

The Bridge!



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From the Editor

After the hottest summer on record then a little rain we now have a drier spell again. As a former Geography teacher I can tell you that the Mediterranean Climate enjoys hot, dry summers as the Sub-tropical High Pressure Belt moves north with the sun, and wet winters with the return of the wet Westerlies as the world pressure belts move south again. Maybe with global warming the Mediterranean Climate is spreading north to include much of England? Or maybe not – 2026 could break records for wet, cold and floods. Who knows?

This issue of **The Bridge!** is full of good stuff and I am grateful to all the contributors, many regular but some new. Thanks, Ed

Letter to the Editor

Sir,

In reading the recent issue of The Bridge, I noticed the change in the title to include an exclamation mark, and I was curious as to the reason for this change?

Many thanks,
Sam Turner

Sam, I only put it in to see if anyone would notice and you are the first and only person to do so. Congratulations. Maybe it should become a fixture. Ed

Village Players

We are pleased to announce our 2025 pantomime is Dick Turpin! We're well into rehearsals now, so tickets will be on sale very soon or maybe even on sale by the time you're reading this. So, keep your eyes peeled on our facebook (@VillagePlayersElmore) for the details. Lots of posters will be appearing too! Dick Turpin will be in the saddle from 27th to

30th November and 4th to 6th December at Elmore Village Hall, with 7.30pm evening performances and 2pm matinees on the Saturdays and Sundays. Note the matinee time is different from previous years.

Dick Turpin, the notorious highwayman, is robbing people of all their money. When Dick Turpin meets Lord Lotaloot and his daughter, Caroline, everything changes though. Dame Dollop, Billy Bumpkin and Katie Cuddlesome don't exactly make things easier. Secret passages, unrequited love, and mistaken identity promises a great fun show for all the family.

Paper Boys of the 1950s

Tony Leach's memories of being a paper boy in the 1970s (*see The Bridge, issue 41 February 2025*) has prompted, me, Bill Taylor, with the help of my wife, Gen, to write my recollections of being the paper boy in the 1950s. I was 11 and my brother, Mick, 9, shared the round; I did it one day, he did it the next. Fifty copies of *The Citizen* were dropped off on the grass triangle at the entrance to Weir Lane at 5pm by Silvey's bus driven by Graham Birt. We took the papers round on our bikes.

The first 6 papers were dropped off were in Stonebench Lane (now renamed Elmore Lane West) to Joby Mortimer, Charlie Smith, Mrs Errol, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Ikey and the Prouts at Severn Farm. From there back to No, 1 Brook Street (no paper), then The Rangles (now Brookfield House) and on to The Olde Shop. In the 50s it was kept by Mr and Mrs Jim Ryder and sold bread, cakes and sweets. Many of us kids picked hips and blackberries which they would buy from us also to sell in the shop. Wilf Base and Kath Ryder also lived at the Shop. After that we delivered to our parents Charlie and Ivy Taylor and our sisters, Iris, Julie and Sylvia at No. 3 (then called Woodbine Cottage). The family had moved to Elmore to look after Ivy's parents, Mr and Mrs Bill Knight.

Eight papers were delivered in Weir Lane: to Mrs and Mrs Sam Tranter and their 3 boys, Jim, John and Phil who lived in the cottage on the left on the bank, and to Mr Ambrose Base, wife Alice and son, Ken who lived at Weir House. Williams at Rose Cottage did not take a paper. Bill and Ivy Camm ran Weir Farm with their 2 sons, Jim and Chris. In Chapel Lane were Walter and Violet Taylor and their 5 children, Edith, Joan, Dan, Gen and Richard in a house which has since burnt down. Ted and

Pearl Mayo lived at Pear Tree Cottage (now Mayo's Cottage) with children Carol and Peter.

Back on the main road at Elmore Farm were Bob and Barbara Camm while across the road at No.10 (a tied cottage of Elmore Farm) lived Paddy Phelpsted. Next door is Leightons (no paper). At No, 11, Mrs Grendall and Albert (a Lay Reader) and at No. 12 Bert and Eileen Greenaway. *(these 2 houses have now been amalgamated into one, Ed)*

At Elm Farm were Granny Watts and Fred Watts. At No. 13 across the road was Miss Aers and next door at No 14 (where your authors now live) Mrs Stevens and her blind husband lived. As well as delivering her paper I chopped her wood on my round for her fire the next day.

