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We reserve the right to edit any such contributions that we may use in a subsequent edition.

You can't believe everything that people say. Take the standard call-centre mantra 'Your call is important to us...' Or, more recently, and very locally, 'your view matters'. 'Your view', as sought in the Parliamentary Election, the District Council Election, the Parish Council Election, the Parish Poll and now – see our centre pages Your Chance to have Your Say.

Elmswell likes to have its say. Parish Polls, a chance for the people to have their say, are a rarely used device. They usually come from a sense of frustration, a call from below to hold those above to account. Not so rare in Elmswell.

In 1996 the Poll called on the question, 'I should like work stopped on the proposed Blackbourne project immediately', produced a 35% turnout with 381 voting in support and 473 voting against. The rest is history.

In 2001 two questions made it on to a Parish Poll ballot paper and 363 people, 14%, voted: Question 1. 'Do you agree that the village has no confidence in the elected officers of the Elmswell Parish Council and that they should resign?' – a resounding 60% voted in favour, only to be defiantly ignored for several months until those concerned gave way ignominiously, one banned from office for 2 years and a village left, 'in chaos', according to Press reports;

Question 2. 'In view of the continuous distortion and inaccurate reporting in the village newsletter, do you agree that the Parish Council should produce its own regular Fact Sheet?' - a resounding 60% voted against but 5 editions of a 4 page 'Parish Record' did emerge spasmodically, now collectors' items. Your Newsletter lives on.



Way to go?

In 2006 the question was: 'Do you agree that Blackbourne Phase II should go ahead before villagers are given proper costings for the running, staffing and maintenance of the proposed new hall and, knowing the full implication for Council Tax payers, are able to vote on the outcome?' 285 votes (10.8%) of which 16 people said, 'yes', and 269 said, 'no'. History, again, is witness to the effectiveness of the exercise.

Ineffective? Waste of money? An interesting factor is the number of people who currently claim Parish Polls to be both – but have been previously involved in calling them!

The latest, 2015 Poll is the subject of a feature on page 25. Nothing is binding on anyone, and a brief history, as above, suggests that we should simply mark the frustrations that gave rise to the question and move on.

However, we are asked again for our views and opinions on matters which will have an impact on the shape and nature of village for the foreseeable future. Our centre page spread details the 2 options which Network Rail has put in front of the Mid Suffolk Planning Department towards addressing an important requirement in the Planning Permission granted in March for development of the Bacon Factory site. As with so many such questions, it is often difficult to convince people that it matters. If you're not a footpath

walker, or don't live within sight of the proposed footbridge, why should it bother you?

The Rights of Way network – our footpaths – are often, a bit like Parish Polls, remnants of times past when priorities were

different. They started as long ago as did the communities they serve. People wanted to get about, the routes they chose made sense at the time so lots of people used them. Some have become roads, others have disappeared, some are still used to get from A to B and some have become a valuable recreational asset. Since the Kinder Scout trespass in 1932 and the Right to Roam

movement gave birth to organisations such as The Ramblers' Association and the Open Spaces Society, we have realised the worth of our footpaths and sought to protect them. Our own local Rights of Way champion, Dick Burch, leads his monthly footpath walks (Sunday 12th July at 11.00am from the Village Sign, booking not necessary) along paths that he has used since childhood. Over the years he has introduced hundreds of residents, many of them newcomers, to the opportunities on their doorstep for walking along routes established for centuries. It was only some 25 years ago that the FEW – the Friends of Elmswell Walkers – battled with undergrowth, landowners and the elements to reclaim a footpath network which is now well established and largely well signposted and maintained.

There is an opportunity to improve this invaluable community asset. Network Rail has agreed that, instead of a 10 metre high steel structure blighting Hawk End Lane residents (there's one at Thurston to compare, the £1.5m 'Green Monster', although it's lower!), they will consider a proposal that will create an extension to our footpaths, an improvement which will be incorporated into the Definitive Rights of Way map for ever.

Think eternity. Think heritage. Think footpaths. Think on, and take a look at the exhibition on 16th July.

Your view matters.



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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

The 2nd Elmswell Art Exhibition is now over and I have to say what a wonderful success it was! Our whole art group pulled together to produce a display of really impressive art.

I would like to thank not only the exhibitors (all local artists) but the numerous people who walked through the doors of the Wesley Centre to support us. The intention was not to make money out of the display but to show just how talented the members of our art club are.

The positive comments received were very encouraging and also encouraging was the amount of art work sold (Over £1,000 worth).

Thank you again to the people of Elmswell (and surrounding areas) for supporting our efforts – it makes the enjoyable process of producing pictures very worthwhile.

Attached are some pictures taken at the exhibition.

Denise Lawrence – Secretary 01359 245207



ELMSWELL MILLENNIUM HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on Thursday 11 June our speaker was Mark Mower MBA BA(Hons) whose subject was Crime on the Home Front – law breaking in the Two World Wars.

The Defence of the Realm Act was planned to protect the population, initially in the early years of the First World War. As food rationing started in 1914,, it was also imperative to conserve food and water, cut down on travel and observe the black out rules. No one was allowed to talk about or discuss military matters; trespass on the railway was against the law and church bells were not allowed to be rung. All of these laws were considered as petty officialdom and were very unpopular. There were more laws to break and the black market, looting of bombed out houses and so on showed that between World War 1 and the end of World War 2 there had been a 60% increase in crime.

It is recorded that in 1941 Remand homes were full, 20,000 military personnel were AWOL by the end of the war; people of various nationalities were seen as a threat and in one month 6,000 ‘aliens’ were interred.

With the gradual removal of emergency restrictions, much of the wartime criminality disappeared.

After Mark’s talk there was a lively discussion in which several members of the History Group said they did not recognise what had been said. These were people who had lived through the war in cities which had been bombed and life was hard, but people had pulled together and helped each other.

The next meeting of the History Group is on Thursday 9 July when some of us will visit the Suffolk Regiment Museum. Then on 10 September Dr Kate Jewell will speak on ‘Carnival! Drama and Popular Protest in Medieval Suffolk.

Subscriptions will be due at the September meeting.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Wesley Centre, School Road at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

For more information about the Millennium History Group please go to our website www.elmswell-history.org.uk or telephone Stella Chamberlin on 01359-242601.

ELMSWELL OVER 55’S CLUB

Our meeting on June 4th was an open evening of remembrance to Stan King we were joined by a few local faces and a gentleman from Norfolk (it would have been nice to have seen more). The evening consisted of entertainment by Bob Goodall and Paddy Butcher supplemented by some Country Music on CD. There was a Bar and plenty of food as the committee laid on a buffet. Many thanks to those who made cakes etc.

During the evening everybody stood as a silent tribute as a recording of “Absent Friends” was played, there being a few tears shed followed by tremendous applause afterwards for a well loved man!

Our June 4th trip to the Poppy Factory went off well ,after lunch we had a brief history of the original foundation of the Poppy which was followed by a guided tour of the factory where we saw the production of various wreaths and poppies,we even made our own one as a sovenier of our visit.

Our Ploughmans on July 2nd was free to members thanks to the “Firemans Charity Fund” and the committee for preparing the food.

July 16th is an Open Evening so please come along and join us to listen to “Jim Bob Duo” who will be our entertainers they are due to turn professional soon!, July 30th is our trip to Felixstowe to the “Hut” and a Fish and Chip lunch, members make sure you have booked as numbers are limited to no more than 50.

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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



Elmswell Gardening Club has done it again! Our station flower tubs are now planted out in their summer garb a good two weeks before the Abbey Garden flowerbeds - and looking just as beautiful. Of course, volunteers are needed for our watering rotas and if you hurry there are still a few weeks free. At the meeting the plant table, provided by members, was a great success with a diverse selection of plants. The station beds were the recipients of any unsold plants, so don't be surprised to see tomato plants poking round the geraniums.

Andrew Woodward of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust was our June speaker and came armed with a beautiful wildlife slideshow. There were no shots of Sir David Attenborough opening the new footpath at Cley Marshes. Unfortunately, a rare oystercatcher chose the path for its nesting site, and that closed the path for the time being. We were told Cley Marshes, purchased in 1926, was NWT's oldest acquisition and held in perpetuity as a bird breeding sanctuary. The landscape at Cley is not natural and rising sea levels have necessitated the NWT preparing a tactical retreat. The shingle banks are being left to erode and bulldozers may be seen creating new scrapes, reed beds and grazing marshes. Who would have thought Victorian ladies' hats were responsible for the rapid decline of many coastal birds - nothing like an egret or lapwing feather in your hat! NWT also manages Thompson Common, famous for its Ice Age 'pingos' - round shallow ponds. These provide an ideal habitat for lizards, snakes and butterflies. Andrew also told us that there had been a welcome increase in populations of otters and marsh harriers. He lamented there was no top predator in Norfolk and suggested that the introduction of lynxes would help cull the deer population as one lynx will eat around 70 deer a year. A slightly controversial idea, but might add a frisson of excitement to woodland picnics! NWT uses its funds to create corridors of managed woodland,

heathland and coast which provide habitats for our native flora and fauna as well as migrating foreign visitors and has saved many ancient woodlands and rare species.

There is no meeting in July, but we are having an outing on **Tuesday, 21st July**. We meet at **7.00pm in the Blackbourne car park** for a magical mystery gardening adventure. This is organised by **Catherine Reynolds on 7735421079, e-mail cmbreynolds@aol.com**. Please let her know if you are interested. Our next meeting at the Blackbourne will be on Tuesday, 15th September. If you require further information about the Gardening Club please contact **Nick Chamberlin on 242601**.



ELMSWELL W.I.

In Rachel's absence, Janet opened the meeting. The minutes were read and June and July birthday flowers and cards were given out.

The group were asked to start thinking of ideas for the July 2016 outing, we will probably book a coach so that we could go further afield if required.

Yvonne King, Jan Clark, Mary Chown and Lesley Reed all told us about their day at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, held in celebration of the W.I. centenary. Jan was lucky enough to be presented to H.R.H. Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

A bursary draw will take place for the chance to win a Denman College course. Liz Rowlands told us about the course she had won "Painting for the Petrified", and how lovely Denman was and encouraged everyone to have a go.

