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## GET CARTA

Although our Prime Minister famously failed to translate the phrase, 'Magna Carta', when asked in a recent TV interview, we all know it means, 'Great Charter', from your actual Latin.

### But...so what?

Well, this bit of paper, this 'Charter', sort of kick-started democracy as we know it. Only 'sort of', because it took England and its people from one very bad way of running things - the King was always right and his word was, literally, the law - to not-quite-such-a-bad arrangement whereby 25 barons (who had captured London as a sort of protest) had to be consulted on laws governing the country. There were a few other bits, all but a very few no longer referred to. However, buried deep in the text, there was one that said:

*No free man shall be seized or imprisoned or stripped of his rights or possessions or outlawed or exiled ...except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land.* This was the beginning of the establishment of legal principles and of people's rights.

In 1215 this didn't mean much to the majority of the population. They were 'unfree', peasants. But from this platform, by good luck or good judgement or both, we have developed a democracy which has allowed peace and stability envied by many, emulated by more.

When we read of the brutalities which attend the election process in some developing nations, of the intimidation and the violence, of the corruption and the vicious and open abuses of the most basic human rights, we should be grateful. We should savour the deep-rooted respect that our election system engenders, knowing that we can effect a change of government through the power of a grubby little black-lead pencil tied to a portable wooden polling booth by a bit of string. We may lament the stranglehold of the party system and the lack of real choice in areas where one of the parties is well dug in. But it is the choice of the people that this should be so.

That choice can be unwise. The recent biographies and reflections on the life of Sir Winston Churchill catalogue the vagaries of the electorate. The 'greatest leader this country has known' was, more than once, humiliated and rejected at the ballot box.

Furthermore, the sophistication of advertising and, more recently, the phenomenon of social media has made wise choice the more difficult.

And where does 'power' lie these days anyway? When Apple can make £12 billion + in the last 3 months by selling a few telephones, they firmly place themselves above many national economies - and they are still only worth a quarter of what Bill Gates has in the bank. As the Bard tells us, 'money doesn't talk, it swears', so he who has the money...

But we can relax! For, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, we have the chance to choose new decision makers. At parliamentary level where no-one will take your bet on the outcome. At district level where there's a chance of an upset to the balance of power - but where the current financial and political climate is severely tying the hands of the elected members. And at parish council level where the world's your oyster and where we can choose from our neighbours the ones who could, should, and currently do make a difference to our lives.

The current lot haven't done badly at all. They have managed, against the odds, to keep Elmswell high on the agenda of many of the other authorities they deal with so that our streetlights remain in good and improving condition, our potholes are filled at least as fast as everyone else's and the Police liaise effectively. They have interpreted the village mood and aspirations wisely and managed finances so that facilities such as new allotments, play areas at Crown Mill and Clay Field, the green cemetery and the dramatic success of The Blackbourne have been achieved cost effectively. They have stayed ahead of the game in terms of establishing a Neighbourhood Plan and seem to keep pace with the ever-changing Government diktats on Planning.

But they could do better. They will have to do better. The game is changing. The feature which helped define and shape Elmswell over the past 100 years - the Bacon Factory - exerts an influence beyond its working life. The development of the site, 38 acres of it, will change the face of Elmswell for good or ill. The chance of the gain of a relief road avoiding the ever-busier railway crossing is attractive to many, but the spin-off needs careful control and adept handling across a range of disciplines...the Planners, the County Highways Officers, the community infrastructure agencies such as social care, health and education all have to be persuaded to bat for Elmswell.

This is the job of the parish council which we will elect on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

It goes without saying that we should all vote. Not to do so is to lose ones moaning rights; leave it to others to decide but don't complain if the result isn't to our liking.

What is needed is people of calibre and commitment to stand up front and seek to serve at this crucial juncture in Elmswell's development. We have been unusually lucky in recent years in finding folk with a wealth of experience, many of them still testing that experience day-to-day in a job of work. From carpet cleaner to child minder, from locksmith to veterinary nurse, from solicitor to tractor driver...all have been able to bring common sense and a real world perspective. The age range, again, is younger than many other councils... but no-one under 40, no-one with children of school age, 60%+ male...it could be a better cross section of our community.

There is a wealth of information available on the process of standing for and serving on a parish council. The degree of commitment is a personal choice. There are councillors who throw themselves into projects which take up a lot of their time, there are councillors who join in the litter picks etc, and there are councillors who turn up at the monthly meeting and feel they've done their bit.

It's an imperfect system - back to good old Winnie: *'Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.'*

It might be time for you to give it a try?



## NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Once again, some 70+ souls braved the first day of a new year by joining the regular monthly walkers for a 5 mile ramble in and around Elmswell. For the first time in the recent history of the event, Dick Burch didn't lead the way round - he was unwell but the crowd, in fine spirits as they gathered around the village sign, wished him a speedy recovery. But tradition was otherwise observed when the amazing Mr & Mrs Wells, fresh from hosting the New Year's Eve party at Blackbourne, dutifully arose at 3.00am to put a joint of pork in the oven which they then served to the walkers, along with apple sauce, hot punch and whisky chasers at the half-way point in Wetherden. Jane Heselden's pictures record a smashing occasion. Thanks to Alan and Linda for their extraordinary efforts, and to Peter Edmonds who stood in for Dick Burch who has gingerly bounced back and will lead the next walk (sorry, no pork rolls) on 15th February.



## Your Newsletter Fact File

Our deadlines are important. It takes longer than you think to put the magazine together - despite our magnificent printers! Please help by sending us your contributions - the more the merrier - on time, and by email if at all possible.

**For the next 6 months we need copy by:**

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*Young Girl with a Dove (after Picasso)  
by Maureen Bagnal*

People who paint/draw are their own biggest critics and one of the hardest things to do is to actually stop and finish a piece of art – we always seem to want to add one more line/brushstroke and sometimes “overdo” our work – so it is nice when someone else tells you that your picture looks good. I am going to try and include a piece or pieces of art each month for the magazine – although sometimes the photography is nowhere near as good as the artwork!

**Denise Lawrence**  
Secretary – Elmswell Art Club  
01359 245207



*St Ives, Cambridgeshire  
by John Welford*

## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

With Christmas over and the New Year under way it is time to make our resolutions and possibly start a new hobby! Why not take up painting or drawing? Elmswell Art Club is an inexpensive, friendly club which welcomes new members. At just £2 per session (refreshments included) there can be no better way to enjoy a morning and make new friends. We meet every Tuesday morning (9.30am to 12.30pm) at the Wesley Centre. Whether you are a novice or an experienced artist either looking for help, tips or inspiration – come and join us! What amazes all of our members is the diversity of styles and varying mediums (pencil, pastel, oils, acrylics and watercolours) which appear on the blank sheets of paper/canvas each week. We are looking forward to arranging an exhibition at the end of May which will show off (and sell some of!) the work which has been produced.

## ELMSWELL W.I.

Janet welcomed us all to our first meeting of 2015 – Rachel is still in New Zealand. She gave us some dates for future activities: 20.1, Scrabble at Anna's; 23.1, Craft Group at Sylvia's and 6.2, at Liz's; 6.2, Park Farm, Soup and Natter Lunch and 17.3, Golf Club Dinner.

Next, we had to decide on which of the seven Resolutions we were going to vote for, for this year. These were the issues: gender discrimination, a government tree-planting programme, improving public access to defibrillators, removing the distinction between personal and nursing care, reducing public and personal food waste, ending female genital mutilation (F.G.M.) and curbing the

indiscriminate use of antibiotics. We voted, almost unanimously for ending F.G.M.

During the last part of the evening, Peter Goodrich and Terry Gardner, from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, came to show us the first draft of a questionnaire, which they have drawn up to obtain the views of village people about future plans. They have obviously spent many hours designing this and wanted to know what we thought about the content of the questionnaire. There was lots of discussion about the questions and the way they were presented, so they definitely received some feedback! It is really vital that people of all ages, in every household, have their say and complete the questions, so that they influence the way that the village will be developed. This development will definitely happen, because we are a sustainable village. Also, if we demonstrate that we have a Neighbourhood Plan, the village automatically receives a greater share of the money paid by developers to Mid Suffolk.

In February, we are looking forward to a talk about printing by Ed Wilson, which should be very interesting.

(N.B. The days are getting longer and Spring will soon be here!)

