

THE BRIDGE



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From the Editor

The first issue of 2017 is a bumper edition. **The Bridge** continues to trace the history of the First World War and to honour those who sacrificed so much for us today, 100 years later. Jennifer Watts has once again dipped into the archives of the Elmore Church Magazine of 1917. One long lived former resident of Elmore Back was born before WW1 started and **The Bridge** celebrates her 103rd birthday! We also remember Sally Lady Guise, sadly who left us in 2016.

There is news of the ongoing activities of our Brownies, Guides and Senior section. The WI has agreed to provide a favourite recipe and I hope this will become a regular feature each quarter. Humpty Dumpty also appears.

It has been pointed out to me that lots of the activities in our lovely village attract people who live outside our boundaries and so do not receive a copy of **The Bridge**. For these people there is always a copy in the Village Hall. Better still, **The Bridge** is available on line. Go to www.elmoreparish.co.uk, choose 'The Bridge Parish Magazine', from the taskbar (on ipads, tablets and smart phones there is unlikely to be a full task bar so go to 'menu' instead). Then choose 'Back Numbers'. You will then get a list of all the issues going back to the very first edition of **The Bridge**. Just click on the one you want to read. Back numbers are also deposited with the Gloucester City Archive in Alvin Street.

I hope you continue to enjoy reading this magazine and as always would welcome any comments whether positive or negative, which might help us to improve it. Any articles of interest would also be very welcome.

Trevor Jones, Jan 2017

Lest We Forget – Part 1

The Bridge is proud to recall the sacrifices that were made by many during WW1, which include the 8 men from Elmore who died during that conflict. The lives of two brave men of Elmore who fought and died during WW1 are covered in this issue – the others will follow in later issues of the magazine throughout this year.

Volunteers and Conscription in the Armed Forces during WW1

There were a few employments that were designated as ‘Reserved Occupations’, for example farmers, coal miners, doctors, clergymen, teachers and iron & steel workers. Some of these professions were regarded as essential for the war effort. Therefore, people in these jobs were exempt from conscription but that didn’t stop them volunteering. In the early stages of the war only unmarried men were recruited for the military; conscription was introduced in March 1916 for men aged between 19 and 41 and then expanded to include married men from May 1916.

Several of the Elmore men who died during WW1 had joined, not surprisingly, the Gloucestershire Regiment. What is amazing is that The Glosters lost 8,100 men during that war.

Sadly, many of the WW1 military service records were destroyed by fire during the London blitz of WW2. Therefore, only snippets of information on some people are now available.

Officially men had to be aged 18 to enlist and 19 to fight on the front line but during WW1 some 250,000 boys lied about their age in order to enlist. It would seem that the whole country was complicit in the fraud as teachers extolled the virtues of fighting for country, parents encouraged their unemployed, and mostly unskilled, sons to join in order to earn a living, and the Recruiting Offices were paid the equivalent of £6 for every person who signed on, so many a blind eye was turned when a young man appeared at the recruiting centre. In addition, many people in the early C20th didn’t have birth certificates so there was no way of checking on age. However, 1 in 5 underage recruits were discharged within a month.

2nd Lieutenant Henry George Christopher Guise

2nd Lt. Guise was born in Elmore on 16th May 1893. He was the son of Sir William Francis George Guise and Lady Ada Caroline Guise, (née Coope) of Elmore Court. Henry was educated at Eton.

At the age of 21 Henry Guise joined the Army when Declaration of War was announced on 4th August 1914. He was commissioned in August 1914 as a 2nd Lieutenant in 5th Gloucestershire Regiment based at The Barracks in Gloucester. After basic training he was posted to 1st/5th Gloucestershire Regiment as part of 145th Infantry Brigade in 48th (South Midland) Division and was given command of 11 Platoon of C Company. His battalion embarked for France on 29th March 1915, landing at Boulogne in France whereupon the unit then marched over 100 miles to the 48th Divisional concentration area just SW of Ypres.