Linda Scoles was our speaker for the evening, climbing up on a step ladder she spoke about her "Journey to Citizenship". She told us of her life on the family ranch in America and meeting her husband to be on a train. As he was in the American Air force they travelled for 27 years before finally putting down roots in Great Barton and became part of the community. This led to the "journey" to become a British Citizen. As ever, although tinged with sadness at the loss of her husband, the talk was peppered with hilarious anecdotes, keeping us all amused. Linda then tested our knowledge with some of the questions that you have to answer when becoming a citizen - we passed, but only just!

Our competition was 'Five rules to be a good citizen' and was won by Di Jackson.

Our next meeting will be on July 14th at our local The Fox. All members, old and new, are welcome.

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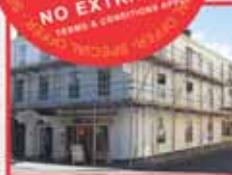
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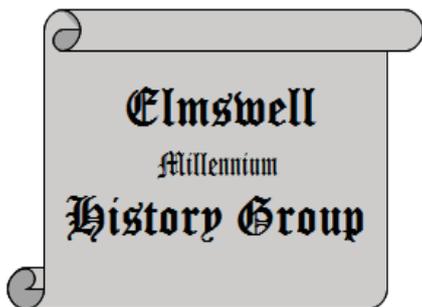
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Over the past few months and with the invaluable help of local web-design company, Spi-des-ign, the History Group has added many new items to its website, www.elmswell-history.org.uk, as follows:-

Elmswell Cemetery's Bier Shelter article and pictures.

More details of Sir Robert Gardiner's tomb in St John's Church.

1891 Hawk End Lane census.

Julia Nicholls/Nina Ashman's memories, "Yew Tree Cottage", Hawk End Lane.

"Arundel Villa" (now "East View"), Ashfield Road.
"Garden House" (now "Willow House"), School Road.

Elmswell's very old School - Ipswich Journal's 1777 newspaper cutting, advertising Evered Sidney's 'English Boarding School'.

Hastings Family details and corrections.

New pages on WW1 (including lots of pics taken at April's Exhibition), and WW2 (including report and pics of May's 70-years' Commemoration of V.E. Day).

Stan King's obituary and pics.

Elmswell memories from Ray Bennett, Stewart Hurrell, Paul Peachey, and Stan Howe.

If you do not have internet facilities at home, please visit Elmswell Library where this website can be easily accessed with the help of the friendly staff there. With your library card, you can receive one hour's FREE internet access per day, including to the various Family History websites.

History Group members are in the process of interviewing more long-standing villagers for their Elmswell memories for posterity, and to be placed on the website in due course (with the interviewee's permission, of course). If you would like to contribute to this or have any queries, please contact Stella Chamberlin on 01359-242601, or come along to any History Group meeting on the second Thursday evening of each month at the Wesley Hall in School Road. The new 2015-16 programme of talks is shown in the What's On section at the back on this newsletter, detailed on the Wesley Hall notice board, pinned on all village notice boards each month, or available from Stella (as above) on request.

TOUR OF YPRES AND FIRST WORLD WAR SITES

The History Group has been contacted by Galloway Tours to suggest a short coach tour next year to Ypres and some of the important First World War sites. Galloways have put together a three day tour from Elmswell, 13-15 September 2016, with two nights' accommodation at the Novotel in Ypres.

The proposed itinerary takes in visits to Lijssenthoek and Suffolk Cemeteries on the way to Ypres on the first day. The next day it includes time at Tyne Cot; Hill 60 (Tunnelling and Mining); Hooge Museum and Café; Essex Farm (Medical Science in WW1/In Flanders Fields poem); Langemark (German perspective) and the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. The final day includes visits to Vimy Memorial Park and the Wellington Tunnels in Arras, before departure for Elmswell.

Everyone is welcome to join this tour. The inclusive cost is £325.00 per person in a double or twin room; a deposit of £60 per person is required at the time of booking. If you are interested, please phone Anne McGee - 01359 244001.

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First I hope you are all taking your cameras out with you when you are on your holidays, there can be some great images to be had.

If they don't come out as you would have liked perhaps a visit to the Elmswell Camera Group is in order.

Below is a time table of tutorials later in the year.

Tuesday 2nd September, The Histogram, what is it and what can it tell us about the image.

Tuesday 6th October, The Exposure Triangle. How by altering one item on the camera it can alter another. (speed to aperture)

Tuesday 3rd November, Depth of Field, Aperture settings.

Tuesday 2nd February, Automatic presets or creative settings.

As you can see there will not be any meetings in July, August, December, or January.

July and August are holiday months, December we meet at the Fox for Christmas drinks, and January is to close to the New Year.

I hope you have a great holiday and may the sun shine.

Mike



AUTUMN FAYRE

The Fayre has been progressing steadily on several fronts for some time without doing anything spectacular and therefore not actually reportable. Suddenly, that has all changed and we have some news worthy of bringing to the wider public.

Our mystery sponsor is in the process of designing some new advertising boards for us - our current ones don't feature our logo and the new ones will. They will also feature the company logo of Morris Armitage estate agents who are the benefactor in question. I wasn't confident enough to put a name to them before but we have agreed terms and the arrangement is forging ahead. They have backed other events locally so we will have to do our best to convince them that we are well worth further investment but the advertising boards are a very good start.

I haven't booked the fun fair this year as I am trying to break it down into its component parts in the hope that it generates more income that way. We will still have fairground rides and a bouncy castle but this arrangement will give us an exotic petting zoo which was so sorely missed last year.

Ian Friend is busily booking in the vintage cars and bikes and, I believe, is trying to set some sort of record for attendance this year. I had better tell him that I have only ordered 80 plagues and these veteran roadsters do like their annual souvenirs!

Remember, there is no entrance fee this year so we expect more visitors so you might like to start thinking about having a pitch and making the most of this once-in-a-year opportunity. We are charging a flat rate of £10 per organisation irrespective of the number plots that you have - provided of course, that you only take what you need otherwise you might find yourself tucked away somewhere obscure! All our regular traders and charities, who also have to pay this year, have accepted the change without complaint. Apparently, it is how most events operate. One actually asked if they had to donate a draw prize! In some places, it seems, they do.

With any luck, summer will have arrived by the end of August and we should have the weather on our side so, all in all, I would say that the outlook is decidedly bright.

Peter Edmonds

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

Sylvia welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the usual safety notices.

Juliet gave the Treasurer's report.

Names were taken for the Felixstowe trip in August.

Sylvia welcomed Graham and Sandra Mack to the meeting. Their talk was based on Slaughter family correspondence 1914 - 1918. The Slaughter's are a branch of Graham's family. The daughter Nellie emigrated to New Zealand and she kept all the letters her mother and other members of the family had written to her.

This particular talk was about Private Will Slaughter and his experiences in the First World War. His letters to his parents gave us all an insight into his time as a soldier. In turn his mother wrote to Nellie about Will and his brother also a serving soldier. She also wrote about day to day things such as making Christmas puddings and mincemeat and the price of tea. The family received news that Will was "Missing" and eventually learnt he was a Prisoner of war. His letters at this time were heartbreaking. The parcels from home were extremely important at this time as the prisoners were starving. Fortunately Will came home to his family and regained his strength.

Nellie married and had a family but did not manage to visit her relatives.

Graham and Sandra have met their New Zealand family.

The letters were brought to life by Graham and Sandra and gave us an interesting insight into life at this time.

After refreshments and the raffle the meeting was closed.

Next month's meeting will take place on July 21st at the Wesley Hall. It is the A.G.M. followed by a Strawberry Tea.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Sylvia on 241 505

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6th September 2015

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Our first professionally printed Newsletter - March 1989 - had one of 'Scoop' Kentish's timeless editorials including the following:

'Last month the familiar subject of DOGS came up. Last year we ran a number of articles on this subject also, including our local doctor's report. Just recently the BBC devoted a TV programme to this very old yet currently important subject of dogs' foul. Those that saw it must have been greatly impressed. We were told of 300 people struck down each year from disease spread from dogs' faeces;'

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NEWS FROM *ElmsWild* ELMSWILD

Midsummer Mayhem at Lukeswood

The weather wasn't quite what you'd expect for Midsummer – cloudy and cool – but lots of people came to celebrate the longest day of the year and we all had a great time at Lukeswood. There was lots to do! The campfire and barbecue were busy all evening, with a whole range of refreshments on offer – including some you had to cook yourself on a stick over the embers. The delicious cakes on the FRESCH stall were soon snapped up and mostly eaten on the spot (well, the fresh air does make you hungry, doesn't it?). Our treasure hunt kept the children running about for quite a while, searching for the fairy doors which only appear at this time of year. Some were quite well hidden! Behind each door was a word, and if you found them all and put them together in the right order a poem magically appeared. For anyone who didn't quite get all the words, here's the complete midsummer poem –

Hand in hand with fairy grace
We will sing and bless this place
Midsummer eve, warm and bright
Celebrate the shortest night!

There was also story telling and, for the more energetic, welly wanging, wood bashing, archery and mini football. Our nature table attracted a lot of interest, with some weird and wonderful things on display – skulls and bones from all sorts of creatures, barn owl pellets, feathers, birds' nests, and lots of different things in magnifying pots. On the craft table you could let your imagination go wild with bits of willow and string, or make an owl out of cupcake cases! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Midsummer Mayhem such an enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to our fellow organisers



on the FRESCH committee for all their hard work – and to everyone who made the delicious cakes and biscuits. We're very grateful to H.C. Wilsons who once again gave a very generous donation for the event and to the Mace stores for providing sweets for all the prizes. Thanks also to Ben and the Scouts for providing all the refreshments, to Sylvia our story teller,

to Rosie for all her hard work with the craft activities, and to archer Ken Robins. Now that summer is officially here, why not visit Lukeswood during the long evenings? It's always open and it's a great place for a picnic!

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MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The annual summer Reading Challenge is upon us once more and we can't wait to welcome all the children into the library.

The challenge for the children is to simply read six library books over the six weeks of the summer holidays, but they need to come to the library and talk to a volunteer about the books they read, perhaps read a little section or (if they're very young) point to their favourite pictures! It's an invaluable part of the year for the library, and it encourages children to continue reading for pleasure throughout the holidays. Teachers do notice the children who have continued to read over the holidays.

So for all you children and parents out there, get ready for Record Breakers to become part of your summer holidays. This year there are new rewards to collect and new characters to meet as you progress through the challenge with each book you read. We had a record breaking year last year, with more than 70 children completing the challenge and collecting their medals and certificates in another cake-fuelled celebration. You can sign up from July 18th, sessions will begin from July 25th and the challenge will run until September 5th. We are looking forward to seeing you very soon.

