

# ***THE BRIDGE***

Produced by Elmore Parish Council  
February 2016, Issue SEVEN



**The Elmore Parish Council Website is BACK  
online**

**[www.elmoreparish.co.uk](http://www.elmoreparish.co.uk)**

**In this entirely new website we aim to provide information for the people of Elmore about the work of the Parish Council and our village and community events.**

**Please take a look at the website and use the Menu on the screen to navigate to the features of interest. On the right of the Website homepage you will see ELMORE NEWS. Click on these items to view recent and future events.**

## **From the Editor**

Welcome to this the 7th Edition of **The Bridge**. Despite the enthusiastic response to this relatively new Parish Council Magazine, I do sometimes wonder if anyone reads it (including me); I see now that

at the top the 6th Edition I wrote November 2016 instead of November 2015. No one has mentioned it!

The hot topic in this issue is the failure of BT Open Reach and Fastershire, despite all the hype and promises, to deliver faster broadband to Elmore. Chair of your Parish Council, John Field has something to say about this in **From Your Parish Council**. You will also see a new feature called **From Our MP** in which Neil Carmichael also has something to say about our Broadband. There is now an open conduit between Elmore and Neil which could prove very important in getting our views to our MP.

But there is some lighter content too; Pauline Fisher has written about life at Elmore School; Jennifer Watts has dug up some interesting snippets about Elmore in 1916; and The Island Book Club has brought **The Bridge** its first competition.

Trevor Jones January 2016

## **From Your Parish Council**

### **Automation of Canal Bridges**

The proposed automation of the Gloucester to Sharpness Canal bridges by the Canal and Rivers Trust (C&RT) was reported in the last issue of *The Bridge*. Since then a deputation from the Severn Voice Group of Parishes has been to see the Leader of GCC and the Cabinet Member responsible for this area.

The following concerns were raised:

- lack of traffic surveillance by CCTV;
- priority being given to leisure boat users rather than road traffic;
- lack of parking at every bridge site;
- the need for immediate access by the Emergency Services;
- the need for consideration for effects on the wider community rather than just financial benefit for C&RT;

Although GCC has now promised to follow-up our concerns there is no guarantee that the Canal & Rivers Trust (C&RT) will take heed.

## **Local Elections – May 2016**

There are due to be local elections at both the parish and district levels in May next year and this will include all the Elmore Parish Council seats.

Anyone wishing to stand for election or re-election will be required to file an application with SDC.

If no more than 5 candidates are registered then all will be ‘deemed elected’ on the day of election without any formal votes being cast.

If you know of anyone who is keen to be a Councillor can you please get them to contact either the Clerk or the Chair to brief them on what would be involved.

## **Faster Broadband for Elmore**

Sadly, progress on the new faster broadband link has neither met the BT promises nor the Government’s pledge to provide a minimum of 2Mbps for every household by the end of 2015.

The BT promise to connect Elmore to the Hardwicke Exchange to enable faster broadband by the end of September 2015 slipped to the end of October and then 30 November but that deadline also passed without any action.

In early January the Parish Council received an invitation to attend an event at The Pilot from GCC and Fastershire to celebrate the connection of “Faster Broadband to Elmore, Longney and Epney” via the newly installed microwave link.

This event was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> January and was to be a photo shoot and press conference attended by the good and great of Gloucestershire, including our local MP, Neil Carmichael. However, at this event it transpired that only households in Longney were to be recipients of faster broadband via the newly installed microwave link. Indeed,

several household had, by that date, already received connections in excess of 30 Mbps.

Apparently, BT, Openreach and Fastershire had made a decision some months ago to exclude all households in Elmore from being connected to this new fast broadband link. However, this decision was never conveyed to your Parish Council. Quite the contrary, we were regularly receiving progress reports from both Fastershire and BT about the project and on 14<sup>th</sup> December we received a personal e-mail from Paul Coles, Director of BT's South West Region, informing us that the new Cabinet on our side of the canal was now live and households could place orders for an upgrade.

