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## GROWING PAINS

We have seen the future. Well, those of us who dropped in at Blackbourne on 3<sup>rd</sup> September have glimpsed a version of the future. It was carefully mapped out by the developer Taylor Wimpey who have bought the 16 acres of land where the bacon factory once stood at the heart of our community. 16 acres with planning permission for up to 190 houses.

We deliver about 1700 Newsletters to households each month. In round terms our community is looking to increase by 10%.

It has hardly crept up on us. The last Parish Council administration worked effectively over recent years and months to establish a couple of very important features to the outline permission:

- ✓ The developer has to provide a junction into the site from Ashfield Road 'sufficiently designed to allow for a link for a possible relief road in the future';
- ✓ £1.3m must be provided towards making the ungated level crossing from the development to Hawk End Lane safe...and if this can be done within the budget the unspent funds go towards the relief road scheme, *as long as the Elmswell Neighbourhood plan is in place by March 2017* – so no pressure there, then!

Other money, some £1.45m, is also required from the builder towards other measures which will help deal with the effects of the new development such as on schools, healthcare and libraries, but this funding goes into the coffers of the District and County Councils who may well spend it elsewhere. With Elmswell School officially scheduled to be at full capacity by 2018, the case for at least some of this money staying with our community is overwhelming – but it must be made and made well!

The next stage is crucially important. The fine words and seductive graphics of children playing in idyllic and spacious surroundings must be translated into hard fact. How close together are the houses? How much green space is there and is it in the right places? How 'eco friendly' is the development? What about parking, and a variety of house types and affordable houses and houses that we want?

A reasonable 3 point plan for the way forward might be:

- 1 Accept that the developer is in business to make money; they are neither nice nor nasty, they will do the best they can for their shareholders, they have to stick to the rules which they know very very well!
- 2 Look for guidance to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan...the Steering Group already has detailed feedback from a well-supported household questionnaire; they can have an informed input to the next stage of the planning process.
- 3 Try to stay interested and involved...at the recent Parish Council Planning Committee meeting to discuss the future of the Wesley chapel site on School Road just 9 members of the public turned out to support the Council's case against developing the site for yet more housing. Our councillors at all levels will fight our corner, but encouragement helps!

The first point is crucial. In the days of Victorian 'responsible capitalism', entrepreneurs such as Sir Titus Salt decided that they should give something back to the working classes who had flocked from their agricultural hamlets into towns like Bradford to work in his mills. In 1851 this deliciously named benefactor built Saltaire - a world heritage Site today - with such innovations as running water, a hospital, library and school. He, and others like him such as the Lever Brothers at Port Sunlight and Joseph Rowntree at New Earswick had the power and the money to create social change which softened the brutality of the industrial revolution on the working class.

Today we have 'conscious capitalism' – Bill Gates and others direct many millions of dollars philanthropically, some of their efforts directed towards exactly the same basic facilities as those targeted by Salt and Lever and Rowntree as the world struggles to provide a bedrock of humanity for a burgeoning population. Understandably, and quite rightly, this doesn't include helping Elmswell to develop a balanced housing stock or appropriate infrastructure as it grows. That's up to us.

So what would we like? The Neighbourhood Plan assessment thus far is clear. We want a range of houses, not weighted toward the 4 & 5 bedroom and 'executive' homes that maximise the developers' profits. We want them to be 'eco friendly', built up to an aspiration rather than down to a baseline standard. We want thought to be given to the mundane issues of storage space and parking and measures to encourage us to walk or cycle to the shop or the pub or the Blackbourne or to church rather than get in the car.

The problem is clear. How do we allow the developer to make a fair profit whilst delivering genuinely community-friendly development? We can only make our suggestions and hope for a fair hearing. Suggestions such as those heard at the consultation session and since.

Why not:

- Flats...one bedroom dwellings that can be a first step on the housing ladder;
- More bungalows to offer the option to some of our older residents to consider moving away from large houses they don't need and which are difficult to manage;
- Another facility such as Hanover Court or Manns Court where support can be given to older or infirm members our community rather than packing them off to a care home;

- Houses designed to gain maximum benefit from the sun – facing the right way and not in each others' shadow – it works at Clay Field;
- The option for people buying, 'off plan', before the houses are built, to upgrade the 'sustainability' features – install solar panels or heat pumps, so much cheaper at the build stage and the house buyer pays the extra;
- Bigger garages to encourage vehicles off the road by allowing car and clutter to co-exist;
- Play equipment (there is some promised) which caters for the older kids, not just the tots & toddlers.

The Parish council will be asked, on your behalf, to comment on the detailed plans when they are presented. When they meet, their views would be strengthened if the community had been in touch to have a say. Their recent success in having the proposal for residential development on the Wesley chapel site turned down shows that they can be effective advocates on our behalf. The teething troubles of a new council with more than 50% new membership were bound to lead to some silliness and time wasting. It did. However, the popular election of a new Chairman looks to herald a new, more productive beginning. We shall try to keep everyone informed of the issues as crucial decisions are made. We shall all see the houses grow – about 35 a year. Whether we like what we see is, to a worthwhile extent, down to us

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# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

### 100 YEARS YOUNG!

As one of the founder members of our art club, Cecil Taylor will reach his 100th birthday on 23rd September. Unfortunately he no longer attends the club to paint as his eyesight is not up to it, but we are so grateful that he spent a couple of years helping the beginners at the art club with advice on painting and mixing colours, etc.



Born in the middle of Great War, Cecil grew up and became a talented architectural draughtsman and worked in London and Sussex. He married Sylvia in 1948 (after meeting her when she was a bridesmaid at a wedding and he was playing in the band at the evening's entertainment).

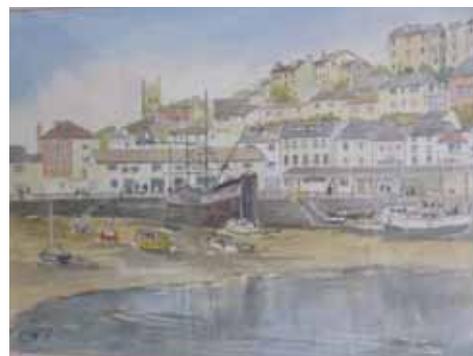
Cecil was a member of the 8th Army and fought at El Alemein and said that he "thoroughly enjoyed the battle!" He served his country for the duration of the Second World War from 1939-1945.

Sylvia bought Cecil a set of watercolours one Christmas in the early 1950's and his love of painting took off. He is self-taught and has produced the most beautiful art work over the years and has sold a good many of his paintings.

His mother reached 103 and received her telegram from the Queen in 1988 – so Cecil has a bit of catching up to do!

All of us at the club wish him well and hope that he has a wonderful 100th birthday.

*Denise Lawrence - Club Secretary 01359 245207*



## ELMSWELL LUNCHEON CLUB

Recently members and guests of the Elmswell Luncheon Club enjoyed their autumn outing to the Ferryboat Inn at Old Felixstowe. Everything was laid on for the Club and we had a good lunch chosen from a varied menu of main courses and a dessert. The quality of service and the food could not be faulted.

Afterwards, an attractive cross country run took us to Corncraft at Monks Eleigh for tea, coffee and cakes. Most of us also took time to browse the cards and gifts and do some early Christmas shopping.

The Elmswell Luncheon Club meets every Monday at The Bull, Woolpit where anyone aged 55 years and over will be most welcome. Transport is provided to and from Woolpit. If you would like to join a happy group of like-minded people please 'phone one of our committee members on 241546 or 240268.

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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

As can be seen by the photo the committee were once again to the fore front at the Autumn Fayre wearing their T shirts kindly sponsored by Alan Wells of "Wells Stitched". The success of the stall goes down to the many hours the committee spend canvassing the local businesses including The Mace ,Elmswell Butchers The Coop and Des Bevan to name a few in the quest for Tombola Prizes we must not forget the many individuals who also give generously or make cakes etc. After a successful day we made a handsome profit of £656 for the club funds.

John & Marion Petchey must be thanked for taking charge of the Tombola, a lot of time is spent getting all the prizes numbered up and folding tickets before the day.