**Rosie Collins**  
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## You Say...

**one of the responses  
to last month's editorial**

*Whatever the reason for celebrating Christmas, it is just an excuse to spend, spend, spend. I spotted my first Easter egg of the season on Boxing Day!*

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### ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



Could there be a non-gardening gene? If so, I think I have it! But as a long-standing member of the Gardening Club I am ever optimistic it may be overcome. My idols are Alan Titmarsh and Monty Don where every word and muddy gesture that drips from them is inwardly digested. Their words are the magic seeds by which my garden will become the Hanging Gardens of Elmswell – the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of Suffolk. Maybe not. It seems so effortless – just do as they say and you can't possibly fail.

At Gardening Club we have a range of experts giving us talks. One memorable talk included a rose pruning session with an expert from Peter Beale Roses. Equipped with a demonstration fence holding various roses, he proceeded to snip the branches back to buds with sharp secateurs. Then smiling triumphantly he asked for volunteers. Are you joking? Clumsy ineptitude should not be exposed to the masses – but various members stepped forward and received plaudits for their expertise. With a head filled with bent-over laterals and tied-in trusses – failure was not an option! Rambling roses across my bare fence would be a worthy project. Installing a multitude of wires threaded through ringed screws – I was ready for my rambler. The photo accompanying my plant showed masses of cream roses – it didn't show the thorns! But in April the rose was planted and tied expertly into the lower length of wires. A month later it went berserk; masses of growth had to be tied onto all four horizontal lines of wire. The rambler found every fence knot hole and brutishly pushed into a neighbour's garden. It sported four small cream roses. Hardly the profusion seen in the photograph. Wrestling matches with the rambler dominated the summer months. It had all the characteristics of the 100-year hedge which surrounded Sleeping Beauty. Alas, during the last secateurs foray, I over-balanced against this monster and was

crucified on the thorns. My only escape was to slither out of my thorn-held tee-shirt and run for the house. Needless to say an axe was my next gardening implement. Undeterred, a clematis seemed a good idea, but I was given a thoughtful birthday gift – a climbing rose with thorns like mini-daggers!

My New Year resolution must be to concentrate and try harder! So I shall be eager for our first meeting of the New Year **on Tuesday, 17th February, 7.30pm, at the Blackbourne**, when Michael Warren will take us 'Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer'. Our meetings are extremely informal, social and friendly with many members eager to give advice and learn from our expert speakers. Our membership is still only £13.00 per year, but if you would like to sample our offerings – non-members may attend for £3.00 per session. If you would like to join us, come along, or if you require further information please contact **Nick Chamberlin on 242601**.

**Carole Curtis**

### ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

After another successful year we will meet again on Thursday February 26th at 7.00pm at the "Blackbourne" when we will be entertained by "Brian of Note", meetings will then continue every two weeks throughout the year with transport from the regular points en route to the hall. Further events already booked will be listed in the "Whats on Section" of the Newsletter until I have completed the card which includes 22 meetings or outings which takes a lot of time and effort before I can get it printed. Hopefully the card will be available by the next meeting. I am looking forward to you all returning to the club along with hopefully some new faces. If you need further information contact me (241002) or any committee member.

**Diann**

### ELMSWELL MILLENNIUM HISTORY GROUP

The first meeting of the New Year was held in the Wesley Hall on Thursday 12 January.

Our speaker for the evening was Derek Palgrave and his subject was 'Interpreting Signs, Symbols and Trademarks'. This illustrated talk took us back to Egyptian Hieroglyphics, through signs used in Alchemy, symbols of religion, the military, trademarks to advertise various products, jurisdiction and the railways.

Before people learned to read symbols were used to communicate and through the years especially in religion they have been used to illustrate the pilgrim's journey, for instance, the scallop shell which speaks of St James of Santiago de Compostela.

This was, as usual with Mr Palgrave a well researched and illustrated talk.

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday 12 February at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall. The speaker is Edward Martin and his topic 'Henslow of Hitcham: The Life, Influence and Legacy of Darwin's Tutor'. Henslow (1796-1861) was a Botanist, a clergyman and mentor to Charles Darwin.

Everyone is welcome.

Looking forward to our World War 1 Exhibition in April, please see the feature elsewhere in the newsletter, with details of a competition for children.

For more information about the Millennium History Group please go to our website [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) or telephone Stella Chamberlain on 01359-242601.



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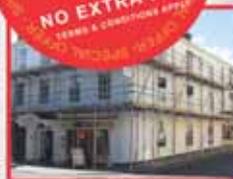
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# Safe way home

Each year, more than 100,000 stray dogs are found, but only about half of these are reunited with their owners. To help tackle this problem, a new law is coming into force – from April 2016, all dogs in England must be microchipped.

A microchip allows local authorities, veterinary practices or rescue centres to scan your lost dog or cat and find your contact details, which will be stored in a database.

Our pets are one of the family and losing them is a devastating experience. Ensuring your cat or dog has a microchip gives you the peace of mind that, should they get lost, you can be quickly reunited.

Collars and name tags are required by law but these can fall off, whereas a microchip is a permanent and effective way of finding your pet. Thanks to microchips, more than 10,000 people were reunited with their lost pet between April 2013 and March 2014.

Microchipping is a quick, simple and pain-free process. A vet will implant the chip, which is about the size of a grain of rice, underneath the skin between the shoulder blades like an injection. All you need to do is book an appointment!

Once you have had your dog or cat microchipped, it is essential that you keep your contact details up-to-date so you can always be contacted if your pet is lost.

01359 241761



Elmswell Safer Neighbourhood team are currently seeing an increase in the Number of dog incidents

reported where dogs are not being kept under proper control. The following is a list to remind people of possible offences should they fall foul of their dog being out of control both in public and private.

**Dogs Act 1871** - if a dog is found to be dangerous and not kept under proper control in a public place or on private property, a dog control order or destruction order can be applied for via magistrates.

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991** - applies to four specific breeds of dog including the type of dog known as the 'pit bull terrier'.

Owners of these breeds have to comply with certain legal requirements, including having their dog registered, neutered, micro chipped and tattooed.

**Control of Dogs Order 1991** - this required that every dog, while in a public place, wears a collar with the name and address of its owner inscribed on it.

**Animal Welfare Act (2006)** - this Act introduces the new legal concept of a 'duty of care', which means that people are now legally obliged to ensure the welfare of the animals in their care.

**Section 68 of Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005)** - from April 2008 local authorities have sole responsibility for providing a stray dog service.

**Environmental Protection Act 1990** - if a dog barks to such an extent that neighbours are significantly affected and a statutory nuisance is caused, the Council can take legal action against the dog owner to abate the nuisance.

**The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996** - this makes it an offence not to clear up after a dog that fouls on land in designated public areas.

**Countryside Code** - the countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it remains the dog owner's duty to ensure this is done without causing irritation or nuisance to local residents and the public. A dog does not have to be kept on a lead on a public pathway as long as it is under close control.

**As of 6th April 2016 ALL dogs will need to be micro chipped.**

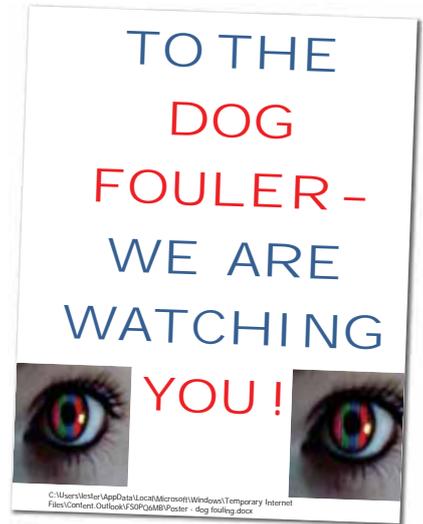
## Je suis Darcy

We would like to inform all of our fellow dog walkers in Elmswell of the death of our loveable friendly Norfolk Terrier, Darcy on 12th January. Darcy, 18 months old, died from internal injuries sustained during an attack by a long haired black dog on the green at Pightle Close. We do not know the other dog's breed, its name or that of its owners. The Police are pursuing the incident.

Our fear is that, unless this dog is muzzled, it could attack another dog or seriously injure a child or an adult.

If you have any information on the dog or owners please contact

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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY



2015 is already a busy year for Elmswell Library and its hardworking friends group, E.L.F.