When Paul Coles was quizzed at the 'celebration event' at The Pilot on 8<sup>th</sup> January as to what BT were now going to do about the long-promised connection, one of the solutions he suggested was that the village club together to purchase the new fibre link which would cost anything up to £56,000.!!

The Government's 'official alternative' for households unable to receive 2Mbps is to apply for a grant of £400 to enable a satellite connection to be made. Of course, this is a one-off payment and households would then be liable for all ongoing costs associated with the contract and download limitations. Even if all 67 households at the top of Elmore (*all households at Elmore Back receive their phone and broadband links via the Minsterworth Exchange*), clubbed together to pool their £400 grants we would only be able to raise £26,800!

We are aware that several households in the village have already explored alternative broadband connections including satellite, Cotswold Wireless and mobile telephone dongles. The success of such systems varies with both the In-Service Provider (ISP) (e.g. Sky & Talk Talk) as well as the location.

This is all really depressing news but we haven't given up the fight. We have already sent an e-mail to all those on the Village database with a copy of the letter sent to BT, our MP, GCC and others concerning our dissatisfaction with the current situation.

If you didn't receive a copy and would like to do so then please contact John Field ([fernhay@btinternet.com](mailto:fernhay@btinternet.com)).

Whatever the outcome of our letter, it is feared that a solution will be some time coming, if ever!

## **Gardening and the Law**

### **Nuisance from smoke and smells.**

Bonfires are one way of getting rid of garden rubbish that can't be composted, but they can also be anti-social. But does burning garden rubbish constitute a nuisance or pose a health hazard to bystanders? If so, how regularly must it occur for there to be a legal solution?

How often can a neighbour light bonfires?

In general, there are no restrictions on when bonfires can be lit in the garden, though some councils do have by-laws which forbid the lighting of fires at stated times.

For bonfires to amount to a nuisance you need to prove that they regularly interfere with the enjoyment of your property and that they are more frequent than an ordinary person might consider reasonable. For instance, if a neighbour regularly has bonfires when you usually sit in your garden or hang out washing, that could be deemed an unreasonable interference. Occasional bonfires, especially with prior warning, are unlikely to constitute a nuisance.

### **To whom can I complain?**

If you are regularly bothered with smoke from neighbours' bonfires, you are entitled to complain to the local Environmental Health Officer (EHO) at Stroud District Council;

(e-mail: [environmental.health@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.health@stroud.gov.uk), Tel: 01453 – 754478).

If the EHO judges the problem to be a statutory nuisance, he/she may serve an abatement notice on the offender. Failure to comply with such a notice could lead to a fine of up to £5,000.

The smoke produced by industry, or fires that burn commercial waste, are strictly limited and different rules apply.

The bottom line is that we should all try to live in harmony with our neighbours. After all, they could keep a watchful eye on your property when you are away and observe the activities of suspicious vehicles.

## **Rubbish and Recycling – Changes during 2016**

It was reported in the last issue of The Bridge that Stroud District Council (SDC) will be changing the way our rubbish and recycling will be collected.

These changes will take place during 2016 and are as follows:

**Garden Waste:** A new optional garden waste collection scheme has already been introduced. If you wish to make use of this new scheme, a new brown 180 litre bin needs to be purchased at a cost of £20 and there is also an annual collection fee of £36. However, all those who do not currently get wheelie Bins emptied because of the narrow roads and use green bags, you will not be able to use the garden waste collection system yet. As this is an optional scheme, you will not be required to purchase a bin if you do not wish to use the system.  
(contacts: [www.gcc.getcomposting.com](http://www.gcc.getcomposting.com) or 0844 571 4464)

**Recycling:** No change from the present system of 2-weekly collections. All bottles, tins, plastic etc are to be placed in the green wheelie bin, except that batteries will no longer be accepted. Paper and cardboard as normal in the green box.

