

# Elkstone Newsletter

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## Editor's Bit

Some villagers and friends of Elkstone have enquired about having their copy of the Newsletter delivered by email. It is available from the Village Web Site and it will continue to be delivered to letter-boxes, but if you want me to send it by email please let me know by email and we will see how it goes.

The next issue is the December/Christmas issue and I wondered if we wanted to send Christmas greetings to Villagers by having a page made up of your greetings to all?

*Reg (22-10-10)*

Features	
Hello and Welcome Church Services at Elkstone Church View Open House ERG Walk Village Hall AGM	Nature Notes PCSO Notes Village Hall Committee Advertisements Christmas Messages
Dates for your Diary	
5 <sup>th</sup> November – Coberley Primary School – BBQ and Bonfire Party – from 5.00pm	
10 <sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council Meeting – Elkstone Village Hall – 8.00pm	
20 <sup>th</sup> November – ERG Walk – Fostons Ash – 9.45am	
4 <sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre – Coberley Primary School	
8 <sup>th</sup> December – Village Hall AGM – Village Hall – 8.00pm	
Regular Dates	
Waste & recycling	Food and garden waste - Fridays
Waste & recycling	All bags, bins and boxes – Fridays 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>
Watercolour Painting	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - 10am – <i>Yvette Levick 870485</i>
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday - Village Hall - <i>Bernard Alder 870255</i>
Deadline for October Edition: <b>Saturday 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>	
<b><i>Reg Eyre – High Beech – 870375 – <a href="mailto:reg.eyre@tesco.net">reg.eyre@tesco.net</a></i></b>	

## Hello and Welcome

Welcome to Elkstone. We hope you will become active members of our community.

Dolls House - Glen Kolin  
Peacock Cottage - Sarah Giani  
19 Elkstone - Samantha, Matthew and son Hamish

## Services at Elkstone Church

7th November 9.30 am Holy Communion  
14th November 10.45 am Remembrance Service  
21st November 11.00 am Morning Prayer  
28th November 10.00 am Advent Sunday Songs of Praise  
4th November - A visiting team will ring the bells between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m.  
*Sylvie*

### **Open House at Church View**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 6pm and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 12 noon to 6pm

I will be holding Open House at Church View on the dates above. You are very welcome to choose from a wide selection of UNICEF cards, wrapping paper, calendars, books and gifts – making a purchase will make a difference to children in the many areas of the world where UNICEF has a presence.

*Jennie Howlett – 01242 870462 for further details*

### **Erg Walk Saturday 20th November 2010**

This walk goes through Workman's Woods – once known as the Ebworth Estate, near Sheepscombe and said to be the best beechwood in Europe(!). We meet at the Fostons Ash pub at 9.45 (B4070 Birdlip - Stroud road as it forks towards The Camp and Bisley). We begin through fields in Whiteway then through fields and woods towards Sheepscombe. There is one awkward stile and one steep descent - the subsequent ascent being gradual. Total distance 4.5 miles. The Foston's Ash pub was recently refurbished and serves high quality meals, triple decker sandwiches and good coffee – please park at the far end of the car park.

*Joan and Robin - 01452 412120*

### **Village Hall 'Punch & Munch' AGM - December 8, 2010**

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 8:00pm Please note **change of date**.

It has been a year of concern for our Village Hall and momentous changes for the Hall and the services it provides to the Parish.

Come and join us for a brief meeting, where we can discuss a generous gift to the Hall's Charitable Foundation and how we will be taking full advantage of this gift. The future of Parish Social Events will no doubt feature in the discussion and our concern.

Afterwards, there will be an informal time with each other, with 'Punch & Munch' provided by your Committee.

*Village Hall Committee: Martyn – 870441 - Ronnie 493 - Ken 479, Jeremy 516 - Nic - 556*

### **News from our PCSOs**

Please can we raise your awareness in relation to suspicious activity in the area particularly in relation to barns, outbuildings in more isolated locations. There has been an increase recently in reported crime within the Rural North Community which your Parish falls within.

