday November 15th, starting at 8:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Jane Thorn - Parish Clerk