**Rubbish** (previously black bags): A new 140 litre black wheelie bin will be issued to households in September at no cost - but not to those households which use bags in lieu of the green recycling wheelie bin. These households will continue to use black bags for rubbish but will be limited to 3 bags per fortnight. As the new bins will have a maximum capacity of 140 litres, no 'top-hating' or 'side-loading' will be permitted, i.e. no extra bags can be placed on top of, or beside, the black wheelie bins

except at Christmas when 2 extra bags will be permitted. Once the new bins have been delivered, there will be a change to the frequency of collections – these black bins will only be emptied every two weeks instead of weekly.

**Food waste:** A new food collection service is to be introduced from November. A new ‘animal-proof’ bin with a capacity of 23 litres will be issued to every household as well as a smaller 7 litre kitchen caddy. The food bin will be emptied every week.

**Bulk Rubbish:** Previously, SDC collected large items free of charge. There is now a standard charge of £15 for up to 3 items and £5 per item thereafter.

**Collection days:** It is possible that the days on which your rubbish and recycling is collected will change from the current day but you will be notified by SDC if this happens.

### **Summary:**

- Garden waste – collected every 2 weeks. Bin costs £20 with annual charge of £36.
- New contractor (Ubico) takes over from Veolia in July 2016;
- Recycling – collected every 2 weeks;
- New Black wheelie bins distributed – September 2016;
- Rubbish – collected every 2 weeks (new black wheelie bins);
- Food Waste – collected every week – from November 2016.
- Bulk rubbish – a charge of £15 applies.

## **A Day in the Life: Elmore School**

When I was asked to write an article about a typical day at Elmore School I recalled that four generations of my family all attended there from the early 1900s until its closure in 1977.

My grandfather Tom Reynolds with his two brothers Bill and Reg and sisters Nancy and Doris lived at 6 Weir Green and went to Elmore

School until they were about 14 years of age and then went straight to work. Tom and Bill both stayed in the village when they married. Uncle Bill lived at Kenton Green and had one daughter Jean, (later Meek). My Grandfather moved across the Weir Green to Weir House and had two daughters, my mother Joyce and her sister Nancy (Taylor). They also stayed at Elmore School until the age of 14. My parents moved to no. 23 in 1955 when I started school.

There were two teachers, Miss Hilton who cycled from Tuffley every day whatever the weather, and Mrs Griffiths. Miss Hilton was the infants' teacher and taught children from 4 to 7 years in 'the little room'. Mrs Griffiths taught the children from 7 to 11 years in 'the big room'.

A typical day started with the infants filing into 'the big room' for prayers and a hymn played by Mrs Griffiths on the piano which is still used today. We then had to chant our times tables followed by the Catechism. Infants then returned to their classroom where Miss Hilton expertly taught them to read and write and do simple sums.

In Mrs Griffith's class mornings were usually arithmetic and history or geography and afternoons were English. Exercise was taken out in the playground in summer while in the winter we had a BBC education broadcast called 'Music and Movement'. At the side of the school, where the new extension is now, there used to be a garden divided up so that each boy had his own plot. The boy with the best plot received the Gardening Cup. While the boys were gardening the girls did needlework.

We had regular visits from Lady Guise. All the children stood when she entered the room. We were also visited by the district nurse, Nurse Carpenter, who inspected us all for nits. The School attendance officer also made regular visits.

School milk was delivered early each morning long before school started. In summer it was kept in the bell porch to keep as cool as possible as there was no fridge, but in winter very often it had to be put in front of the potbellied stove to thaw the iced milk. School dinners were cooked at the main kitchens in Quedgeley and delivered in heated containers to be served by Janet Phillips.



Every year the mothers held whist drives to raise money for a Christmas party with presents and an outing in the summer, usually Barry Island or Bristol Zoo.

Mrs Griffiths was a very strict teacher and there are a few 'boys' still in the village and Elmore Back who felt the sting of the cane!!

Living as close to school as I did I was often to be seen running down the lane just as the bell was ringing. Towards the end of the 1950's I was joined at school by my cousins Graham, David and Suzanne Taylor. I left in 1961 to go to school in Gloucester, a huge culture shock.