The battalion was billeted at Steenvorde and then Meteren in France on the Belgian border before taking over trenches in the front line in the Ploegsteert Wood Sector in Belgium on 15th April 1915.

On the 6th May, after a spell in the trenches Henry's unit was based at Le Romarin as Divisional Reserve west of Ploegsteert, just inside the Belgian border, NE of Lille.

On 7th May 1915, 2Lt Henry Guise was instructing his platoon grenadiers in bomb-throwing when he accidentally exploded a "Jam Tin" grenade which killed both him and Private T E Bates. Both men were buried in the Ploegsteert Wood Cemetery on 7th May - a week before Henry's 22nd birthday!

What was a Jam Tin grenade? The 'Jam Tin' grenade was exactly as its nickname implied – it was an improvised munition made from ration tins because there were not enough manufactured grenades available in the early years of the war. It comprised two tins, one inside the other – the inner tin being packed with explosive and the gap between the tins stuffed with pieces of metal in order to create shrapnel when the grenade exploded. However, because of the improvised nature of this munition it was a dangerous item to handle and its use was discontinued after many reported accidents similar to the one that killed Henry Guise.

The shortage of manufactured munitions in the early years of the war was a well publicised scandal at the time and Lord Kitchener, the Secretary of State for War, was often blamed for the shortage in the press – as a direct result of the costly failure of the Battle of Aubers Ridge on 9th May, Lloyd George was appointed as the first Minister of Munitions and his success in this role eventually led to him becoming Prime Minister.

11317 Private Wintour Edward Webb

Pte Webb was born at Elmore Back in January 1895. He was the son of the late Herbert Webb (d. 1905) and Elizabeth Olly Hyett (she remarried a George Smith in 1911 and moved to Holly Tree Cottage in Longney). The large family of 4 daughters and 5 sons (*the youngest being born in the same year that his father died!*) had lived in Elmore Back for many years; certainly the Census of 1911 clearly shows the family still living there and also shows that the only breadwinner after their father died in 1905 was Wintour's eldest brother, Ernest, aged 19, who is listed as a salmon fisherman.

Wintour Webb joined the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1914 and was allocated to 7th Battalion. This battalion came under command of 39th Brigade in 13th (Western) Division and moved to Tidworth in Hampshire in the latter part of 1914. Having moved to Aldershot in January 1915 the battalion embarked on a troopship at Avonmouth on 19th June 1915, landing in Gallipoli in early August. At that stage, the allied landings at Cape Helles and Anzac Bay were at a stalemate so the British attempted to gain the advantage by landing at Sulva Bay.

The 13th (Western) Division landed at Anzac Bay on 6th August, initially in reserve to the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps but were committed to the offence once the main attack stalled. The lead unit in the assault unit for the attack at Chunuk Bay on that fateful morning was 7th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.

Wintour Edward Webb was killed in action on Sunday 8th August 1915 at the age of 20. His name is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey, along with another 137 men from his Regiment.

The British had some 21,255 soldiers killed and a further 52,230 wounded during the Gallipoli campaign, almost 50% of the total (41,150) Allied soldiers killed and 53% of those wounded from a total of 97,397! So many men were killed on both sides during this campaign that a truce was arranged so that the dead could be removed from the battlefield.

Only the stories of two of those killed have been included in this issue of **The Bridge**, the stories of the other 6 men will be published in later editions throughout this year. Many of those who were living in Elmore prior to WW1 and were killed during the war still have relatives living here. If you are related to anyone who died during WW1 or are just interested in the family

histories, further information can be obtained from the author- please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Elmore in 1917

Notes kindly compiled for **The Bridge** by Jennifer Watts and taken from the Elmore Church Monthly Magazine of 1917

February 1st 1917 A very successful dance was held on the 11th at The Schools and the proceeds, £6, given to the Elmore Court working party to provide wool for garments for our soldiers. Our thanks to Mrs Orchard, Headmistress, and the committee for their excellent work and to Mr Percy Brick who made a capital MC.

