

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Lois and I are back from a brief Autumn holiday in Dorset - fabulous tree colours everywhere we went. The cottage where we stayed, though on a little white road according to the OS map, turned out to be on a rat-run, with vehicles rushing through at well over the 30mph limit indicated, even though there were traffic calming and road narrowing in operation. Perhaps our problems with the 3/190 are not so unique?  
*Reg – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016*

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Diary Dates	
Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 16th November - Village Hall - 8.00pm	
Film Evening with optional supper – Village Hall – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November - 7.00/8.00pm	
Village Hall AGM and Festive Refreshments - Thursday 1st December - 7.30pm	
Rendcomb Surgery Support Group Coffee morning+cake sale, Winstone - 10.00am Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	
Christmas Meal – The Green Dragon - Friday 16th December – 7.00pm for 7.30pm	
Carol Singing – Church view - Wednesday 21st December – 6.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste and recycling	Food + garden waste – Every Friday
Waste and recycling	All bags, bins + boxes — Fridays 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18th
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>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</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

November 6th	- Morning Prayer	- 10.00am	- Rev Nigel Scotland
November 13th	- Remembrance Service	- 10.45am	- Rev Andrew Braddock
November 20th	- Holy Communion	- 11.00am	- Rev Janet Williams
November 27th	- Advent Songs of Praise	- 10.09am	- Rev Paul Youde

*David Pierce*

## Remembrance Service – 13<sup>th</sup> November 10.45 am

This year has seen the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. There have been many other battles and wars since then, and there are still wars and conflicts taking place. This is easy to forget with the freedom in which we live in this country. Elkstone Church will be holding a traditional Remembrance Service on 13 November at 10.45am to give thanks and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for the freedom we now enjoy. The collection from the service will be given to The Royal British Legion.

Please note the **date for the next Parish Council meeting**

- Wednesday 16th November - Village Hall - 8.00pm – thankyou!

*Jane Thorn*

### **Harvest Festival Follow-Up**

Donations of fresh produce to our Harvest Festival were taken to the Family Haven, Gloucester, who send their sincere thanks. They will be using some of the food provided to make hot lunches for the children and parents on a daily basis, and some will go into food parcels for their most desperate families. Grateful thanks, too, to those who donated non-perishable foods for the Cirencester Food bank, and funds for the Nchima Trust Project in Malawi.

At our Harvest Festival we gave thanks not only for the harvests of our fields and gardens, but also for the many people whose gifts enrich our life here in Elkstone. It was good to see fine weather in the days after our celebration, enabling the last of the linseed harvest to be gathered.

*Janet*

### **Elkstone Supper and Movie Night**

#### **Thursday 24th November - Hunt for the Wilderpeople**

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 Moussaka-based 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 21st November please; Film only £5.00 paid at the door.

*Jeremy and Anne – 870516*

### **For Sale**

A four-drawer beech filing cabinet in excellent condition £75.00

135 H x 50 W x 65 D.

Must collect from an Elkstone location

*Tony Haynes* - Please use dialling code in full – 01242 512331 or 07740 835656

### **Letter to the Editor**

Dear Reg,

My partner and I live in the village (next to where Margaret lived), and I must say it's a lonelier place without her here.

I wonder if it may be possible to ask the following in the newsletter?

Bryan and I run a horse rescue, taking in mostly smaller ponies that were destined for slaughter. We rehabilitate and eventually rehome them. We currently rent land in Duntisbourne Rouse, but would love to own a few acres of our own. If anyone in the village has a little field they would be willing to sell, it would be lovely to hear from them.

*Claire Nash*

### **Looking ahead to December...**

#### **Thought for Christmas**

How about sending your local Christmas greetings through the December Newsletter?

Please post your greeting words through our post-box with a small donation for MacMillan Nurses, **by 20<sup>th</sup> November**. I will put them in the December issue of the Newsletter.

*Reg – Editor* – High Beech, on the right before the High Cross crossroads.

#### **Christmas Gifts - Buying online and giving to the Church**

As Christmas approaches we think about buying presents. Have you thought that if you buy online you can also make a gift to the Church at no additional cost to you?

All you have to do is register with The Giving Machine website, and select a charity(ies) you want to support. St John the Evangelist, Elkstone is one of the registered charities with the site. Then if you go to the retailer's website through The Giving Machine website, the retailer will pass a percentage of what you spend back to the charity of your choice. Some of the retailers registered are Amazon, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis and House of Fraser. You can use this method to give to a charity of your choice through out the year. For example if you buy rail tickets via The Trainline website they will make a donation.

