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## **Historical Elkstone**

The Domesday Book (1086) recognised Elkstone as a community having two Manors. It is thought that the name was derived from the Saxon Ealac who lived in the area, 'stone' meaning 'home', or as some historians believe, from 'Ealac's Stone' which may be the curious pagan stone against the wall in the church vestry. Certainly, the church dates from about 1160 AD and the porch is 14<sup>th</sup> century.

## **Present Day Elkstone**

Today Elkstone is an attractive Cotswold village surrounded by fields and wooded countryside. The 12<sup>th</sup> century church has Norman architecture which is widely admired. There is also an old school which now serves as a village hall. Most of the houses are situated along the road leading from the crossroads on the hill to the vicinity of the hall and at the far end of the village near the church. The remaining houses are scattered in the areas of Combend, Cockleford, High Cross, Highgate and Beech Pike. Information can be found on the parish website: <https://elkstoneparish.gov.uk/>

## **St. John the Evangelist Church**

*Benefice Minister: Vacancy*

*All enquiries to Hannah the Benefice Administrator at [beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com)*

Our church is part of the Churn Valley benefice. This consist of 8 Parishes and 9 churches and lies along the upper reaches of the River Churn which rises at Seven Springs near Coberley, just South of Cheltenham. Flowing from the Cotswold Edge towards Stratton, one mile north of Cirencester, it continues onwards onto the Thames Valley plain.

Located in the heart of the Cotswold Hills, a designated National Landscape, Churn Valley is sparsely populated with villages nestled beside the river and caring communities within.

Morning Worship is at 11:00 am on every first Sunday of the month.

Holy Communion is at 11:00am on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Please see <https://www.churnvalley.org.uk/> for the calendar of the benefice services.

There is also a monthly newsletter that you can subscribe to on the website.

People of all denominations are very welcome at any service. There is variety in the type of service held – Morning Prayer, Family Service, Holy Communion, Songs of Praise and seasonal services.

## **The Village Hall**

The Village Hall Charitable Trust states that its purpose is 'for the use of meetings, lectures, classes and other forms of leisure-time activities with the object of

improving the condition of life for the inhabitants of the Parish of Elkstone and its neighbourhood’.

A Management Committee, which is elected annually, is responsible for the upkeep and preservation of the hall and supervision of lettings. It also facilitates activities organised by others. The hall is available for parties and other functions at moderate prices and bookings can be made through the Elkstone website.

*Committee members (who are also the Trustees):*

<i>Chairman:</i>	<i>Kevin Chalis</i>	<i>07712002109</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Martyn Wylie</i>	<i>870441</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Jeremy Davies</i>	<i>870516</i>
<i>Operations Manager:</i>	<i>Penny Casewell</i>	<i>07775941876</i>
<i>Asset Manager:</i>	<i>Barbara Luck</i>	<i>870483</i>

### **The Parish Council**

Elkstone is fortunate in being allowed to have its own Parish Council which is an elected statutory body sharing in the Local Government Administration at village level. Officers are:

*Matt Hobbs – Chairman*  
*David Collins*  
*David Kearney*  
*Barbara Luck*  
*Eric Magnuson*

Please see contact details on the parish website

### **Facilities and Shopping**

The nearest main shopping areas are:

Cheltenham      7 miles approximately  
Cirencester      8 miles approximately  
Gloucester      10 miles approximately

There is a general store/post office, at Colesbourne Garage on the A435.

There is also a general store at The Centurian Petrol Station on the A417.

The Green Dragon Inn in Cockleford now has a shop as well as a bar and restaurant.

There are several shops at Charlton Kings: about a mile this side of Cheltenham.

### **Milk**

Milk and More – Deliveries 6-8 am approx. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Check for details on their website: <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/>

### **School Buses**

Coberley Primary School 8.24 am at the Village Hall.

Kingshill and Deer Park 8 am at the crossroads near the Manor Cross. (Please check with schools in case of change).

### **Nearest Garages**

Centurion – two miles. Turn left onto A417 towards Cirencester – garage on left about one mile.

Petrol also available at Colesbourne – on A435 towards Cirencester.

### **Doctors**

Rendcomb Surgery: Dr. Ian Davies, Dr. Clare Henderson, Dr. Nicki Holmes,  
Dr T. Wakeford and Dr. S Barden

Tel. 01285 831257. For appointments.

Take A435 towards Cirencester, turn left to Rendcomb, surgery 1<sup>st</sup> on right.

Please see information booklet obtainable at surgery for more details. Website for appointments etc: <https://rendcombsurgery.co.uk/>

### **Public Houses**

The Green Dragon towards A435 which includes a shop. The shop supplies the daily essentials of bread, butter, eggs, meat, milk, fruit and vegetables.

The Highwayman towards A417

The Colesbourne Inn on the A435

### **Elkstone Studios**

Elkstone Studios is a collection of lifestyle, retail and workspaces located towards the A417. A former farmyard reimaged as a lively destination, with a food hall, café, wellness studios, offices, padel and a gym, plus seasonal events for all ages.

### **Radio Gloucestershire**

For up-to-date local information tune to 95.8/104.7FM and 1413AM

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Village WhatsApp**

To become a member of this group contact Jenny Hopkins on 506408.

### **Village Newsletter**

Published each month and contains much local news and information on village activities. Contact: editor@elkstoneparish.gov.uk

### **Elkstone Website**

Our website <https://elkstoneparish.gov.uk/> gives comprehensive information about the village, highlights what's new and even includes good local tradesmen.

## **GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club**

Every Tuesday in the village hall from 7.30 pm until approximately 9.30 pm.

Contacts: Ronnie Bury 870493

Martyn Wylie 870441

### **Art Club**

Every Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm

Contact: Penny Casewell 07775 941876

### **Yoga**

Every Monday 10.00am to 11.00am

Contact: Emma Lowther 07967 215569

### **Open Gardens**

In addition to the general attractiveness of Elkstone Village there are many interesting and well-kept gardens. For over 33 years we have opened our gardens and welcomed visitors to come and see our village. There are various stalls and arts and crafts are also displayed. The proceeds are divided equally between the Church and the Village Hall.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

Church Services are always held to celebrate Christmas, together with village carol singing and a social gathering.

## **Refuse and Recycling**

Collections take place every Thursday morning starting 7.30 am. Please leave the variety of bins and bags at the end of your driveway. Please visit CDC website: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling> for information.

**Weekly:** Black caddy also for food waste.

**Fortnightly:** Black wheelie bin or alternative sack (landfill), blue bag for cardboard, white sack for cans and recycled plastic containers, and black box for glass and paper. Green wheelie bin for garden waste (licence required from CDC, see web address above).

## **Postal Services**

Deliveries: 10.30am approx. Mon - Sat.

Collections:

From the post box outside the church at 4.30pm Mon - Fri

From the post box on the Village Green at 9.00am Mon – Fri and at 9.00am Sat.

Post Offices are at Colesbourne Garage, Rendcomb shop, both on A435 towards Cirencester. There is another on Lyefield Road towards Cheltenham at Charlton Kings.

## **Buses**

There is a bus service, number 882 to Cirencester and Gloucester which stops at the bus shelter. <https://bustimes.org/services/882-gloucester-cirencester>.

Elkstone to Cirencester – 10:26 arrives in Cirencester 10:51 (Mon-Fri)

Elkstone to Gloucester – 13:57 arrives in Gloucester 14:31 (Mon-Fri)