News of Our Defenders Gunner Ernest Webb of the Royal Garrison Artillery is home on short leave. Sgt Charles Lovell has lately had a relapse but has improved again. Pte Frank Mayo has been frostbitten in the hands and is in hospital 'somewhere in France'. We wish him a speedy recovery. A card has been received from Pte Merrett from 'somewhere in France' saying he is quite well. Horace Watts has just joined up; we shall miss our postman. Congratulations to Miss Ayre's stepbrother who has just been awarded the DSO.

Sunday School The annual distribution of prizes took place on Sunday afternoon, December 31st. In the unavoidable absence of Lady Guise, Miss Guise and Mrs Prince handed the prizes to the following winners: Ernest Webb, William Littleton, Dora Watts, Lena Watts, Ida Watts, Mary Littleton, Florrie Watts, Nelly Gabb, Marion Ryder, Walter Gabb, Rosie Hinder, Edward Shill, Nellie Greenaway, John Greenaway and Queenie Guilding.

April 1st 1917

Food Production Meeting

A very interesting meeting, under the auspices of Elmore Parish Council, was held at the schools on March 1st. In the absence of Sir William Guise, the Vicar took the chair and explained the absolute necessity of utilising the land to the utmost in order to produce more food.

The Clerk, Mr R L Vimpany read letters about seed potatoes and a useful discussion took place in which Messrs J Stone, H Lovell, D Vick, J French and others took part. Mr Stone promised some land for allotments and the matter referred to the Parish Council for settlement. There was a good attendance in spite of the late hour (9pm).

Walking for Health

The next walk in the area will take place on Thursday 16th. February 2017 from the Red Lion Inn at Arlingham at 9.45 am for a 10 o'clock walk start. Car Park available past the crossroad on the right. The walk as usual could include stiles and field paths. Approx. 2 miles (Max 1.5 hours). For more info ring 01452 740265 or email nandanailsworth@yahoo.co.uk

Nick Peters

The next issue of **The Bridge** will not be until late May or early June so here are the dates of future walks. Venues and times were not available at the time of publication but will be able to be obtained by contacting Nick Peters (as above) nearer the time.

Weds 15th March
Thurs 13th April
Weds 17th May

Elmore PCC Christmas Lunch

A very successful Christmas Lunch was held on December 11th 2016 at the Village Hall. A big thank you if you supported and helped with arrangements and cooking or were generous in other ways. £1615.27 was raised for Church funds

Jennifer Watts

103 Years Old!

January 1st 2017 was the 103rd birthday of Vera Smith.

Born in Longney she finally moved to Elmore Back where she and her husband raised four children. Her youngest son Bob still lives there.

Sadly Vera had to move, due to decreasing mobility, to the Knoll residential care home on the Stroud Road in 2012. She is truly happy there and cannot praise the staff enough.

She is a joy to visit, and has many a tale to tell of Elmore and Longney and their residents past and present.

Vera has a remarkable recall memory and certainly got into a few tight corners in her past.

Here's hoping she continues to enjoy life and maybe breaks the record for longevity

Humpty Dumpty

The Village Players 2016 pantomime, 'Humpty Dumpty' by Norman Robbins, was possibly the best ever. I know that was said of 'Goody Two Shoes' last year but it's true to say that this year's production was even better. Notably the Junior Chorus had been given more important speaking parts which they delivered with greater confidence and clarity; they had been well coached to project their voices to the audience. Now they are more an integral part of the production it would have been nice to know whether we were being entertained by the 'Omelettes' or the 'Pancakes' - there was no way of knowing from the Lucky Programme.