Another annual event which has become a much-loved favourite is the Elmswheelian Cycle Ride in aid of the library's refurbishment appeal. Over the past two years, organiser Trevor Sadler and our village cyclists have raised almost £1,500 for the library - a staggering amount. This year we hope it will be even more popular as we try something a little bit different - we will be enjoying an evening ride along Suffolk's beautiful leafy lanes from 6:30pm on Friday, July 17th (please be aware, I published the wrong date in last month's newsletter). Starting from the library, and priced at just £5 per rider, the 15-mile journey will end in The Fox at Elmswell,

where we will have a raffle and, no doubt, exchange stories about our achievements. It's such a fun event for us thanks to Trevor Sadler and his amazing efforts.

We hope very soon to have a plan displayed in the library of our refurbishment - we are just fine-tuning the details now and hope to be able to show you very soon what the new library layout will look like. We hope to carry out the work in October, which will involve closing for approximately two weeks. We will publish full details and dates as soon as they are confirmed.

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

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ELMSWHEELIANS 2015



Future Rides including Fund-Raising Bike Ride for Elmswell Library on Friday 17th July 2015

Elmswheeliens are back in the saddle, and are very much enjoying cycling around some of Suffolk's most beautiful country lanes. If you enjoy cycling do come and join us, and if you use/support Elmswell Library, please come and support this year's Fund-Raising event for our local Library.

The event is a 15 mile evening bike on Friday 17th July, ending at "The Fox", with well-earned refreshment and a Grand Draw.

The ride will start from the Library Car Park at 6.30 p.m. and riders will be asked to make a donation of £5.

Re: the Grand Draw... if anyone can help with Draw Prizes, your support will be much appreciated.

Also, if anyone wishes to get themselves sponsored to do the ride, Sponsorship Forms are available from the Elmswell Library, or from me direct.

If you would like to join us, either for the Library Fund-Raiser, or for one of our regular rides, you will be very welcome. For regular rides there is no charge. Just come and enjoy some social cycling. You must however be aged 16+.

Dates of other 2015 Rides:

Sunday 16th August - CANCELLED (with apologies).

Friday 4th September (12 miles approx.). Start Time 6.00 p.m.

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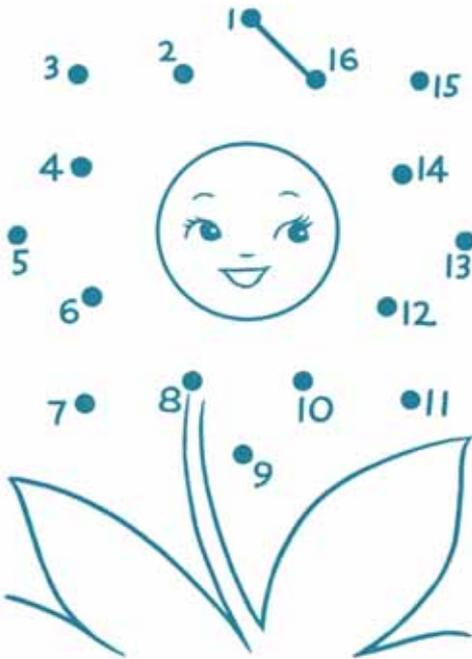


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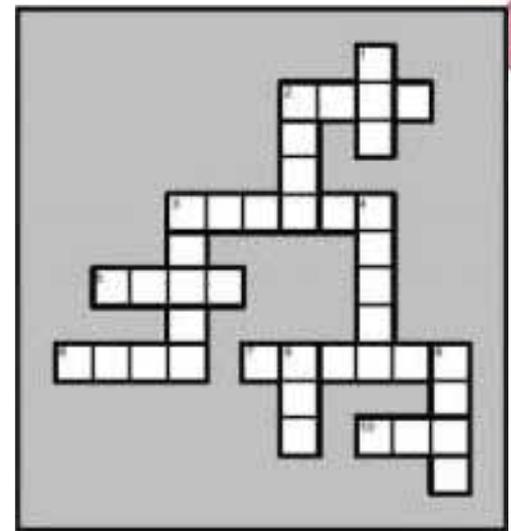


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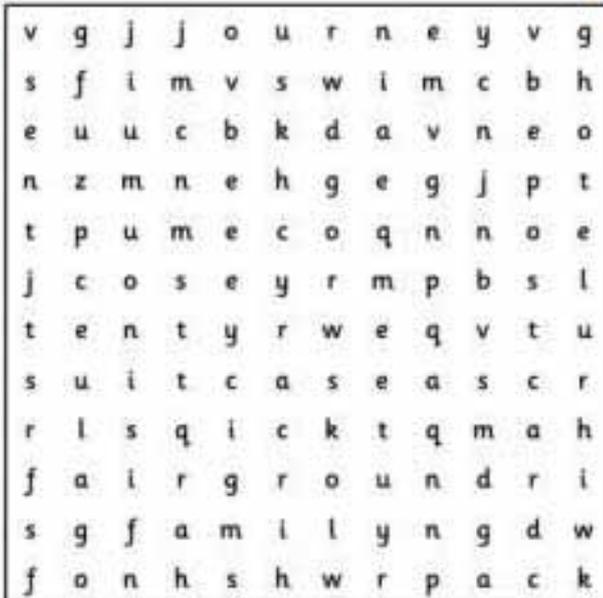
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Summer Holiday Word Search



Across

2. It may have a sail or oars
3. Perhaps you could collect water in this?
5. Watch him scurry down his hole
6. They swim in the sea and have scales and fins
7. She sells sea _____ on the sea-shore
10. I hope this is out for your holiday

Down

1. Carry your beach things in this
2. A good read!
3. The strip of sand along the sea shore
4. Dry yourself with this
8. Wear one of these to keep the sun off your head!
9. It feels funny under your toes

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were led by Jean Folkard and Clive Paine was our preacher, using the church building to illustrate his talk, with an explanation of the flintwork devices on the tower and other architectural details which help us in understanding important parts of what Christians believe. The service was followed by a buffet lunch which had been prepared by the Committee and members of the Friends. Throughout the weekend there was an exhibition - 'Our Favourite Things' - these included flower arrangements depicting Scrabble and Dominoes; there was a statuette of two dancers, several paintings and a tribute to Stan King. The Oak Lane display of craft included a model aeroplane, table lamps, bird boxes and many other items, including embroidery and flower arrangements. (see photograph)
Unfortunately our advertising was omitted from the newspapers and removed from the notice boards, but those who did visit the church enjoyed seeing all the exhibits, some from the various groups within the village.

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Sunday 12 July

08.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Praise

Sunday 19 July

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Sunday 26 July

08.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Morning Service (all age) CW
and into August....

Sunday 2 August

09.30am All Age Service
11.00am Holy Communion BCP

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The organ concert by Christopher Moore on 19 June was a most enjoyable evening. The programme included music by Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn and Lefebure-Wely. The concert was followed by Cheese and Wine. The AGM of the Friends was held on Saturday 20 June, with a report of the events held in 2014, all of which had been successful. A Coffee Morning followed the AGM and was well attended, raising money for the Friends funds for the fabric of the Church. The Annual Service on 21 June was led by the Rector, Revd Peter Goodridge. The lessons were read by Brenda Begg and Barbara Yeates, the choir sang 'All the Way my Saviour leads me; the prayers



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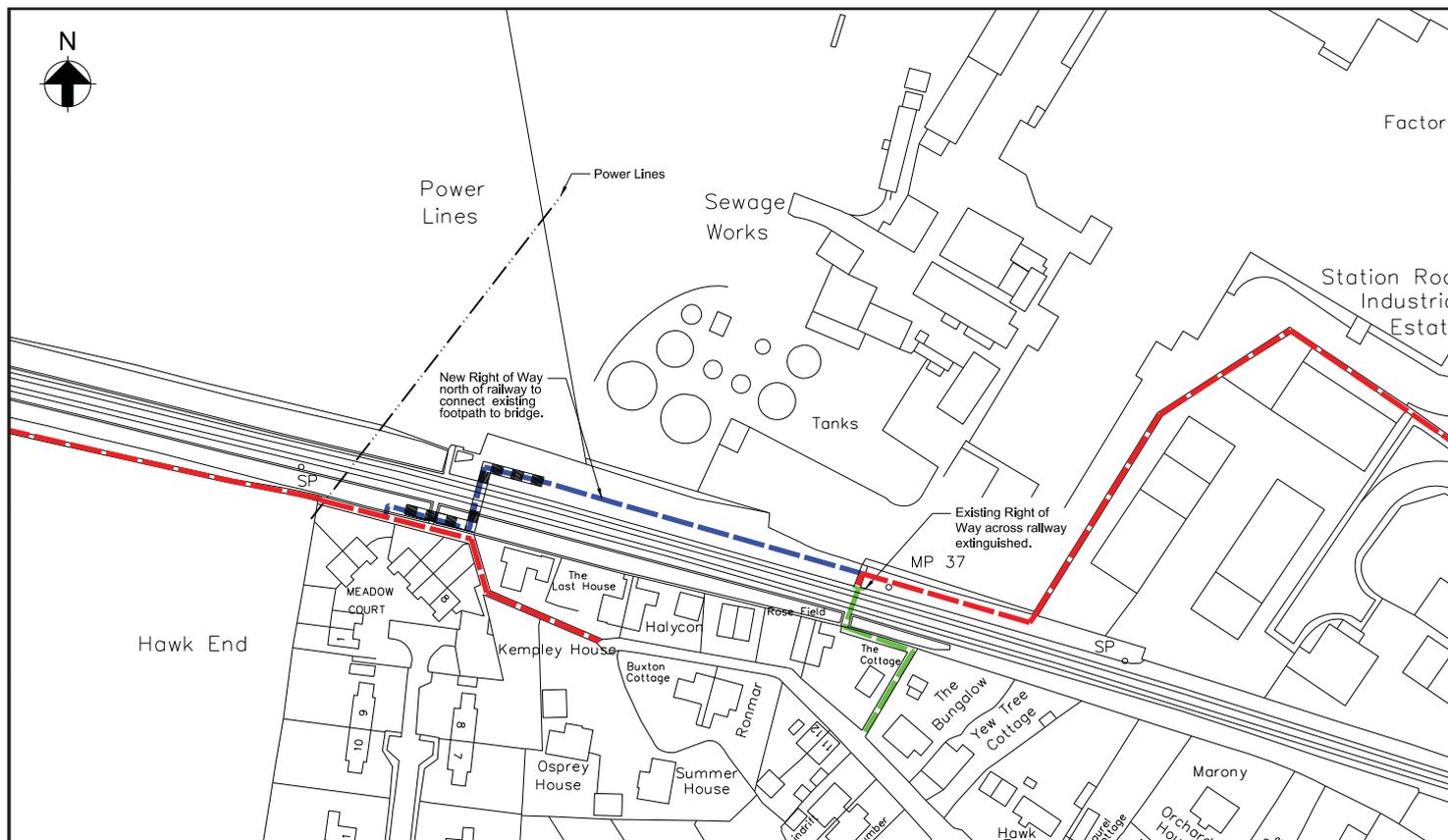
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Footbridge behind Meadow Court - Option 2a

Key
--- Existing Right of Way
--- New proposed Right of Way
--- Extinguished Right of way

As part of the Outline Planning Permission for the demolition of the Bacon Factory site and the subsequent construction of a development of up to 190 houses, a written Condition was put in place requiring that the Developer take steps to, 'mitigate the risk', posed by the probable increase of use of an existing pedestrian level crossing between the site and the footpath network at Hawk End Lane. The crossing is un-gated...you simply look to see if a train is coming and make a decision as to when it's safe to cross. From the earliest considerations of the proposals for developing the Bacon Factory site, the Parish Council, in consultation with residents, has stressed the importance of this issue.

