

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



November can seem a dismal month, when it's hard to see beyond the winter that lies ahead. But it need not be. Excuse the pun, but there's inspiration and more cheer to be found if we take a leaf out of the way gardeners view the last month of autumn. "...the planning of next year's beds and borders must be one of the most agreeable occupations in the gardener's calendar. This should make October and November particularly pleasant months, for we may begin to clear our borders, to cut down those sodden and untidy stalks, to dig up and increase our plans, and to move them to new positions where they will show up to greater effect. People who are not gardeners always say that the bare beds of winter are uninteresting; gardeners know better and take even a certain pleasure in the neatness of the newly dug, bare, brown earth." (Vita Sackville-West)

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Deadline for next newsletter: 20th November 2021

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Regular Village Hall Activities

Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.30pm	Ronnie Bury – 870493 or Martyn Wylie – 870441
Art Club	Every Thursday, 9am-1pm	Penny Casewell – 03330 119663

Other Dates for your Diary

Cuppa and Chinwag	Swallows, Thursday 4 th November, 7pm-8pm	Graham Hopkins – 07931 124165
MF(E)RA General Meeting	Village Hall, Monday 8 th November, 7pm	Graham Hopkins - mfera.1989@gmail.com
Elkstone Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall, Wednesday 17 th November, 8pm	Jane Thorn – elkstonepc@gmail.com
Film and Supper Evening	Village Hall, Thursday 18 th November, 7pm	Jeremy and Anne Davies – 870516
Elkstone Village Hall Committee AGM	Village Hall, Thursday 25 th November, 8pm	Jeremy Davies - 870516

Waste & Recycling

Waste & Recycling	Food Waste	Every Tuesday
Waste & Recycling	All bags, bins, and boxes	Tuesday 2 nd , 16 th , and 30 th November

Elkstone Parish Church Services

Service times this month are as follows:

Sunday 7th November – 11am Morning Worship with Mark Venn

Sunday 14th November – 10.45am A service of Remembrance with Martin Green

Sunday 21st November – 11am Holy Communion with Mark Venn

For more information: <https://www.churnvalley.org.uk/calendar/>

Cuppa and Chinwag

Our thanks to Stuart and Jean Pearson for their hospitality at an enjoyable October meet-up. The next Cuppa and Chinwag will take place courtesy of Ann and Nic Williamson at their home, Swallows (south end of the village and through the arch), on Thursday 4th November at 7pm. All are welcome although, as always, please let us know if you plan to attend so they know how many to expect. Light refreshment will be provided.

Graham Hopkins – 07931 124165

Film and Supper Evening at Elkstone Village Hall

Our second film this season will take place on Thursday 18th November and is a great suspense thriller featuring Sir Ian McKellen and Dame Helen Mirren, two British greats of screen and stage. This is their first roles opposite each other.

Career con artist Roy Courtney (McKellen) can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish (Mirren) online. As Betty opens her home and life to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her, turning what should be a cut-and-dry swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life. McKellen expertly switches between Roy's doddering persona and his sinister true self with ease. Mirren is similarly nuanced, imbuing the ostensibly naïve Betty with an underlying edge that makes it clear that there's more to Betty than meets the eye, and there's no sign of the plot unfolding until the very end.

The film will be preceded by a paprika chicken supper starting at 7:00pm. The film starts at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10.00 each for Film + Supper, pre-payment in a marked envelope please through the letterbox of Manor Farm Cottage Elkstone, by 6:00pm on Monday 15th November. Film-only attendance is £5.00 each, pay at the door.

Jeremy & Anne Davies – 01242 870516

Elkstone Village Hall Committee AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee will begin at 8pm on Thursday 25th November at the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible. This is your opportunity to express your views about the use and running of the Hall, and of course to elect officers for the year to come. After the meeting there will be the usual "Punch and Munch" social gathering.

Jeremy Davies, Chair, Elkstone Village Hall Committee - 01242 870516

Elkstone Christmas Meal at The Green Dragon

There has been a great response to our get together in The Lower Bar on Thursday 9th December at 7pm. The event was posted on the What's App Group for Elkstone Village a couple of weeks ago. If you would like to join us, please get in touch with me using the contact details below.

The menu and pricing are on their website: green-dragon-inn.co.uk and I have paper copies if needed. I am proposing that the cost is £30 to include a tip. Please let me know your menu choices by the end of November as well as payment for the event. This can either be in cash, by cheques payable to E. J. Howlett or by BACS.

After so many months apart, it will be good to celebrate Christmas together.

Jennie Howlett - 01242 870462 Email: ejenniehowlett@gmail.com.

From the Parish Council: Proposal for an Electrical Vehicle charging point at Elkstone Village Hall

Elkstone Parish Council is considering a proposal to seek funding towards installing an Electric Vehicle charging point in the village for use by residents and visitors.

Before a bid is submitted, an appropriate location to site the charger needs to be agreed. The Parish Council believe the best location might be adjacent to the village hall, possibly in the village hall car park. Clearly this idea needs the support of the Village Hall Committee and they have asked that the matter is discussed at their forthcoming AGM on Thursday 25th November and have kindly added an item to the agenda.

If you have any views on the matter, please let the Clerk know before Monday 15th November, or alternatively come to the Village Hall Committee AGM on Thursday 25th November to join the discussion.

Thank you.

Jane Thorn, Clerk to Elkstone Parish Council. Email: elkstonepc@gmail.com

News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

This month starts with good news. The Finance team at Gloucestershire Hospitals has won the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) Southwest Finance Team of the Year 2021 award. In addition, working alongside the finance teams of our Integrated Care partners Gloucestershire Health and Care Foundation Trusts Finance Team and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups, Finance Team Gloucestershire ICS won the Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award for their success with Countywide Networking between our Finance teams!

The trust was one of the first in the country to declare a climate emergency and much is being done to reduce the carbon footprint. Gloucestershire Managed Services (a co-owned company) has secured £13.7 million to carry out a range of environmental projects which will be spread across several developments from heating, lighting, solar panels, and energy efficient measures. Currently new solar panels are being installed that will offset 25 tons of CO₂ per year and provide enough renewable energy to power the equivalent of 113 homes.

An exciting day for me this month was that as the result of much work in the Mental Health Working group on which I sit, alongside 'Patients of Experience', a lovely mural was installed in a room in the emergency department which is for patients who come with mental health issues. This room has been transformed into a comfortable room where patients can relax, reflect, be safe and feel cared for.

Anne Davies (Public Governor for Cotswolds, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) -
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The Month of November Quiz

Short and sweet this month. Answers at the bottom of the page. Good luck!

1. Who was the ringleader of the gunpowder plot? a) Guy Fawkes b) Robert Catesby c) Thomas Percy d) Anthony Babington
2. One of the most popular board games ever devised was launched by Parker Brothers in 1935. What is it called?
3. What event is commemorated on 11th November in Britain, Australia, Canada, and USA? a) the end of the Korean War b) The end of World War II c) Signing of the Armistice to end World War I d) the beginning of World War I
4. "November" is the only month used in which alphabet?
5. Which group had a hit with "November Rain"?

Quiz answers: 1. b) Robert Catesby; 2. Monopoly; 3 c) Signing of the Armistice to end World War I; 4. The phonetic alphabet; 5. Guns N' Roses