Once again the casting was spot on. Sophie Gibson, who was a rather nervous Goody in last year's production, has grown in confidence and skill to make a strong principal boy, Tommy Tittlemouse. Tommy's love interest, Mary Quite Contrary, played by Shauna Williams, switched from compliance to cantankerousness seemingly effortlessly when the script demanded and of all the cast seemed to be enjoying herself the most. Andrew Hopton as Shott and Rachel Chamberlain as Powder made a good comedy duo as the hapless guards. Elizabeth Leonard as the under-villain, Grimm, was suitably menacing and splendidly made up.

These relative newcomers were well supported by the more established members of the cast, Sarah Younger as Mother Goose, Dudley Ford as King Florimund XIV and Paul Tucker as Dame Dobb. Dan Lovell having fallen off the wall and emerged from the egg made a splendid Humpty Dumpty with his usual excellent connection with the audience. As you can tell, author Norman Robbins had mixed up several nursery rhymes and the strong cast included Polly Flinders played by Rachel Kirby, Jack Spratt, played by Amy Parkin, and Little Bo Peep played by Di King. The script kept the chief villain in reserve for much of the panto but when he did finally appear Harry Kirby as Monstro the Sorcerer, made a very 'rock 'n' roll' baddie looking like someone off Strictly Come Dancing on Hallowe'en night.

Once again the singing from the cast and Chorus of Villagers was strong, confident and cheerful. Pete Kirby, Musical Director and piano accompanist had done an excellent job. Lighting and effects were also good.

There were the usual opportunities for the audience to make its presence felt and particularly when the Lake Monster appeared; the kids in the audience shouted themselves hoarse. It's rather spooky to feel the Lake Monster appeared as himself or herself. How do you tell the sex of a lake monster? I must remember to keep away from all lakes from now on.

As ever the costumes were of professional standard as was the set. Marion Watts and her helpers and Colin Ellis and his team had once again done a splendid job.

Director Jo Fisher is to be congratulated on bringing this large and entertaining show to our village. How many other villages the size of Elmore can boast such a show? This year the well deserved Oscar goes to her.

T.J. December 2016

From Elmore Parish Council Current Local Issues

The lack of policing in rural areas: As a direct result of budget cuts the Gloucestershire Police Authority has cut the number of Police Stations

to just 6 throughout the County. In addition, they have drastically reduced the level of police cover for rural areas. Our parish now falls into an area which stretches from Berkeley to Hardwicke and is covered by just one PC and one PCSO. The Severn Voice Group of parishes has made representation to both the Police and Crimes Commissioner and GCC but our concerns seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

The response time for ambulances into rural areas. Our concern relates to an incident in Arlingham when a resident had to wait for over 3 hours for an ambulance after a 999 call. Once again Severn Voice wrote to SW Ambulance Service. But as yet no response has been received.

Road repairs. There is some general concern about the service the community is getting from Amey, the agency that currently holds the GCC contract for road maintenance. Not only are Amey responsible for general road works, including pothole repair and signs, they are also responsible for verge cutting and clearance of drainage ditches/gullies on the roadside. Although there has been some repair of potholes within the village, these seem to be on hit and miss basis and no consultation is made with the Parish Council prior to or after the work. The verges don't get cut on a regular basis and the gullies are neglected. Therefore, as first step, all the parishes within Severn Voice have asked GCC Highways if we can have the funding for verge cutting and arrange the contracts ourselves. GCC has agreed to this proposal and 2017 will be a trial year to see how this scheme works.

Public Footpaths: In addition, Amey was given the contract for footpath maintenance. The responsibility for maintenance of footpaths is dual as it is the County Council's responsibility to maintain the stiles, bridges and signage while it is the landowner's responsibility to keep the paths open, free from crops, barbed wire and other obstacles. Within Elmore there are many footpaths, some of which don't lead anywhere and haven't been used for many years, some even cross gardens but many of them cross agricultural land. Over the years many signs have either been accidentally knocked over or deliberately removed, some of the stiles are in very poor condition and verging on the unsafe. When Amey were awarded the GCC contract of footpaths over 2 years ago they

stated that they would liaise on a regular basis with Parish councils in order to identify works needing to be done – sadly this hasn't happened. It transpires that Amey's policy for maintenance is to co-opt local volunteers to carry out work! Again, no approach has been made on this matter either.