This crossing has been in existence since the railway cut off the end of Hawk End Lane, demolishing 3 cottages in the process.. It had originated as the path to Elmswell Hall but latterly was much used in the early days of the Bacon Factory and up to just 30 years ago when 600 employees were employed there, many of them living in the village and walking to work. It is part of the Right of Way network, protected in law and subject to strict legislation. It is little used for getting from 'A' to 'B' in recent

years, but there are fears that, when 190 houses are built next to it many more users will be attracted and, therefore, its use will pose a much greater risk. However, the crossing forms part of the extensive recreational footpath network which is increasingly used and encouraged and supported by Elmswell Parish Council and others on behalf of the community.

The Developer instructed Ove Arup and Partners Ltd to carry out a study and identify the options available, assess them and recommend a viable way forward. This must take into account factors of land ownership, including land which would be needed to gain access to carry out any works, the possibility of costly and lengthy formal objections to any diversion of the Right of Way, the budget and the timescale.

As far as time is concerned, the District Council is under pressure to, 'discharge', the Planning condition quickly or there is the very real chance of the Developer forcing the issue on terms that leave the community without any say and without the chance of the financial benefit that is built into the current proposals.

As far as the financial benefit is concerned, aware of the Community's wishes, and as encouraged by the Village's emerging Neighbourhood Plan, Mid Suffolk have required that a budget of £1.3m be set aside by the Developer for this exercise. If that money is not all spent on whatever measures are put in place, the residue is split 50:50 between affordable housing provision in the village and the proposed Relief Road project – on the understanding that the Relief Road is identified as a key aspiration in the Neighbourhood Plan within 2 years of the registration of the Planning Permission. This is a key factor in the speed and thoroughness with which the Neighbourhood Plan Strategy Group is consulting with the village and pressing ahead with the Plan.

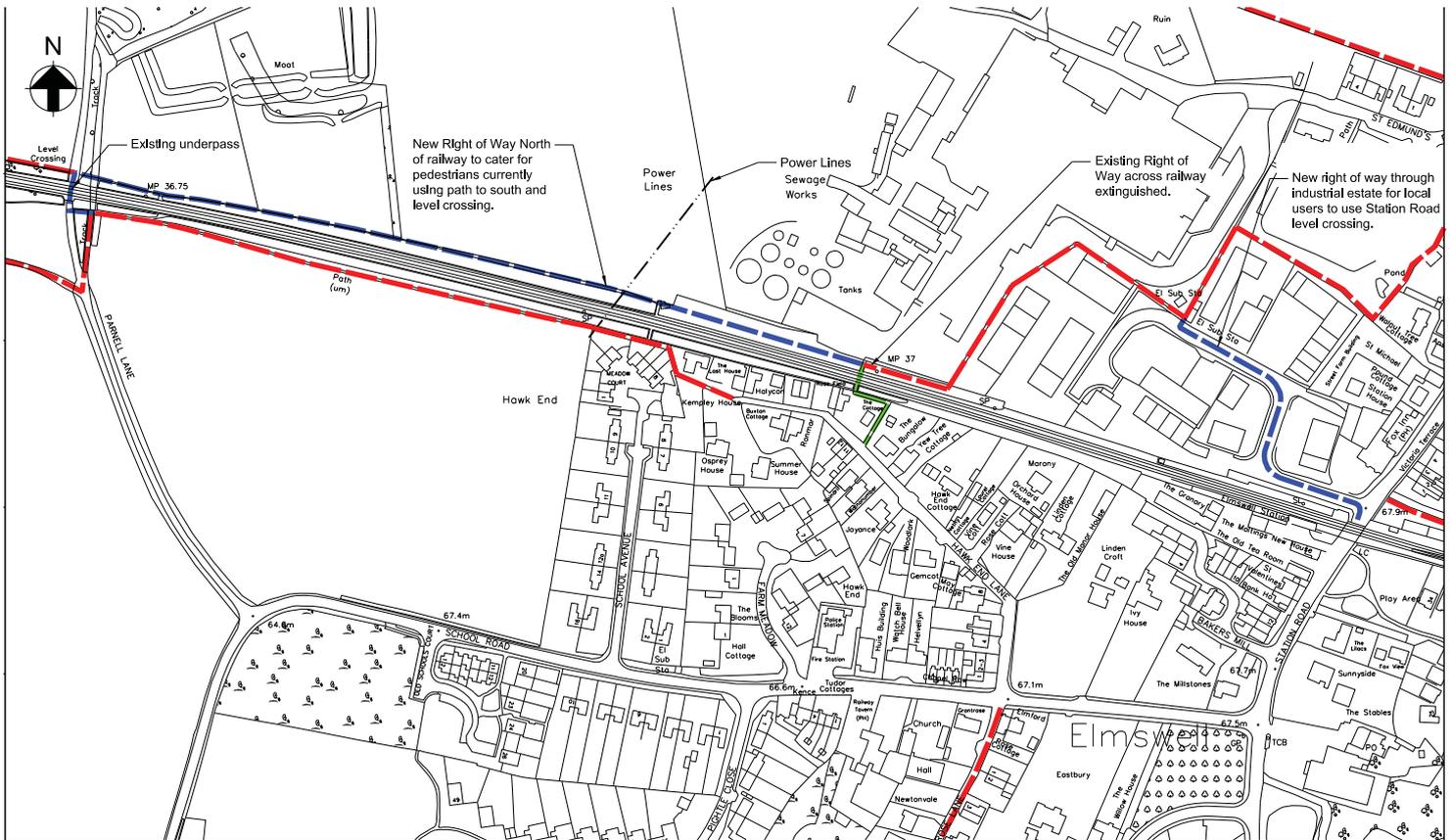
Network rail have identified 4 options which should be considered. These have been researched in detail by Arup with reference to the Parish Council through the Chairman, Clerk and Footpath Officer, with Mid Suffolk through Ward Members and officers, with the developer and with Network Rail. Much of this discussion has been in confidence given the nature of some of the issues involved. The results are now published.

See the Bacon Factory Planning Permission on the Mid Suffolk Planning site reference 0846/13
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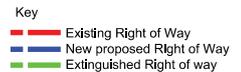
The link to the Arup report is also on the Mid Suffolk site soon
 All documentation can be seen by appointment at the Parish Clerk's Office;
 Contact Peter Dow on 244134 or email clerk@elmsell.suffolk.gov.uk



PATH CROSSING OVER THE RAILWAY – HAVE YOUR SAY



Divert footpath to Parnell Lane underbridge - Option 3a



The 4 options which Network rail will consider, together with Arup's recommendations, are shown here.

Proposal	Significant issues	Decision
1 1 Footbridge at existing crossing location	Requires permission from another landowner (currently unknown) Likely objections from adjacent property owners	Excluded
2 2a Footbridge behind Meadow Court 2b Footbridge at the end of Hawk End Lane	None serious enough to prevent delivery Land on both sides in private ownership – access for construction cannot be guaranteed	Possible Excluded
2c Footbridge the proposed Relief Road alignment	Land on both sides in private ownership – access for construction cannot be guaranteed Planning permission, without the Relief Road written into Policy via the Neighbourhood Plan, would be rejected	Excluded
2d Footbridge with lifts for disabled at Elmswell Station	Effective extinguishment of the existing Right of Way likely to lead to objections and a Public Enquiry with no guarantee of success.	Excluded
2e Footbridge without ramp or lifts at Elmswell Station	As 2d	Excluded
3 3a Divert footpath to Parnell Lane underpass	Lengthy diversion likely to lead to objections (NB Suffolk County Council now likely to support the diversion) Steps down to the underpass pose accessibility issues	Possible
3b Divert footpath to Station Road level crossing	Effective extinguishment of the existing Right of Way likely to lead to objections and a Public Enquiry with no guarantee of success.	Excluded
4 4 Install warning light system at existing level crossing	Network Rail will not consider this as there are other options available	Excluded

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE 2 POSSIBLE OPTIONS IS ON THURSDAY 16th JULY BETWEEN 4.00PM – 9.00PM AT THE WESLEY HALL ON SCHOOL ROAD

This is just a short walk from the site – take a look!

Mid Suffolk District Councillors and Planning officers will be there to answer questions as well as Elmswell Parish Councillors.

You will be invited to state your preference.



TRANSPORT IN ELMSWELL 2015

Elmswell has a very good public transport system with both busses and trains, excellent if you need to leave the village to work or shop.

But a huge village like ours can be inaccessible to residents not able to drive.

During the last six months I have been able to help elderly and disabled residents get in touch with transport service to take them to Hospital for outpatient appointments. I have also published information in the Newsletter explaining how people can find the help they need. It has also been possible to put relatives in touch with volunteer transport to visit loved ones in Hospital.

However day to day transport is a problem especially for some of the resident groups and especially if they need to take members to specific places, perhaps for a visit. I have been talking to Suffolk community transport for ideas and solutions to problems. It is quite complicated but feel I am at last making some headway.