And to say thank you to our customers for all their support we decided to hold a fun day for the children, similar to last year's National Libraries Day celebration – but this year it's all about our favourite literary wizard, Harry Potter.

A national Harry Potter Night set Elmswell's Sunday officer Hannah Sibley thinking and she has been busily organising a day of magical fun and frolics on Saturday, February 7th.

From 11-12:30 you are welcome to come along, there will be cakes and drinks, games and crafts and hopefully we will have the best decorated library walls in the county. We have been visiting the local primary schools to ask the children to design a witch or wizard hat for us, and they have been using their imaginations to come up with lots of wonderful ideas. The prize for the best design will be a £10 Waterstone's voucher, with second and third prize winners receiving vouchers for free CDs, DVDs or games from the library.

Once again, fancy dress is encouraged, but if

you just want to come down and talk about the services we provide or how you can get involved in helping the library then please do just drop in.

And there is a further note for your diary – following last year's hugely successful cheese and wine evening, we are holding another. And because the Rioja was the most popular drink of the night, it is Spanish themed!

A Taste of Spanish Wines and Tapas, with local wine expert Bob Stopp hosting once more, will be at Elmswell Library on May 1st at 7:30pm. Tickets will be £12.50 and available soon from the library. We look forward to sharing another fun evening with you.

Also, advance notice of closure for the whole of the Easter weekend. Due to a system shut down for essential works in Suffolk County Council, all libraries in the county will close from Good Friday through to Easter Sunday. Elmswell Library is also closed on Mondays so will shut at 7pm on Thursday, April 2nd and not open until 10am Tuesday, April 7th. We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Elmswell Library is open Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm and 2-7pm, Wednesday and Friday 2-5pm, Saturday 10am-1pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

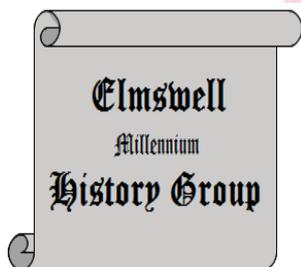
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## NEW ADOPTER IN ELMSWELL

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Suggestions for competition entries

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Make or paint picture of a **poppy** in any medium. Construct model or draw picture of a WW1 **aeroplane**.

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**Knit, sew or embroider** clothing for a soldier/sailor. Design & make a **postcard** with pictures of home.

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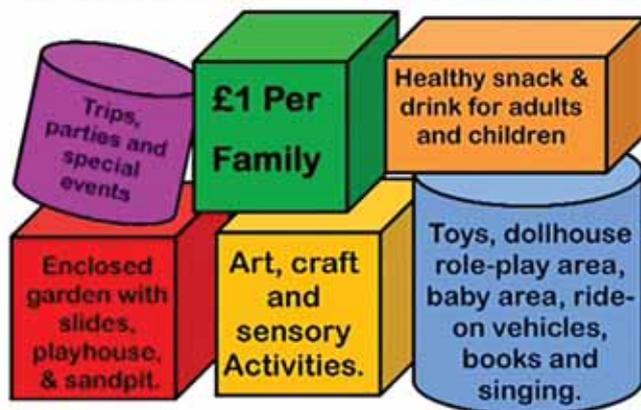


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# AROUND AND ABOUT

## ELMSWELL FIRE STATION NEWS



Hello everybody,

It has been a reasonably quiet time for shouts on station at the time of writing, although between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve we had 9 calls, helping to a total of 163 incidents for 2014.



Last year we have raised another serious amount of money for village charities through our monthly bingo nights (2015 dates are in the

what's on section) and a special thanks as ever to the very generous customers at the Co-op on Christmas Eve, who helped us raise a staggering £1551! If you have ever wondered what we do with all the money we raise, every year, we invite local charities & organisations to apply for a share. The lucky recipients will be invited to our presentation evening in March.

If you think your organisation or charity would benefit from a donation from us, then please drop us a few lines, stating what you intend to do with the money, then send it to the fire station in Elmswell for the attention of Watch Commander Hawes or, alternatively, e-mail the addresses below, preferably before the end of February. Thanks for taking the time to read. Please take extra care on the roads, especially this time of year and don't forget to check your smoke alarms at least once a week.

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or brian.hawes@live.co.uk



## You Say...

**one of the responses to last month's editorial**

*Just read the latest newsletter which you produce each month. A thoroughly enjoyable read and I wish you all a Happy New Year.*

*However, in the words of Lt. Columbo, "Just one more thing..."*

*In the article about Christmas celebrations and the worship of the sun on the opening page, Lennon and McCartney had nothing to do with 'Here Comes the Sun'; it was written and sung by George Harrison.*

*Just thought I'd let you know.*

## ELMSWELL SLIMMING WORLD GROUP

One of the busiest times at The Blackbourne is when Slimming World meets every Tuesday for 2 sessions at 5.30pm & 7.30pm

The group has lost 312 stone 11lb this year. 43 members have achieved their target weight & lots of members have seen huge health improvements from being able to be more mobile to now being free of diabetes. The group supports pregnant & breast feeding mothers towards having a healthy pregnancy and it is recommended by both the diabetic association & the royal college of midwives.

The Slimming World system allows you to lose weight without weighing, measuring & counting everything in sight. There is loads of free foods to enjoy - for example steak & slimming world chips and many members still enjoy a daily bar of chocolate. A very successful year was recently marked and celebrated at the Christmas party, party games, delicious food and, of course, Christmas jumpers.

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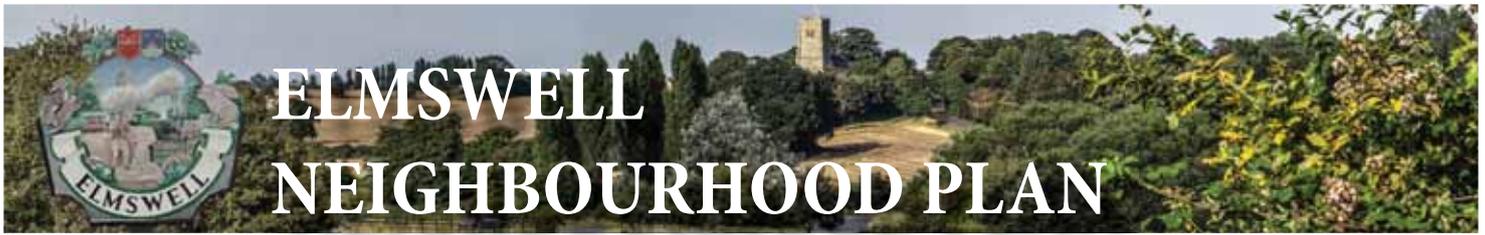


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# ELMSWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Your Neighbourhood Plan Group is keen to talk to as many residents as possible as it puts together questions for the questionnaire which will form the basis for the Plan.

As part of this consultation, a programme of visits to village clubs and societies has produced some changes to the questionnaire and generated much interest as well as some searching questions, all of which will inform the Group's thinking as the Plan gradually emerges. Visits so far have included the Art Group, evening WI, Carpet Bowls, Christians Together, Woolpit Health Centre,

Millennium History Group, Village sports clubs, and Village youth groups. The programme continues, and any group that may have been overlooked is welcome to be in touch and have their say.

The next Steering Group meeting will take on board all of the comments received and agree the final draft of 3 questionnaires ready to go to the printer. A general household questionnaire will go to all 1700 households, a business questionnaire will be distributed to all businesses in the village and a youth questionnaire will principally be circulated via Elmswell and Thurston schools.

The questionnaires are entirely confidential. They are administered by Community Action Suffolk and their software allows for in-depth analysis. As the whole exercise is computer based, responses online will be very much encouraged. Written responses will have to be manually inputted so that the system can handle them.

To encourage as many people as possible to have their say, there will be a draw for which everyone who responds will be entered. The prizes will be Co-op vouchers with the first one out of the hat winning £100.00. The group has a website - <http://www.>

[elmswellneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/](http://elmswellneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/) also accessible by scanning the QR code and general enquiries or comments are welcome at the email address [contactus@elmswellneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](mailto:contactus@elmswellneighbourhoodplan.org.uk).