In 1973 my daughter Joanne started Elmore School with the same two teachers as me. Not long after Mrs Griffiths retired and Miss Hilton continued alone for a couple of years but by 1977 numbers had fallen and cuts meant that the school had to close.

Thankfully the building is now well maintained and well used as the Village Hall but still resounds with the sound of children from toddlers to Brownies and Guides.

Pauline Fisher, December 2015

Editorial Note: Where is the Gardening Cup now? Who was the last winner? It would be good to have some reminiscences from some of the boys that took part.

## **1st Elmore Guides**

Before Christmas 1st Elmore Guides raised money for a local hedgehog trust called Wild Hogs. We also went to the Body Shop in Gloucester for a pamper evening and went Tubing at Matson for our Christmas party. All the girls had a great time. We finished our meetings for the year with Christmas crafts and games. This term we are doing our First Aid badge. We are also working on a World Guiding badge for Thinking Day which will help us think about other Guides around the world. This year is also the Senior Section centenary and we are doing the South West Guiding challenge badge to celebrate this. We are all looking forward to trying out the new activities and challenges!

## **Elmore Brownies**

To start the term off we had a joint meeting with Frampton Brownies and played lots of games and made new friends. We have had a beetle drive and did lots of challenges. We have also had a badge night, where the girls chose a badge to work on at home before being tested at the Brownie meeting. Girls did badges such as Science Investigator, Collector, Designer, Artist, Speaker and more! Our older girls are now working on their Guide Go For It! This is the highest badge they can achieve in Brownies.

If your daughter is interested in joining Guides or Brownies please call Catherine (Guides) or Jenny (Brownies) on 01452 722444

## **100 YEARS AGO**

Taken from Revd Percy Prince's Church Magazines of 1916  
by Jennifer Watts, January 2016

During the past month it has been difficult to maintain our congregations at their usual level as the wet weather and bad flooding have put many obstacles in the way of our worshippers. Several have been hindered by the wide stretch of waters; the road from Elmore Back is appearing again; the inhabitants of Stonebench and Weir Cottages had some unpleasant experiences during very high tides.

The Great Gale left its mark on Elmore, several fine elms having been blown down and much damage done in orchards.

The War and Thrift The war is costing the nation five million pounds a day! Possibly some of us could reduce the amount we spend on alcohol, tobacco and amusements.

War and Savings Certificates April 1916.

Open a War Savings Certificate Book. Your money is absolutely safe and if you need it at any time, you can always get it back in full at any money order office.

Every penny you put in a War Savings Account is helping to win the war and to save the lives of our sailors and soldiers.

For each 15/6 your money will grow as follows:-

In 1 year it becomes 15/9

It then grows at 1d a month

In 2 years it becomes 16/9

In 3 years it becomes 17/9

In 4 years it becomes 18/9

In 5 years it becomes £1, an extra 3d being added at the end.

Editor's note. I am grateful to Jennifer for finding these interesting snippets. For those under 50 or so, it might be worth explaining that 15/6 means 15 shillings and 6 pence (77.5p). 1d is one old penny; there were 240 in a pound and 12 in a shilling. Savers were being offered a maximum of 1d (0.416p) per month in interest (only 3d for the whole of the first year)!

## Village Players

Village Players would like to thank everyone who came and supported our latest production of Goody Two Shoes, the pantomime. We hope you all enjoyed the performances and would like to thank you for helping us raise money for our two chosen charities, Chernobyl Children and The Butterfly Project at Dundry Nurseries .

Our next production will be an evening celebrating **the 90 year life of Her Majesty the Queen**, with a meal provided and a pay bar available. Performances commence on **Thursday 7th April and conclude on Saturday 9th April**. Please watch the local notice boards for details on when tickets, which will be priced at **£15.00**, are on sale. This promises to be great evening and we hope you will join us to celebrate Her Majesty's 90 glorious years.