The Rail system is now under increasing pressure to accommodate freight traffic and priority is favouring these huge trains that thunder through 24 hours a day. Fares on the route to Elmswell are down and there is a future danger of this being used to reduce our services. The fact that at peak times 85% travel without payment escapes them. I have been trying to set up a meeting to discuss these issues.

It may be necessary to work with MSD and SCC to head off any of these issues in the future.

Mike

ELMSWELL AMENITIES ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Association continues to quietly carry on with its main areas of activity in the village. The Fayre is undergoing a bit of a change. There will be no admission charge this year, although the attractions and entertainments will still fill the afternoon and with income from car parking and stall fees hopefully covering the costs – we never set out to make a lot of money here, it's just a great day out for the village. The Memorial Library has found a new spirit and we are talking with the 'Friends' about their plans for refurbishment. The Memorial Garden lost its skilled volunteers, but they are now advising the ElmsWild Group who have taken on the actual work and this is proving to be a good working relationship. Grove lane remains largely self administering under the self-management of the Football Club and EYFC. There just isn't enough space at Blackbourne and it's great to see the youngsters doing so well. The Newsletter has once again triumphed as newsletter of the year. The Association always addresses the question posed by a parish councillor regarding the non publication of readers' letters but there is no support at all for a return to the bad old days – including from the 6 parish council members who voted at our last meeting, along with all other members present, against the idea.

Peter Edmonds

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BMA REPORT TO EPC ANNUAL MEETING 2015

This has been a another very successful year for the BMA in which the vision of the volunteers, on behalf of their user group members and the community at large, for the current phase of the Blackbourne has finally been made a reality. The new extension has solved the heat-loss problem for the Chamberlayne and rationalised the disabled access from the car park. The additional storage area has proved most useful, particularly in providing a home for the bulky Judo mats and the need for a smaller meeting room has been met allowing flexibility and a cheaper option for small groups to get together. With the service road to the rear of the Jubilee underway at the time of writing, members feel that this completes an unwritten programme of enhancements suggested by the user groups they represent. The time has, perhaps, finally come when we can draw breath and await the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan which may well suggest the next phases for development.

Treasurer Mr Brooks has announced an annual income of £27,159, up from last year's total of £25,478 and, in spite of transferring £600 every calendar month to the Parish Council, declared a bank balance of £33,000. As we had not transferred any funds to the EPC prior to requesting the roadway, he suggested transferring £32,000 leaving the usual minimal 'safety net', never actually needed as there were funds currently due to come in and the lettings seem set to continue their steady rise. Accordingly, £32,000 will be transferred across with the recommendation that this is used to pay for the roadway, including the extra barriers and gateway to complete the security. The improvements in the facility have increased the Business rate demand to £12,450.00 per year and it is rewarding to note that the arms-length operation that the Association provides for the Council attracts the discretionary rate Relief which returns this sum in full. New flyers will soon be available to make hirers aware of the other facilities on offer and capitalise on the positive impression that the Blackbourne makes on its visitors.

Peter Edmonds

Secretary

Blackbourne Management Association

ELMSWELL FOOTPATH OFFICER DICK BURCH REPORT

I have continued with my monthly walks plus the New Years Day walk and, after a fall-off in numbers last year we have had a recent surge of walkers in response to the newsletter piece and many new residents have made friends acquaintances as a result. It is very rewarding to attract a bigger group.

My thanks to Alan and Linda Wells for once again providing de luxe refreshments half-way round our New Year's Day route. It might be that some such walks do have a cup of tea and a bun on occasions, but Alan and Linda lay on hot roast pork with apple sauce, sausages, rolls and hot punch or whisky – all from the back of a van in the middle of the countryside. It makes a good community occasion a great one!

I was sad to see that Mike friend is no longer a councillor as he had taken over the very long term project of drawing up a footpath map with walks etc. If he can't be persuaded to carry on as a volunteer, I do hope another councillor will step in as I'm not too good with computers.

ELMSWELL VILLAGE RECORDER

The Village recorder scheme covers many of our communities. We are asked to keep, file and archive 'ephemera', written material which would otherwise be thrown away and which, in years to come, will help provide facts and some of the flavour of 'what will then be 'the olden days'.

Elmswell is the envy of many of these place as our Newsletter provides such a thorough account of what Elmswell is about, as it has done with increasing sophistication and effectiveness for the past 30 years or so. I archive the magazines at the Bury Records Office along with an annual folder of other printed matter including, for example, the details published by estate agents on properties for sale which provide some very useful indicators of changing lifestyles at a very local level.

The most practical outcome of my efforts is that I am in a position, in light of background work which I do, to suggest appropriate names for new developments in the village, and my thanks to Council for supporting an effort to leave clues for future generations regarding our rich, and my spectacular, past. I understand that the latest such suggestion, for, 'Hawk Green,' is still with Mid Suffolk for their decision.

Maureen Dow

Ann Richards represents the Council on the NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and forwards reports as and when necessary. This one just in time for summer.



STOCK UP YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

Summer is now here and is the ideal time to stock up your medicine cabinet.

Having a stock of items which will help you deal with minor injury and illness at home means you won't have a mad dash to your pharmacy if illness or injury occurs – and you won't end up unnecessarily at your hospital's A&E department.

Ask your local pharmacist what would be best to stock up on, but as a general rule the basic essentials are:

- Paracetamol – to relieve most aches and pains, headaches and menstrual pain
- Oral rehydration salts – these help to restore your body's natural balance of fluid and minerals if you are suffering from diarrhoea, fever or vomiting
- Anti-diarrhoea tablets
- Sticking plasters – for cuts and grazes
- Indigestion remedy – to relieve heartburn, stomach ache and trapped wind

Be prepared and ready to deal with unexpected minor injury and illness this summer!

The NHS belongs to you, please do not waste medicines

Wasted medicines are costing the NHS almost £300 million every year and GPs in Suffolk are seeking your help to reduce that waste:

- Check what you need before placing your order
- Do not stockpile medication
- Always check your bag of medicines before you leave the pharmacy and hand back what you do not need
- Once medicines have left the pharmacy they cannot be recycled

If you are still ordering repeat prescription medication and aren't using it yourself, please speak to your GP or pharmacist. They won't be annoyed or angry, in fact they'll be pleased to help you resolve the issue. They'll help ensure that you have the right medicine for your needs, which will in turn reduce the amount of wasted NHS medicines.



SPONSORED WALK

The children in our pre-school room at Street Farm Day Nursery took part in two sponsored walks to support Barnardo's

The children walked up to the Blackbourne meadow then were joined by some famous friends!!

Together they walked all the way around the Blackbourne field and when they reached they end they were presented with medals from Bob the Builder and Peppa Pig.

The children were sponsored by friends and family and have raised over £500.00!!!!

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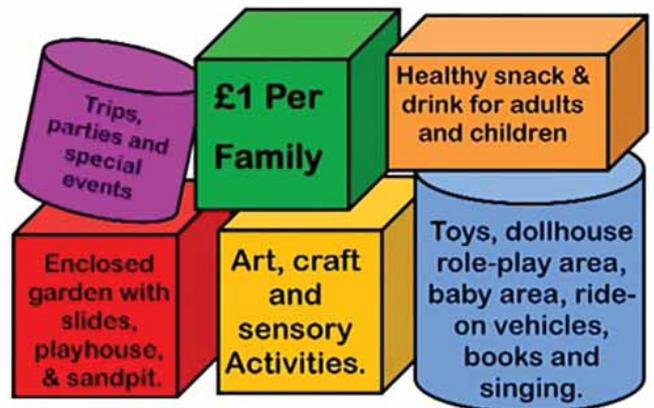


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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Last week we and our friends from St John's held the final preparation meeting for this year's Children's Holiday Club, registration for this annual event has already started and continued at the Elmswell School Fete, registration forms can be obtained from the school or either of the churches. We look to greeting many of our young friends and a lot of new friends at the Circus Fantastica on the 17th August for five days of fun and laughter and hearing the Christian message in an entertaining manner. (This is the holiday clubs 11th year)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Methodist friends who's Chapel and its future has caused so much anxiety in our community,

I hope that the situation can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction sooner rather than later. At long last it seems that the demolition of the Bacon Factory is coming to an end and the noise of the heavy plant and machinery will cease for the time being, and hopefully peace and quiet will return to our village.

Our activities for July are:-

CU@CU club on Tuesday's at 6PM - 7.30PM for what will probably be their last few meetings we give thanks for the many years that we have been able to run this club for the children of Elmswell but sadly as no new leaders have been forthcoming we have no option than to close.

Food & Friends meet on Thursday 9th July for lunch and a chat contact Jackie on 245918 if you haven't been before to book a place.

Our services in July will be led by:-

- 5th July Stephen Spurgeon (Includes communion)
- 12th July Stephen Spurgeon (All age worship)
- 19th July Paul Kemp
- 26th July Carole Almond
- 2nd August Rev David Thompson

In closing may I ask you to remember in your prayers those families in America who lost their loved ones at the hands of the young racist gunman, their forgiveness of the killer was a remarkable expression of love and the teaching Jesus Christ.

Dave Hollings

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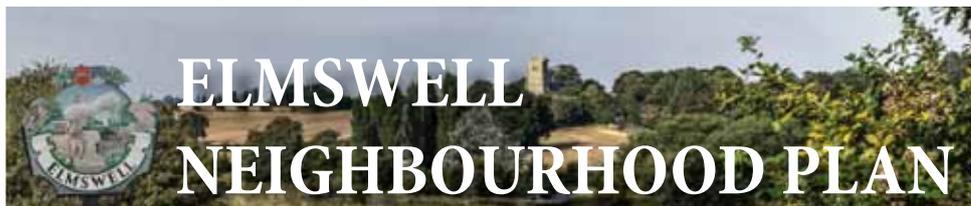
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The group met, as scheduled, to hear the feedback from 3 working parties who had agreed to take the raw data downloaded by the computer software from the questionnaires and begin to pinpoint the important issues which the community has identified in the answers. 2 hours of statistics and lively discussion posed as many questions as answers and ensured that the next session, a 'vision workshop' lead by the group's chosen professional advisers, Urban Vision will be well informed.

Parish Council representatives on the Steering Group expressed their disappointment that their new Chairman, Cllr Lesley Reed, had used a procedural device to veto the funding for the professional advice, despite the assurance that, as with previous expenditures, the costs will be reclaimed in full from Government grants.