Please be aware of your home security and that of all your outbuildings. Over the last 10 days there have been reports of burglaries in both dwellings and non dwellings in Birdlip, Winstone and Cowley.

For further advice do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Regards

*Andrea Shutt - 0845 090 1234*

[andrea.shutt@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:andrea.shutt@gloucestershire.police.uk)

## Nature Notes

This month snakes seem to have come to my notice. A farmer with a forklift was moving a manure heap when he realized he had snakes in his heap. Not wishing to hurt or disturb them, he tipped his load near a hedge where he thought they would be safe. When he looked again they were busy crawling back to the original heap. Can snakes feel homesick? Not long afterwards a snake was in the porch of a local church and was transferred in a dustpan to another place. Not only homesick but fond of Harvest Festival Produce?

All these were grass snakes. Adders are sometimes seen on the steep field along Cockleford Lane in Spring sunning themselves on ant heaps and other warm places. There are so many things we don't know about wild creatures.

*Jessie*

## Advertisements

Friends of Coberley School Present  
**BBQ and Bonfire Party**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
**at Coberley Primary School**  
**from 5.00pm**  
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soup  
Refreshments Available  
***GLOW Sticks***

Tickets available from the School Office or by phoning on : 01242 870366

Adults £2.50 (£3.00 on the night)  
Children £1.50 (£2.00 on the night)  
Family £7.00 (£8.00 on the night)

*No Sparklers or Fireworks to be brought in please.*



*Christmas Fayre*  
*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December*  
*11am - 2pm*  
*at Coberley Primary School*

### *Traditional Christmas Market*

*Take a stroll along our traditional Christmas Market with a wonderful selection of beautiful hand made and locally produced crafts, jewellery, gifts, soaps, tasty treats and much more.. all at amazing prices !*

*Bring your family & friends and join us for all the festive fun and enjoy lunch in our Christmas Café*

**For more information contact School Office : 01242 870366**

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## **Christmas Messages**

Last year some parishioners chose to place a short Christmas message in December's newsletter and give a donation, instead of giving Christmas cards to fellow parishioners. In the past we have thus raised valuable funds for Winston's Wish, 'Send a Cow to Africa', and saved trees in the process. This year, if you would like to put a Christmas message in the December newsletter, please let me have your message and a donation (no minimum or maximum) by 20th November in order that we have time to get our messages in print.

I am proposing that we adopt the Macmillan charity for this year.

If you would like to take part this year, please put into our post box your donation with a note saying who it's from; you can include with it your message, or email your message to me separately; either way I'll put it in the newsletter for December.

*Editor Reg – High Beech*

*"Highwayman Inn"*  
**PRE-CHRISTMAS MENU for PARTIES 2010**



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**Lightly Curried Parsnip Soup**  
**Smoked Salmon & Smoked Trout Pate**  
with horseradish mayonnaise & Melba toast  
**Roasted Vegetable & Goats Cheese Crostini**  
with rocket salad & pesto  
**Local Game Terrine**  
with cranberry compote with granary toast

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**Roast Turkey with chestnut stuffing, chipolata,  
roast potatoes, vegetables & roast gravy**  
**Fillet of Trout with a lemon & herb butter sauce**  
**new potatoes & fresh vegetables**  
**Forest Mushroom Risotto & Parmesan & Garlic Bread**  
**Beef & Ale Casserole with grain mustard mash & vegetables**

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**The Highwayman's Christmas Pudding with Rum Sauce**  
**Blackcurrant Cheesecake**  
**Chocolate Torte**  
**Vanilla Crème Brulee**  
***£18.95 per person***

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**01285 821221**

**Friends – The Next Generation!**

The Newsletter has had a communication from “Jack the Giant Slayer” (aka June Baker) inviting all Parishioners to a 2010 Pantomime for Childish Grown-ups

**West Side Panto**

9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at The Playhouse in Cheltenham

She hopes to see many of you there.

*Editor i/c external communications*