Amy Parkin, Village Players Secretary

## **An Update from Elmore Church**

At Church we are continuing to work towards the installation of toilet facilities. Since the last issue of “The Bridge” we have had confirmation of two further grant offers from organizations outside the village. Our grant offers now amount to £15,960.

This, together with money available from Church funds and from other contributions, means that we have around us approximately £27,000 giving a shortfall of about £10,000. Due to the generosity of a few Elmore Church members I am very happy to report that we have received promises of donations and loans which will enable us to start the project. Fund raising is ongoing to complete the work; we would greatly appreciate any additional donations however small or large.

Meetings have been held in January and the plan is to start the external works in February. During the digging out of the trenches for the mains water supply and the waste disposal system an archaeologist will be in attendance to ensure that any graves and burials are protected and respected. Throughout this project we have had to use the resources of specialist advisers to ensure that we satisfy the regulations required for the protection of our listed building.

The internal work should begin in March and be phased to avoid disturbing the schedule of weddings at the church. We hope that the work will be completed by the middle of the year. More information and reports about our ongoing progress will be available for the next issue of “The Bridge”.

Father Andrew

**Lent and Easter at Elmore Church**



## A Journey Through Lent

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** This year our service is  
at Longney at 9.30am

**On Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Church Service at 9.30am**

We will be welcoming Jane Jenner-Fust of the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust who will present us with a cheque towards our building project

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> is Mothering Sunday**

Our service is at Elmore Church at 9.30am

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week**

Our service with Palm Crosses is at Elmore Church at 9.30am

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday**

Our services on this important day are:

Longney at 9.30am and Elmore at 6.30pm

## The Island Book Club

We would like to run a small **competition** for whoever can find the correct number of titles in this story which was written by Linda Lovell and which contains references to the titles of all the books we have read since we started! There will be a SMALL prize for whoever comes up with the right number of titles.

Once you think you have worked it out, please send the number and your name and address to Clare Stewart,

email: freezerbike@hotmail.com

The winner will be announced in the next edition of The Bridge.

*'One day, in a town like Alice where a thousand splendid suns set, the birthday boys called the Sisters brothers, were playing with Sashenka, the girl with the dragon tattoo. They were drinking cider with Rosie*

*in the Apple Tree Yard on the other side of the bridge. Here they studied the secret life of bees and the hare with amber eyes called Tis, who was faster than the shadow of the wind.*

*The yard was lit up by the Clapham lights, colourful in the trees, with purple hibiscus, beautifully kept by the French gardener. They were reading the shipping news in the cocktail hour under the tree of forgetfulness, sitting on the empty chairs, when the help entered and said the round heeled woman on the island in Cloudstreet, in the L-shaped room, who had two cats called oryx and crake (if only they could talk!), would be spilling the beans, telling the truth of the illustrated man, who was next of kin to the country girls with the war horse mascot.*

*At the same time, a princess captured a castle on the Black Hill, far from the madding crowd, where there was a curious incident of the dog in the night-time who was lost and helped by the kindness of strangers who looked into the anatomy of the disappearance. Before they went to sleep, Charlotte Gray, of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, and her white tiger killed a mockingbird into a million little pieces which were picked up by the miniaturist and put back together by the architect's apprentice.*

*Meanwhile, a Hackney child, also a book thief, was at the home of the girl in Times Square, dreaming of the luminous life of Aphrodite, singing about a caged bird, wishing she was travelling on an elephant with the White Queen and the Head of State, who was a 100-year old man and a tiny bit marvellous.'*

Editorial note: if, like me, you are always on the hunt for titles to feed your reading addiction, you will find there are some great suggestions here.

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall quarterly committee meeting was held on 11th January .

Our programme of refurbishment and improvements is continuing, for the benefit and comfort of our hirers. The room divider curtain now operates using the pull cord on the left. Also, a new separate curtain track system has been installed by Village Players, for their own use. Over the next 3 months we will be looking at a number of important issues (including car parking) for action at the next meeting in April.