Opposite the War Memorial lived Ron Bates, a taxi driver (house now called Gables). Back across the road is Hill House (now The Willows) home of the Headmistress of Elmore School, Miss Buckley with her son John. The Wilkinsons lived at what is now Oak End House and next door at No.20 (now Court Cottage) lived Jim and Mona Robertson. Last in that row was No. 21 where Bill Greenwood and his family lived. He was a Barber and was reputed to pull hair out rather than cut it – his haircuts were definitely painful.

Across the road from there was the Blacksmith's Shop (now The Forge) where Tom and Emily Knight lived. Up the lane are the two red brick houses with, potentially, a lovely view over to May Hill, one occupied by Mr and Mrs Goldrick and son Ray, the other by Mr and Mrs Spiers. Mr Spiers was the 'woodman' whose job it was to keep the fires going at The Court. Further along the Lane 2 papers were delivered to the back of Elmore Court. We were not allowed up the front drive of The Court but had to use the back road. *(Bill tells me that even today he doesn't feel right using the main drive. Ed.)* Mr and Mrs Dring lived in the groom's cottage at The Court.

Millie Bird lived next to the Village Hall (then the school) in a house which had been the Post Office. Mr and Mrs Steel lived at Barhouse Farm. *The Citizen* was not taken at The Dower House but its stables (now The Coach House) was where the village football team used to change. Next down the road was Fernhay (then called The Ferns) where Mr and Mrs Chamberlain lived and across from there at Kenton Green lived Bill Reynolds, who didn't take a paper. Up to the left is Velthouse Lane and The Keeper's Lodge where Mr Bert Gabb and his wife lived. Bert's

brother also lived there. Bert, his brother and Walter Base used to keep our roads, drains and ditches clear. They each had a shovel which they liked to lean on but, my word, they kept us nice and clean and tidy from Brook St to Elmore Church.

Back to the main road, on the left was Duncan's Cottage where Jock and Nora McPhearson lived and next to them, across the road, Mr and Mrs Hignell with their children, Mary, Coralyn and Johnny.

Partridge No. 1 was the home of Stan Spiers, while Ruth and Walt Base were at No. 2. On round the sharp right hand bend lived Mr and Mrs Winter at Hilldersly. Three papers were left in a box on the wall of Church Farm for residents of Elmore Back to pick up on their way home. Frank Littleton lived in Church Farm and had a paper. Mr and Mrs French lived in the last house before going down to Elmore Back (now Farleys End Farm House).

Mr and Mrs Reg Littleton who lived at Pleasure Farm took a paper but Mrs Dolly Prosser across the road did without. At Pike Cottage lived Mr and Mrs Webb and their daughter Jean. 28 Spring Lane was occupied by Mr and Mrs Harold Hill, while further up the lane were Mr and Mrs Tom Leach, Mr and Mrs Clarke and their daughters Helen and Lilian and also Mr and Mrs Brint

In the house opposite the old cart house were Frank and Violet Vaughan. I can't remember who was living at Bridgemacote at the time but the last house in Elmore, a Bungalow, belonged to Mr and Mrs Jim Browning. I wasn't finished there as there was one delivery to make to the next house on the left (so actually in Longney) to Miss Ellis and Miss Camm.

When my brother and I got older the round was taken over by my sister Iris (now Base) who did the round on her own. Later when Iris also gave up the round it was covered by Martin and Gen Taylor, Kath Greenaway, Doug Clack, Ivy and Charlie Taylor.

Bill and Gen Taylor

Cobalt Charity Update

This edition of **The Bridge!** has come out too late to publicise Cobalt's Coffee Morning and Christmas card Launch on September 27th. However, Cobalt is making a real difference across Gloucestershire - and your support matters!

So Why not host your own coffee morning for Cobalt? Email Emily at emily.janes@cobalthhealth.co.uk to get your fundraising pack.

Make your Christmas card a Cobalt card! Our gorgeous, upcycled card packs (5 for just £2.50) will be available – lovingly crafted by our volunteers.

Save the date for **the Reindeer Run on 7th December** - a festive 5km walk, jog or run at National Star College. Under 5s go free! Early Bird tickets: £5 child | £8 adult | £25 family.

There is also our **Christmas Fair** at Linton House with live Randwick Reindeer **27th November 5-7pm**

Visit cobalthhealth.co.uk or call or call 01242 535922 for full event details!

