

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



What a month!

Will this convince us humans of the grim necessity to take action to halt global warming? And even if we are unaware of the wider world problems, just observing those locally should be enough to make us reflect on our own contribution.

The very important beech woods around Sheepscombe are shedding huge branches as they struggle to survive. Fields are parched and yellow, inevitably resulting in higher food costs as farmers buy in food to keep livestock productive. We have a water shortage. (At a very, very tiny level I'm finding dead moles because the ground is too hard to dig and they are surfacing to find food).

And yet we, as the human race, continue to consume, to demand things 'for us', to fight and to abuse our world.

Would it be possible for all of us to think of ways in which we could alter some of the things we do? For the greater good?

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Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 August 2026

Regular Village Hall Activities		
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.15pm	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

Other dates for your diary		
Waste & Recycling	Recycling boxes, recycling bags, refuse, food caddy and garden waste.	Friday 7 August Friday 21 August
	Food Caddy only	Friday 14 August Friday 28 August

New Service Pattern at Elkstone Church from August 2026

Revd Julian Wilson is reviewing the regular Sunday Service times in the Benefice in order for him to get to every Parish once a month. He is intending to take a Holy Communion Service at each of our Nine Benefice churches.

St John the Evangelist, ELKSTONE

There will now be a 9.30am Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month.

And a Celtic Morning Worship at 11.00am on the third Sunday every month.

We are continuing our link with our friends at Rendcomb Church, and this will be at 11.00am on the first Sunday.

AUGUST SERVICES

2nd August. 11am Rendcomb. Holy Communion

9th August. 9.30am Elkstone. Holy Communion

16th August. 11am Elkstone. Celtic Morning Worship

Notes for the diary

Saturday 12th September. Village Walk.

We will start the walk at Cold Aston, meeting at 9.30am. A walk of about 6.5 miles around the 3 lovely villages and churches of Cold Aston, Turkdean and Notgrove.

More precise information in the next newsletter for accessibility and distance.

The 12 September is the National 'Ride and Stride' event raising money for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. 50% is returned to to Elkstone Church and 50% for the GHCT. The last grants we received from them, contributed to our EcoLoo and the Bells Restoration. Our church remains open for all walkers and cyclists on the 12 September, and they are welcome to help themselves to the Refreshments left out for them.

More information in the next Newsletter.

Sunday 20th September. Harvest Service. 11.00am

This is one of the important services in the year, giving thanks to God for our farming community, the bringing in of successful crop harvests, our gardens producing so much bounty and the rural community we live in. Please join us!

There are plans in progress to hold a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall this autumn. More information in the next Newsletter.

Village Barbeque

It is hoped that the Village Barbeque will become an annual event. It was something of a learning curve this year but, with some considerations, hopefully there will be a degree of 'tweaking' to allow more mixing and mingling, taking on board ideas/requests from villagers.

However, it was a lovely and worthwhile evening.

Government decision on Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced its decision on the future structure of local government in Gloucestershire.

The decision is to create a single unitary council, which will replace existing county, city, district and borough councils on 1 April 2028.



Cotswold District Council is streamlining its waste and recycling service to make it quicker and more convenient for residents.

In a change to the service coming towards the end of the year, residents will no longer need to separate paper and cardboard for collection. Both will be collected in either the blue bag - previously just for card - or into the boxes that had previously just been for paper. Residents will be kept up to date ahead of implementation.

From April 2027, kerbside collections will expand to include plastic bags and wrapping - such as carrier bags, bread bags, cereal liners and detergent pouches - in line with the Government's Simpler Recycling requirements.

To support this move - which increases the ability for residents to recycle more at home - and to align with other councils across Gloucestershire, the Council will begin introducing smaller general waste bins. However, this will be a gradual, long-term change.

Smaller bins will only be issued when an existing bin needs replacing - such as when damaged - or for new properties. Households that need more space will still be able to request a larger bin if they meet the criteria, ensuring the service remains flexible.



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Children's Summer Workshops 2026

Prehistoric Pottery

Tue 21 July, 10.30am-12pm

Making Botanical Prints

Wed 22 July, 10.30am-12pm

Mini Mosaics: Nature Mosaics

Thu 23 July, 10.30am-12pm

Mini Votives

Tue 28 July, 10.30am-12pm

Prehistoric Printing

Thu 30 July, 10.30am-12pm

Prehistoric Painting

Fri 31 July, 10.30am-12pm

Fantastic Fossils

Tue 4 August, 10.30am-12pm

Craft a Prehistoric Axe Head

Wed 5 August, 10.30am-12pm

Drawing the Stone Age

Thu 6 August, 10.30am-12pm

Roman Swords & Shields

Tue 11 August, 10.30am-12pm

I Dig Cake! Edible Archaeology

Wed 12 August, 10.30am-12pm

Mini Roman Mosaics

Thu 13 August, 10.30am-12pm

Viking Runestones

Tue 18 August, 10.30am-12pm

Anglo-Saxon Weaving

Wed 19 August, 10.30am-12pm

Anglo-Saxon Brooches

Tue 25 August, 10.30am-12pm

Mini Iron Age Weaponry

Wed 26 August, 10.30am-12pm

Mythical Mini Mosaics

Thu 27 August, 10.30am-12pm



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Nature Notes

Please put out fresh water for birds and mammals during the hot weather. And feed if you can.