

ELKSTONE NEWSLETTER



Autumn is the ending and the beginning of the year. Slowly drawing to a close, but quietly working underground, rebuilding for the oncoming seasons. The restoration of green-ness has been remarkable in many respects but I'm not sure how the dryness will affect the Autumn Colours. It will be interesting to see whether the rush of gold, russet and orange is prevalent, or whether the trees are too exhausted to do other than quietly drop their leaves.

It has been billed as the 'must-see show of the Millenium'. The Bayeux Tapestry seems remarkable for the fact of its existing for 1,000 years, rather than for its stitching as such, (there are an awful lot of horses and all the 'fun' bits are in the margins). But, so fascinating, that as well as their subversive stitching, the unknown women worked from both sides of the tapestry, one side working upside down and, consequently, not always meeting exactly in the middle. So human, and shows that life hasn't changed that much, has it!

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Deadline for the next newsletter - 20 October 2026

Regular Village Hall Activities		
Indoor Bowls	Every Tuesday, 7.15pm	Ronnie Bury - 870493 Martyn Wylie - 07788 912645
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 2 October Friday 16 October Friday 30 October
	Food Caddy only	Friday 9 October Friday 23 October

Elkstone Church Services in October
 Sunday 11th October at 9.30am. Holy Communion
 Sunday 18th October at 11.00am. Morning Worship

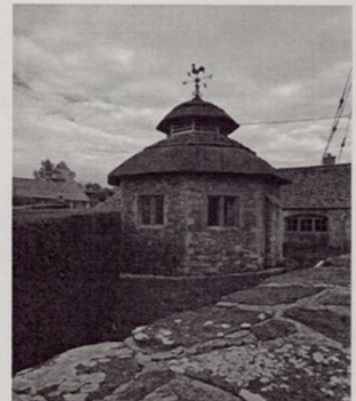
Harvest Service - Sunday 20th September



Today the church looked particularly beautiful, dressed in the finest wild foliage and homegrown flowers, and each windowsill and porch shelf overflowing with wonderful local produce. Tomatoes, garlic, beetroot, squash, gourds, blackberries, grapes, conkers, apples, potatoes. What a setting in autumn sunshine for a peaceful Celtic-style Harvest Festival. Reminding us that we live in a special community, who truly care for one another. God's generosity to us shone through everybody's contribution to each other of friendship. Several bags of food will be taken to the South Cotswolds Food Bank later this week.



We also welcomed a volunteer from Scrubditch Care Farm and enjoyed hearing about how they provide a safe, caring, friendly environment for adults who have learning disabilities and additional needs. They provide opportunities to develop essential life skills with activities such as working with animals, growing vegetables, fruit and flowers and preparing and cooking with fresh produce, and learning basic woodworking skills. Thank you for all contributions, in whatever form given. Elkstone Church



Village Walk

Thirteen of us and one Labrador walked nearly 7 miles around the Gloucestershire villages of Cold Aston, Notgrove and Turkdean. Including a picnic in Turkdean Churchyard on 12th September. A kind letter received from one member of the group said "I just want to thank Elkstone for organising and leading the walk on Saturday. I thoroughly enjoyed the day: it was great to have the opportunity to talk for more than five minutes with people whom I have met, and to talk with people whom I have not met before. The route was wonderful, with some beautiful countryside and amazing views. It was very interesting to visit churches I have never been into before, and which all had something to look at or find out about; what incredibly varied church buildings we have."

We have raised, to date, £185.00 for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, of which £92.50 will come to Elkstone Church. Thank you for all your donations.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-john-the-evangelist-elkstone>

Carole and Ronnie



Bring and Share 'Harvest Supper' in Elkstone Village Hall



7.00pm Saturday 3rd October 2026

This has always been a happy and favourite event of our Village Year, and it returns after a two-year absence. We are now able to enjoy a refurbished village hall. As in previous years, it will be a Bring and Share Supper for all ages. All villagers and their guests are welcome. Please let Penny 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 versions all gladly accepted. Please bring your own liquid refreshments.

There is no ticket price, but a generous contribution towards the wonderful work of our local Scrubditch Care Farm is requested. The Farm is in North Cerney and provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where adults with additional needs can thrive. Weekly groups take place led by their Farm Supervisors, with incredible support from a dedicated staff team and volunteers. Unique opportunities are provided to their students to connect with nature, animals, and community while developing practical skills and confidence. With over 40 students attending throughout the week, the hands-on sessions include a variety of farm tasks such as feeding the animals, checking the sheep, mucking out, clearing the barn, planting seeds in the polytunnel, enjoying woodland walks, or taking part in cookery activities.

<https://www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk>

We will bring information on the evening and provide the opportunity to donate by cash or card.

Please reply to Penny – pennycasewell@gmail.com

Should you like to donate to the Church and Trust, please contact Carole or directly to this link, <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-john-the-evangelist-elkstone>. Elkstone Parish Church

The Bayeux Tapestry



For the first time since it was made nearly 1,000 years ago, the Bayeux Tapestry has returned to England.

Following a historic agreement with France, the 70-metre-long tapestry, depicting events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, is being loaned to the British Museum from September 2026 to July 2027.

If you can't make it to The British Museum, you can experience a full-scale 70-metre reproduction of the Bayeux Tapestry and step inside the world it created, in the extraordinary setting of one of Britain's finest surviving Norman buildings. The exhibition begins with the story told by the Tapestry itself, then takes you on a journey through the Norman Heritage Trail. Discover how the Normans built a new medieval kingdom and reshaped England's landscape, culture and society. Tewkesbury Abbey was founded within decades of the Norman Conquest and is a magnificent representation of the medieval world. (The Bayeux Tapestry and Norman Heritage Trail from 22 October 2026 to 11 July 2027)

Newsletter Update

Kevin has been in hospital in Bristol and will be recovering at home. All good wishes for an excellent convalescence. Sarah and Mary are carrying on with the technical side for the Newsletter, and our very grateful thanks to them both.

Nature Watch

Now the cooler weather has arrived, the seeds for the birds can be re-established. But please keep feeders and drinking water clean to prevent disease.