Cakes, Coffee and Music

at St.John the Baptist Church,Elmore.

Saturday 15th November. Cakes at 10:30 Music at 11:15
Hear Passiflora Baroque, flute,recorder and cello play a 50 minute
recital whilst digesting your coffee and cake!
Retiring collection towards The Organ Fund (TOF)

Severn Vale Rotary – Community Update

After missing the last magazine deadline, we've got plenty to catch up on! Over the past few months, our Tuesday breakfasts have been buzzing with conversation, laughter, and some truly fascinating speakers. Topics have ranged from international charities and local community projects to unique insights from our very own members.

Inspiring Causes

We've learned more about Rotary Foundation, the charity at the heart of Rotary's global work - backed by partners like Bill Gates - in the fight finally to eradicate polio. Closer to home, we've supported the Big Space Appeal for Gloucester Hospital's new Oncology Department, helping to create a brighter, more supportive environment for cancer patients. We also heard from Longfield Hospice, which provides vital end-of-life care.

Running costs are around £5 million a year, with much of it raised through shops, events, and donations. Rising costs mean they now aim to raise £1.5 million through fundraising this year. We were delighted to lend a hand with their highly successful Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme, which collected over 4,000 trees and raised more than £80,000. Upcoming activities include a “Walk & Talk” on 6 September and a talk on 3 October by Steve Allen, whose model-making credits include Star Wars and Aardman Studios.

Talks That Captivated Us

Our members also take a turn in the spotlight. Carolyn Williams shared her remarkable career journey, from aerospace sales and oil drilling to Toshiba, Bottle Green Drinks, and even competing in the It’s a Knockout TV show back in the day.

Andrew James took us deep into the shadows of Cold War espionage, explaining how agents and “sleepers” communicated securely via shortwave radio and unbreakable one-time codes—a method still used in modern intelligence.

Most recently, Mark Johnson gave us a glimpse into the future with electric flight. Thanks to advances in lithium-ion batteries, small passenger aircraft are already a reality, and his company is working on Vuejet: a vertical take-off craft powered by giant fan blades. Imagine air taxis, emergency response craft, and silent, emission-free flights transforming the skies within the next decade!

Fundraising and Community Events

We’ve been busy raising money for the Big Space Appeal, supporting events at Cheltenham Cricket Festival and Berkeley Show. Our annual car event also proved a hit, raising over £2,000 for The Spring Centre, which supports disabled children and those with learning difficulties.

Looking ahead, you’ll find us at Frampton Country Fair, where we’ll be stewarding and running a tent for the Big Space Appeal.

Fun and Friendship

Of course, it’s not all work! We’ve enjoyed lively games of Boules, a summer BBQ with friends and family, and the warm company that makes Rotary so rewarding.

Join Us for Breakfast!

We’re thrilled to welcome new faces to our breakfast meetings, including our newest member, Aubry Smith. Others are considering joining too—

and we'd love to see more. Why not come along? We meet at The Woolpack Inn, Stonehouse, at 7:00 for 7:30 am on the first and third Tuesday of each month. If you'd like to attend an event, volunteer, or find out more about joining Rotary, visit www.severnvalerotary.org.uk or email keith.rog@hotmail.com.

With best wishes as autumn approaches,
Members of Severn Vale Rotary

Some Interesting Elmore History

As Editor of **The Bridge!** I recently received an email from a gentleman, Mr Chas Townley, who in doing some research on the Imperial War Museum website looking for information related to wartime defence of Brockworth Aerodrome and the wider Gloucester area, chanced across an interesting set of photographs of a 'Can Factory near Gloucester' which turned out to be The Old Depot, Haywicks Lane, Elmore.(the nissen huts) At first he assumed that it was a food canning factory but then found on the back of one of the photographs the following:

*'Satellite Can Factory (Shell Mex and BP) nr Brook Street Farm,
Elmore, Gloucester'*

Therefore he assumed it was likely used for some form of petrol or oil canning – perhaps grease or oil. It appears that the site was later used by the Ministry of Supply to store surplus clothing as he also found an advertisement in the Gloucester Journal which is reproduced below *I had to look up the meaning of 'Grindery', Apparently it refers to materials and equipment used in boot and shoe making. Ed*

Below that is a cutting from the Gloucester Citizen. The Act referred to allowed an eligible person (landowner, long lessee etc, in this case Sir Anselm Guise) to apply for any works they may have done during wartime to, effectively, be declared lawful and legitimate, a bit like nowadays getting a certificate of lawful use under Planning. The local authority had to determine the application, including advertising in the press, much like a planning application today.