**Colin Ellis**, who has been a member (including 3 years as Chairman) of the Committee for over 20 years, has resigned to pursue other interests. Colin specialised in major projects such as the extension of the main hall; replacement kitchen; replacement windows, also installation of disabled and new ladies facilities. Thank you Colin, we wish you well for the future.

Demand for space in our Hall is steadily increasing, so early bookings (or enquiries) are advisable. I look forward to hearing from you - 01452 721798 or [pikelett@hotmail.com](mailto:pikelett@hotmail.com).

Many thanks to all users and supporters of the Hall.

John Hardisty, Chairman

## **E.V.H. Traditional Christmas Lunch.**

Home made Christmas puddings and hard work by the committee made for a successful and sociable lunch attended by many friends who have supported us over the years. Gloucester v Worcester rugby tickets and other prizes kindly donated by Villagers attracted the generosity of guests and £301 was taken on the raffle. Thanks to all who came, cooked, helped, donated and supported. We were pleased to make £1460 profit for Village Hall funds.

Su Hardisty, Social Chairman

## From Our local MP

Happy New Year, and thank you for the opportunity to write about my recent work as your Member of Parliament for **The Bridge**.

### Schools' Funding

In December I presented a petition in the House of Commons calling for fair funding for Gloucestershire schools. Over 2,500 Stroud residents had signed my petition, including many residents here. Thank you for your support.

The commitment to introduce fair school funding as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review last year will be great news for our County's schools. A new funding formula will set a national rate that every school will receive for each pupil, with additional funding for those with extra needs. This signals the beginning of the end to the current unfair system, which has lasted for decades and led to a situation where the ten best funded areas of England receive an average of £6,300 per pupil compared to just £4,200 in the ten worst funded areas – with no objective basis for the difference. Amongst those who suffered the most under this formula were our County's schools.

As Chair of the Education Committee I had already written to Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education, urging her to bring forward proposals for fairer funding as soon as possible. The Education Committee will be scrutinising the details of the reforms when the consultation starts

I am delighted to see a national funding formula for English schools, ending the postcode lottery that means children in Stroud lose out for no good reason. As always, the devil will lie in the detail and we will need to study the consultation, but in principle this represents a huge step forward and is a decision of lasting significance.

### Broadband

In January I visited Hardwicke to see the innovative microwave link to help get superfast broadband to Longney. Engineers from the



Fastershire project, a partnership between Gloucestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council to bring faster broadband to the two counties, came up with the solution as an alternative to laying fibre cable under the 200-year-old canal.

The bad news is that this project has not actually delivered better broadband speeds for Elmore, and residents have expressed their dismay and disappointment to me that the scheme has not delivered for Elmore, despite their previous involvement in the project.

There are several “*blackspots*” still existing in the Valleys and the Vale where superfast broadband has not been delivered – and I am not surprised at the anger and frustration expressed by people when they see installation of broadband, literally sometimes at the other end of the street, but not serving them. I’ve raised the specific problems in Elmore with the Minister responsible in Parliament and I am pushing hard for schemes to resolve the problems in areas still lacking provision. I intend to meet with Elmore residents, BT and Fastershire shortly to try and get a resolution here as well.

For future articles I’d very much like to hear about local and national issues which concern you and I will be more than happy to try and help.

**If you would like to contact me about this, or any local issues, please e mail at [neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk)**

Editorial Note Your Parish Council takes a fierce pride in being totally non political so it viewed a request from Neil Carmichael to write a regular column for The Bridge with reservations. However, it was agreed that as long as no political 'tub thumping' was involved we would accept. There is now a direct conduit to our MP about local issues, which can only be a good thing.

## **Goody Two Shoes**

This year's pantomime was possibly the best ever. The script by Paul Reakes was a breath of fresh air; a welcome change from the more

traditional stories. Nevertheless the success of this production was hard won: three power cuts on the first night; a member of the audience collapsing on the second night. It says a lot for director Jo Fisher and her team, both on and off stage, that despite this early disruption the show was such a success.