The case against providing the money until the grant funding is in place was made forcefully and included disparaging comments, made in public, regarding the make-up of the Steering Group and of the questionnaire. Almost a full complement of the volunteers who make up the group were present to confirm that they will continue to work towards this vital initiative, despite the criticism.

This work includes the distribution of more business questionnaires and the collation of the questionnaires recently returned from Thurston School which recorded a very high response rate. A meeting is organised for soon after the Urban Vision workshop when energies will be directed towards specific areas of research and fact-finding.

The group is made up of the following members who can all be contacted by email:

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Just married – a party Wendy didn't miss!

Wendy Patey – Wendy Brinkley

Tom Patey and Wendy's family would like to thank everyone who has given their support over this difficult time.

Special thanks must go to the doctors and district nurses at Woolpit Health Centre.

I thank you all for the fantastic attendance at the church and afterwards at The Fox. Such a shame Wendy missed the party...she would have loved it!

Thank you all. Tom

BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Steering Group members, lead by Peter Edmonds, who have taken on the task of identifying and contacting businesses in the village have covered, they think, all of the obvious candidates on the industrial estates, those who advertise in the Newsletter, the shops etc.

They need help in reaching the businesses with a lower profile.

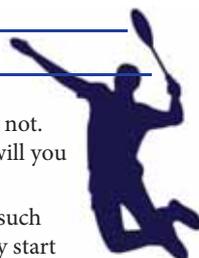
If you are such a business and you would like your voice to be heard, please be in touch with Peter or any Group member, as above.

BATS

You probably don't spend many Friday nights wondering why you are not scampering around a badminton court from 7 – 9pm, do you? No, I thought not. But these balmy summer evenings won't last forever, you know, and where will you be then?

The BATS badminton club is still trundling along even though the summer, such as it is, has taken its annual toll on our attendance. So, when nights inevitably start drawing in – sorry to mention it but it is a natural fact that they will – we will be there to offer you an opportunity to exercise in a relaxed and friendly environment. We have pool and table tennis available too but you had best bring a partner we can provide everything you need to play but cannot guarantee someone to play against!

In case you have forgotten, the cost is a mere £3 for adults and only £1 for youngsters. By the way, there are no concessions for the young at heart, in case you were planning to try that one.





THE WESLEY CENTRE USER GROUP

First of all, regarding the recent Parish Poll, the Group would like to thank everyone who supported what it is doing to try to save the Centre. The halls and chapel are not only a much-loved feature of Elmswell and a welcome visual attraction to the School Road street scene, but also very well used by hundreds of people - from the very young to the not-so-very young!

The Poll asked: Given that:

- funding is very unlikely to be obtained for keeping the old Wesley hall as it now stands on the Methodist chapel site in School Road, and,
- there will be a very limited time scale for grant aid bids before the site is sold for development;

Do you want Elmswell Parish Council to pursue the best chance for keeping the site as a community facility by:

- bidding for its retention without the existing halls;
- working on the proposals for upgrading and modernising the chapel to accommodate the existing users and attract a wider range of future users, and,
- working towards making the facility financially viable?

We are signatories to the Parish Poll required at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th May.

We signed out of a sense of frustration at the lack of transparency on the part of the village groups that currently use the Wesley hall for their meetings.

We suspected, and now know that we were right, that, as a spin-off from the established Management Committee they were intending to make applications for funding aimed at buying the site with the intention of continuing to operate as it is now.

We think this is the wrong approach for the village of Elmswell. It suits the user groups now, but it is very likely to fail. The site could be lost to the village for ever. It could, and probably will, be sold for housing. When these user groups have disappeared, as the Boys' Brigade, the Amateur Dramatic Society etc before them have disappeared, today's youngster, and their children will have only a memory of the community facility that once stood at the heart of the village.

The Poll was badly-timed and badly-worded and was called by those with no known interest in the long-term future of the Centre. The turn-out of a mere 6.75% was a testament to how poorly-conceived their intentions were.

Thankfully, that is now behind us and we can get back to concentrating our time and efforts on trying to save the Centre. There is no guarantee we will succeed - but it will not be for the lack of effort.

Their bid will fail because it cannot justify some £500,000 worth of grants being made to a facility that will struggle to survive given the chapel to maintain and 2 potential letting spaces with parking for a handful of cars on a busy, congested road.

We say:

- There should only be one community bid for the necessary funds - if the user group compete for the same money no-one will get anything;
- The Parish Council must own the site and must drive the fund raising;
- Consideration should be given to buying the adjacent bungalow (currently up for sale) to create a bigger site which can handle the cars needed to service 2 letting halls;
- The chapel must be refurbished as a letting venue and, if space allows, a second hall should replace the existing Wesley hall - it will be cheaper to rebuild it than to cobble together the desperately necessary improvements;

A lot of misinformation was spread ahead of the Poll so it might be helpful to offer some clarity on who is who! There is a Management Committee for the Centre and a User Group. These are two entirely separate things. The former is a small Committee, established by and including The Methodist Church, to run the Centre in its current form. It deals with the bookings and maintenance. That Committee is distinct from the User Group which was set up to try to save the Centre and has a different membership. The Committee will continue to manage the Centre but, because it is a Methodist-led body, cannot campaign against that Church and its wish to sell the site. That is where the User Group comes in.

The User Group now needs your continuing support plus help from the Parish Council. We will do all we can to keep you informed of developments.

*Jen Tooke-Marchant,
Secretary*



The result:

206 votes were cast a 6.75% turnout.

75 voted YES

11 voted NO

7 people voted for both answers

113 people left the paper blank or marked uncertainly

- There must be modern facilities and much more parking, to attract hirers from outside of the village to help make the enterprise viable for village users;
- The current user groups must be accommodated during the inevitable changes.

We consider that the money spent on the poll was well spent - it drew the principals of the user group out into the open. They still haven't revealed their plans, but we know who they are.

No-one doubts the sincerity of the individuals who use the Wesley Hall. They don't want change, and no-one wanted the situation we've got. But to let the short term interests of a couple of hundred people blight the prospects of this site for ever is not in the interests of the 3,000+ (and growing!) other residents in our village.

*Dick Burch, Maggie Bushell, Maureen Dow,
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ELMSWELL AMENITIES ASSOCIATION AGM

The EAA manages the facilities at Blackbourne in behalf of the Parish Council which owns the site for the benefit of the community. Should this arrangement not be in place there would be no Discretionary Rate Relief from Mid Suffolk which would have cost the village this year £12,941.00.

The Parish Council pays for all of the running costs, improvements and maintenance on the facilities which allows another benefit as much of VAT on this expenditure can be reclaimed by the Council – a further considerable saving. The Parish Clerk's office handles all of the bookings, a convenient arrangement as it is open from 9.00 – 5.00 every day and on Saturday mornings. The Clerk co-ordinates the maintenance and day-to-day running costs on Council's behalf, manages any improvement projects and is line manager for the caretaker.

All of the income from the bookings is paid over to the Parish Council. The BMA spends none of the money. The Association makes recommendations as to capital expenditure for Councillors to consider. The current suggestions include external repainting and refurbishment of the original hall budgeted at £1,500.00, the purchase of a ride-on lawnmower for the caretaker's use in keeping the smaller areas of Blackbourne Meadow trim at a possible cost of £2,000.00 against which can be offset the annual fee currently paid to a contractor for this work, new curtains for the Chamberlayne Hall as suggested by the WI and a portable sound system to serve all of the letting rooms as well as outside areas when needed.

The AGM was held in the Olympic Room on 24th June with 12 residents attending. The Chairman reported on another very successful year with income up some 7% year-on-year at £27,158.70. He listed some of the improvements which the Association had, in co-operation with the Parish Council, managed to achieve over the past 12 months. These including the new extension allowing far better disabled access as well as much needed storage and a meeting room. The addition of the tarmac roadway, which allows vehicles to reach right round to the big double access doors into the big Jubilee Hall, has already proved its worth, as when the big Stowmarket Lions charity bike ride took place recently and the improved access proved to be very beneficial. Smaller items which have improved the experience of users include a new LCD projector, boot scrapers near the changing room entrances, a sign identifying 'Elmswell Bowls Club', new hand driers to the ladies toilets and the painting of part of the Chamberlayne Hall block work which has stood bare for 14 years but had to be modified to accommodate the new extension causing an unsightly mismatch. So much has been achieved in recent years that, the Chairman suggested, it was a job well done with only the few outstanding projects listed as pending. The Neighbourhood Plan

might direct efforts towards future projects and, until then, the Association would continue with its effective day-to-day management of what is generally considered to be an exemplar, leading the way in providing community facilities for a village the size of Elmswell, and better than the provision in many larger places.

He expressed dismay at the recent derogatory comments made by the new Chairman of the Parish Council regarding the BMA which could only serve to discourage the efforts of the volunteers. Accusations that the Association spent money unwisely were patently ill founded as the Association does not spend any money, and suggestions that the Association's members should raise money by way of charity events demonstrated a clear and massive misunderstanding of the way the very successful Council / Association partnership works. A tally of Council expenditure on non-capital Blackbourne items over the year, excluding grounds maintenance, when set against income shows an operating surplus of over £1,000 which, he suggested, is bound to increase as some of the extraordinary costs over the past years of expansion fall out of the figures. In response to a question from the public, the Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to members from many of the Wesley Hall user groups and confirmed that, on a temporary or permanent basis they could be accommodated at Blackbourne with the exception of regular evening sessions of the Carpet Bowls Club as Blackbourne is heavily booked by youth groups and others in the evenings

The new Committee comprises Shaun Pratt, Terry Garner, John Raffel, Tony Marsham, Diann Armstrong, Penny Simpson, Marian Abbott, Nick Brooks, Peter Dow, Peter Edmonds, and Councillors Dick Burch, Julia Tabor & Chris Wiley. This list includes representation on behalf of the Football Club, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Youth Club, Over 55's, WI and Parish Council.

ELMSWELL CP SCHOOL

The Summer Term continues to be busy; the year 4 children went on a residential trip at Great Finborough. They had loads of fun building rafts, quad biking and trying many other activities. Evenings were spent singing and eating marshmallows around a campfire and enjoying a disco.

The year 6 children went on a residential trip to the Isle of Wight, where the weather was great. They all returned exhausted after a few days of fun activities including going on a sensory trail, which included a lot of people getting wet! The children had a great time and have not stopped talking about since!