So it is simply asking for the storage uses to be confirmed legitimate.

BRUTON, KNOWLES & CO.

6th SALE.



By Order of the Minister of Supply.
**PRINCES' HALL, GEORGE STREET,
GLOUCESTER**

Sale by Auction of
GOVERNMENT SURPLUS STORES
comprising

350 TONS USED OUTER AND UNDER-
CLOTHING, RAGS, USED FOOT-
WEAR, HESSIAN SCRAP, GRINDERY,
ANTI-GAS CLOTHING and MISCEL-
LANEOUS GOODS at present lying, and to
be viewed, at the RETURNED CLOTHING
SUB-DEPOT, ELMORE, NR. GLOUCESTER.

Auctioneers:

BRUTON, KNOWLES & CO.

SALE DAY:

THURSDAY, 27th APRIL, 1950.

Commencing at 10.30 a.m.

VIEW DAYS: Monday, Tuesday and Wed-
nesday, 24th, 25th and 26th April, from
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CATALOGUES OF SALE, Price 6d., may be
had of the Auctioneers, Bruton, Knowles
and Co., Albion Chambers, Gloucester.
(Telephone Gloucester 21267).

**ADMISSION WILL BE BY CATALOGUE
ONLY.**

Gloucester Journal - Saturday 22 April 1950

PUBLIC NOTICES

**GLOUCESTER RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BUILDING RESTRICTIONS
(WAR-TIME CONTRAVEN-
TIONS) ACT, 1946**

**WAR DEPARTMENT
STORAGE DEPOT AT
ELMORE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gloucester Rural District Council and the Gloucestershire County Council have received from Sir Anselm Guise applications for determinations under Section 2 of the above mentioned Act as to whether the War Department depot at Elmore and the use thereof for storage purposes comply or may be deemed to comply with building law and planning control respectively.

In determining the applications the Rural District Council and the County Council will take into consideration any representations which may be made to them in connection with the applications within 14 days from the publication of this Notice.

Representations should be addressed in the case of building law to the Clerk of the Gloucester Rural District Council, 29, Brunswick Square, Gloucester, and in the case of planning control to the Clerk of the County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester.

Dated the ninth day of June, 1958.

W. J. KNIGHT,
Clerk of the Rural
District Council.
GUY H. DAVIS,
Clerk of the County
Council.

**Gloucester Citizen
Wednesday 11 June 1958**

1st Elmore Brownies

This term the Brownies finished their Dancing badge; thank you to Chloe from Flodity Dance School for coming to our unit to teach lots of different dance styles. The Brownies got to choreograph a dance using the styles they have learnt. We have been working on our Take Action theme this term where we have been completing our Influence Skills Builder badge where we will be thinking about role models and how we communicate with each other. We will also be starting to work on our Kindness badge where we will be thinking about how we can help other people.

1st Elmore Guides

During the summer break the Guides had a residential at one of our World Centres in London called Pax Lodge. We got to stay there and meet Guides from Japan, Ireland, Canada and Zimbabwe. We also got to do some sightseeing around London, where we saw the London Eye, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, had lunch outside Buckingham Palace and did some shopping on Oxford Street. We have started back this term with a Games Night and welcomed four new guides. The Guides also had a stand at Frampton Country Fair where we fundraised for our camps and activities. After the Frampton Country Fair we did litter picking around the village. We will be working on our First Aid Skills Builder badge where we will learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator. In addition we are working on our Take Action theme where we will be thinking about the environment around us. At the end of this half term we will be having a pamper evening at The Body Shop in Gloucester.

If your daughter is interested in joining Brownies (7-10 years), Guides (10-14 years) or if you would like to volunteer as a Young Leader/ DofE Helper (14-18 years) or Adult Leader (18+) please contact 1stelmore@gmail.com.

Elmore WI

In August we held our annual skittles match with supper at the Anchor. Our September meeting was an exceptionally interesting insight into “The War Detectives”

They are small group of civil servants working from Imjin Barracks who through modern technology and lots of painstaking investigation are able

to identify remains that are still being discovered from the first and second world wars.

October will see a talk on Metal Detecting.