A big thank you to our early morning team for setting up the gazebos and transporting everything to the Blackbourne. The rest of the committee must be thanked for spending all day persuading visitors to spend their money with us and finally to everybody who helped with the clean up afterwards.

September 10th saw the return after 3 years of Mike Reed as our entertainer for the evening numbers were slightly down due to illness and clashing with the History Club which is sometimes unavoidable.

September 24th the committee were in action again laying on our Harvest Supper.

October 8th features entertainment by Jim Hawkins and on 24th our final day out is a

visit to the Wherry at Oulton Broad for lunch followed by some free time in Lowestoft. If you have booked please ensure you pay in full at the meeting on October 8th.

*Diann (241002).*

### THANK YOU

The committee and members appreciate the many hours that Diann spends running about for the club throughout the year (not just every other Thursday) so we would like to publicly say a big thank you to her for all her efforts and hard work.

*Grant*



### ELMSWELL CAMERA CLUB

Another month has past and the weather has not been kind to anyone wanting to take photos.

The groups next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October 7.30pm at the Blackbourne, where we will take a look at the Exposure Triangle. (don't panic protractors will not be needed).

Here we will discuss how the three main elements work together to get a good exposure.

There will also be a recap on the Histogram from last month.

Future dates for the year

November 3rd  
Depth of Field and aperture

December 1st  
Fox Pub Christmas get together

The three images were taken on a tour at Mildenhall Air Field where we were treated to a tour of the Fire Station, when suddenly they had a training call out, and two of these photos show what was left behind. The tour included a visit to one of their refueling aircraft, we were able to climb all over it and it turned out to be a very enjoyable day, and a big thank you to the American Airforce.

All images were taken on a Canon 7D with a f15-85mm lens. Exposures were, Boots f7.1 1/10sec iso 200 at 38mm.

The Fire Tender was f7.1 1/4sec iso 200 at 17mm

and the aircraft nose was at f8 1/160sec iso 200 at 15mm.

I must admit to some photoshop manipulation to the images.

So if you are interested in photography why not come along and see what we do. *Mike*





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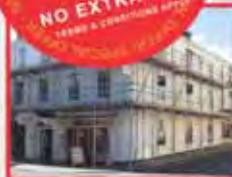
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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I.

Dorothy Odam Tyler, The Golden Girl of British Athletics from the 30's to the 50's.



This amazing lady was the subject of our speaker, Barry Tyler, at our September meeting. He brought along his T.V. Set and ran a dvd of the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games where she won a silver medal in the High Jump. What an inspirational and talented sportswoman she was. She competed in the 1948 London Olympic Games and won a further silver medal. She did this after having two sons during the intervening years. Most unusual in those days.

She also won Gold Medals in the Empire Games (now The Commonwealth Games) Barry, one of her sons, told the story of her life and achievements and brought with him a large selection of memorabilia. This included her medals, a Party Invitation from Goebels to the British team in 1936 and numerous other artefacts. Our members spent time searching through all the items and it felt quite special to handle and study these precious and historical pieces. Her thoughts on Hitler ... "a little man in a big uniform" !! Barry admitted that he never was able to attain a sufficiently high level of ability to be a competing athlete and went instead in the direction of a P.E. Teacher. His brother also followed a different path. Dorothy was delighted to be invited to play a role in the 2012 Olympic Games in

London and finally passed away at the age of 94 in September 2014. What an interesting and exceptional talent she was and we were all delighted to have met her.

**The Competition was "a photograph of an Athlete"**. The winner was Lesley, second Florence and joint third, Dot and Barbara. Congratulations to them.

**Our trip to The Corncraft Centre** for shopping and an Afternoon High Tea in August was a great success. A real treat for everyone and thanks to Bobbie and Annice for arranging this.

**At our next meeting on Wednesday 7th October (2 p.m.)** we welcome Graham Higgins, with his Tales from the Bench. Apparently we will also be getting the chance to "sentence a miscreant". Who will that be, I wonder, and what misdemeanour will they have committed ?? We always welcome new members (give us a try first if you wish). Guests are also welcome to join us. For further details contact Barbara Yeates on 242788 or Maureen Davis on 241033. Alternatively, just turn up on the day.

### ELMSWELL W.I.

#### HARVEST SUPPER

After welcoming everyone to our Harvest Supper, including quite a few brave partners as guests, Rachel gave us the dates for some future events. The fortnightly craft morning is at Anne's this Friday, 11.9. The Centenary Anniversary Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmunds, at 3.00pm on 12.9 and the Centenary Exhibition will be at St. Edmunds Gallery from 10.10 until 16.10. Culford Autumn Council Meeting is at 7.30pm, 22.10. At Park Farm on 9.11, there is a Scrabble afternoon and on 23.11, there are some Christmas Workshops. Thedwastre Group, hosted by Norton W.I., has arranged a talk by sculptor, Sean Hedges-Quinn on 3.11 at 7.00pm.

Rosie and Daisy told everyone about the Pat Catton Shield, which is to be awarded in March,

each year, for craft work made of fabric or yarn. This is a lovely way to remember Pat, who is very much missed, and to celebrate her prodigious creativity and skill in so many different crafts. Rosie will print out some details for those who wish to take part. Jan and Lesley are arranging for the shield to be made and it should be ready for everyone to see at our December meeting.

At last it was time to enjoy our supper – a sumptuous spread consisting of creamy Coronation Chicken, made by Rachel and Janet, wonderful salmon and asparagus quiches, made by Tina, delicious ham, prepared for us by our local butcher and rice and couscous salads etc. What a feast!

The tables looked really attractive, decorated with Janet's beautiful flower arrangements, which were later given to members celebrating September birthdays. The wine flowed and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Soon it was time for fruit crumbles, served with custard and later tea, coffee and mint chocolates. Lynette, as always, had assembled a wonderful raffle with a harvest theme. We are very grateful to her for always "coming up trumps!"

Rachel thanked the committee for all their hard work and then we had a group photograph. Daisy was given the daunting task of organising about fifty chatty ladies into some semblance of order and she was brilliant. Liz's husband, Gruff (Welsh spelling) took the photos, very professionally. Everyone had a thoroughly good evening!

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# CLUBS & SOCIETIES



## Elmswell Millennium History Group

### ELMSWELL MILLENNIUM HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting of the History Group on 10 September the speaker was Dr Kate Jewell – her subject was ‘Carnival! Drama and Popular Protest in Medieval Suffolk’.

The Medieval love of drama was played out in Europe as a form of protest, a time when subordinate groups had a voice; Protestants expressed their feelings against Catholics and vice versa.

Kate talked about some examples of the games played on the village ‘camping grounds.’ One in particular was ‘camp ball’ in which on one occasion at Diss over 300 people played and Suffolk won in a game lasting 14 hours.

The ‘Boy Bishop’ was another feature of Carnival time; usually this was a Catholic tradition where a chosen Boy acted as the Bishop.

Carnival was held in the weeks leading up to Lent and gave an opportunity to consume lots of food and drink prior to the fasting which took place during Lent.

John Lydgate (1370), the Suffolk born poet, records dramas and ‘Mummers’ Plays performed around the Haverhill area and there is a record of ‘The Creation’ being performed in Bungay, which lasted 5 days.

This Shrove tide Carnival was something of a safety valve to those who were tired of being suppressed and used these riotous games and plays to give vent to their feeling.

The next meeting of the Millennium History group will be on 8 October when Philip Hadwen returns; his topic this time is ‘Felixstowe Seaplanes’.

At our December meeting ‘Ancestral Voices’ will present ‘A Tudor Christmas’ – tickets will be available at the October 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](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) or telephone Stella Chamberlin on 01359-242601.

### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

Our September meeting was a trip to Scotsdale Garden Centre. Everyone made use of the restaurant during the day so as our energy levels were maintained so as we could get on with the serious side of the day- shopping! Some of us started our Christmas shopping as well as

buying spring bulbs. The bargain of the day, bought by many were hanging baskets at £5 each! We enjoyed a cup of tea before filling the coach with our purchases ready for our journey home. Our thanks to Anice for organising another successful trip.

On Friday 28th of August members enjoyed a trip to Felixstowe. The sun shone so some people enjoyed a paddle after their Fish and Chips lunch. Others walked into town and saw the newly restored gardens. Everyone enjoyed the sea air and after another cup of tea in “The Hut” returned home . Thanks to everyone who made tea , washed up etc which made the day go smoothly. Once again thanks to Anice for organising the trip.

