

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER

Editor's Bumbings...

This has come out a bit earlier than normal as a little reminder of the late Joyce Haslam's sealed bid auction starting on Sat 24th October, all proceeds go towards The Village Hall & St.Johns, so a great opportunity to support these & get a beautiful piece of art in return. I wanted to wish Anne Davies a huge congratulations for her re election as governor, her news this month is very relevant & reassuring to us all living through this Covid conundrum. Take good care of each other & I hope the beauty of Elkstone in Autumn helps you take a bit of a breather from the never-ending doom & gloom on the news.

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

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Regular Dates			
Waste & Recycling	Food Waste – Every Tuesday		
Waste & Recycling	All Bags, Bins & Boxes – 3 rd & 17 th November		
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall – Ronnie – 870493	Postponed	
Art Club	Every Thursday 9am - Village Hall - Penny - 03330 119663	Postponed	
Relaxation Sessions	Village Hall TBA – info@alisonfernandes.co.uk		
Village Zoom Chat	First Thursday of each month, 7 pm; to join the group, send request by text to 07931-124165		
Diary Dates			
Sealed Bid Auction	Village Hall	24 th October	9.30am 10 – 4pm
Sealed Bid Auction	Village Hall	25 th October	9.30am 10 – 4pm
Village Zoom Chat	Zoom Call	5 th November	7pm
Parish Council Meeting	Remote on Zoom	18 th November	8pm

Services November 2020 At St John's Elkstone

8th 10:45 Service of Remembrance
15th 11:00 Morning Prayers

Rev'd Arthur Champion
Mark Venn

Alistair Macfarlane

14 year old boy, Alistair Macfarlane, looking for babysitting & other paid opportunities locally. He's an excellent sportsman & enjoys helping younger ones with their skills so happy to spend time having a kick/throw around. He's also good at small manual tasks if you need some additional help in the garden or moving things around.

Please contact his mother Sian Macfarlane johnandmog@aol.com if you are interested? Thank you.

News From The Trust

Firstly, thank you to all who voted for me in the recent elections, I am delighted to have been re-elected to continue representing you for the next three years. The results were announced at the Annual Members Meeting which was held virtually via YouTube. The meeting was informative as well as amazing & emotional, particularly when one of our nurses talked about her own COVID illness. In a short video staff talked passionately & proudly about what they have achieved over the past year & we also heard that trust finished the financial year with a small surplus.

The new COVID surge is in every news headline, so it is reassuring to see that we are now well prepared to cope. Gloucestershire remains in a positive place with currently 37.5 cases per 100,000 cf. the national average of 137 relative to other areas. The higher levels remain at present in the 15-24 years age group, but evidence shows rates are increasing in the 25-59 age group. I was personally horrified to go into a small NISA Local & find five young people, all without masks, in the shop. We must all somehow get the importance of protection across to those who do not seem to care, please help with this in any way you can.

The progress the Trust has made in electronic/digital working is producing benefits for staff & patients alike. Staff are working from home where possible which is particularly important when there is great pressure on them. Patients are appreciating virtual appointments free from the risk of coronavirus, & the stress of driving & parking charges. This also helps with our climate change agenda. The provision of a Covid virtual ward makes it possible for up to 500 patients at a time to be managed at home, under the care of their GP. Their oxygen levels are monitored &, if this indicates deterioration despite the absence of any visible signs of deterioration, they can be admitted to hospital sooner than might otherwise be the case. It is hoped this will improve overall outcomes & reduce the number of patients who require admission to critical care services

The temporary changes to the hospitals whereby Cheltenham became a COVID free site, & the focus on recovery & re-establishment of services paused or reduced during the pandemic are showing positive results. More patients are accepting appointments now they feel more confident. Planned activity levels are increasing particularly with respect to elective surgical activity at about 87% of that at a similar time last year. We are one of the strongest

performers regionally & nationally for diagnostic recovery at 85% of previous activity levels for CT & MRI imaging. We are also meeting a 97% target for 2week wait cancer referrals. Other things to celebrate are that out of the Trust's four nominees shortlisted in this year's National Patient Experience Awards #PENNA, two were winners. Jean Tucker as National PALS Manager of The Year & nurse Shona Duffy for her work on developing guidelines for the care of our patients who are homeless. The Trust has also appointed an Admiral Nurse who will be based across both hospitals working with, & offering help & support, to patients with dementia & their families. This is unusual because Admiral nurses are normally community based.

Finally, our next virtual youth meeting will be held on October 30th at 10.30am. Please encourage young people to join us; it is their Trust too & we need their voices to be heard & for them, if they wish, to play their part in practical ways.

To get an invitation contact anne.rarity@nhs.net.
Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor.)



Elkstone Village Hall Committee and Elkstone Parish Church Council
invite you to the Sealed Bid Auction of

Artworks by Joyce Haslam



There are 35 paintings kindly donated by Ann Carruthers.

**The proceeds of the auction will be shared between
Elkstone Village Hall and St John the Evangelist Church.**

**The auction will take place at Elkstone Village Hall
on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 10am to 4pm
(Please wear a face covering)**

**You will also be able to view the paintings and place your bids at
elkstonevillage.com from 18th October.**

The successful bidders will be informed on the evening of 25th October.