November 11 th is a talk by the Gloucestershire Deaf Association on Living confidently with

hearing loss. It is also our AGM

The December meeting on 9 th is yet to be arranged.

We are still working on next year's programme.

We meet at the Village Hall on 2 nd Tuesday of the month and visitors are always welcome

‘The Great Dying’

I think most people are aware of the cause of extinction of most of the Dinosaurs. I say ‘most’ because it is thought some of the flying dinosaurs survived and evolved into birds. All this happened 66 million years ago (mya) at the end of the Cretaceous period. An asteroid calculated to be about 10km in diameter crashed into the Yucatan area of what is now Mexico. The centre of the huge crater is now offshore but the event is named after the Chicxulub Pueblo on the adjacent coast.

However, this is only one of 5 mass extinctions since the Cambrian period about 580 mya. The other 4 are thought to have been caused not by asteroid collisions with the Earth but by changes in the make up of the atmosphere leading to reductions in it's oxygen content.

By far the greatest extinction has been called ‘The Great Dying’. It took place not over a matter of days like the Chicxulub event but over several million years at the end of the Permian period 252 mya. It is thought to have been caused by the volcanic eruptions which produced the ‘Siberian Traps’. This is basalt rock formation with an area of 7 million square kilometres and a volume of 4 million cubic kilometres. The eruption of this huge amount of molten rock changed the composition of the atmosphere worldwide, pumping out huge quantities of volcanic gases including sulphur dioxide, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide so leading to global warming. Bad enough, but some of the basalt was erupted through beds of coal, which would have burnt adding methane and ozone depleting gases into the mix. In all, 90% of living species went extinct including 96% of marine species and 70% of land dwelling vertebrates.

Many scientists think a 6th mass extinction is going on at the moment, this time caused by the activities of man. THJ

Sevenside Singers

Sevenside Singers ended a lovely summer with 2 enjoyable concerts to perform the songs we had learnt the previous year. The first one at Wisma Mulia, as always was well received by the residents and their guests. Our finale at Framilode church was well attended and we sang our hearts out. Singers made tasty nibbles to go with the wine, local traders gave generous raffle prizes and we made a handsome profit to go cover our expenses. In August we sang at 2 weddings in St Mary's Frampton, which was very pleasant.

We are a community choir, always looking for new singers; no auditions needed; if you don't read music you will soon pick it up. We meet at Frampton-on-Severn, Village Hall, 7.30pm on Thursday nights in term time. Just turn up or call Su 01452 721798. David our musical director has already found us some interesting and catchy harmonies to sing.

Village Hall News

Hall activities and all user groups are up and running following the Summer break. No fund raisers are planned until next year. Details we be confirmed in future issues of **The Bridge!**

Our good friend Mike Farmer has retired from EVH Management Committee after more than 40 years. Former Chairman, also currently Vice Chair and Treasurer, he has overseen the upgrades and maintenance of the Hall.

Constantly monitoring the Hall to reduce heating costs, any leaks or issues about the Hall have been dealt with promptly.

Thank you Mike, from us all. You will be missed. We wish you both well in your new home.

Demand for some space in our Hall is rising, early bookings (or enquiries) are advisable. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks to all users and supporters of the Hall.

John (Hardisty)

Chair

Elmore Village Hall Committee

01452 721798 or pikelett@hotmail.com

The Island Reading Group

As a homage to the great, late, lamented and fun local author, Jilly Cooper, we have all decided to read whichever book from her large repertoire we want and we will then discuss our individual choices at our next meeting ... even if we do all end up reading the raunchiest ones! Perhaps readers of **The Bridge!** might like to join the challenge and write their own reviews for the next copy of *The Bridge*. Alternatively, if they have been lucky enough to meet her or have any anecdotes about her that they'd be happy to share, they might like to add those to the next copy too. (*good idea. Ed.*)

Meanwhile here is a review of a book we have recently read.

Your Second Life Begins When You Realize You Only Have One

By Raphaëlle Giordano

This book is a French bestseller translated into English that blends fiction and self-help. Its main character is Camille a 38 yr old Parisian women who has a job, husband, child and financial security but still feels there is something large missing in her life. A chance meeting with Claude a Routinologist leads her on a voyage of self-discovery, where Claude coaches her on practical life advice to become a better version of herself, setting her tasks to complete and different ways to look at life's problems. The book follows her progress which leads to a more fulfilling life, improved relationships and happiness.