### **Village Hall AGM and Festive Refreshments - 7.30 pm Thursday 1st December**

As many people as possible are warmly invited to review reports on last year's activities and discuss ideas for next year, be they improvements to the facilities, Open Day ideas and of course, if you are not already a user, how to best make use of Gigaclear super fast broadband. We will have a demonstration set up for anyone who is interested.

There is also the matter of electing Officers to serve on next year's committee and so please get in touch with Marion Cooch on 870244 to indicate your interest.

The meeting will be followed by festive refreshments, which will provided by your committee  
*Jeremy – 870516*

### **Rendcomb Patients' Support Group Grand Christmas Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, Winstone Village Hall, 10.00am – 12.00noon, Saturday, 3rd December**

Cake stall - Raffle

Tea/Coffee and Mince pies

Fancy Goods and cards

Festive Decorations.

A change to meet and chat and support YOUR local Surgery

See you there!

(Donations for all stalls greatly appreciated, please contact Surgery)

*Pauline Farman*

### **Christmas Meal at The Green Dragon, Friday 16th December**

The Function Room has been booked for Friday 16th December. Please join us for a celebratory dinner at 7.00 for 7.30pm. The menu is on their website [www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk](http://www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk) and I have paper copies as well. If we pay £24.00 for 3 courses and £19.00 for 2 courses this will allow for a tip. Coffee will be available at £2.00.

Last year around 40 of us from the village and friends from further afield enjoyed a lovely meal, beautiful decorations and scintillating conversation together with a surprise visit from Chedworth Silver Band. Everyone is very welcome.

Further information from me

*Jennie - 870462 - [ejenniehowlett@gmail.com](mailto:ejenniehowlett@gmail.com)*

### **Carol Singing 2016**

When? Wednesday 21st December

What time? 6pm for mulled wine/soft drinks and nibbles

Where? Church View

(Please wear warm clothing and bring a torch. Carol hymn sheets will be provided.)

After a brief practise we'll start our tour around the village about 7pm, hopefully arriving at the Village Hall in time for further refreshments and entertainment.

If anyone has a party piece they are keen to share with an audience this is your chance - may be a poem, a story, a song, a short drama, a magician's trick.....

Any assistance at the Village Hall would be very welcome. Please let me know if you can help.

As in previous years we will not be collecting money.

We just enjoy the tradition of singing Christmas carols among friends.

You will be given a very warm welcome.

*Jennie Howlett - 870462*

## Refuse & Recycling Collections

*Week commencing Monday 19 December 2016:*

Normal collection day	New revised collection day
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*

## Village And Community Agent

### Surviving Winter

Gloucestershire Community Foundation

For anyone who would like to donate their Winter Fuel Payment this year to support the campaign, all donations are welcome.

The money is used in a number of ways, supporting homeless shelters, including providing warmth packs and blankets, boiler repairs, funding Meals on Wheels and lunch clubs, providing winter food parcels helping people pay their energy bills and better insulate their homes. All donations are welcome, you do not have to be in receipt of a Winter Fuel payment to donate. The campaign began as a vehicle for generous pensioners to “recycle” their Winter Fuel payments and has now developed into a giving portal for any one who wants to support vulnerable people survive the winter.

The Gloucestershire Community Foundation has excellent local reach and is the ideal vehicle to identify the right donation to people in need.

This was an appeal by Catherine Kevis. DMS, MSc for the GCF

For details of how you can donate go to the website:

<http://gloucestershirecf.org.uk/how-to-give/donate>

For those people who have contacted me about the Travel Assistance Cards - I am still waiting to receive them From Stagecoach Travel, I have a feeling it could be a long wait!!

*Cynthia Laird - [cynthia@villageagent.grcc.org.uk](mailto:cynthia@villageagent.grcc.org.uk) - 07776245780*

## Another letter to the Editor

### Refuse Bins

Dear Reg,

As is usual on a Friday morning I've just been to collect our green wheelie bin. I opened the lid and discovered that someone had taken it upon himself or herself to dump their food waste on top of our green and food waste. To make matters worse the person could not be bothered to put the food waste into bags - our bin was scattered with unwrapped vegetable peelings, cereals, uncooked pasta and raw meat wrapped up in soggy newspaper. As a result of this the bin men did not empty our bin

As a consequence of this we have had to empty our green bin and pack up someone else's food waste in bags and dispose of them.

*Disgruntled Villager*