Casting of the main parts was spot on. Sarah Younger was just right as the glamorous but menacing baddie, 'Septica', whilst Amy Parkin and Liz Leonard were well cast as her inept comedy sidekicks, 'Rolo' and 'Polo'. Andrew Hopton as the 'Elf Cobbler' managed to bring a whiff of Hans Christian Anderson to his role, whilst Dudley Ford made a welcome return to the Elmore stage as the slanderous dame, 'Molly Coddle'. Sophie Gibson (perhaps in her first major role?) as her daughter, 'Goody', sometimes looked a little nervous on stage but was helped along by a strong principal boy, Chloe Philp as 'Simon'. The village idiot with a heart of gold, 'Teddy' was a part made for Dan Lovell and he made the most of it. A paragon of diction and projection, Colin Ellis was excellent as 'Titus Titwad' but the Oscar this year goes to Rachel Chamberlain. It is often a mistake to adopt an accent or speech impediment but Rachel kept up her lisping, affected delivery very well throughout, and this added considerably to her characterisation of the spoilt and manipulative adolescent, 'Cissie'.

None of this would have worked as well as it did without the strong and imaginative direction of Jo Fisher. After the interval the use of flickering lights and cue cards, briefly taking us back to pre-talkie days, was inspired. Was this Jo's idea or was it in the script? Either way it added to the fun, as did the later Benny Hill type chase scenes with the familiar music. Once again the costumes were excellent and a credit to Marion Watts and her team. What other small village production can boast such a wardrobe? The pyrotechnics and lighting team also did an excellent job. Altogether an enjoyable and impressive show.

THJ, December 2015

# Dates of Parish Council Meetings 2016

Monday March 7th 7.45pm

Tuesday May 17th 7.45pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday September 26th 7.45pm

Monday December 12th 7.45pm

## Severn Voice Group of Parishes

Will meet at Elmore Village Hall on Friday March 18th at 7.30pm

<b>Elmore PC</b>			
Chair	John Field	720357	fernhay@btinternet.com
Vice Chair	Andy Nash	720903	andynash@talktalk.net
	Jenni Hobbs	724633	enni@barvaleholsteins.co.uk
	Trevor Jones	722034	rosecottage1818@gmail.com
	Nick Meek	750769	nick@archies.me.uk
Clerk	Dorie Jones	722034	elmore.parish@hotmail.com
<b>Village Hall</b>			
Chair	John Hardisty	721798	piketlet@hotmail.com
Social Chair	Su Hardisty	ditto	ditto
<b>Other Village Organisations</b>			
The Vicar	Fr Andrew James	720015	vicarage@inbox.com
Players	Amy Parkin	0755779011	villageplayers@outlook.com
WI	Val Overton	750591	vj.overton@tiscali.co.uk
Guides	Catherine Hartnell	722444	catherine.hartell@gmail.com
Brownies	Jenny	722444	jharte1276@gmail.com
Bridge Club	Caroline Meek	720383	
Toddlers	Sherene Watts	07800808564	sherenewatts@hotmail.com
<b>Other Useful Contacts</b>			
Police - non emergency		101	
Member of Parliament		01453751572	neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk
County Councillor		01453753429	anthony.blackburn@gloucestershire.gov.uk
District Councillor		01453538686	Cllr.dave.mossman@stroud.cov.uk
To report Fly Tipping		01453754424	publicspace@stroud.gov.uk
Report abandoned vehicles		01453754379	Abandoned.vehicle@stroud.gov.uk
Gloucs Highways (report potholes etc)			08000 514514
<b>Village Agent</b>			
Christine Lingard		07810630179	

# **RACE NIGHT**

at

**ELMORE VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

**HOT SUPPER**

**TOTE**

**PAY BAR**

**6.45 for 7pm START**

**COMPERE: DAN LOVELL**

**TABLES OF 8 or 10**

**TICKETS £15 -**

**Su 721798 [pikelett@hotmail.com](mailto:pikelett@hotmail.com) .com**