Our next meeting is on October 20th when Mr. Parfitt will speak about “The realm of the polar bear “.

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### A sunny Apple Day at Lukeswood

We had a beautiful sunny day for this year's Apple Day at Lukeswood – the sixth one that we've held. It was autumn weather at its best – a lovely day to celebrate everything to do with apples and orchards, in our own Norman's Orchard, and to have some fun in the sunshine.



A big thank you to everyone who came to support our Apple Day, and especially to all our loyal stallholders. Once again we were delighted



to welcome Roger from the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group who was much in demand answering questions about orchards and fruit trees, and identifying apples that people brought from their gardens. Simon demonstrated his traditional pole lathe, with all the beautiful wooden objects that can be made with this piece of kit. He makes it look very easy, but it really isn't! Simon has many skills, and we hope to get him back to Lukeswood soon to demonstrate his scything expertise and show us all how to do it.

Lisa with her helpers from Street Farm kept all the little ones occupied with things to make and face-painting. Julie was busy all afternoon making mosaics – very popular with all ages. The Scouts kept everyone fed and supplied with tea and coffee. The campfire was a great hit, as ever, and there was a constant queue

for the ropewalk. New this year was Jonathan's wonderful basket weaving, where all the children could have a go at making something to take home. Our loyal archer, Ken, was once again on hand to demonstrate his archery skills and let all our visitors have a go with the bows and arrows.

There was plenty to sample and buy – chutneys and pickles, hand-made crafts, jewellery, scarves, bags, dolls houses, cakes, jams, jellies and much more. With welly wanging, a treasure hunt and tombola, there was an activity for everyone.

Thank you very much to Mike, too, for taking all the photos.

We're already looking forward to next year – and hoping for lovely autumn sunshine once again!

*Mary Feeney*  
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### ELMSWHEELIANS 2015

Just a brief report on our last "evening" ride of the year on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Following a very cloudy day and uncertain weather forecasts, the possibility of getting wet was no deterrent to 14 worthy Elmswheelians who were determined to seek a little bit of Friday evening exercise and a pint of beer at the "Fox" at the end of the ride.

Within our numbers we were pleased to welcome new member Andi Hodgson for his first ride with us.

Our route took us out of the village via Church Hill and Bunkers Hill, briefly onto the A1088, then on to Tostock, Beyton Green, Hessett, Drinkstone Park, Drinkstone Green, Woolpit Green, Borley Green, and back into Elmswell via Warren Lane. Finish was "The Fox", for our customary refreshment.

Total distance covered was 12 miles.

#### Dates of further rides in 2015 Rides are :

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October (18 miles approx.)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (10 miles approx.) - our annual pre-Christmas ride, and **please note we will be exercising a little bit of Christmas Spirit on this ride to send a donation to the "Down's Syndrome Association" (more information to follow).**

All rides will start from Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell at 10.30 a.m.

If you enjoy cycling, you are invited to join us. We cycle purely for pleasure; at a reasonable pace, but not at speed; there is no membership; nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of people who enjoy "social cycling". You will be very welcome, but must be aged 16+.

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### WESLEY CENTRE USER GROUP

August and September have been busy months with some positive progress to report.

The Methodist Church submitted a planning application to demolish the Wesley Hall in favour of a four-bedroomed house, accessed through Rose Lane. The User Group responded with comprehensive objections; and was not alone. Of the 25 comments listed about this application, 23 were objections including that from the Parish Council. Mid Suffolk District Council did refuse the application - on the basis the Wesley Centre is a registered 'Asset of Community Value' and that substantial village support for its retention had been demonstrated. We also evidenced it is used heavily by the community and that, in a growing village (190 houses due on the old bacon factory site), the need for the Centre will grow rather than diminish. The refusal was accompanied by a

requirement that the Methodist Church work with the village to find a mutually agreeable way forward. We are grateful to everyone who submitted comments and to District Councillor John Levantis for his public support. An appeal against the decision could still follow.

At the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September, Cllrs D Hawes, Pallett, Pratt, Wiley and Mrs Taber were delegated to form a working party, alongside three User Group members (the chair, the secretary and three other members), to finalise a business plan for the Centre and generate ideas for acquiring the Centre for the long-term benefit of the village. The User Group has also secured help from the Communities Team at Mid Suffolk District Council, which specialises in identifying sources of funding.

Meanwhile, it is pleasing to note that bookings at the Centre continue to grow; and the ivy, which was causing some problems on the roof, has been removed.

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## Apple Cupcakes

You will need:

- 3 eggs
- Sugar
- Self raising flour
- Butter
- Vanilla extract
- Red food colouring
- For the icing = 500g of white chocolate, 250ml of double cream, orange matchmakers and fondant leaves
- (Make icing a night before to allow it to set)

Method

1. Weigh your 3 eggs, write down this amount and use this measurement for the rest of the ingredients. (only a tsp of vanilla extract and red food colouring). Mix all together in one mixing bowl.
2. Place the cupcakes in cupcake cases (18) and bake on 180 for around 15 minutes
3. Leave to cool before icing.
4. For the icing, melt chocolate and cream together in a bowl. Cover in Clingfilm so it is covering the top of the icing. Once this has set overnight, whip it for a few minutes and place it in a piping bag.
5. Now ice your cakes!
6. Place a quarter of a matchmaker in the centre of the cake to create a stork, and place your fondant leaf beside it.

Your cakes are now finished and ready to eat!



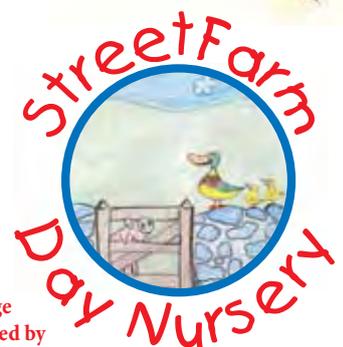
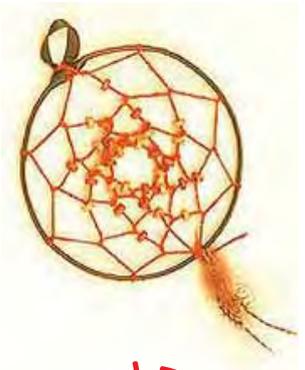
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- String (colour of your choice)
- Willow
- Beads
- Feathers
- Ribbon

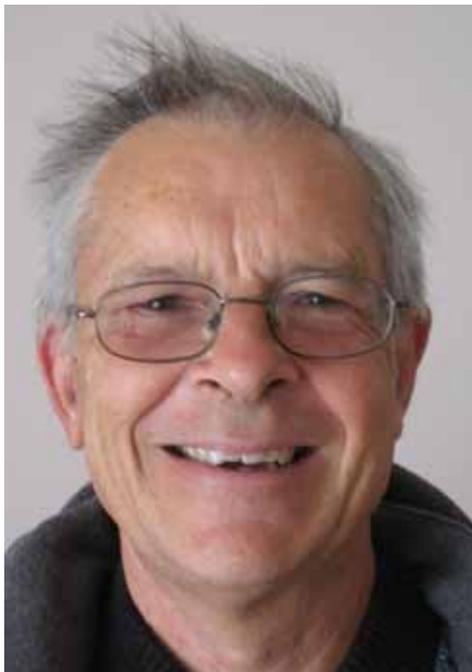
Method:

1. Place the willow into a bowl of warm water and allow to soak for at least half an hour. You need to soak it so it is flexible and bendy.
2. Now bend your willow making a circle - make several loops in and out of the circle to create a strong structure.
3. For the web. Tie one end of the string in a knot at the base of the hanging loop. Working clockwise, stretch the string to a spot a few inches down the hoop and loop it around the hoop. Stretch the string a few inches to the right and loop it around the hoop again.
4. If you want to add beads to your dreamcatcher place it around certain parts of the web as you are tying it around the loop.
5. To end your dream catcher wrap it around the loop again and create a double knot to keep it secure.
6. The feather can be placed on using more string hanging off the bottom of the loop or you can use more beads.