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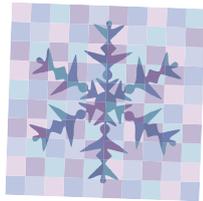
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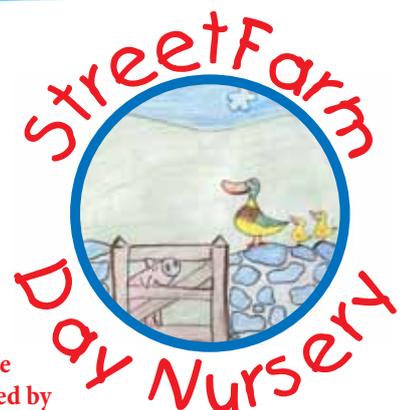
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## ELMSWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB EUROPEAN TOUR



For the third year running EYFC set off to conquer Europe over a weekend in October. The U14s and U15s and some parents set off from Blackbourne at five o'clock in the morning and made their way down to Dover to catch the ferry across to Calais.



Breakfast on the ferry was welcomed as we had a smooth crossing over and a stretch of the legs



We docked at Calais and set off for the three and a half hour drive down to Molenheide in Belgium, singing a few songs and stopping for a quick break half way. We arrived at Molenheide at 17:00 to be greeted by the park staff that had everything ready and waiting for us. A quick unload of the coach and we discovered that one of the boys had left his suitcase in the front room back home..... (Comments about that would not have happened if it was a coach of females, didn't help)



We found our chalets eventually (more than the driver did, it took him a hour to find his chalet) and was pleasantly surprised at the quality and comfort that they offered

Everyone unpacked their kit and headed off to a three course dinner which consisted of soup starter and a choice of main or as many dishes as you could eat and ice cream for dessert. The meals would be a topic of conversation every day as the food was first class and would be topped off on the Sunday night when Derk the restaurant manager said that we he would be serving beef on Sunday. Sunday came and he served steak which went down rather well with the adults.

A cup of Cocoa and off to bed for an early start the next morning

Bacon butties was the order of the morning before venturing out to a local Belgium football side Beart, with both teams playing a game

each. Unbeknown to us they actually charged their own supporters two euros to watch us. The U15s started well and their efforts were rewarded with 6 different players scoring, the game ended 6-2 to Elmswell



The U14s game was started and ended the same way with Elmswell dominating play and winning 7-1 in very wet conditions. Both teams enjoyed the hospitality by the home side after the games.



The next day it was up early and over the border to play our next game in Holland against the opposition that we played two years ago SV Grosvlek, with the U14s creating a record breaking 14-1 score line and the U15s winning 6-1 to keep their unbeaten record in Europe



We enjoyed the local hospitality then back to enjoy the swimming pool and flumes at the park followed by the best dinner of the tour..steak. The next morning it was time to clean the chalets out and pack our bags for the trip home. We then played on the hardest crazy golf course we have ever played on, but it could have been worse I could have had golf membership and play regularly and then get beaten by the wife... what say you Andy .T. A special thank you from all the Boys to their Mums and Dads for helping on the trip and Burleigh Travel for organising the weekend.



## ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Well we are only a couple of months away from the start of a new bowls season; most of us are continuing to play bowls indoors at Stowmarket Leisure Centre. For those of you who have been watching BBC 2 on an afternoon we play very similar to the bowls played at Potter's in Norfolk, just one thing different some/most of us are not performing at that level.

With the installation of the new trim trail situated on Blackbourne you could even do a few warm up circuits before you come to play bowls this will certainly flex the body, **(I must try it sometime)**

During the closed season we shall be flexing our minds at our **Annual Quiz on the 14<sup>th</sup> March**, why not come along and meet some of our members.

As with the football season that have transfer windows, Elmswell Bowls Club have an ever open 'window' and would welcome you at any time. You needn't necessarily have played bowls before, don't be shy give us a call.

Why not give our chairman Linda Abbott a call 242224. For information about our social activities contact Brenda Begg on 242025. Many of our members have visited Hopton to watch the World indoor Bowls Championship and most of us continue to play indoors at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre.

Nick Chamberlain our groundkeeper has not been so active these past 3 or 4 months he deserves a rest but he will soon be seeking a team to continue to maintain the green through the winter closure, but to start to prepare the surround of the green and over the next few weeks to clean benches, tables making sure everything is ready for the start in early April.

I am sure that the green will be as good as it was in the 2014 season. Sorry no photographs this month, but next month will bring to you our magnificent new Signboard, no one will be able to miss where we are.

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## EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY

Although it may not happen as often as it used to, most people like receiving postcards from friends and family as a reminder of journeys made and holidays enjoyed. It is also a way of keeping in touch, without having to write a (long) letter. Postcards make colourful displays and, for those of us whose photography leaves a lot to be desired, it is a good idea to bring some of them home to keep for ourselves. In these days of the internet, however, we can have photos and live pictures sent to us before the holiday makers have actually left for home. This is reassuring for parents whose children are on gap years travelling abroad but may prove to be the demise of postcards in the future.

One resident of our village has collected postcards for many years now. Few of his postcards are in colour, they don't feature countries abroad, but the majority have interesting messages on the back. Paul Peachey collects postcards of Elmswell, the village where he was born. We are lucky that he has shared some of his cards with us and they have been published in the newsletter, in the local press and on the Elmswell history site, evoking memories of the past for many people.

### A villager born and bred

Paul was born at his maternal grandparents' farm opposite the church at Bunker's Hill, where his father worked. The work was hard and the hours long, and seemed to have instilled

in Paul a strong work ethic (more of which later). He went to the village school which was situated at the back of Pightle Close, set back from School Road and where Old School's Court now is. The only remaining part of the school is where the playground was. Three generations of his family attended there: his mother Betty, his wife Gill's mother Margaret, Paul, Gill and their daughter, Lorraine (for one year) until the new school was built at its present site. Betty was a school cook there too. Paul was in classes with Gill's sisters and Gill's family lived at the farm in Tostock (where they have the car boot sales now). They had to go to

school by bus, which they caught at the Fox and Goose pub. Gill and Paul remember the teachers and headmaster who worked there: Mr. Kirby, who was the head, and Mr. Proctor both lived outside the village, but the other teachers, Miss Goddard, Mrs. Hurrell, Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Stanners lived locally. On Paul's walk to school, he and his brother, David, would stop at the tin shop opposite the fire station to buy sweets. Gill remembers walking along the path by Hanover Court, where there were three shops, one of which was a wool shop. The shops are long gone and have been converted into a row of houses.

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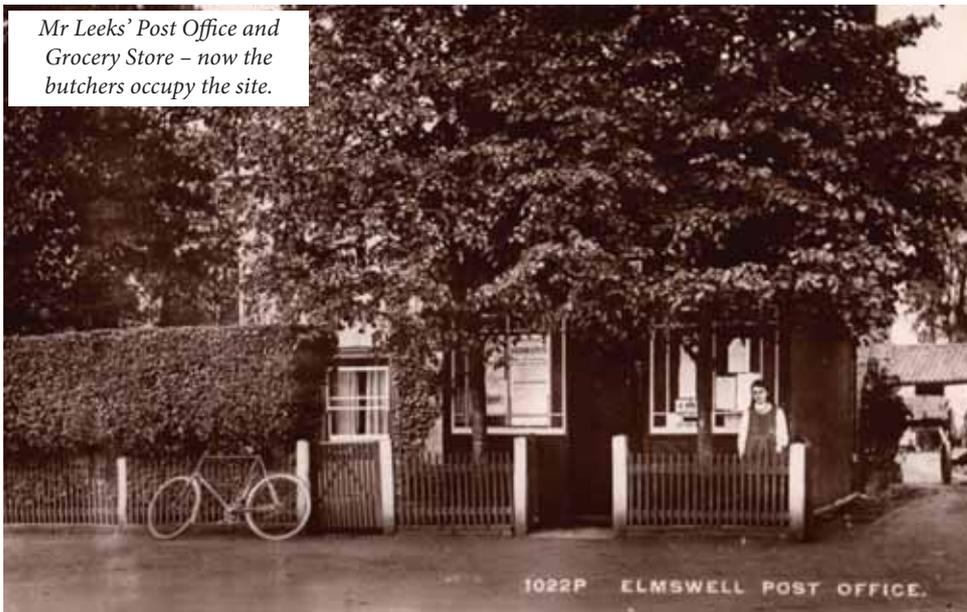
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*Mr Leeks' Post Office and Grocery Store – now the butchers occupy the site.*



### First signs of an entrepreneur?

Paul's first job was at twelve, when he became a paper boy for Mr. Leeks who ran the Post Office and store. He did this for about three years, delivering papers from Shop Corner along the Ashfield Road. Later on, he took on a second round, so he would come back and deliver to houses in New Road. He would start at a quarter to 7 and it would take him half an hour. Sometimes it was still partly dark when he left his home on Church Road to collect his papers. Probably not good on a cold, winter's morning!

