

# ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Just in case you haven't remembered, (is that possible?) it is the Open Gardens Day on Sunday 28th. One of the frequent comments from visitors is how friendly everyone is and how welcoming. That is so important. Because we live in one, we may not always be aware of the (largely unfounded) reputation of Cotswold villages for snobbishness and degrees of superiority. Fortunately, I hope that we help to dispel that conception by the warmth extended to those who come for the afternoon. So, however frazzled we may be beforehand, however many roses we may have deadheaded or how many cakes we may have baked - take a deep breath, relax and smile. Our visitors need us so they can enjoy their afternoon! Have a great day!

**Barbara and Kevin**

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Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 June 2026

<b>Regular Village Hall Activities</b>		
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.30pm	Ronnie Bury – 870493 or Martyn Wylie – 870441
Art Club	Every Thursday, 9am - 1pm	Penny Casewell – 07775 941876
Yoga	Every Monday, 10.00 – 11.00am	Emma Lowther – 07967 215569

<b>Other dates for your diary</b>		
<b>Waste &amp; Recycling</b>	Recycling boxes, recycling bags, refuse, food caddy and garden waste.	Friday 12 June Friday 29 June
	Food Caddy only	Friday 5 June Friday 19 June

## Elkstone Church Services in June

Sunday 7 June	11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 14 June	11.00am	Benefice Service at Elkstone
Sunday 21 June	11.00am	Holy Communion

## Churchyard Tidy Up Morning Saturday 6 June 9.30 am to 12.30pm



The Churchyard is a special place in the village.

Did you know that it is a fantastic place for biodiversity, containing a rich collection of species of flowers and grasses? The walls and monuments create habitat for little creatures such as small mammals, reptiles and insects, as well as ferns, mosses and liverworts. And over 100 varieties of lichen can be found demonstrating the good air we have in our Village. The birds are plentiful and can be found feeding and enjoying the quality of the trees and berries. There are also bats.



Can you join us for an hour - (or more!) in the Churchyard from 9.30am on Saturday 6 June 2026 to tidy the ivy from the stone walls and gravestones, pick-up sticks, weed, cut back any untidy bushes and generally help us maintain this place? It will make the churchyard look and feel loved and beautiful in time for our Open Gardens Day on the 28 June.

Robert looks after our Churchyard, and we will follow his advice on how to care and maintain the churchyard to keep it beautiful and accessible to our whole community.



There will be cake and drinks to keep you fuelled, with laughter and chats. If you have gardening gloves, secateurs, general tools, rakes, a wheelbarrow or portable rubbish bag, that would be most helpful, but not necessary. Anytime between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturday 6 June 2026



**Carole and Elkstone Church**

### Open Gardens - 28th June 2026

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help and to those who have agreed to open their gardens (always room for more if you fancy opening yours too!). If anyone else is able to volunteer, please do let the committee know as we're creating a rota for help throughout the afternoon. The main areas for volunteering are the village hall tea rooms and the car park.

We appreciate plant donations for the plant sale too, so if you're still propagating or sowing, please consider doing a couple extra to donate to the event. They can be taken to Springfield House on the weekend of 27th/28th June.

Many thanks for the continued support, as always. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of our village hall and church.

For all matters Open Gardens, please contact one of the Open Gardens committee - Nic Ricketts (07908 982211), Graham Hopkins, David Kearney, David Collins, Kevin Challis, Ronnie Bury, Martyn Wylie, Brian Howlett and Anne Davies.

## Village BBQ

We are holding a village BBQ at the village hall on the evening of Friday 10th July, in lieu of holding one after Open Gardens when everyone is often exhausted, plus it doesn't work well on a Sunday evening for those with young families. We are maintaining the usual format of £5 per head for BBQ food and a contribution of a side dish if you are able. We will update on the village WhatsApp group nearer the time to get an idea of numbers.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council are inviting any one, or two, who feel they may be able to offer to serve on the Parish Council. Attendance at Meetings should be regular and we are also hoping that someone may feel that they could take on the role of Acting Clerk. Unpaid but not too onerous.

Please let David Collins know, or any Parish Councillor will pass on your name if asked. With many thanks.

## Village Hall News

Smaller folding tables have been added to the new table trolley and grateful thanks to David Collins for his expertise in helping to assemble the whole structure!

The car park should now be weed-free (although the area around the tree has been left in case of damage) and the railings have been painted to match the new doors and windows. Our thanks to David Kearney who has offered to paint the fascia, once the birds have finished nesting! That just leaves the new curtains and blinds which are awaiting a quotation.

**Friends of Corinium Museum presents**  
**Ben Miller in conversation**  
**with Dave Musgrove**

Friday 12 June 2026  
6.30pm drinks • 7.00pm Q&A  
Hare Gallery, Corinium Museum  
Tickets: Friends £15 • Non-members £20

**Book at: [www.friendsofcoriniummuseum.org](http://www.friendsofcoriniummuseum.org)**

All proceeds support the conservation of the newly acquired Iron Age Coin Hoard of more than 160 silver Dobunni coins and rare miniature shield and spearhead votives.

Join us for an evening with bestselling author, actor and director Ben Miller, discussing his new thriller **A Very Dangerous Pursuit** with historian and broadcaster Dave Musgrove.

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FRIENDS OF CORINIUM MUSEUM

The Friends of Corinium Museum are hosting a special fundraising evening on June 12th, with actor, comedian and best-selling author Ben Miller as a special guest.

Ben will be discussing his new thriller, *A Very Dangerous Pursuit*, with historian and broadcaster Dave Musgrove in the Hare Gallery at Corinium Museum. Drinks will be available on arrival, from 6.30pm, and the Q&A session will start at 7pm. Ben has kindly agreed to stay afterwards to sign copies of his new novel.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards the conservation and display of the newly acquired Iron Age Coin Hoard and votives.

Ticket cost £20, with discounted tickets of £15 for members of the Friends of Corinium Museum.

Tickets are available from the Friends' website: <https://www.friendsofcoriniummuseum.org>

## Museum raises £13k to acquire rare Iron Age Hoard



Corinium Museum has secured an incredible Iron Age Hoard of more than 160 silver coins, after raising £13,250 for its acquisition.

The hoard also includes exceptionally rare miniature iron and copper-alloy shields and spearheads that would have been ritual offerings known as votives, dated to the late 1<sup>st</sup> century BC. It is the first Iron Age hoard in the museum's collection and was discovered by a metal-detectorist in the post-hole of what would have been a building, near Cirencester. The hoard has been officially declared Treasure under the Treasure Act.



### Nature Notes

Most birds will be finishing their breeding season this month. Already I've watched a Starling parent feeding one offspring whilst four others vie for attention. Mealworms are snatched eagerly and a feeder with five or six suet balls is emptied by mid-day and a large feeder stuffed with suet pellets is finished by late afternoon as birds build up their strength after parenting. So please continue to feed as the birds appreciate the nutrition. Thank you.