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## ELMSWELL MEMORIES



### ELMSWELL MEMORIES OF STEWART HURRELL, NOW LIVING IN GLEMSFORD (NEAR SUDBURY), WHOSE MOTHER, DOROTHY HURRELL, WAS A TEACHER AT ELMSWELL'S OLD SCHOOL

[As told to members of Elmswell History Group – [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk)]

In the photographs of the Bacon Factory on the History Group's website there is one of a retirement group which shows Ronnie McLegan. He was a London wartime evacuee who stayed with my wife's grandparents in their farm at Theltenham; he never returned to London, and I still hear him occasionally on local radio answering quiz questions.

Also on the website in the photograph of the Youth Club outing is my cousin, Kevin, who owned the hairdressing business at Pightle Close, which was subsequently sold to my wife's uncle. The other Hurrell is recorded as 'Harry' – this would have been my father, Howard, born in 1919 at Walsham-le-Willows, died in 1993 at "Shangri-la", New Road, Elmswell.

After his war service in the Royal Artillery, Dad worked for the Air Ministry



then Frank Nunn's, before moving to Tate & Lyle (formerly Pease Transport). The drivers really prided themselves on their abilities and entered the Lorry Driver competitions, usually bringing home a number of trophies. (Stewart has given the History Group an article [shown on the website] from "The Commercial Motor" magazine dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 1963, the relevant sentences in which are "Driver H Hurrell (Tate & Lyle Ltd) also distinguished himself by his triumph in the mammoth Class D. This driver conceded only 105 penalty points, the fewest recorded.")



I can still remember the awful sound of the metal hoes being used on the steel floors of the lorries to remove the spilled sugar. In the days before mobile phones, (lorry driver) Ronnie Last failed to return one day from a journey to Norwich, then Cantley to load up, and return to Elmswell. He had been stuck in a snowdrift, and had to spend the night in a **very** cold lorry. I can also remember Albert Farrow hearing the fire alarm bell at Tate & Lyle's, running for his bike and pedalling like mad to the Fire Station.

The barber shop in Ashfield/Station Road was an experience! Dad usually took me there after he finished work Saturday lunch-time. By that time you opened the door and walked into a "pea souper" of Capstan Full Strength, Player's Navy Cut, and Condor – secondary smoking! It made you feel like a 40-a-day man at nine years old!

After they married, Mum and Dad lived in Ashfield Road, where I was born and where our neighbour was a blind gentleman who wove the most intricate baskets. Water was from a well which the owner locked up one day a year to preserve his ownership, and woe betide anyone who had not filled up all the saucepans, etc., for the coming day!

In 1953 my parents purchased a plot of land in New Road for approx. £100, and built our bungalow there (costing just under £500). Ours was the first bungalow on the left going up to Newsomes Corner, from where we used to hear Anderson's hooter going off at lunchtime and for the end of the day. Cycle repairs were carried out a couple of houses down, and Fred Wright's shop supplied most of our needs. As a child, I can remember going to our neighbours, the Wrights, on a Saturday night to watch television – we had just a radio.

As our garden was large, we grew nearly all our vegetables, and also kept chickens under the fruit trees near the pond, and rabbits in hutches. A Saturday job for me was to go to the mill near the station to buy food for the rabbits and chickens.

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The car was kept in a wooden garage which, as cars became longer and wider, was added on to, with the result that it was a strange building when viewed at an angle. Our second car was a Ford Popular bought from Geo.F.Jacob's Station Garage in 1958 for £459 19s 9d; the first had been an Austin Seven purchased in 1951 for £180. Before then, we had an ex-Army motorbike named Horace!

My mother, Dorothy (1922-2013), had been a teacher prior to moving to Elmswell [see Note 1 below]. She often recounted having to stand at one end of the Church Hall (school), facing her class, while (fellow teacher) Grace Goddard stood at the other end, facing her half – whoever talked loudest had the children's attention! Grace was very proud of her "transiter" radio, as she called it. Staff at the school when I was there included Mr Kirby, Mr Proctor, and the Secretary was Mrs McSweeney from Woolpit whom I met recently after a 50-year gap and recognised her straight away!



Stewart is the 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, wearing the blazer.

No scaffolding and us kids running around the builders. Health & Safety?? No, just common sense.

I believe it was Mr Proctor who stood on the roof of the extension dropping items from it, i.e. feathers, piece of paper, etc., to give us an early Physics lesson. P.E. classes involved getting the gym equipment out of the Dining Hall cupboards, setting it up, and then using it on the tarmac playground – if you fell off the balance bar, it hurt!

The temporary classrooms were supposed to be a short-term measure, but were never replaced; they had thin walls, concrete floors and lots of

windows. It was like being taught in a fridge in winter. Class sizes were supposed to be below 30, but were never achieved.

Note 1 – Stewart has kindly donated several school photos (late 1950's to early 1960's), which will be on the History Group's website as soon as we have managed to put more names to the various children's faces. He has also donated a collection of 31 original items (dated 1927-1954) of personal letters, documents, certificates, art books, ration book, etc., all about his mother - these have been passed to Bury Record Office for cataloguing and safe-keeping (B.R.O. Ref: EN.3948).





## ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE

Many, many thanks to all our helpers you did a brilliant job, as ever.

Thanks too to those who would have helped but weren't able and to those who would have helped had they been asked. Special thanks to those who supported us by having a stall although I know none of you did quite as well as Diann and the over 55s, who clocked up a personal best this year.

Our sponsors did as proud, too, and thanks go to Ken and Steve of Hudson's Haulage for supplying the lorry body and for sending their friendliest and most helpful drivers to deliver it, and to Nick Garrad of Morris Armitage, the Estate Agents, for supplying our smart new signs which made such an impact. I was really pleased to get our logo back on the advertising boards and I thought they looked very classy indeed.

The Fayre went well and several visitors took the trouble to tell us as much but the attendance was no better than in previous years in spite of the entrance fee being suspended. However, as I said, it was a great day and we did manage to make a small profit. It would have been very painful to have made a loss as it does take quite a lot of work, and not just on the day, to put an event of that magnitude on.

The Vikings displays were a very popular attraction and their camp fascinated many of the youngsters attending. Louise and the

Renegades went down very well on the stage and drew many favourable comments and the Dog Agility group, who love coming to us, showed us what they can do and gave several visitors the chance to try their dogs out over their course of jumps, ramps and tunnels. The new petting zoo, which ran for two 45minute sessions, proved both popular and educational as the handlers spoke about each creature before handing it round the group of enthralled youngsters

It has to be said that the Fayre didn't capture the village's imagination and is probably ready for a serious revamp. It will be interesting to see what the Amenities Association, who underwrite it every year, say when they next convene. Perhaps it is time for someone new to overhaul it or come up with something entirely different because, after all, it has run for 25 years and might not have developed in the same direction or at the same rate as the rest of Elmswell.

*Peter Edmonds*





The Over 55's crew who once again took over £600 on the day towards Club funds.

### ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE GOLF DAY

We had 30 players for our annual golf day, big thanks to Park Garage for sponsoring the event.

Like to thank Stowmarket Golf Cub for hosting the event and making our day a special one and could not have done more for us thanks.

Must thank Myrus Youngs for all his help on the paper work before the day and on the day would be a big muddle without him.

The winner of the main event was again won by John Wilcocks with 41pts, with 36pts in 2nd place was Alan Crouch in 3rd was Dick Mortlock with 35pts.

John was cut on his handicap this year so next year he will be cut again.

The morning Texas Scramble team was won by Bob Taylor, Graham Leaf, and Jordan Youngs.

The winner who's ball was the nearest to the flag after two shots was Paul Davies.

Bob Taylor was the winner of the ball nearest the centre line after one shot.

That man Taylor was the winner coming out on top landing his ball nearest the flag in one shot on the 2nd hole.

The photo is of Wendy Southgate presenting the trophy to John Wilcocks the winner on the day.

The photo was taken a few days later after someone forgot to use the flash on the day (yes it was me).

I would like to thank all the players who turned up on the day, making it a very special day.

*Many thanks. Terry Southgate*



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## THE UPPER THREAD

The Upper Thread sewing workshops are fun, informative 2 hour sessions held in and around the Stowmarket area catering both for the novice and the experienced...longer courses can be arranged for projects or more in depth tuition. The Elmswell sessions at the Blackbourne will begin on TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER BEGINNING at 9.30 - this is a taster session at an introductory price of £15. Reserve your place and machine if needed as places are limited.