At thirteen, he took a job working for Mr. Goodfellow, the butcher, who owned the buildings around where the present butcher's shop is. On a Saturday, Paul would complete his paper round, go home for breakfast and then go to work at the butcher's. He had a trade bike and he placed the wrapped up meat on the front and the back in a basket. He also had to carry a satchel, in which he put the money he collected. He remembers a particularly vicious dog at one of the houses where he delivered. One day, attracted to the smell of the meat, he managed to get free and bit into the back of Paul's leg. After finishing his round, Paul would go back to help clean the butcher's shop and wash the windows down. He also helped make the sausages and mince.

At fourteen, Paul went to work for David Hawes at his family firm W.W.Hawes. He used to do bindery work, sweeping up paper, collecting up paper, wrapping up parcels and any other jobs that needed to be done. It was suggested that Paul should do an apprenticeship – in those days it took seven years – and this meant he had to attend Norwich City College on what was called block release. At seventeen he had to leave Elmswell, travel to Norwich and stay there all week, which must have been hard in a strange city, on his own and having to learn so many new things. By the second year Paul had a mini (the favoured first car for most of us!) and his mum was teaching him to drive, so he could drive to Stowmarket Station and come back each evening.

On finishing his apprenticeship, Paul became an Administrator and then assistant Manager

and did two years as a rep. He remembers his first company car was a beige Ford Escort 1.4. Having been trained so well, the time came when Paul felt ready to start his own business and he set up Falcon Print and Promotions with his partner. For six months he worked from home and then moved to St. John's Street, then to Moreton Hall and, twenty eight years on they operate from Woolpit Business Park.

Ironically, Gill also worked at Hawes, although only for a year as she then went to work at Margaret's, the hairdressers in the village. This was owned by Margaret Goodfellow – the butcher's daughter – and began in a tin hut by the butcher's, moving to it's present site, which had been a cobbler's shop. Gill worked there, married Paul and left to have their children, Lorraine and Michael.

### The start of Paul's Postcard Collection

Paul started collecting postcards 25 years ago when he met a couple on holiday in the Canary Isles. They were from Kent and the husband collected cigarette cards. There was an antique fair at Woolpit so they went there looking for cigarette cards with Paul, where he found two postcards of Elmswell. And, as it says in a newspaper article on Paul (BFP October 1996), just from that find 'he was hooked.' Since then he has travelled to fairs all over the country, from Carlisle to Birmingham, London to Plymouth, to name but a few. There are far less cards around now.

Bury St. Edmunds and Norwich have a fair only once a year, so cards of Elmswell are pretty rare. This year, at the antique centre in Needham Market, Paul found a picture of Elmswell. A week later he got a card on Ebay. One of the postcards published in the newsletter came from Belgium, having been sent to France. This also came from Ebay.

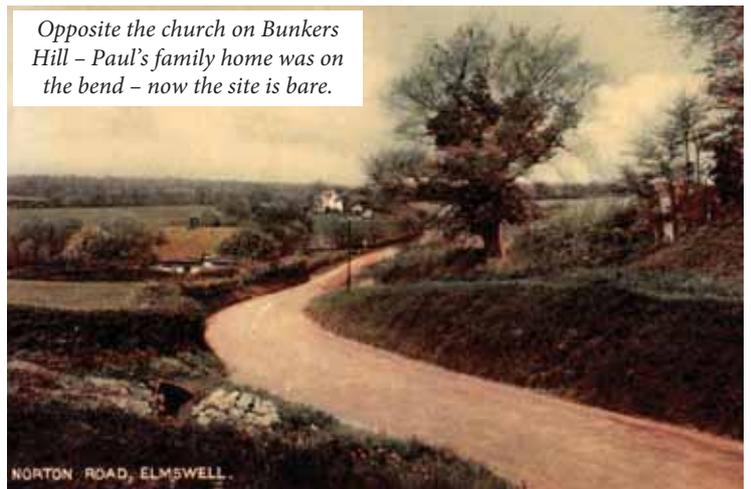
Paul now has 160 postcards and many doubles, but there are still numerous postcards that he would love to get hold of. Needless to say, his favourite card is of his birthplace, Bunker's Hill Farm. When I was talking to Gill and Paul about their experiences as they were growing up in the village, they were able to produce postcards to show what they were talking about or where buildings had been. We looked at postcards of the old school and they were able to explain where the different classrooms were. The pictures are particularly precious now that the buildings are gone.

Many of Paul's cards date back to the early 1900s and he patiently explained to me (brought up in London) how, when the roads were dirt, they had to be swept of horse droppings every day. His cards are fascinating as they are a record of how the village has changed and evolved over time. Gill and Paul can tell you so much about each of the pictures because, even if they don't have a memory of it, they can recall what their parents and other people in the village have told them, whether it's about the building or the people who lived or worked there. Whenever one of Paul's cards is published in the newsletter, there is usually someone who will get in touch and let us know what they remember about it, and we do like to hear from you.

Interestingly, Gill also collects postcards. Her collection is of Suffolk churches and she has 400 - there are over 500 churches in Suffolk - so, between them, Gill and Paul have a lot of albums. We didn't really talk about the prices that they paid but, as the cards become rarer, like anything that is sort after, they become more expensive. Something that also interests me is the postcards with messages on the back, such as the one of Elmswell Post Office. It provides a little snapshot from someone else's life and I like seeing the beautiful handwriting as well. In past editions of The Newsletter, Paul has appealed for anyone who can help him add to his postcard collection. There are still many more he would like to track down and, if we all keep an eye out, we might be able to help him find them, especially as Paul plans to publish a paperback book on Elmswell postcards through the twentieth century when he retires.

Maggie Bushell

*Opposite the church on Bunkers Hill – Paul's family home was on the bend – now the site is bare.*



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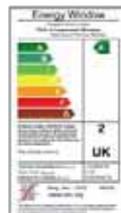
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08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Parish Praise

### Sunday 15 February

10.30am Holy Communion CW

### Wednesday 18 February

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
(Christians Together in Elmswell)

### Sunday 22 February

08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Morning Service CW

### and into March.....

### Sunday 1 March

09.30am All Age Service  
11.00am Morning Prayer BCP with  
Holy Communion BCP

### Friday 6 March

5.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer

Christmas at St John's was as busy as ever!

Our service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on 21 December, with the singing of traditional carols and with Bible readings telling the story of Jesus' birth. After the service there a seasonal buffet.

Then on Christmas Eve there was a carol service especially for the young people 'I can't wait for Christmas'. This was well attended by children and their parents. Later in the evening we held our Christmas Communion Service.

Christmas Day service was a happy time with families joining together to worship the newborn Child.

Over the Christmas period we started a new venture - to support the Stowmarket Food Bank and we hope to continue with this throughout the year.

Another event which we are trying this year is a series of Lent Lunches. These will be held in St John's Church on six Wednesdays beginning on 18 February. We shall meet at 11.30am and eat at 12 noon - just a simple lunch, and the opportunity to make a donation towards the work of the Food Bank.

### Christians Together in Elmswell

(Secretary Jean Folkard 242099)

On Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday 17 February) at 6pm at the Baptist Church there will be a Pancake Party.

Then on Friday 6 March in St John's Church we shall hold the Annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service. We shall meet at 4.30pm for tea and cake and the service will begin at 5pm. This time has been arranged with the hope that it will give an opportunity for more people to attend, whilst giving time for children to be collected from school - all are very welcome - men and women, boys and girls, young and old!! It's not just an hour of prayer - this year it has been arranged by the Christian women of the Bahamas, with music and readings as well as prayers. We look forward to seeing you.

### The Friends of St John's Church

This year it is 20 years since we held our first Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Fabric of St John's Church. Since then we have held numerous Coffee Mornings, Concerts, Art Exhibitions, Flower Festivals, Talks, Poetry and Puddings evening, Just Dessert evenings, Beetle Drives, Sausage Suppers, etc., etc. Our first event of this year is a Sausage Supper in the Church Room on Friday 27 February at 7pm. (Tickets £6.50). This is a popular event, so if you would like to come, please book early.