The Early Years children enjoyed a trip to Alder Carr Farm. The children were able to visit the animals around the farm and see the various fruits and crops being grown.

Earlier this month, in preparation for September, our new reception children (and some of the parents) enjoyed visiting the school and trying out a school dinner.

Year 6 children have been particularly busy, sitting their SAT's or Standard Attainment Test's. They are now looking forward to attending their upper school for two transition days in July.

We are in the middle of 'National School Sports Week' (22nd-26th June) where we still have a 'Race for Life' planned, raising money for Cancer Research UK. The week will end with sports day on the Friday, where parents and carers will be joining us at lunchtime for a picnic with the children.

NEWS FROM FRESCH

Purchases

We are very pleased to have bought six lovely benches to replace the old ones in the playground - should Summer ever arrive for them to be used! We have also just purchased some equipment for the Early Years which was requested by the staff to enhance the children's learning.

St George's Day Cake Sale

We held a successful Cake Sale on St George's Day and raised a fantastic £90.90 to go towards school purchases.

May Ball

Our May Ball took place at the end of the last half term. Approximately 200 children over 2 discos danced the night away and much fun was had. They enjoyed a hot dog and some cake and were able to purchase sweets from the sweet stall and tattoos which went down very well. We are pleased to report that we raised over £450 from this event.

Midsummer Mayhem

Once again, FRESCH were pleased to join forces with Elmswild for the Midsummer Mayhem which was held at Lukeswood on Friday 19th June. Many thanks to Elmswell Football Club for providing goals for entertainment and to those that donated cakes for the cake stall. A lovely evening was had by all.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is being held on Friday 26th June (so still to happen whilst writing but will be all over by the time you read this). All the favourites will be back; BBQ which is being provided by our very own Elmswell butchers, a visit (hopefully) from the Fire Service, football, games and stalls. We are very grateful to ProMech for sponsoring the event and for all donations and everyone who is giving up their time to help out.

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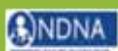
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ELMSWELL SPORT

ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

No sooner has it been over - It all starts again !!! Last season was a dreadful season for the club, both on and off the pitch! I'd like to personally thank all those players who turned out at the toughest times, and indeed the managers of the teams who carried both sides over the finish line - thank you fellas.

Last season has gone, and a new one is just about to begin - its time to regroup, re-shuffle, dig in , find some pride, rise again and move forward as a club.

Following our recent club AGM there have been a few changes with the officers of the club, a few changes with the teams, & a lot of new ideas to help the club in the near and distant future. We have retained our first team in D3 of the SIL Saturday league -but with a dream management team of Andy Reid, Tom Lovatt & Adam Newman. All three are keen to bring in exciting new talent and welcome a new committed squad to represent the village and climb up through the SIL structure.

We withdrew our reserves from SIL this year, for many reasons the last season or two have been a struggle. However, we have moved the reserves into D2 of the St Edmundsbury Saturday football league. Its an exciting prospect and a great opportunity for players stepping up to mens senior football, the emphasis is on playing and enjoying it for both sides. Its a new venture for the current crop of players, both teams will face a demanding season but the club has took a step or two back and now time to recharge and make forward steps.

Our training will be on WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7PM AT GROVE LANE ELMSWELL, STARTING 8th JULY.

All players over 16 year old are welcome to come along, it'll start nice and easy with plenty laughs & footballs out - but get tougher as season gets closer.

So pop along and bring your mates, two teams again next season - so plenty of opportunity for players to have a game - come and have a look.

Its the start of another busy season, so here I am cap in hand !!

If you would like to sponsor a match ball (£30) or a new smart playing kit, or anything between the two would be very much appreciated .

All the lads would be very grateful, please give me a call or email with any questions about the club. Your help & support is always very welcome.

Shaun Pratt (07813302808)
shaun.pratt@btinternet.com

2015/2016 Officers

Chairman Mr Shaun 'The Boss' Pratt

Vice Chair Sir Michael Peachy

Secretary Mr Steve 'Hoff' Reid

Treasurer Hon Benjamin Haill

Director Of Football Mr Dream Drummond

1st Managers Andy "Pat" Reid - Tom "I" Lovatt - Adam "Fish" Newman (To Be Known Dream Team)

2nd Managers Pauli'o Cable & Stevi'o Reid (The Italian Jobs)

Player Reps Ged "The Fence" Hughes & Harry "Pipes" Pratt & Evan "Spanners" Scace

Official Committee Member Kevin "The Flag" Harrington

ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE TOURNAMENT

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The golf day is on Friday 28th AUGUST 2015
At Stowmarket Golf Club

If you need a Service, Pre MOT Checks, Tyres, etc Call 01359 242479

1. The golf day starts with a bacon roll and coffee on arrival at 08.45am followed by a 12 hole Texas Scramble.
2. Lunch
3. 18 hole Stableford tournament including longest drive etc.
4. Three course dinner and you are most welcome to invite your partners for the meal in the evening. Presentation for the winners (Sponsored by Park Garage)
5. You will only pay what it costs the society as this is a non profit making day and the total will be £48 (less if you are a member of the Stowmarket Club as no green fees to pay.

If you want to play I only have 33 places call me.

Thanks, Terry Southgate - 01359 240528



ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

The leagues are well underway now with a mixture of results everyone is doing of their best with a little more fortune in the run of the woods our games will improve.

Results to date as follows:

Stowmarket & District League Division 3

Monday Fixtures

Elmswell 62(2) Great Barton 74(5)
Elmswell 70 (2) St Botolphs 77(5)
Elmswell 71 (2) Woodfield B 73 (5)

Stowmarket & District League Division 3

Tuesday Afternoon Fixtures

Elmswell 28 (2) Rookery 40 (5)
Elmswell 33 (2) Haughley B 38 (5)
Elmswell 31 (5) Bacton 30 (2)

Bury & District League Area D Triples League

Division 1 Tuesday Evening

Elmswell Stanton
Elmswell Earl Stonham
Elmswell Rookery
Elmswell St Botolphs

Stowmarket & District Triples League

Elmswell 67 (6) Haughley 61 (1)
Elmswell 52 (2) Thornham Magna 70 (5)
Elmswell 52 (1) Old Newton 85 (6)

Bury & District League Division 2

Thursday Evening

Elmswell 36 (0) Brandon 97 (6)
Elmswell 67 (2) Barnham 72 (4)
Elmswell 69 (1) West Row 84 (5)
Elmswell 105 (5) Walsham Le Willows 68 (1)
Elmswell 66 (1) G W Staniforth 81 (5)



Clive Allsop setting the mat playing against Barnham in the Thursday league.



Dick Burch contemplating what his next bowl will be in the match against Barnham (nice hat!)

Club Competitions

Jubilee Cup

Our club competitions have now commenced and on Saturday 6th June we held the Jubilee Cup a straight forward knockout competition of 11 ends per game up to the semi-finals of 13 ends.



David Begg and Ray Puxley scoring in matches of the Jubilee Cup.



Michael Moore and Trevor Clark in a first round game of the Jubilee Cup.



Janet Sparrow, Ann Richards and Caroline North enjoying the sun waiting for their matches in the Jubilee Cup

Through to the finals of the Jubilee Cup to be played on 5th September are Brenda Begg and Doug Reed.

Michael Moore

Thanks to Peter Edmonds for the photographs



ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

40th Anniversary Game

Elmswell Cricket Club would like to invite all friends of the club and former players to a special match to celebrate the 40th anniversary season of the club. On **Sunday 19th July** Elmswell CC will be playing against a special Chairman's XI. The match, a 20 overs a side game, will start at around **1:30pm**. Following the match, at around 4:30pm, there will be an unveiling of the club's new honors board to mark the occasion. This will be followed by refreshments and a bar will also be open. To help with the organisation of this event we would ask that anyone planning on attending please email the club at ewinkel@aol.com.

Special Thanks

The club would like to thank Sharon Finch for her help in returning the club's rope that is used to surround the pitch. Her help has saved the club a significant amount of money.

More Thanks

In last months newsletter the club listed all those who are kindly helping the club in this special season. Unfortunately, we forgot to mention former player Simon Lomax who is one of those people helping our cause.

Results

Sunday 7th June

Woolpit 231-5
Elmswell 230-9

Sunday 14th June

Battisford 171-9
Elmswell 127ao

Sunday 21st June

Long Melford 157-7
Elmswell 116ao

Fixtures

July

5th Battisford (H)
8th Stowupland (A)
12th East Bergholt (H)
19th Chairman's XI (H)
26th Earl Stonham (H)

Contact Elmswell CC

Tel: Ian on 01359 244139
Email: elmswellcricketclub@gmail.com
Web: elmswellcricketclub.co.uk
Twitter: @elmswellcricket



ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST REPORT

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, at 7.30pm excepting August and avoiding bank holidays. The June meeting took place in the Chamberlayne Hall annexe at Blackbourne on Monday 15th with 9 of the 11 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Members Mrs Sarah Mansel and Mr John Levantis, Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow, 31 members of the public and Mr Rod Curtis, a civilian member of the Suffolk Constabulary SNT team at Elmswell Police Station where he has volunteered and become accredited to assist with administration and in enhancing work with community projects.

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, the Council Vice-chairman, and Cllr Steven Harrison, elected by his peers to join them. 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, 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 May Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation that the new administration had elected Members to various posts and to committees, that co-operation with Babergh District Council now extended to the adoption of a new Joint Food & Health Safety Service Plan as well as a new draft tenancy agreement for housing tenants which reflects recent legislative changes.

County Council

Cllr Mrs Jane Storey tabled a written report which included an explanation of the fact that foster carers have told SCC that they consider the existing scheme for allowances and fees to be unfair and in need of change. An alternative scheme is being proposed which is based on the National Minimum Allowance and has five tiers of eligibility - based on their skills, experience, knowledge, learning and fostering history. The report also confirmed that the Cabinet at SCC has reaffirmed their commitment to educational attainment and that, after the recent publication of the Ofsted inspection letter for school improvement services, it was thought to be an appropriate time to consider the next phase in the Council's strategy for raising education standards in Suffolk. The Ofsted report recognises that progress has been made since the launch of 'Raising the Bar' but the Cabinet want to use the opportunity to refocus the programme and respond to the areas that have been identified for improvement by both Ofsted and through feedback from partners. An additional £800,000 will be invested to increase the pace of change in rapid intervention for school leadership including governance to ensure improved educational achievement with a particular focus on the achievement of disadvantaged pupils.

