

# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Hello Everyone

September looks to be a busy month, back to school, National Heritage Weekend over the 9/10<sup>th</sup> September, a local Cycling Race and lovely walks. I think we are all aware of the days growing shorter but still enjoying the late summer colours in our gardens. Hopefully Charlton Hill will be re-opening very soon and we can celebrate the hard work that has been going on around the village and join together with a Harvest Supper and a Harvest Service.

Lots of information is on our village website [www.elkstonevillage.com](http://www.elkstonevillage.com)

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**Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 September 2023**

## Features

- 9 September. Touring Cycle Race
- 9 September. Ride and Stride Walk
- 13 September. Parish Council Meeting. Elkstone Village Hall
- 30 September. 7pm Harvest Supper in Elkstone Village Hall
- 1<sup>st</sup> October. 11am Harvest Service, Elkstone church

## 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
Yoga	Every Monday, 10.15 – 11.15am	Emma Lowther – 07967 215569

## Other dates for your diary

<b>Waste &amp; Recycling</b>	Recycling boxes, recycling bags, refuse and garden waste	Tuesday 5 September Tuesday 19 September
	Food Caddy	Every Tuesday in September

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## Elkstone Parish Church Services

Sunday 3 September – 11am Family Service

Sunday 10 September – 10am Morning Worship

Sunday 17 September – 11am Holy Communion

Saturday 24 September – 11.00am Service at Rendcomb Church

**Note for your Diary. Harvest Festival. Sunday 1 October at 11am**

## Harvest Supper in Elkstone Village Hall 7pm Saturday 30 September



This has always been a happy and favourite event of our Village Year, and it returns after a 4 year absence.

As in previous years please let Carole know if you would like to come and if you intend to bring a cottage/shepherds pie, or a fruit crumble. Meat, vegetarian, gluten free, etc all gladly accepted. Vegetables and custard and cream will be provided.

There will be the Wonderful Cheese Board which we have always enjoyed from Sylvie.

Bring your own liquid refreshments.

There will be no ticket price, but we ask you to consider generously donating to the South Western Air Ambulance Charity which any one of us might need one day. We will bring information on the evening and provide the opportunity to donate.

## South Western Ambulance Charity

The Trust is responsible for deploying six air ambulances which are operational 365 days a year. They are able to respond to serious injury or illness, or to patients where access by road is not possible.

Air ambulances fly at speeds in excess of two miles every minute.

Air ambulance Critical Care Teams can travel at speed to patients suffering an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. They perform interventions on scene that would usually only be done in an Emergency Department - bringing the care forward to where it's needed the most, whether that's on the roadside, at places of work or inside homes. They offer advanced life support and can continue the care while transferring the patient to the best hospital for their needs.

Even though one of the Trust's 4x4 vehicles is often more suitable for patients with minor injuries, an air ambulance can be considered if the 4x4 is unable to reach the patient.

The Paramedics working on the air ambulances frequently encounter critically ill or injured patients. The clinical scope of practice of the aircrew is continually developing to further ensure they can support us with critically ill or injured patients.

Elkstone Parish Church.

Please contact Carole with your offers of food. [carolebury@hotmail.com](mailto:carolebury@hotmail.com)

## Harvest Service

Sunday 1 October. 11am

St John the Evangelist Church, Elkstone

Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to donate any non-perishable items which will be taken to Cirencester Food Bank, please leave donations in the Church. Or bring your donations on the Sunday, to be taken up to the Altar during the service and later taken to the Cirencester Food Bank.



## **Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. GHCT**

Ride and Stride 9 September

Elkstone Church has gratefully received grants over the years from the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. This has included funds for our EcoLoo and more recently, contributing to the Restoration of the Six Bells in 2020.

Elkstone Church will be open – as usual – and refreshments will be available all day for any walkers or riders on Saturday 9 September.

Carole and Ronnie will be walking one of Rev Arthur Champion's walks from his book, 'Short Walks in the Churn Valley'. If you would like to join us we will be meeting at North Cerney Parish Church at 10.00am on Saturday 9 September. Parking can be on the road near the Village Hall.

This is a circular walk going through the village of North Cerney towards Calmsden. It loops back through Rendcomb and along the Macmillan Way into Woodmancote and gently downhill again. It is mostly on tarmac roads which makes for easy walking. We will be able to visit the two churches of North Cerney and Rendcomb. Any donations to the Trust are split 50/50 to Elkstone Church and to the GHCT. The walk is about 5 miles.