Parking on Canal Bridge approaches. Inconsiderate parking on the approaches to both Rea and Sellars Bridges continues to be a problem and cause irritation to drivers. The scheme to introduce 'No Parking' restrictions has been temporarily suspended and we do not have any information on progress. However you may see double yellow lines appearing on both sides of the canal bridges but whether drivers take any notice of these only time will tell!

Broadband Speeds.

Over the last few years I have reported on the broadband saga and the lack of progress made by BT to improve the broadband service into Elmore. However, I can now report that Fastershire has made a tentative promise to include Elmore in the next round of faster broadband improvements in Gloucestershire. It would be foolhardy to try and fix a time-schedule on this work but I am hopeful that we should see some improvement during 2017 – sadly, as I write this my own broadband download speed is only 0.44 Mbps so things aren't looking too promising yet! I will keep you informed of any developments.

The Precept.

As reported in the Bridge following the Annual Parish Meeting in May last year, the Precept will be increased by 3% for the next financial year. The Parish Council have made no increase for the past 5 years but have reluctantly decided on this increase for 2017

Parish Councillors - The clock is ticking: A notice appeared in a previous issue of this magazine asking for volunteers for people to become Parish Councillors – this plea is repeated again as we have not exactly been swamped by applicants – indeed, quite the opposite!

Marathon in Elmore - 5th February 2017

You should be aware that a certain amount of disruption of our roads will inevitably take place on Sunday 5th February as a marathon is being run partly using the 'Longney/Elmore loop'. There will be two categories of runners: the marathon (40Km) and a 50km race, these runners will be completing the 'loop' 3 and 4 times respectively! This means that there will be runners on the road from about 11.00 until 16.00. They intended direction of running is anti-clockwise, i.e. from The Pilot Pub through Elmore and then through Longney. Although the runners will have been briefed only to run on the left-hand side of the road, and not more than 2 abreast, there will inevitably be bunches of runners and those that ignore all the rules.

There will be a feeding station and Portaloo toilet situated at Farley's End so a certain amount of congestion can be expected there.

There was some disquiet within both Elmore and Longney following the last marathon in 2012 so if you have any complaints about runners' behaviour, e.g. blocking the road, throwing rubbish, being abusive to residents and drivers, urinating and defecating on the roadside and in private gardens (*all of which occurred during the last marathon!*), then please report them to your Parish Council so that action can be taken. Every runner will be wearing a race number so it will be easy to identify culprits.

Severn Bores during 2017

There are no 4 or 5 Star Bores forecast for the whole of 2017.

The 3 star Bores will occur on the following dates/times:

April: Thur 27th @ 09.41 & 22.02

Fri 28th @ 10.23 & 22.43

May: Fri 26th @ 21.42

Sat 27th @ 10.07 & 22.26

Aug: Tue 22nd @ 21.45

Nov: Sun 5th @ 21.00

Dec: Mon 4th @ 08.19 & 20.43

Tue 5th @ 09.03 & 21.49

Wed 6th 09.47

Lady Sally

The village was greatly saddened to hear that Sally Guise had died. Sally had bravely suffered from cancer over the last two years without complaint but been able over the last few years of her life to say farewell to many of her numerous friends in the village.

Sally was born in Frampton and was the widow of Sir John Guise.

She loved the village and her dogs in equal measure and was a well respected and active member of the church and village life in general.

She will be greatly missed and remembered for her zest for life, her wonderful smile and her ability to embrace everything that life had to offer.