*Yasmine Van Owen*



## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A FLU VACCINATION

GPs are encouraging people in at-risk groups to start thinking about getting their winter flu jab.

From September GP practices will be contacting patients in at-risk groups, informing them of their entitlement to a free NHS flu vaccination. For your convenience many GP practices will be operating walk-in flu clinics.

At risk-groups entitled to a free NHS flu vaccination from their GP:

- You are aged 65 years or over.
- You are pregnant.
- You are living in a long-stay residential care home.
- You are the carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.
- You are a child aged 2, 3 or 4 years.
- You are aged six months to 65 years and have a heart problem; a chest complaint or breathing difficulties including bronchitis and emphysema; a kidney disease; lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as steroid medication or cancer treatment); a liver disease; had a stroke or TIA; diabetes; a neurological condition e.g. multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy; a problem with, or removal of, their spleen e.g. sickle cell disease.

If you are someone in an at risk group, or know someone who is, please don't underestimate how serious flu can be. A serious case of flu could result in bronchitis or pneumonia, a worsening of your diabetes and for pregnant women premature labour or even stillbirth.



## 1ST ELSWELL RAINBOW UNIT

Dear Parents,

We are writing to you as the parent of a girl who is either a current member of Elmswell Rainbows or whose name is on the waiting list to join the unit.

The present adult leaders of Elmswell Rainbows are stepping down at the end of the summer term in July 2016 – all three have served the group for many years and if Rainbows is to continue in Elmswell, more adult volunteers are needed.

Elmswell Rainbows is part of the Thedwastre District, which includes Guiding units from Tostock, Woolpit and other local villages. Unfortunately, other adult leaders in this district are unable to take over at Elmswell Rainbows as they are already committed to running one or more units. However, help and support is available for any new leaders from the members of this district team.

If you are interested in becoming part of the adult leadership team for the Rainbow unit, please talk with Pat or Caroline in the first instance. To ensure that adult to child ratio requirements are met, 3 adults is the minimum required. These leaders work together to plan and deliver activities at weekly meetings as well as ensuring finances and other records are kept up to date. At least one leader must complete the Girlguiding leadership qualification, all new leaders are subject to a full DBS check and First Aid training is also required. The District will cover all relevant training costs for new volunteers.

Should no volunteers come forward, unfortunately Rainbows will no longer run in Elmswell. If this is the case, no new girls will be offered spaces from the beginning of the summer term in April 2016 and the unit will close in July 2016.

We do hope that you will consider becoming involved so that your daughter and other girls can continue to enjoy Girlguiding between the ages of 5 and 7 years old.

With regards,

**Caroline, Pat and Tina**  
Elmswell Rainbow leaders

**Sue Howard**  
Thedwastre District Commissioner



## HELP PREVENT FALLS AND TRIPS

Don't underestimate the consequences of an older person having a fall. A fall can result in broken hips or bones and even early death. In addition to the pain and distress a fall can cause, it can take away someone's self-confidence, leaving them afraid to go out and socially isolated. The statistics on falls are staggering:

- 50% of people aged over 80 suffer a fall each year.
- 33% of people aged over 65 suffer a fall each year.
- 1 in 10 elderly falls result in serious injury.
- 25% of all 999 calls are falls related.

One way of reducing the chance of falling is by replacing old and worn slippers. Many people have a favourite pair of comfy slippers that could be potentially dangerous. Worn soles can easily lead to a slip and slippers that fit poorly can cause a trip.

The safest slippers are those with good quality non-slip rubber soles, are enclosed and have a fastener.

So, if you have a pair of old and worn slippers, please think about replacing them. And if you've got an elderly friend or relative think about giving them an early Christmas present of a new pair of slippers.



## ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

With the season now over, attention turns to preparing the pitch for winter, the end of season awards dinner (24th September) and the club's AGM (12th November). More details on all these events will be found in later issues.

If you would like to get in touch with the club please do so by one of the methods below.

### Result

Sunday 13th September  
Elmswell 62  
Tendring Park 63-0

### Contacts

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### Sunday 4 October

09.30am All Age Service  
 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

### Sunday 11 October

08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30am Parish Praise

### Sunday 18 October

10.30am Holy Communion CW

### Sunday 25 October

08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30am Morning Service CW

and into November...

### Sunday 1 November

09.30am All Age Service  
 11.00am Morning Prayer BCP with  
 Holy Communion BCP  
 3.00pm 'Time to Remember' service

### Sunday 8 November

08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30am Remembrance Day Service

The annual sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust took place on Saturday 12 September, the same day as the Tour of Britain! Our Rector, Peter Goodridge was sponsored to ride for St John's and visited 40 churches! Congratulations to Peter on this great achievement.

Our Harvest Festival took place the following day in our beautifully decorated church. The service included a song by SlamJam, our junior choir; the lesson was read by Peter Goodchild, Miriam Fife gave the Bible talk and prayers were offered by Caroline Long. Gifts of food and flowers were donated which were distributed to some of our congregation who are housebound and the surplus was divided between Stowmarket Food Bank and Gatehouse in Bury St Edmunds.

On Sunday 20 September we welcomed the Praise and Worship Group from Battisford – they led us in singing some of the modern worship songs and after the service we enjoyed refreshments and conversation together in the church room.

On 31 October at 4pm there will be a Light Party in the Church for the children – our alternative Halloween Event. Then on Sunday 1 November there will be a service at 3pm, a 'Time to Remember' – an opportunity to remember a loved one and to light a candle in their memory.

On 8 November there will be the Annual Remembrance Day Service at 10.30am in the Church – the Garden of Remembrance will be set out as usual near the church porch where small crosses may be planted in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of freedom.

### The Friends of St John's Church

We continued our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations with a Harvest Horkey in the Wesley Hall, when over 40 people enjoyed a Supper prepared by the Committee and their helpers. Entertainment was provided by members of the choir and around £250 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund, for repair, maintenance and insurance of the church building.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

You are invited to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's to help with the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. You can choose to commemorate a personal event,

an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can just make a donation.

For October the lights will be on between 7.00 p.m. and midnight.

One night's floodlighting costs £5.

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Thank you for your support.

### OCTOBER 2015 SPONSORSHIPS

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- 5 in loving memory of Vic. "God Bless". Gwen and son Jamie.
- 5 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner. Tony and Margaret. xx.
- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 7 in loving memory of Fay Borley on her Birthday. From Pearl, Helen, Margaret, Terry & families.
- 10 John Bennington. 6 years have gone since you passed away. "We will remember you always". With lots of love, Elizabeth and all your family.
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 21 Charlie, remembering you. Love Mike.
- 21 in memory of Ron Comber's Birthday.

- 24 in loving memory of our Dad, Bernard Booth, born 1914, died 1997.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
- 27 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner on her Birthday. Tony and Margaret. xx.
- 27 cherished memories of Mary Eveline Skinner, a dear aunt, on her Birthday.
- 31 in memory of Roy Clark.

All bookings and payments please to :-

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St Mary's C of E Church, Woolpit IP30 9QG - 6.00 pm

#### Sundays

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#### Holy Days

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Weekday services in the Parish are advertised at the front of Our Lady's Church, in the weekly Newsletter and on the new Parish Website [www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk)

We will be holding our Autumn Bazaar in the United Reform Church in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, on Saturday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> November with all our usual stalls and bargains, lunches and light refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you.

*Father David Finegan.*

## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

None of us can have failed to be moved by the pictures we have seen over recent weeks of the thousands of people fleeing war in Syria and Iraq and the desperate measures they are prepared to resort to in order to do so. We can have no comprehension of the situations they are fleeing. Compassion for them does of course need to be balanced with rational thinking as to what is the best way to help them. We need to pray for leaders all over the world, because of course, it is not just Europe's problem. Pray that the leaders will urgently consider what should be done with practical and workable compassion.