Sylvie will also be taking any donations for the Trust. She will spend the day wax polishing all the Jacobean woodwork and other beautiful furniture. Welcoming visitors to the Church. Please contact us for further details.

Carole and Ronnie

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## **Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall**

13th September. Commencing at 7.30pm

Belinda Holder. Clerk to Elkstone Parish Council

## **Lindy Price**

An invitation has been offered to the village from Lindy Price's family to attend her Memorial Service at Deerhurst Church.

This will be on Saturday 14 October at 2.30pm.

Dear Lindy died in June 2020 and her funeral was very small as we were under Covid-19 restrictions at the time. She is buried in the churchyard in Deerhurst where she was born and grew up.

Please RSVP to Richard Austen

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## Are you struggling with damp and mould in your home?

Our Research and Campaigns team have been gathering evidence about the problem as we have seen a significant increase in the number of people coming to us about it.

There are many types of damp, the most common ones being rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)) there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

It is important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated to prevent damp and mould – you may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home.

If you are a tenant it can be difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible - check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure.

If you cannot access the website or need further help after looking at it, you can contact us on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our local website ([www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk)).

## Tour of Britain Saturday 9 September

The Cycling Tour of Britain stage seven route will start in Tewkesbury and finish alongside the historic Gloucester Docks on Saturday 9 September.

This stage – the first full day of racing in Gloucestershire in race history – was originally scheduled to feature in the 2022 Tour of Britain, but was cancelled following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The medieval market town of Tewkesbury will host the stage start, before over 100 of the world's best riders head through Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire to a thrilling finale into the cathedral city of Gloucester.

With the start and finish locations separated by a little over 10 miles, fans will easily be able to attend both on race day, which will further add to the atmosphere at this free-to-watch sporting spectacle.

**\*\* Locally the time for Andoversford is 12.07pm arriving in Cirencester at 12.42pm. \*\***

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-august-2023/road-closures-as-tour-of-britain-races-through-gloucestershire/>

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-seven/>

## **News from the Trust**

This last month has been especially challenging for the trust because, amid all the strikes, it is the school holidays which makes life even more tricky for those staff with young children and for those with holidays planned. Many professions are stepping into the breach and the teamwork is inspiring. It is vital however that the staff look after themselves as well and to help with this the trust is offering subsidised meals. Throughout all the operational focus is patient safety and ensuring good flow through the hospital.

In contrast to the doom and gloom I want to share the results this month following upon the immense generosity shown by so many people. Our charity team have raised £600,000 for a new state of the art CT Gamma Scanner which will provide world class imaging, improving diagnosis and providing faster treatment of babies, people with cancer and neurological conditions. A donation made by a patient to thank staff for exceptional care and kindness has enabled the funding of a 'Sara Stedy' a transfer aid for ward 6A, (a neurology ward), which will help moving from a seated position to standing or from a bed to a chair and will increase mobility. Thanks to donations and Gloucestershire Kidney Patients Association a new specialist dialysis bike has been funded. Exercise during dialysis can boost oxygen levels, muscle strength, mental health and sleep and help increase fitness levels. Nominations are being invited for the annual The Richards Family Bursary. This annual bursary, given by the family in memory of Mr and Mrs Richards, supports nursing training and assists exceptional candidates with their nursing studies.

Last month fifty charity runners took part in the Running Festival at Cheltenham Racecourse and so far, nearly £12,000 pounds has been raised for the trust. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, in Bathurst Park Cirencester you can take part in a 3km or 10km charity walk to help raise funds through The Walk for Wards event. You can choose to fundraise for the ward or department of your choice, choose to support the Big Plus Fund to transform the hospital environment, or simply support the charity wherever the need is greatest. Entry is free, refreshments will be available on the day, as well as an activity trail for families! To sign up please visit the event registration page on the Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals charity website.

Finally, having originally been conceived in 2016, the new Acute Medical unit (AMU) at GRH opened this month. This marks a new chapter in care for acute patients and, once fully completed will be a 40 bedded ward enabling patients to be cared for under one roof. The environment, which has been greatly improved will support enhanced patient and staff experience.

Anne Davies (Public Elected Governor)