Later on in the year we shall be holding a weekend of events - a concert, the AGM and Coffee Morning, a Festival depicting 'Our Favourite Things' and the Annual Service, with Clive Paine as our preacher. This will be during the weekend off 19-21 June - please look out for posters advertising future events.

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21 in loving memory of Evelyn Bloomfield, a dear Mum, Nana, and Gt. Nan, who passed away 4 years ago today. "Always in our thoughts". Love from all the family.

27 Louise is 16 !!! I can't believe it !!!  
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Another subject that won't disappear from the news is the upcoming election in May.

Last year's commemoration of the start of the First World War has reminded us of the sacrifice paid by many to maintain our freedom and in the same period of history many women were campaigning hard for the vote. However low our opinion may be of the current bunch of politicians we do need to remember how hard our ancestors fought to have the right to vote and live in a democracy. We all have a duty to keep informed and cast our vote in May in a responsible manner.

Our activities in the next few weeks are:-

Food & Friends on Thursday February 12th at midday – for the older folk – a chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

CU at CU Club continues on Tuesdays at 6pm in term-time – games, quizzes, stories and craft for 5 to 11 year olds. Phone Tony on 241541 for more details.

On Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Christians Together in Elmswell Pancake Party at 6pm. Fun and games for all the parents and children. Phone Stephen on 01473 251193 for more information.

On Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup> there is an Ash Wednesday Service at St. Johns organised by Christians Together in Elmswell at 7pm, all are welcome.

The Ladies Friendship Group meets on Monday March 2nd at 7.45pm when Patsy Kemp is coming to offer more insights into life in Peru. Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information. ALL ladies are welcome.

We are grateful to all those who come to lead our worship each week. Our preachers at our 10.30am services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

February 8<sup>th</sup> Stephen Spurgeon (All-Age Service) – Church 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

February 15<sup>th</sup> Stephen Spurgeon

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Moore

March 1<sup>st</sup> Eddie Kerridge (inc Communion)

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend any of the above events.

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Tony

## TOAD TIMES



It is coming up to toad time again! Between end of February and early April, our toads will come out of hibernation and begin their long and hazardous journeys back to their breeding pools. One of the major hazards they will face is our roads – every year thousands of toads are killed on our roads. Can you help?

For the last four years we have been helping toads cross roads near Badwell Ash and in Walsham-le-Willows. Last year we saved nearly 1000 toads at these sites. It was a mixed year for toads last year with us seeing quite a sharp decline at the Badwell Ash site, however a large increase at the Walsham-le-Willows site.

We have a great band of volunteers. However, despite our efforts we know we lost several hundred toads last year. The more volunteers we have the more toads we can save. **Could you spare about two hours one evening a week for the 6 week period late February to early April? We are looking for help to patrol the Badwell Ash site and Palmer St in Walsham-le-Willows.** No experience is required – a short training session will be arranged and equipment can be provided. You will be working as part of a great team!

**Local drivers – we need your help too.** Look out for the toad signs (see above – already up in the Badwell Ash site and due to go up in Palmer St shortly). The toads will be crossing after dark when the conditions are right – when the temperature is above 5/6°C and on damp/rainy evenings. Please drive very carefully and as slowly as is safe. If you can safely stop or go round a toad please try and do so. Also look out for the toad patrollers!

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As February arrives we're all wrapping up warm at school and keeping busy.

## Topic Based Learning

Each term, each key stage will focus on a topic which much of their learning will be based around. For our younger children this term those topics will be 'weather' for Reception classes and 'China' for Key Stage 1.

For the reception classes weather will be built into their maths learning with activities such as recording temperatures, keeping daily weather records and measuring rainfall. In literacy they will be taking weather based stories (such as The Wind & The Sun and the Snowman) and discussing what they like and don't like, the characters and even writing their own version of the stories. In Understanding the World they will be learning about significant events in history – Grace Darling, Scott of the Antarctic and Noah's Ark

For Key Stage 1, China will be the basis of their learning. They will be discovering what it's like to live in China and comparing it to their own lives in the UK and will be looking at Chinese culture including this month's Chinese New Year.

## Colchester Castle

Lower Key Stage 2 are enjoying learning all about the Romans this term and visited Colchester Castle at the end of January to extend their learning. The children enjoyed using some of the castle's new interactive displays, found the tour of the Roman vaults fascinating and loved the castle's Roman Circus!

## Year 5 & 6 Primary School Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February our Upper Key stage 2 pupils will be participating in Sportshall Athletics at Thurston Community College with other primary schools from the area. The Sportshall Primary Programme is recommended and endorsed by England Athletics and provides the ideal format in which to introduce young people to athletics and multi-skills competition. The programme specifically introduces young people to competition in a fun team based format

## Schools Sports Partnership

This term our specialist sports provider will be working with our reception children developing their basic PE skills in areas such as balance, hand-eye co-ordination and basic ball skills.

## Transition from Primary to Secondary School

Whilst it is still several months before our Year 6 pupils leave us for the next chapter in their education at Thurston Community College, the transition process has already started. Staff and prefects from Thurston visited us at the end of January to talk about life at Thurston. At half term the children will be invited to Tuesday Club where they will be able to participate in taster sessions in English, Science, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages, Drama and History.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We still have some vacancies for Midday Supervisors with immediate effect. This can be casual or regular hours from 12 midday until 1.05 p.m. Duties (on a rota basis) include

supervising children at lunchtimes, assisting in the lunchroom with packed lunches and school dinners and putting tables and chairs away after lunches.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS checks are required.

If you are interested please contact the school office on 01359 240261.

## News from FRESH

Our first committee meeting of the year reported a successful end to 2014 with two Christmas Parties enjoyed by all age groups across the school. Bertie Basset proved to be a popular entertainer once again (Thank you Bertie) and Santa was a welcome visitor as always.

## Christmas Fundraiser

Our Christmas fundraiser this year was cards, mugs and tea towels featuring the children's very own designs. Over 100 families took advantage of the wonderful Christmas gifts and we raised £375 for the school.

## Purchases for the School

Last year's fundraising events have built up a nice little pot of money which can be used to buy new equipment or resources for the school. All teachers have been asked what their key stage would most benefit from and it looks like our Reception children will soon be taking delivery of some new ride-on toys (to replace those with missing wheels!) and some den building kits which whilst being lots of fun will also teach them about using their imagination, being creative and working together.

## Upcoming Events

- Movie Night. For the older children we are planning a movie night in March.
- Village Fun Run. 17th may. More details to follow.

## Next Fresh Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> Feb is the next committee meeting. We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers. You don't need to be a parent of a child at the school – just keen on helping out, organising events and raising funds for the school.

Mrs Jane Ash – 01359 240261.

## LITTLE ELMS



Another exciting new year is upon us as we slowly get into some warmer weather - we hope!! Our new website is up and running for you all to view and keep up to date with. There are some parts still under construction which should be completed soon. [www.littleelms.co.uk](http://www.littleelms.co.uk)

We are looking for someone who would be interested in covering school holiday times to work in our playrooms. The hours would within Monday's to Friday's and you would need to be at least level 2 in Childcare. If you are interested please ring Melanie on 01359 240491.

Don't forget we have holiday club running in the February break packed with activities such as pancake racing!!

A few words from our Ladybird room: We would like to welcome all our new children and their families. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and got all you wanted. This term we are looking at The Arctic and Winter as our theme. We have been investigating different ways of making flour, salt and cotton wool into snow scenes. We have been in the garden making music with the saucepans and tins and wrapping up warm to play with the vehicles outside. After half term we will celebrate Chinese new year and pancake day. Leading up to Easter we will be looking at different types of British Birds.

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets and reindeer food, we made £97.

Happy New Year !!





## ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

After a lot of hard work and dedication sadly Jen will be stepping down as chair, due to some good news she is expecting her second child in June extending her own beautiful family, Jen has written a few words.

Since I have a baby due at the start of June, I'm going to have to step down as chairperson of Elmswell Baby and Toddler group during the spring. I have loved becoming more actively involved in the running of our group and I'm definitely going to remain an active member of the committee, hopefully for many years to come! Our little group is so very valuable to the parents and carers in Elmswell and I am passionate about keeping it going, so that Mums, Dads, grandparents and children can meet, make friends and enjoy belonging to a community.