Elmore WI

December 2016 saw the final session of a very enjoyable year of meetings, trips and craft classes. These included a visit to Gloucester Cathedral , a mosque in Gloucester, a Hindu temple in Bristol, a stately home at Tyntesfield (beautifully decorated for Christmas with entertainment and market stalls), and finally a skittles evening at the Anchor.

Craft classes saw members taking part in glass modelling and wet felting, which were both very interesting and demanding, but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The annual coffee morning was, as always, a great success. Keep a place in your diary for this year's (27th May 2017)

The Christmas meeting was organised by the committee with delicious refreshments. There was a raffle (with a prize for every member), a Christmas themed quiz, a display of members crafts and a collection of items for the local food bank.

January 2017. The year didn't start too well as several members and the speaker were absent due to illness. A quick rally round and one member, namely Margaret Eeles, gave a very interesting insight into an organisation she belongs to, i.e.; Ageing Well, which is an offshoot of Age Concern.

There was a quiz and general chitchat enjoyed whilst partaking of the excellent supper provided by Kate and Gill.

Next month's meeting on. Feb14th at 7.30 in EVH will be a visit by a group of Mummers, which should be interesting.

Come and join us.

The WI Recipe

The WI has a reputation for good cooking and Elmore WI has agreed to provide favourite recipes for **The Bridge**. This time the recipe comes from Kate Whittaker, President of Elmore WI. It is a favourite chocolate cake made with vegetable oil rather than eggs, margarine or butter. She usually makes it with gluten free flour for her daughter, Emma, but says it works equally well with regular plain flour.

Emma's wheat free Chocolate Oil Cake

6 oz (175g) gluten free or plain flour
3 heaped tablespoons cocoa
1 level teaspoon baking powder
1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
5oz (140g) caster sugar
1 level tablespoon black treacle
2 eggs
1/4 pint (5 fl oz or 150ml) vegetable oil
1/4 pint (5 fl oz or 150ml) milk

Method

Mix all the dry ingredients, flour, cocoa, baking powder, bicarbonate, and caster sugar together in a blender. Process for 10 seconds until thoroughly blended, add the liquid ingredients and process again for 30 seconds scraping the sides of bowl so thoroughly incorporated. Pour mixture into two greased non stick 7 inch cake tins, bake in a medium

oven, 325 F 160C gas mark 3 for 45 minutes. Cool and then sandwich together with a jam of your choosing I tend to use black cherry with coffee butter icing.

Springtime Services at Elmore Church

Our regular pattern of services at Elmore Church continues
February 5th and 19th also March 5th and 19th at 9.30am
February 12th and 26th also March 12th 3.00pm and 26th at 6.30pm

Sunday February 12th is “Valentine’s Sunday”
We will be welcoming this year’s wedding couples to join our regular congregation
at a “Songs of Praise” at 3.00pm that day followed by light refreshments.

All are welcome to come along

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st
This year our service is at Elmore at 9.30am



Throughout Lent we have a variety
of seasonal activities

These include a weekly Lent Lunch (proceeds to Christian Aid),
Daily Lent Prayers at various times in our three churches,
a Lent Book for those who can’t make meetings and study groups,
our Random Acts of kindness (RAK) project.

(See more info at www.elmorechurch.info as Lent draws near)

Sunday April 16th is Easter Sunday

Our services on this important day will be:
Sunrise Service with Breakfast at Hardwicke Church 6.00am
Longney Said Eucharist 8.00am

Elmore Sung Parish Eucharist 9.30am

From the Elmore Church Registers

October 28th – Marriage of Agata and Sam Walker

November 6th – Baptism of Roman Hayward

November 11th – Wedding of Katie and William Hall

November 27th – Baptism of Jack Hemming

December 10th – Wedding of Alexandra and John-Paul

Road Closure Notice

Please be advised of the following temporary road closure:

Castle Lane, Moreton Valence

This road will be closed from 13th February 2017 to 24th February 2017. This is to allow for the construction of edge supports to the carriageway by Amey working on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council.

