

# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



The history of any village is marked by times of joy and at other times of sadness and sorrow. We feel these moments because, in the words of Joanne Harris (best known for her novel *Chocolat*), “It isn’t just a village. The houses aren’t just places to live. Everything belongs to everybody. Everyone belongs to everyone else. Even a single person can make a difference”. That is the wonder of village community.

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Deadline for next newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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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

## Waste & Recycling

Waste & Recycling	Food Waste	Every Tuesday
	All bags, bins, and boxes	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> September

## Elkstone Parish Church Services

Service times this month are as follows:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 11am **Morning Worship** with the Revd Dr Janet Anderson-Mackenzie.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 10am **Morning Worship** with Ruth Edy.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 11am **Holy Communion** with the Helen Caine.

## **News from the Parish Council: designated funds**

As part of the forthcoming A417 road improvement scheme, funds have been designated by National Highways for various local projects that aim to enhance biodiversity, and to give support to any local communities affected by road changes and to reduce carbon emissions. For example, there is a budget for the construction of new stone walls, and another parish has applied for funding to modernise their village hall.

Our parish now has the opportunity to submit potential projects for consideration by National Highways, and to this end Elkstone Parish Council is seeking ideas for such projects that might enhance our village and community life. If you have an idea, please feel free to communicate it to a member of the parish council or via the newsletter editor's email address before the end of this month.

We cannot promise to include it in our submission as it may not meet the submission criteria, but clearly the more minds brought to the subject the better.

Thank you.

*David Collins*

## **Another funding opportunity – Crowdfund Cotswold**

Cotswold District Council is inviting local communities to 'Create a project' on Spacehive, its online Crowdfund Cotswold initiative. Has anyone got an idea for an Elkstone project?

Local residents and groups with an idea to improve their community can leverage the Crowdfund Cotswold, a digital crowdfunding platform, to raise funds from the local community, business and partner organisations.

The Council has allocated a total of £110,000 to the programme, with up to £10,000 available per idea to boost projects towards their funding target. The deadline for the next funding round is 14 September 2022. For more information, visit the website <https://www.spacehive.com/create>

## **Marion Cooch**

It's with deep sadness we share the news that Marion Cooch has died. She passed away peacefully on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August with her husband Michael and her children Emma and Robin at her bedside in Gloucester hospital. This followed an emergency operation which she unfortunately did not recover from.

Marion moved to the village in 1986 and over the years has been a much-loved neighbour in the community. She was a member of the local book club, WI, the Village Hall Committee, local knitting group, a guru ice-cream seller at the annual Open Gardens Day, and deliverer of our newsletters.

Marion loved all the beautiful walks in and around Elkstone and very much felt and appreciated being part of the village. She had many close friends in the village, who I am sure will miss her greatly as Marion would have missed them. Elkstone was very much her home.

A memorial service will be held in Elkstone Church at 2pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September followed by a wake starting immediately thereafter at Elkstone Village Hall (plus overflow marquee).

If numbers are high, it may not be possible to fit everyone into the Church, which has a maximum capacity of 100, but everyone is welcome outside.

*The Cooch Family*

## **19th-23<sup>rd</sup> September road closure**

Please note that Bubb's Hill, the road between The Green Dragon Inn, Cockleford and High Cross crossroads, Elkstone, will be closed between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for Gigaclear to carry out repairs.

The good news is that this should ease the traffic through the village during rush hours that week!

*David Kearney*

## **Jesse Smith Food Hall**

Some of you may have already paid a visit. A Jesse Smith Food Hall with butchery counter has just opened down the road at Elkstone Studios small business park. Alongside, a KNEAD Bakery eatery has also opened, offering cakes, bread and patisseries similar to their bakery in Cirencester.

## **News from Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

A governor role includes overseeing the working of, and if necessary, questioning the non-execs. After the recent CQC rating of inadequate for the maternity department, and knowing that many improvements had been put into place after the Ockendon report, we asked for a special meeting. It was explained that the problems related to staff shortages, and especially midwives whose special role in the health service cannot be filled by other staff. Measures taken to help with this problem include the temporary deferment of mandatory training. Whilst this situation is far from ideal, we were assured that patient safety remains at the forefront of all. Much of the guidance by the CQC has been implemented, and the rest will be addressed as swiftly as possible. In a bizarre contradiction to the CQC report, a recent NHS satisfaction survey rated Gloucester as the best place to have a baby!

Other good news this month includes:

- GHNHSFT recorded our best ever results in the recent Cancer Experience survey, with an overall rating of 9.1 out of 10 compared to an average 8.9 nationally.
- A new group of junior doctors has joined the trust, and the total of 248 is the largest number of new trainees that we've ever had.
- A new Care for the Elderly ward has been opened, designed to help elderly patients with complex needs to be as independent as possible.
- The emergency department at GRH has been shortlisted for a Patient Experience Network (PEN) National Award.