We will need to hold some elections to vote in a new chairperson, and this is an ideal time to invite all our members to consider whether they'd like to join our committee, either as a general member, or as the chairperson. Anyone can put themselves forward to be the next chairperson, whether they are already a committee member or not. We are always keen to have more help, energy and ideas, and by joining the committee you are able to put your ideas forward for future trips, events, crafts and fundraising. There are four named positions (chairperson, treasurer, nearly new sale coordinator and secretary) on the committee, but it is essential we also have several general committee members to keep the group running smoothly. Speak to any of the committee members to find out more about how you can help, or contact me directly by emailing [elmswellbandtgroup@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellbandtgroup@gmail.com).

On Tuesday 10th February we will hold our Annual General Meeting, at 7:30pm at The

Fox pub. During this meeting, we will hold the election for the new chairperson (so if you'd like to take up the position, you need to have put yourself forward by then!), discuss the upcoming Nearly New Sale (Saturday 21st March) and any other business. Everyone is welcome to attend – the more brains, the better! Thanks, Jen

### Donations

We would like to thank the chairman, Philip from carpet bowls for his generous donation of all the play dough tools and cutters, which have been put to good use by the children making some lovely creations on our craft table, also thank you to Laura for the boxes of baby toys donated these have been greatly appreciated, also thank you to Laura for the boxes of baby toys donated these have been greatly received and put to good use with the children.

### Nearly New Sale

It's that time again! Our Nearly New Sale is nearly here.

Saturday 21st March at the Blackbourne Hall in Elmswell from 11am - 2pm, a sign up sheet will be out on session morning for helpers, and again we will be looking for cake donations for our cafe, which can be dropped at the hall on the morning of the sale between 9-10am. If you can offer a few hours during the day between 8am- 5pm to help with the running of the day but don't attend the group please ring Claire on 07709160045 all volunteer's appreciated. This coming sale will be for Spring, Summer Items, so if you're having a clear out and would like more information on how to become a seller please contact Jo on 07814461060 or email: [elmswell.nns@gmail.com](mailto:elmswell.nns@gmail.com)

### Date's For Diaries

AGM Meeting - Tuesday 10th February 7.30pm Elmswell Fox

Nearly New Sale - Saturday 21st March 11am - 2pm Blackbourne Hall

### Craft Dates

Mon 9th February  
Valentine craft and Happyland

Wed 11th February  
Valentine craft and jigsaws

Mon 16th February  
Make your own crown

Wed 18th February  
Button flower collages

Mon 23rd February  
Colouring books and stickers

Wed 25th February  
Sensory play with dry rice

Mon 2nd March  
Painting colourful fish

Wed 4th March  
Happyland

Mon 9th March  
Mothers' Day Craft

Wed 11th March  
Mothers' Day Craft

Mon 16th March  
Cornflour goop!

Wed 18th March  
Colouring books and stickers

Mon 23rd March  
Happyland

Wed 25th March  
Cornflour goop!

Mon 30th March  
Stencils and crayon rubbings

Wed 1st April  
Painting – butterflies

Mon 6th April  
Sticking – make a crazy face

Wed 8th April  
Stencils and crayon rubbings

Our pictures show the delighted recipients of two delightful cheques – each made out for £1,530.00.

The money was raised at a gala night at Blackbourne organised by Sue and Peter Hughes, Elaine Pitt and Val Burch. The intention was to benefit 2 charities - The Brain Tumour Society and Ilh.UK which supports those with intracranial hypertension.

Donations and help came from many quarters... notably HC Wilson Transport, Thomas Ridley Cash & Carry, ACS Aromatics and the Elmswell fire Crew, but many dozens of others were generous with their support, including the top local pub & club group 23X who played without charge.

It was a great evening, reminiscent of the days of regular village dances. The £3,060.00 already handed across was not the final total which will be announced in the March Newsletter. A fantastic effort and congratulations to all who helped make it happen – particularly Sue, Peter, Elaine and Val.



Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, excepting August and avoiding bank holidays. The January meeting took place in the Chamberlayne Hall annexe at Blackbourne on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> with 10 of the 11 councillors present, along with the Parish Clerk, District Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel, County & District Councils Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey, PC Neil Brown, and 9 members of the public.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which is made up of the Council Chairman, Cllr David Barker, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr Mrs Marian Abbott and Cllr Mike Friend, elected to do so by his peers. It seeks to cover some of the more interesting or significant items thought to deserve wider public attention. Included, where appropriate, are matters reported to the meeting by external bodies such as the Police and Ward Members or as raised at the meeting by members of the public. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at [www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk), in the Memorial Library and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes, from the November Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

## County Council

In a written report, Cllr Mrs Jane Storey raised awareness of forthcoming topics for debate at SCC being the future of the Suffolk Records Office and the setting up of a West Suffolk Operational Hub.

## Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included the news that Babergh and Mid Suffolk are one of just 21 councils across the country to have secured the right to borrow from the Government's Additional Housing Revenue Programme. The resulting loan of £35.5m will allow for the construction of 60 affordable homes across both districts by 2017.

## Dog & litter bins

Charges made by Mid Suffolk District Council for the emptying of dog and litter bins were introduced in 2012 at £15.00 & £10.00 respectively per year per bin. Elmswell has 19 dog bins and 26 litter bins. The Clerk reported on the latest increase in these charges to £30.00 & £25.00, a total charge of £1,230.00 on the parish precept transferred from the District Council precept.

## Police

PCSO Steve Pendergast and PC Neil Brown tabled a report recording 13 reported crimes over the past 8 weeks. During this time 70 telephone calls were logged covering public concerns regarding road related offences, alarms, highway disruption, road collisions, suspicious circumstances, harassment and concerns for safety. They reported that the recent SNT meeting held at Elmswell had identified 2 priorities for particular attention, the theft of heating oil and outbuilding burglaries.

## BMA

The Blackbourne Management Association, which comprises user-groups and representative Councillors, manages the Council owned facilities at the community complex at Blackbourne. The Secretary, Cllr Peter Edmonds, reported on its most recent meeting at which it had been agreed that the new defibrillator unit should be sited on the wall of the new extension at Blackbourne, adjacent to the car park and immediately

under the automatic floodlight. The Meeting also asked the Secretary to amend the Conditions of Hire so as to accord with the Council's wish to ban sky lanterns and externally launched helium balloons from the Blackbourne Meadow site. Association member Tony Garner has undertaken to refurbish some of the chairs which, having served since the original hall opened some 14 years ago, are showing signs of wear.

## Bier shelter plaque

The Clerk reported on the successful unveiling of the commemorative plaque at the Council's refurbished bier shelter at the cemetery. The scheme to restore the Victorian building was driven by Cllr Ann Richards who had secured the funding largely by public subscription. The plaque acknowledges the contributors.

## Planning

The Meeting agreed to support applications for further works at Street Farm, a listed building, and for a horse walker at Elmswell Park Stud. It noted the granting of permission for a replacement garage at The pastures, Ashfield Road, for a conservatory at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane and for work to protected trees at St John's House, Church Road. The Parish Council had not objected to any of these applications and had supported an application at Tirole House, Church Road for the severance of part of the rear garden and the erection of a bungalow with separate vehicular access. This has been refused by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, on grounds which included that the proposal would cause material harm to the character and appearance of the area and be inconsistent with national policies requiring that development responds to local character and reflects the identity of its surroundings.

## Neighbourhood Plan grant aid

The Clerk reported that he had been successful in obtaining a grant of **£5050.00 from the Community Development Foundation towards the cost of producing the Neighbourhood Plan which he was co-ordinating.** The Plan process, advised by Mid Suffolk District Council and Community Action Suffolk, has made rapid progress. The Steering Group, made up of representatives of village organisations

and of individuals with a wide range of appropriate skills and experience, is currently consulting with the members of village clubs and organisations throughout the community towards refining the questionnaire that will go to all households. The questionnaire responses will form the basis of the community's view to be reflected in the Plan. Once approved the Plan will form part of the statutory Planning Policy which will control development in the village until 2040.

## Newsletter congratulations

Councillors agreed that formal congratulations should go to the volunteers who produce The Elmswell Newsletter which is, for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in the past 6 years, declared to be the Newsletter of the Year by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The magazine, published by The Elmswell Amenities Association, is entirely supported by advertising and returns a healthy financial surplus each year for the Association whose funds are entirely dedicated to the community. There are some 40 regular volunteers who help to produce over 1700 copies each month, distributed free of charge to households and businesses, a service which has been provided, with increasing success, for 28 years.