If you require any further information regarding this closure please contact Amey Gloucestershire on 08000 514514.

Caroline Cogram
Gloucestershire County Council
Roadspace Co-ordinator (Stroud District)

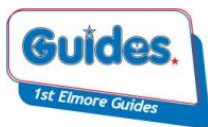
Elmore Brownies, Guides and Senior Section



1st Elmore Brownies have had a very busy term from September through to December which included a visit to Pets at Home and a visit from Wild Kids Reptiles to complete our Friends to Animals Badge, a Bake Off and a fun evening at Gloucester Ski Slope Tubing. The Brownies enjoyed the visit from Wild Kids Reptiles as they brought snakes and spiders for them to see and hold. We held a charity fundraising night for the Royal National Institute for the Blind called 'Spots Before Your Eyes' where the Brownies learnt about Braille along with raising £25 for this charity.

This term is again a very busy term, which started with a joint Challenge Evening with Frampton Brownies, and looking to complete our First Aid and Home Safety Badges. Ending the Term with an evening at Cattle Country.

If you daughter would like to join 1st Elmore Brownies please call Jenny on 01452 722444 for information.



We did lots of activities leading up to Christmas. In November we completed the Interpreter badge with each Patrol doing a presentation on a country of their choice. The Guides and two members of the Senior Section joined up with 1st Bishops Cannings from Wiltshire for a weekend holiday to visit our world centre, Pax Lodge, in London. We got to do lots of sightseeing and even got to see the changing of the guard at the front of Buckingham Palace!

Everyone looked forward to climbing and bouldering at the Warehouse in Gloucester. We had a go trying to climb to the top! There was also time to do some Christmas shopping with an evening at the Body Shop;

we all got pampered with free make up tutorials and hand massages. We finished off last term decorating Christmas cakes and collecting food and toiletries for the homeless. This term we are looking forward to completing the 2017 WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) badge and Chinese New Year activities.

If your daughter would like to join Guides, please call Catherine on (01452) 722444.



This has been a great first term at Senior Section. We finished off the half term with a evening at Nandos and Ice Skating at Gloucester Quays. We did lots of Christmas activities such as decorating yule logs and a Christmas quiz! We were very fortunate to have a member of the Trefoil Guild visit us to deliver a donation of resources for us to use. This term we are looking forward to making smoothies, having an international themed night to tie in with Thinking Day and to have a Games Night.

If your daughter would like to join Senior Section, please call Catherine on (01452) 722444.

Dates for 2017

Copy Dates for The Bridge

Friday	19th May 2017
Friday	28th July 2017
Friday	20th October 2017

Parish Council Meetings, Elmore Village Hall, 7.45pm

Monday	6th March 2017
Tuesday	16th May 2017 (Annual Meetings)

Monday	25th September 2017
Monday	11th December 2017

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CHARITY NIGHT

Join us for a **Quiz and Curry**

in aid of **Cancer Research UK**

Venue – Elmore Village Hall

Time – 7.30pm on Friday 24th February 2017

Teams of four (but singles and pairs welcome)

Cost of Evening including meal - £12

Pay bar



For tickets contact Nigel **01452 740121**

or Joe **01452 740935**

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Three Village Hall fund raising events will be held next year, Jazz Night on 22 April (details below), Ascot lunch on 22 June and Christmas Lunch on 10 December. (more details will be announced in the next edition).

A number of upgrades are planned during the next few months, to improve the comfort and safety of our users.

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

Many thanks to all users and supporters of the Hall.

John (Hardisty), Chairman

JAZZ at EVH

(With local BIG band Jazz Friday*)

ELMORE VILLAGE HALL

22 April

2017 Saturday commencing 7.30pm

Tickets £10

(enquiries and tickets - John 721798)

Pay bar

***Jazz Friday is a Stroud based big band
featuring swing, soul, blues, funk and latin jazz
with vocalist Mim Davies**