Hopefully you won't be too late to see that on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> we are holding our annual Quiz to support the work of Christian Aid. This

# ELMSWELL FELLOWSHIP

is always an enjoyable event; teams can be a maximum of 6 people, the cost being £7 a head including food and drink. If there are only a few of you, there could well be others who couldn't make up a full team who you could join with. Telephone 241541 to enter or email cockant2@btinternet.com.

The Ladies Friendship Group meet on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm when Pip Wright is coming to talk about History Using Old Local Newspapers. Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information. All ladies are welcome.

The next Food 'n' Friends is on Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> at Midday. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food at a nominal cost. Join the thirty odd men and women who come regularly. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

Yet again we've been blessed with a good harvest. Come and join us at our All-Age Harvest Service on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am when we will be thanking God for his goodness to us



and remembering those around the world who have not been so blessed. The 1<sup>st</sup> Elmswell Scout Group will be on parade, afterwards we are having a Harvest BBQ Lunch to which all are invited, but to help with catering it would be helpful if you let us know if you are coming. Please phone Tony or Margaret on 241541. Our collection will be for Operation Agri, a Baptist run charity that helps people become more self-sufficient, this year's appeal focuses on Bangladesh, the picture above shows some recipients of their help. Any donations of fresh produce will go to Finborough Court and tins and packets to the Stowmarket Food Bank.

We are grateful to all those who come to lead our worship each Sunday. Our preachers for the next few weeks are as follows:-

October 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. Paul Hills inc Communion

October 11<sup>th</sup> Stephen Spurgeon – All-Age Harvest – Scout Group on parade

October 18<sup>th</sup> Ann Rudland

October 25<sup>th</sup> Rev. Richard Edwards

November 1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Spurgeon inc Communion

Anyone turning up can be assured of a warm welcome at all these events.

Visit our website at [www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk) or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony



## POPPIES AT BLACKBOURNE

As the summer begins to fade and November creeps ever nearer, the Royal British Legion is busy preparing for the launch of their annual "Poppy Appeal".

This year the Haughley branch of the legion is bringing the launch to the Blackbourne Centre in the shape of a variety concert which will showcase talent from the local area.

The concert which will be 24th October will also mark the 70th anniversary of the branch which will make the event extra special.

The Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. We also ensure that remembrance is kept alive and that the sacrifices our brave Service men and women have made are never forgotten.

Membership of the legion is open to anyone aged 12 and over. There is no need to have served in the armed forces only a desire to help those in need who have.

Haughley Branch meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.45pm at Haughley Football Club, Green Road, Haughley to participate in social, fundraising and welfare activities. Anyone who wishes to buy tickets for the concert (£7.50) or is interested in becoming a member can obtain details from the branch secretary by calling 01449 770353.

## POPPY APPEAL

Once again it is Autumn, you might well say "where was summer?"; not very much in evidence is the honest answer to that question. Autumn also brings the Annual Poppy appeal and my plea to all in the village is to be as generous as you can again this year.

The past twelve months have seen a welcome reduction in the casualty rate with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but on the other hand new areas are opening up and the Government is considering what to do about the new terrorist breeding grounds. As they always do, our soldiers, sailors and airmen will do what is asked of them and inevitably there will be casualties.

Equally inevitably the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Fund will be there to help with the myriad of Welfare problems.

Last year the overall collection in Elmswell amounted to £4,280; in Suffolk £731,998 and nationally just over £43 million. Fantastic.

Poppy support, the arm which provides the welfare, spends £10,000 per hour or over £1.6 million a week. In Suffolk £300,000 was spent on 1,400 welfare cases.

Finally on Saturday 24th October a concert in aid of the Royal British Legion is being held at the Blackbourne Centre. Tickets, prices and availability will be promoted soon.

Tony Chaplin, Poppy Appeal Organiser

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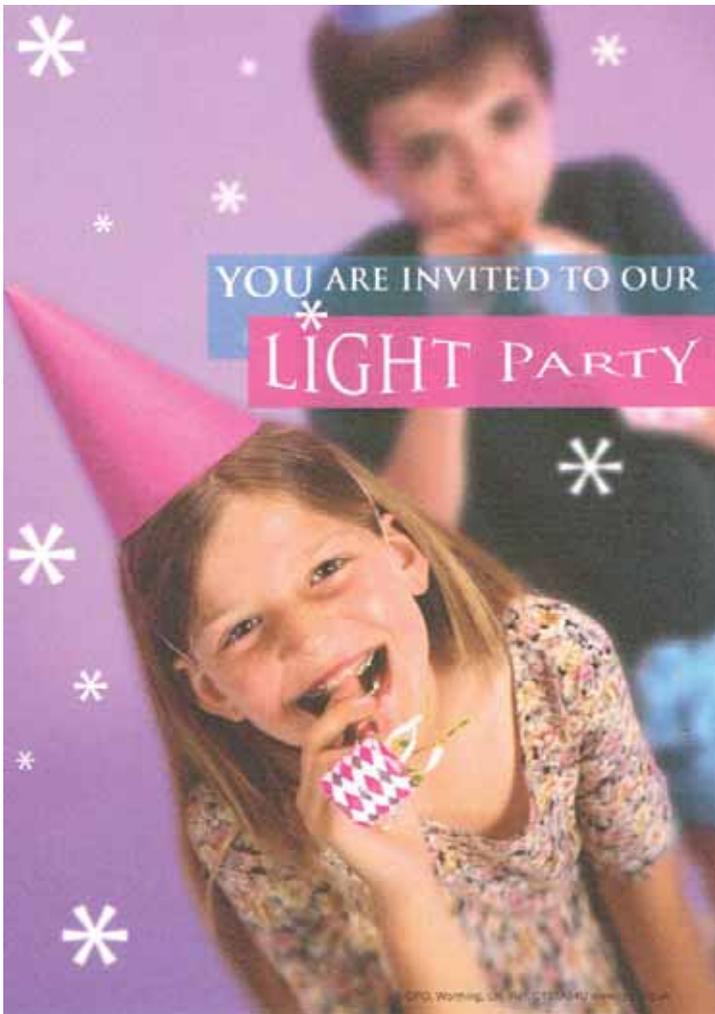
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## ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We have had a very busy few months, it's been lovely to see so many new mums and baby's joining us, but don't forget if your a dad, grandparent/carer at home with the kiddies on a Monday or Wednesday morning between 10-11.30am stick on your shoes and come along and join us, we have lots of exciting things planned on our craft table from now up until our last session in December including fun mats on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th November, for more information please check out [www.funmats.co.uk](http://www.funmats.co.uk) Templates can also be picked up a week before these dates from the group on our session mornings, and taken home to do and even share with older siblings.

### Halloween Party, Enter If You Dare!!

Wednesday 28th October, this session will be extended from 10am until 12noon with a party lunch included, normal entry fee's apply, we have a sign up sheet to help us cater for food out on session mornings, but if you can't make it to group to sign up but would like to attend pop along to our facebook page and leave us a note to add you, other than that you can contact our chair Donna on 07791393119.

Please note: this date is in half term so older siblings are welcome but again please try and let us no numbers so we can cater for you.

Prize for all those in fancy dress, children and grown ups, there will also be party games, face painting, halloween craft and maybe some spooky music to jump around too,

### All Fired Up

We can now confirm our booking date for All Fired Up to join us again in November to make some lovely gifts just in time for Christmas, with that precious little hand print / picture glazed on to a mug, plate, coaster, Christmas tree decoration or one of the many items to choose from it's not to be missed, this will be an extended session on Wednesday 11th November 10am - 12noon, all welcome so don't forget to bring along ur friends and most of all your purses.

### Christmas meal

This years Christmas meal will be on Saturday November 28th at the lion in Needham Market full details and menu choice can be found on our table on entry to sessions mornings, deposit required.