## Audit

Town and parish councils are the most heavily audited of all 3 tiers of local government. They are required to conduct a formal annual check themselves on their procedures and finances, to submit to a detailed audit by an external agency, in Elmswell's case this is currently the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, and all of this is double-checked by a Government appointed external auditor, currently BDO LLP. The Council asked its Chairman, Cllr David Barker, its Vice chairman, Cllr Mrs Marian Abbott, and Cllr Mike Friend who was formally elected as a member of the Audit team by fellow councillors, to carry out its own Internal Audit for the current financial year. Their report was accepted by the Meeting as an accurate and balanced overview of the Council's affairs. The examining councillors had had unfettered access to any and all of the Council's papers, including accounts, registers and records

held both electronically and in paper form. They found no cause for concern, noting 3 minor recommendations, only one with a cost implication, being the need for the purchase of a stand-alone payroll package.

### Precept

Councillors agreed to set a precept of £109,171.00 to cover expenses and the cost of community development over the 2015/2016 financial year. This represents a 1.49%

increase on last year's figure. Town & parish councils receive none of the Government grant aid which has allowed District, Borough and County councils to impose no such uplift. The average, 'Band D' council tax payer will be required to pay 2p per week more to cover the increase.

### Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 in The Blackbourne.

The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at [www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk), on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.

Enquiries on any or all of the above, or on any Council matter, are invited through the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow at the Parish Clerk's Office, Station Road, Elmswell IP30 9HR. telephone 01359 244134 email [clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk).

The office is situated on the Station Road Industrial estate, behind the Fox pub and right next to the railway line above Goblins factory premises. It is open for business on weekdays from 9.00am – 5.30 pm, excepting Bank Holidays. The answerphone is monitored daily.

## It's pretty windy out there!

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- Any other case that you would like us to consider

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- ◆ Regular text message or phone updates during a power cut
- ◆ Extra support from the British Red Cross

### Police Connect

Police Connect is a messaging service connecting you to the very latest policing news for your area via e-mail, text or phone. There is no charge for this service - all messages you receive are free.

You can register to receive information about the issues that most matter to you and be among the first to be alerted by police in the case of an emergency affecting your area.

You can choose to receive regular updates on crime and public appeals, safety advice and meetings and events. There is the option to receive information about a range of specific interest areas – such as 'rural' or 'rivers and coastal' – as well as updates for business owners and news from your Police and Crime Commissioner. The choice is yours.

### How to register (via Suffolk Police Website)

The simple online process takes only a couple of minutes and will ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details and preferences for you.

### Are you a previous Police Direct subscriber?

Please note that your old username and password will not be transferred into this system. You will need to register as a new user by clicking on 'Don't have an account?'

## FOOTPATH WALK

Our next walk starts, as usual, from Crown Mill, on

**SUNDAY**  
**15th**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**beginning at 11.00 am**

Open to all comers & lead by Footpath Officer Dick Burch

A couple of hours gentle walking on the footpaths in and around Elmswell

*Dogs on leads welcome – stout shoes recommended*



## CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

To speak to an officer from your local SNT, because they may well be out on patrol, the easiest option is to telephone the number 101, which is the new number across England and Wales for local police forces. You will then be told you are being put through to Suffolk Constabulary's Police HQ, where you can speak to the operator and either ask to be put through to a particular officer, or to Mid Suffolk South Safer Neighbourhood team office.

As an alternative you can email them directly through the following link:  
Email: [midsuffsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsuffsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

# What's On in Elmswell ?



To be included in our events diary make sure you send separate notification of your announcement.

For a full year's calendar of what's booked at Blackbourne, please go to the Parish Council website at [www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk) - it might help you in planning dates for your events.

## February 2015

- 2 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm.
- 4 Elmswell Exchange WI A New and Old look at the Isle of Wight (illustrated presentation by Chris Parfitt)
- 6 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 10 Elmswell WI 'Prints' Ed Wilson we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 12 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker: Edward Martin: "Henslow of Hitcham - the life, influence and legacy of Darwin's tutor"
- 13 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall 2.30pm. Beetle Drive
- 17 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Through the year with Horticultural Photographer
- 17 Pancake Party at Baptist Church 6pm
- 18 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 18 Ash Wednesday Service St John's Church 7pm
- 20 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 25 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 26 Over 55's club entertainment by "Brian of Note"
- 27 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## March 2015

- 2 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Patsy Kemp on South America
- 4 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 4 Elmswell Library Friends Committee Meeting commencing 6:30pm at the Library
- 4 Elmswell Exchange WI Paper Modelling & Sculpture - Colin Hopper
- 6 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 6 Women's World Day of Prayer in St John's Church 5pm
- 10 Elmswell WI 'The Ukulele' Steve and John we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 11 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 12 Over 55's club AGM
- 12 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker: Bob Malster: "Suffolk Millwrights"
- 13 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 17 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Harbingers of Spring
- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall 2.30pm. Talk on Elmswell by Peter Lester assisted by Derek Folkard
- 18 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 20 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 21 Elmswell Baby & Toddlers Group Nearly New Sale
- 25 Lent Lunch St John's Church 11.30am
- 27 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## April 2015

- 2 Elmswell Exchange WI Members Meeting (our members provide their own programme)
- 9 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist

- Church at 7.45pm Florry Heller on Pearls
- 9 Elmswell History Group 15th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Report on our WW1 research findings into RFC Elmswell, and social effects of the war onto the Elmswell area and its inhabitants.
- 10 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 11 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Rachel Andrews on Eye Care in Bangladesh.
- 11/12 Elmswell History Group EXHIBITION, Wesley Hall, 11am-4pm - "Elmswell & Memories of the Great War". FREE ENTRY and refreshments.
- 17 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 21 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Hedgehogs and Wildlife Gardening
- 21 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall 2.30pm. Bingo + Bring & Buy Stall
- 23 Over 55's club music by Shipshape
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 24 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## May 2015

- 1 Wine Experience. Spanish Wines and Tapas with Bob Stopp at the Library. Tickets available from the Library. Price £12.50 each.
- 6 Elmswell Exchange WI Annual Meeting and Resolutions
- 8 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 11 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Rachel Andrews on Eye Care in Bangladesh.
- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker: Nick Sign: "John Winthrop of Groton, and the 1630 Expedition to USA's Boston, Massachusetts"
- 12 Elmswell WI AGM and Resolutions we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 15 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 19 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Elmswild - Kiln Meadow Update
- 19 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Outing - To be arranged
- 22 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 29 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## June 2015

- 1 Ladies Friendship Group outing to Columbyne Hall and Gardens in Stowupland. Meet at chapel at 6.30pm. Phone Margaret on 241541 to book your place. Open to men as well.
- 5 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 9 Elmswell WI 'A journey to Citizenship' Linda Scoles we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Mark Mower: "Crime on the Home Front - law-breaking in the two World Wars"
- 12 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 16 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall 2.30pm. Talk by Graham & Sandra Mack on 'Letters from the 1st World War'
- 16 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Bats & Work of Suffolk Wildlife Bat Group
- 18 Over 55's club outing to Poppy Factory with Lunch and Tour

- 19 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 26 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## July 2015

- 3 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 9 Elmswell History Group - Annual Outing: To be arranged
- 10 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 14 Elmswell WI Outing
- 17 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 21 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall. 2.30pm AGM - Strawberry Tea + Raffle
- 30 Over 55's club outing to Felixstowe "The Hut"
- 31 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 31 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## August 2015

- 3 Holiday to Weymouth reservations now being taken
- 11 Elmswell WI Members meeting we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 14 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 27 Over 55's club Outing Carvery Lunch and boat trip
- 28 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 28 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

## September 2015

- 6 Autumn Fayre - enquiries Peter Edmonds 241640
- 7 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Sue & Dave from Fresh Start on making soaps.
- 8 Elmswell WI Harvest Supper we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 11 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 15 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: From Mountain to Garden
- 15 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Outing - To be arranged
- 18 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall. 2.30pm Shared Lunch + Raffle
- 25 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 25 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30
- 26 Christian Aid Quiz at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7pm. Teams of up to 6. £7 per head including food.

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