Although there is a lot of helpful advice the book in my opinion is too much of a self help rather than a good story to read. But some will find it inspirational and useful.

Raphaëlle Giordano is a writer, artist and painter who lives in Paris. Trained in communication and stress management techniques, she runs an events agency that organizes art activities and innovative team building, stress management and creativity/innovation courses.

Parish Council Update

As Chairman, I'd like to thank everyone who has shown an interest in the work of the Parish Council over the past few months. Your support, questions, and involvement really do make a difference to what we can achieve together as a community.

A reminder that we are putting on our next **free Defibrillator Training Session on Monday 28th October at 7pm in EVH**. Everyone is welcome, it's a vital skill that could one day save a life. For more information or to book a place, please contact Zahra (details on the last page).

We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council, and we're really keen to find someone who'd like to get involved. Please feel free to speak to any of us on the council (details on last page) if you'd like to know more about what's involved, there is no obligation! Your time and input could help keep the Parish Council running strongly for the future.

Finally, a special thank you to Alison, who recently left the Parish Council, for her efforts and valuable contributions in supporting us.
Matthew Brandon – Chairman Elmore Parish Council

Lady Carole Guise aka Mum

30.07.1936 – 12.08.2025

This summer was slightly overtaken by the fall we all feared would happen. Despite my siblings and my constantly suggesting to our mother that she needs to be careful when outside walking in the garden she of course, as she had always done, with her determined nature decided that she would just crack on as she had a hundred times and sadly this walk was the one that was the beginning of the end. Two broken bones in her leg and then a painful journey to a Bristol operating theatre and then a fortnight later to Gloucester hospital and then finally back to her home where 2 short months since her fall, she passed away with most of her family in attendance.

Many of you will have known my mother. Those who have will know that she was kind, elegant and strong and also had a way with words, sometimes in a way that stung. She loved her horses and dogs. So very much. And her friends. And of course, her children. Us. Ruthie, Harry, Edward and I have been badly thrown by her leaving this mortal plane. We are coming to terms with life without parents. Becoming orphans. It turns out it's a thing; especially when you have a parent as strong and determined and ever present as our mother. We will miss her. We thank everyone who has been a support to her over the more recent time with

her struggles with old age and health. We also thank everyone who came and helped make her send off such a wonderful occasion.

With love
Anselm

Glorious Anomalies

When we adopted a decimal currency we lost the bob, the tanner, the florin, the half crown and the guinea but only gained the 'p'. What a come down. But thankfully we still talk about people being worth a 'bob or two' and race horses are still sold in guineas. A guinea was £1 1s 0d or in decimal, £1.05,

Also, although we buy petrol in litres we still rate vehicle efficiency in miles per gallon and this figure is quoted in advertisements for cars.

Despite decimalisation of weights and measures people still think of their height and weight in feet, inches and stones and this is not confined to the older generation.

In secondary schools one used to progress from the 1st form to the 6th form and despite this changing to 'Years 7 to 13' schools still talk about 'the Sixth Form' and are still building 'Sixth Form Centres'. Hoorah.

These are but a few examples of our resistance to change

Footpaths; a British History

A book by Tom King

In England we have ancient trackways that disappear at certain points and re-emerge at others, often leaving you a mile or so from your intended destination

The difference, Tom King explains, is that our paths were not plotted as an organised system. It's more that they came into being and evolved because of the way people moved across the land through the centuries. In some places 'holloways' have been worn away to a depth of more than 10 feet by generations of boots and wheels travelling along them.

There is an old track from Elmore Farm to Hollow Farm. I wonder if the name of Hollow Farm comes from this 'holloway'. It is important to note that some footpaths and trackways have almost completely disappeared and are now impassable, as in this case

JMW

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Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025/6

All held in the Village Hall, 7pm. All Welcome

Monday December 8th 2025

Monday 16 March 2026

Tuesday 18 May 2026 (Annual Meetings)

Monday 14 September 2026

Monday 7 December 2026

Copy Dates for The Bridge 2026

Friday January 16th

, Friday May 8th

Friday July 31st,

Friday 9th October

Please send copy to the Editor on or before the above dates. Regular contributors will be warned of each of these dates 2 to 3 weeks in advance. Handwritten copy should be sent to Rose Cottage, Elmore, GL2 3NS and electronic copy to rosecottage1818@gmail.com