### Children's Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 6th December at Blackborne hall, this year to help run this event we will be putting a rota up with time slots for you the parents to get involved and help us out, the party will include disco, party games, party food, and if were all really good a special guest may appear! Ho Ho Ho

### Craft Dates

#### October

- 12th - Puzzles
- 14th - Animal Masks
- 19th - Gliders
- 21st - Chalk and magnet boards
- 26th - Colouring Halloween pictures
- 28th - Halloween Party 10-12noon

#### November

- 2nd - Fun Mats / Firework pictures
- 4th - Fun Mats / Firework pictures
- 9th - Bird Cakes
- 11th - All Fired Up  
(Printable Discount Voucher on line)
- 16th - Leaf Hedgehogs
- 18th - Bird Cakes
- 23rd - Finger Painting
- 25th - Leaf Hedgehogs
- 30th - Festive Colouring

### Party booking

We have had lots of parents lately ask us about the Wesley Hall and how to book it for a child's party and if we hire out our toys and tables, so I thought I would add some details here for you to share. With heating, and a lovely size hall and kitchen it's the ideal place to hold a child's party, For Hall booking please contact Lesley Reed on 01359 241009 or you can contact through email on [wesleycentre.elmswell@gmail.com](mailto:wesleycentre.elmswell@gmail.com) Unfortunately we do not hire out our toys for any party bookings and if using the gardens please respect this with our outside toys, but we do hire out our tables with a booking fee and deposit, and to do this all you need to do is contact our lovely chair, Donna to fill in a booking form on 07791393119.

### Diary Date -

Closing session for 2015  
Wednesday 16th December

## 'THE PIED CYCLER'

A cyclist in Newcastle found himself being followed by hundreds of athletes taking part in a 10km run after they mistook him for the course guide.

Some participants in the Heaton Harriers memorial race continued along the correct course, only to find themselves behind runners they had been ahead of.

In a statement on its website, the Heaton Harriers committee said: 'The cyclist was dressed in fluorescent clothing and as the leading group of runners ran closer to him they mistook him for a race official and mistakenly followed him.'

## 'LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP'

A thief who tried to escape justice was caught in mid-air after he inadvertently jumped onto a trampoline. The 17 year old leapt over a fence as he fled police in the western Australia city of Geraldton, and landed on the trampoline on the other side. Sergeant Grant Rosman said the youth bounced back into the air, where police were able to catch him and pull him back over the fence.

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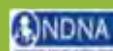
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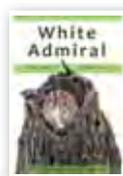
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**Tuesday, 27th October, 2015**

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Ipswich IP8 3SU**



This is your chance to tell our local councils, the NHS, the Police and other statutory organisations about the issues that concern you or your organisation, so do come along and have your say. All individual disabled people, family carers and disability organisations are welcome.



Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There will also be a range of information stalls.

To book your place please email [enquiries@avenuesgroup.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@avenuesgroup.org.uk) by 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
<http://www.suffolkconsortium.onesuffolk.net/>



# ELMSWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Steering Group, drawn from across the community, met at Blackbourne on 10<sup>th</sup> September with David Sparkes from Mid Suffolk's Planning Policy department, Duncan Merren from the Mid Suffolk Communities team and Gillian Benjamin, the Community Action Suffolk Neighbourhood Plan mentor, joining them.

Discussions ranged across many issues towards informing the gradually emerging draft Plan document. These included;

- The potential problem of school capacity given the confirmation from Suffolk County Council that the Bacon Factory housing will mean that capacity at Elmswell School will be reached within the next 3 years. Julie Cole will continue to liaise with the head teacher, although it is accepted that this is not a local Governor matter as allocations and capacity policy is handled by the County Council. David Sparkes from Mid Suffolk confirmed that this might give rise to a 'site specific' issue should it be considered that a new school or a second school might be an option.
- Passenger train statistics were noted and, given the clear importance of the railway crossing in the questionnaire returns, Fred Pallett is to look into the possibility of a web cam recorder so that actual traffic flows can be analysed. Further help and advice regarding traffic surveys is to be sought from Urban Vision CIC who are retained under the Government support grant to guide Elmswell's Plan process.
- Sarah Mansel is to refine and publish her suggestions for improvements to cycle links and routing around the village and with cycle route NR51.
- Mary Feeney's comprehensive analysis of the questionnaire responses as compared with census information on age profiles was tabled and will form part of the 'Community Engagement' section of the Plan.

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

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Further work was discussed regarding identifying population trends and projections and the historic link between housing growth and the infrastructure to support the extra population. David Sparkes confirmed that, as a Key Service Centre, Elmswell must be prepared to accept considerable development. It was agreed that CAS should be approached towards conducting a Housing Needs Survey.

The process will be resumed in early October when Group members bring back the results of their latest researches.



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## ELMSWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB (EYFC)

The new season is well under way, with plenty of league and cup football being played. The Club participates in the Ipswich & Suffolk Youth League on Sunday mornings and, the Suffolk WAYS league on Saturday mornings and various cup competitions as well.

With teams ranging from Under 7 through to Under 18 age groups, there are plenty of opportunities for players of all ages and all abilities to join the club. The club supports the FA Respect program and has a philosophy where Every Youth Footballer Counts (EYFC). This many teams and players takes a lot of organising, and the need for volunteers to assist with all aspects of running the club is great. All coaches are volunteers and are trained on FA Coaching courses and DBS checked. Other volunteers are needed to help with the running of the club for tasks as varied as press officer, social media co-ordinator, team administrators, trophies organiser and the list goes on. You do not need to have a child playing in the club to offer support. If you would be interested in helping the youngsters of the village and contributing time to the club, please do get in touch.

At the end of last season, the Club's annual presentation event took place outside at the Blackbourne Community Centre. As Chairperson, I addressed the assembled players, coaches and supporters and congratulated them all of a very successful season. One of the aims for the club in future is to encourage more participation from girls in the game. We have a few female players in the club but would love to develop this further to enable the girls of the village to enjoy the beautiful game. It would be great to find some female coaches to join the club too as we feel this will help encourage female players. Under FA rules, teams can be mixed up the age of Under 16. The Club also recognised the contribution made by one individual over many seasons and the inaugural presentation of Clubman of the Year trophy went to Jim Crease.

If you are interested in getting involved in any way as a volunteer or have a son or daughter who is interested in playing, please contact John Raffel on 01359 241226 or 07904 363050. <http://www.elmswellyouthfc.co.uk/>



## ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

League matches have now finished and final positions in the leagues are published although teams have not done as well as we would have wanted all teams have done their best endeavours. Captains David Begg, Michel Moore, Ian Tullett, Frank Boxall, Graham Mack and Dick Burch wish to thank all of their teams for their efforts and wish them well for next season.

### Final positions

#### Stowmarket & District League Division 3 Monday Fixtures

Final position 5<sup>th</sup> a late surge moved them up in the final few matches.

#### Stowmarket & District League Division 3 Tuesday Afternoon Fixtures

Finishing as the strongest team in the league by holding everyone else up has proved a difficult year for this development team whose last match was cancelled against a team who we beaten early in the season with the possibility of another victory to move them from their final position. The team did take points off every team played against.

#### Bury & District league Area D Triples League Division 1 Tuesday Evening

A team with two captains involving considerable travelling finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place just under midway position.

#### Stowmarket & District Triples League Wednesday Evening.

As usual finishing strongly this team finished about three quarters position in the league with some very close match results.

#### Bury & District League Division 2 Thursday Evening

With some very close results the team could not hold their form from last year and finished in a lower position than could be expected.

#### Corrections

In last month's Newsletter it was reported that Ann Reid won the Horseshoe Trophy it was in fact Ann Richards

Tuesday Afternoon Result correction  
Elmswell 31 (0) Rookery 45 (7)

#### Club Competitions

All of the club competitions have now been played and results will be published in the next newsletter together with a rogue's gallery.



Ken Beale showing off his what (?) I don't know but he is being admired by a duo of Michael's (Waspe and Bizley)



Michael the Elder and Michael the Younger I will leave this with you to work out which is which.

One of them was kindly donated by Norman Kemble. The other one by Caroline North

### International Visitor



Early on in the year the club received a request and a visit from a Canadian International player to play on a grass lawn bowls green. As visit to Elmswell was planned to visit relatives she was invited to play on our green. Jordan enjoyed her games bowling on our green. A brief history about Jordan who is just 16 years old has been bowling for a number of years. Amongst her achievements

2011 won Provincial Junior title; 2013 placed fourth in Junior National; 2014 won city gold women's singles; 2014 won Canadian national women's fours; 2015 Member of the Canadian National Team Development Squad. Jordan has achieved many awards too numerous to mention. It was a pleasure for us to have her playing on our green.