Police

PC Neil Brown and PCSO Steve Pendergast tabled a written report listing 13 crimes reported in Elmswell during the last month whilst 88 telephone calls from residents included road related offences, alarms, violence, harassment, highway disruption, animal/wildlife issues, suspicious circumstances, environmental issues, sudden

death, criminal damage and civil dispute.

The report confirmed the loss of another valued member of the local team, PC Annelly Miles, who will not be replaced.

BMA

Cllr Peter Edmonds, as Secretary to the Blackbourne Management Association which manages the facilities at The Blackbourne on Council's behalf, tabled a report which included figures, as circulated to the Annual Parish Council Meeting, showing the Association's financial activity over the past 10 years to date. Letting income for the past year stands at £27,159.00, all of which is transferred to the Parish Council to support the running costs of a community complex which now has 6 letting venues

Parish Poll

There was discussion centred on the forthcoming Parish Poll which seeks to clarify the public view on the way forward towards retaining a community facility at the Wesley chapel and halls site on School Road. A letter from the Treasurer of the Methodist Church Circuit, previously circulated to all Councillors, was read out in which he sought to correct one or two misapprehensions about the halls apparent in Elmswell Newsletters.

Planning

The Meeting noted that Permission has been granted for a first floor extension at 16 Warren Close, which development the Parish Council had supported. It was agreed that no comment should be made on an application for work to trees the subject of Tree Preservation orders at Hurstmere, 4 Grange Meadows.

Council spending

The meeting decided that there was no justification in removing from the Council's Responsible Finance Officer the power to incur expenditure within the proper constraints of the Council's Standing Orders. The proposals to amend Standing Orders 35.2 and 35.3 were not passed by Council. These proposals sought to put decision making for Parish Council spending into the hands of the Council rather than with the Parish Clerk. Cllr Helen Gunby took the Meeting through a number of her concerns regarding

the perceived lack of budgetary control of Council's finances. In order that Councillors should better understand the Council's finances and accounts, it was agreed to arrange a training session for all Councillors.

Poors Land Charity

Cllr Helen Gunby agreed to represent the Council on this charity which holds land and investments in trust so that an annual distribution can be made of the income accruing to village residents deemed to be in need of financial support at Christmas.

Speed Watch

A grant of £500.00 was made to the village's community Speed Watch group towards the re-calibration of their speed gun and other operational expenses.

Street lights

The Parish Council owns and maintains over 100 of the street lights in the village and, for some years, has had a rolling programme of upgrades. Some of the columns are of fibreglass which has deteriorated over the years and now presents a danger. In consideration of the lack of clarity over budgets, the Meeting agreed with great reluctance to allocate £6,715.00 to replacing 6 of these lights, including the fitting of new LED luminaires which provide a better directed light with much lower power and maintenance costs. The units concerned are at Eastern Way, Bennett Avenue, Mill Gardens, and Church Road. Another column, recently damaged in a road traffic accident in Eastern Way, is also to be replaced.

Vehicle barriers at Blackbourne

With great reluctance due to lack of budgetary information it was agreed that, within a budget of £1,842.00, Council should purchase new hooped barriers to match those existing around the Blackbourne car park together with a gate to control access from the newly laid roadway on to the playing pitches and recreational grassed areas.

Start time for meetings

It was agreed that, for the convenience of the public and of the majority of Councillors, ordinary meetings of Council should continue to start at 7.30 rather than at 7.00pm as had been proposed.



Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 20th July at 7.30pm 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, 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.**

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.



The new 'Police Support Volunteers on Horseback' scheme was launched at the Suffolk show. These volunteers will be a new addition to the bank of PSV's already embedded across Suffolk Constabulary.

PSV's undertake vetting and force induction training and are a highly valued edition to the policing family, they do not wear uniform but in some roles volunteers are provided with protective clothing such as high visibility jackets.

PSV's help support Suffolk Police in a number of ways and our goal is for volunteers to be involved in as many aspects of our service as possible. One such area is Rural Crime and 'Volunteers on Horseback' will assist Suffolk Police by being a highly visible and accessible point of contact on horseback for rural community safety issues and to report any suspicious activity or damage directly to Suffolk Police, whilst offering a reassuring presence to the local community.

This is a 'see and report' scheme only,

PCC Tim Passmore said, "I am delighted to support this innovative project which will provide additional highly visible patrols to support our rural policing teams. Our mounted police volunteers will provide an invaluable 'see and report' resource, reporting any suspicious activity or criminal damage directly to the Constabulary.

He added "Our volunteers will provide extra eyes and ears to the Constabulary, they will not get involved in operational policing."

For further information please contact Karen Harris, PSV Coordinator at volunteer@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or call her on 01437 613570

Julie Dennis
Suffolk Horse Watch Administrator

Anyone who is interested in joining or would like more information can log onto the Suffolk Police website:
<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/ourservices/joinawatchscheme/horsewatch.aspx>
Or e-mail horsewatch@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

If you suspect a crime is taking place dial 999 immediately, or call the non-emergency number 101 to report suspicious activity or vehicles.

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident.
<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/safetyadvice/reportacrime/tellthepolice.aspx>

HEDGES

It is the time of the year when hedges can be overgrown and causing a nuisance if they overhang or obstruct pavements.

Please take a look if you have a hedge bordering a pavement or roadway...the problems are particularly bad for elderly pedestrians, people pushing baby buggies and for people in wheelchairs.

The Highways authority has powers to act, but a thoughtful and neighbourly community such as ours usually only needs a reminder.

THANK YOU

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

FOOTPATH WALK

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

SUNDAY 12th JULY
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*

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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 - it might help you in planning dates for your events.

July 2015

- 1 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Cee Biscoe. The work of a Children's Book Illustrator. Competition: A favourite book illustration
- 2 Over 55's club Ploughmans Supper
- 3 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 9 Elmswell History Group – Annual Outing: **Suffolk Regiment Museum, Bury St Edmunds - for details ring Anne McGee, 01359-244001**
- 9 Food 'n' Friends Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 14 Elmswell WI Outing
- 16 Over 55's club Music by Jim Bob Duo
- 17 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 17 3rd Annual Library Cycle Ride organised by The Elmswellians. Start at The Library 6:30pm. Entry fee £5.
- 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 Over 55's club Holiday to Weymouth reservations now being taken
- 5 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Alistair Angus - Elmswell Butchers. From Farm to Form. Competition: A bull or cow in any medium
- 11 Elmswell WI Members meeting we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 13 Over 55's club Bingo
- 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

- 2 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Dorothy Odam-Tyler MBE. The Life and Times of the Golden Girl of British Athletics 1936-1956 by Barry Tyler. Competition: Photograph of an Athlete
- 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.
- 10 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Dr Kate Jewell: "Carnival! - Drama & Popular Protest in Medieval Suffolk". *Annual SUBS due.*
- 10 Food 'n' Friends Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 Over 55's club Mike Reed entertains
- 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
- 24 Over 55's club Harvest Supper
- 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.
- 26 Elmswell Baby & Toddler Group Nearly New Sale

October 2015

- 5 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Pip Wright on History from old local newspapers.
- 7 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Graham Higgins. Tales from the Bench (with your change to sentence a miscreant!!). Competition: A favourite painting or drawing
- 8 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Phil Hadwen: *Felixstowe Seaplanes* *December Tickets will be on sale*
- 8 Over 55's club Music by Jim Hawkins
- 8 Food 'n' Friends Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 13 Elmswell WI 'Story of silk and Pashmina' Jenny Gibbs
- 16 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 20 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Plants for Difficult Places
- 20 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall. 2.30pm Talk & Slides by Mr Parfitt - "The Realm of the Polar Bear"
- 22 Over 55's club Outing Wherry Carvery & Lowestoft
- 23 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 30 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

November 2015

- 2 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Paul Kemp with an Update on home in Romania.
- 4 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Graham Jenner. A journey through NW Australia. Competition: Something Australian?
- 5 Over 55's club Sausage Supper
- 6 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 10 Elmswell WI 'Craft' we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne
- 12 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Robert Leader: "In Search of Secret Suffolk" *December Tickets will be on sale*
- 12 Food 'n' Friends Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am

- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall. 2.30pm Talk to be arranged + Bring & Buy Stall
- 19 Over 55's club Gala bingo night
- 20 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 21 Gardening Club - 7.30pm Blackbourne AGM - Speaker to be arranged
- 27 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30
- 27 Christmas Wines with local wine expert Bob Stopp. At the Library commencing 7:30 pm. Tickets £12.50 each from the Library
- 29 ELF Christmas Draw at The Fox.

December 2015

- tba Elmswell Exchange Social Club. Wesley Hall. 2.30pm Christmas Lunch - date to be arranged
- 2 Elmswell Exchange WI, 2pm in the Wesley Community Centre. Christmas Celebrations. Presentation to Competition winners (please bring a small gift for the Bran Tub).
- 3 Over 55's club Salvation Army Carol Concert
- 4 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am -12 noon
- 5 Xmas Party entertainment by Pat James There will be a further update for next months newsletter
- 7 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm Nosh & Natter, entertainment from Jancis Harvey. Open to men as well.
- 8 Elmswell WI 'Christmas Party' we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne.
- 10 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Ancestral Voices: "A Tudor Christmas - an entertaining evening of Live Music Performance, on traditional instruments" Light seasonal refreshments will be served. *This event is ADVANCE TICKETS only, none on the door. Tel. 01359-242601 for details.
- 11 St. John's Ladies Lunch Group at The Wesley Hall. 11.30am
- 11 Fire Crew Bingo session at Blackbourne Eyes down 7.30

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January 2016

- 14 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Members' Evening: Several short talks on members' own researches

February 2016

- 11 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Mark Mitchels: "Oliver Cromwell"

March 2016

- 10 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Chris Miller: "The Suffolk Punch Horse and its Place in East Anglian History"

...and at The Wesley Hall each week...
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Tuesday

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Slimming World 5.30 & 7.30

WI (2nd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 - 10.30

Gardening club (3rd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 - 10.00

Wednesday

Scouts 5.45 - 9.00

Jujutsu martial arts class 7.00 - 9.00

Thursday

Brownies 5.30 - 8.00

Over 55's 7.00 - 10.00 (2nd & 4th monthly)

Friday

Bingo (last Friday monthly) eyes down 7.30

BATS - Badminton & Table Sports - 7.00 - 10.00

Sunday

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