- A mandatory learning module for staff around Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) has been introduced and, as a member of the EDI steering group, I am particularly pleased to see the recognition now being given to hidden disabilities.

Anne Davies (Public-Elected Governor Cotswolds, GHNHSFT) - Email: [anne.davies11@nhs.net](mailto:anne.davies11@nhs.net)

## Read, Connect, Discover with Gloucestershire Libraries

Our names are Lauren & Laura and we work for the **Ask Us Reference and Enquiry Service**, part of Gloucestershire Libraries.

We wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about the service we offer, as it may be of interest to local residents in Elkstone.

One of our roles within the Library service is to help customers find the information that they require, with a particular focus on assisting those who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use technology. We can look up a telephone number, postal address or find local community information such as social groups and societies in the enquirers local area, and provide them with the answer via their preferred means either phone, email, letter and we also receive referrals through all of our branch libraries.

We can locate online forms and print and post them out which is a very valuable service to our customers, particularly when a lot of information can still only be found online. We are also in contact with Adult Education, Gloucestershire Employment and Skills Hub, Gloucestershire Trading Standards, The GEM Project and many others and are able to provide information and signposting regarding these services.

We aim to provide a free, fast, information service, our aim is to respond to an enquiry within three to five working days but frequently we can provide the information a customer needs immediately or same-day. From quick questions to in-depth research, customers can ask any question and we can either answer the enquiry, help them get started with research or refer them to the most relevant agency or person to help with the query.

The Ask Us service is available to anyone who lives works or studies in Gloucestershire or lives in a county adjacent to Gloucestershire.

### **Our top 10 enquiries include but are not limited to:**

- 1) Consumer advice from *Which?* Gloucestershire Libraries subscribes to *Which?* and we can provide consumer information from this.
- 2) Telephone numbers and addresses for any business/authority in the UK and abroad. We also help provide contact details from BT.
- 3) Local information including groups, societies, education, local business details, information about Volunteering in Gloucestershire.
- 4) Library Services Information including information about library groups and events, Innovation Labs, opening times etc.

- 5) Company reports and targeted mailing lists for your marketing needs via our database Fame. Ideal for start-up businesses wanting to investigate the local market and spread the word about their business.
- 6) Government Information and Legislation including contact details for MPs and parliamentary groups, specific Government Acts and policies, forms for Government services..
- 7) Business Information: how to start a business, signposting to Gloucestershire Growth Hub, and Start and Grow Enterprise
- 8) Local and Family History help with tracing a relative, assistance with family tree searches, local history questions.
- 9) Virtual Reference Library including assistance with using the VRL resources.
- 10) The Arts, including local and national museums and events, artists.

*Lauren Higgins and Laura Johns.*

*Ask Us: Business and Reference Information Service Officers, Libraries and Information, Gloucestershire County Council Tel: 01452 426991 or email: ask@gloucestershire.gov.uk*

## September Quiz

1. Which of the following countries has its Independence Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September?
  - a. Canada
  - b. The United States
  - c. Mexico
2. Taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939, which historical event marked the beginning of World War II?
  - a. Austrian archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated.
  - b. Germany invaded Poland.
  - c. Soviet Union bombarded France.
3. On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666, approximately what percentage of buildings in London were destroyed by the Great Fire of London?
  - a. 30 per cent
  - b. 50 per cent
  - c. 80 per cent
4. Which well-known singer was born on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1981?
  - a. Beyoncé
  - b. Taylor Swift
  - c. Nicki Minaj
5. Which big tech company was founded on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1998 in Menlo Park, California, by Sergey Brin and Larry Page?
  - a. Amazon
  - b. Google
  - c. Facebook
6. Which Grand Slam tennis tournament typically takes place for two weeks from August to September?
  - a. Australian Open
  - b. French Open

- c. US Open
- 7. Which international organisation was founded on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1960 in Baghdad, Iraq?
  - a. Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
  - b. North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
  - c. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 8. Which Apple product was first released on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007?
  - a. iTunes
  - b. iPod
  - c. iPad
- 9. Which company received a patent for the first roll-film hand camera on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1888?
  - a. Canon
  - b. Nikon
  - c. Kodak
- 10. Which Prime Minister exclaimed on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1938, "I believe it is peace for our time"?
  - a. Winston Churchill
  - b. Stanley Baldwin
  - c. Neville Chamberlain

**Quiz answers:** 1. Mexico 2. Germany invaded Poland 3. 80 per cent 4. Beyoncé 5. Google 6. US Open 7. Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) 8. iPod 9. iPod 10. Neville Chamberlain