*I wonder if she would come over each week and we might be able to give a game in one of our teams!*

### Final Match

Our final 'match' of the season is our tradition 'Charity Fundraiser' end of the season match against the Fire Services. The charity is that they might just let us win! This was held on Sunday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Well it had to happen the Firemen and wives did win by 3 shots, some assistance was given by loan players from the bowls club, (who are now I understand honorary firepersons!). A good afternoon was had by all and the afternoon raised approximately £150 for their village charity raising events

### Michael Moore

Thanks to Peter Edmonds for the photographs



Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, at 7.30pm excepting August and avoiding bank holidays. The September meeting took place at Blackbourne on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> with all 11 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Members Mrs Sarah Mansel and Mr John Levantis, Suffolk County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey, Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow, and 22 members of the public.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which is made up of the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr Brian Hawes and Cllr Stephen 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](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk), in the Memorial Library and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes, from the July Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Cop.

### Chairman

Cllr Fred Pallett was elected unanimously as Chairman of Council to serve until May 2016.

### Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation that the District remains at risk from speculative development outside of Development Boundaries unless and until it can address the shortfall in housing land supply. New homes recently completed, however, have attracted the Government's New Homes Bonus funding to the tune of £200,000 which is to be spent by individual councillors in their communities on schemes put forward by community groups. This 'locality budget' funding is available from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Cllr John Levantis tabled a written report which included some further details of the bid by Suffolk to assume certain devolved powers under new Government legislation with particular reference to education & skills, health and housing productivity & growth. He also urged people to log on to the Police Direct web page via the Suffolk Police website. This has replaced Police Direct as a valuable liaison service for the sharing of information towards reducing rural crime.

### County Council

Cllr Mrs Jane Storey tabled a written report which also made mention of the Suffolk Devolution proposal together with a report on Rural transport Tenders which proposes a new model for the provision of rural transport across Suffolk encouraging community transport, bus and taxi companies to work together. Cllr Storey also highlighted the danger of gangs targeting dogs which they intend to steal. Preliminary to the theft is the marking of gate posts indicating whether or not there is CCTV or emergency lighting triggered by movement in that immediate vicinity. A mark indicating that there is no such cover is an invitation to illegal entry. The Police should be contacted on 101 if any strange signs appear on fence and gate posts.

### Planning

The Meeting noted that Permission has been granted for a single storey extension at Oriana, Ashfield Road, for the retention of a summer house at 2 Warren Close and for an updated approved drawing list at Linden Croft, School Road. Council had not commented on these applications. Council had objected to a 2 storey side extension at 57 Blackbourne Road as it sought to remove all on-site parking, but the application was subsequently withdrawn prior to the Planning Officer's decision. Council also objected to the proposal to knock down the Wesley Hall on school Road and build a 4 bedroom house. This application, made on behalf of the Methodist Church, had gone before a Mid Suffolk Planning Committee where the Parish Council's strongly expressed views were reinforced and backed by members of the hall's user group. The application was rejected by a vote of 7:1.

### Planning applications

Councillors agreed to support applications for extensions at 8, Cresmedow Way and at 28 Gardener's Walk. They made no comment on a multi-faceted application for Planning and listed Building consent at Hawk End Cottage, Hawk End Lane, leaving the decision to the conservation and listed building professionals at Mid Suffolk.

### Post Office move.

The Parish Council made strong formal objections to the proposal to move the current Post office activities into the Station Pharmacy. The new venue offers minimal car parking with no possibility of parking on the road adjacent to the railway crossing. The crossing itself poses serious problems for traffic trying to turn right into the car park when traffic can easily back up over the railway line. Response to the Council's objections, detailed in the Newsletter, had been widespread and many individual letters of objection had resulted. Jo Churchill MP had also lent her voice to the cause of common sense and it is understood that the matter has gone to independent arbitration.

### Recycling Centre

The village's recycling centre on Station Road is impeccably managed. The site is kept clean by a rota of volunteer organisations who visit daily. The Elmswell Gardening Club recently did a 3 month tour of duty and it was agreed that a grant of £150.00 be made to the Club's funds. The Cricket Club are current custodians. Other groups interested in taking part in the recycling centre scheme are invited to contact the Parish Clerk.

### Wesley Centre

The working group drawn from the Parish Council and members of the groups that currently use the Wesley Hall was determined as being 12 strong with Councillors David Hawes, Fred Pallett, Shaun Pratt, Julia Taber, and Chris Wiley, together with the Parish Clerk being asked to pool their expertise and experience towards saving the site from residential development.

### Audit

The end of the annual audit process was reached when Councillors received, approved and accepted the Annual Return from the Government appointed external auditors of the Council's finances and Governance, Messrs BDO LLP. The Return confirmed that the information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and that no matter had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. Councillors also received a draft pro-forma of the schedule of documents and material which will be examined by the Chairman and Vice chairman of Council together with another Councillor delegated with full Council in the annual internal audit by Councillors which itself is the subject of audit by a properly qualified and independent auditor appointed by Council to cast a fresh eye of their affairs of finance and governance.

### Speed warning signs

Cllr Fred Pallett received unanimous support for his proposal for 3 poles to be installed at Ashfield Road and at Church Hill to allow the mounting of a vehicle activated flashing



speed warning sign to be periodically sited on each of the poles in turn so that a fixed location does not become over-familiar and less effective. The scheme has been developed in close liaison with the Police, SCC Highways and Elmswell Community Speed Watch whose members, it is hoped, will undertake to re-locate the unit at 5 weekly intervals and service the battery. The Clerk has ascertained the conditions required for insurance cover under the existing policy and the cost of £4,500.00 includes appropriate all-weather high visibility clothing for the group.

### Complaint

In discussion held after the public had been requested to leave the meeting, it was agreed that Cllrs Pallett, Pratt and Mrs Taber be asked to look into complaints made in a letter to Council from a resident regarding the

treatment of a request under the Freedom of Information act 2000. The matter inevitably involves a Council employee which prompted the Council's decision to take it further in a session without the public present. A report from the 3 investigating Councillors will come back to Council.

### Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk), on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op.

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

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



## CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

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As an alternative you can email them directly through the following link:  
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## FOOTPATH WALK

Our next walk starts, as usual, from Crown Mill, on **SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER**

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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](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk) - it might help you in planning dates for your events.



## October 2015

- 3 Elmswell Baby & Toddler Group Nearly New Sale
- 3 Christian Aid Quiz at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7pm. Teams of up to 6. £7 per head including food.
- 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
- 11 All-Age Harvest at Elmswell Baptist Church at 10.30am. 1st Elmswell Scout Group on parade. Harvest BBQ Lunch afterwards. Tel: 241541 to let us know numbers for catering.
- 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

- 1 Time to Remember 3pm in St John's Church
- 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
- 8 Remembrance Day Service 10.30am in St John's Church
- 10 Elmswell WI 'Craft' we meet at 7.30 p.m. at Blackbourne
- 10 Light Party at Elmswell Baptist Church for 5 to 13 year olds at 6pm led by Kevin Moore. Bring a small torch and any reflective clothing you like. Tel: 241541 to let us know numbers for catering.

- 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
- 14 St John's Church Christmas Fair at the Blackbourne 2pm-4pm
- 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
- 21 Autumn Concert 7pm in St John's Church
- 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.
- 8 Christmas Party at Elmswell Baptist Church for 5 to 13 year olds at 6pm led by Kevin Moore. Tel: 241541 to let us know numbers for catering.
- 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

## 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"**

## April 2016

- 14 **Elmswell History Group's 16th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Clive Paine: "Suffolk Men at Waterloo"**

## May 2016

- 12 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Justyn Keeble: "Elmswell's WW2 Home Guard - much more than Dad's Army!"**

## June 2016

- 9 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Brian Milner: "Six Hospitals and a Chapel in Medieval Bury St Edmunds"**

## July 2016

- 14 **Elmswell History Group - Annual Outing: To be arranged**



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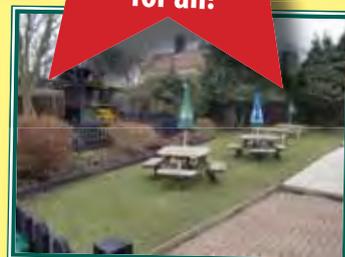
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