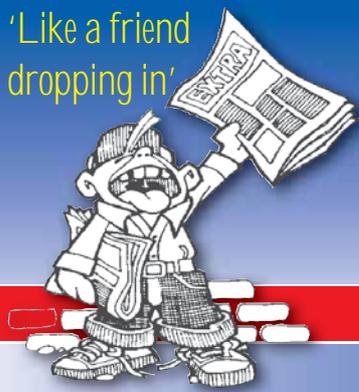


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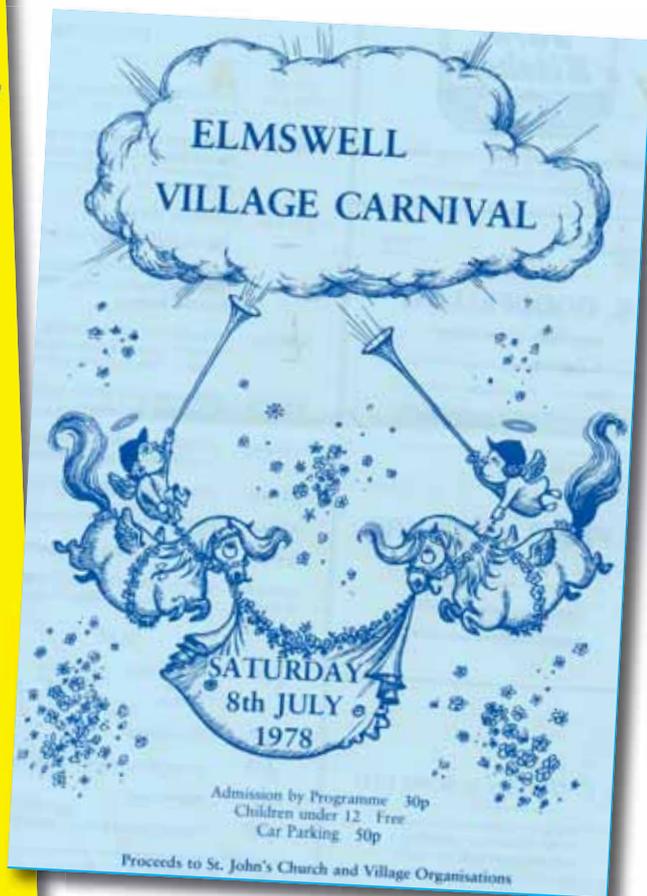
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## DON'T STOP THE CARNIVAL

**Our annual village coming together, for the last several years The Autumn Fayre, has its own history - the Mayday Fayre, the Back to School Fair and, as featured on page 14, the Elmswell Village Carnival of 1978.**

37 years ago the venue, the 'playing field' then, was a bit of land effectively borrowed from Suffolk County Council. There would soon be parades through the streets to try to keep the facility for the village. We lost - it is now Oxer Close and Bennett Avenue.

A further indication of the trend towards development is illustrated when we look at the advertisers. There are 16 supporting adverts. A quarter of those enterprise have continued. Colin Finch in Kiln Lane still wants to buy your scrap (but do check the 'phone number). The Fox remains through several transformations, and, under, Jimmy's gifted stewardship, offers a very different management style than you might have experienced under Peter and Joyce in 1978. The Co-op is bigger and better than ever, but, see our Parish Council pages, the Post Office hangs in the balance. And Julian & Kirstie are 'The Fish Shop', now with pizzas and more. Meanwhile, Ernie Goodfellow, our 'High Class Family Butchers', has passed the baton to the new premises next door and his old shop, now Dorothy's Tea Rooms, although offering an excellent product, will no longer kill-out, butcher and dress your pig brought in at 7.00am, ready by 5.00pm. Leancut Bacon never traded in the village, but their principal, founder and charismatic driving force, John Reed, was soon to take the Carnival under the umbrella of the Amenities Association and the rest is 37 years of history.

The other 10 advertisers are gone. We have their heritage...we have more houses. Where they once traded, in less than 40 years, we will have - including the Bacon Factory development to start in January - gained some 378 new homes. 21% of our current and immediate-future housing stock stands on land where, in 1978, people worked. Over 700 jobs the village can no longer offer.

- **The Work Basket and Barrett's Stores** stood on Pightle Close where they were part of that award winning development, but the rise of the supermarket meant that they could not thrive. Now converted into houses. Similarly, **Lufkin's Hardware** - that most polite and obliging emporium promising (and usually succeeding) to get you anything in the hardware line within the week - is remembered in the house name only.
- **Farm Kitchen Foods** was, eventually, to become part of the Grampian Foods empire which moved production

elsewhere...soon building starts on up to 190 houses.

- **R Baker and Son** is now 15 houses at Baker's Mill.
- **Catton's Motors** became 7 houses at Fairmead.
- **OC Jewers** is now Little Green, The Granary and Malting Field - a total of 68 houses.
- **Thurlow Nunn** is represented by the 72 houses on Blacksmith's Way.
- **Hawes' Printers** is now 24 houses at Whatley Close.
- **Bob Anderson Engineers** yielded 14 houses at Loch Rannoch Close.

The History Group, quite rightly, suggests that the Carnival programme provides, 'a snapshot of how busy and vibrant our working village has always been'. And so it does. But it also points a warning. The vibrancy and the business - the latter driven by the businesses - cannot be taken for granted.

These houses were and are needed. They are built on, 'brownfield sites', where planning policy suggests that much needed dwellings should go. The businesses who were there are responsive to market trends and economic forces. For very many years they provided jobs, often life-long employment, for local people. Times change, economic imperatives mould a different society. Phrases such as, 'internet shopping', 'downsizing' and 'National Planning Policy Framework', are part of a language of sometimes brutal change.

In the interim, Elmswell, as ever, shows the way forward. When Mid Suffolk District Council bought Pye's Yard - the old railway sidings behind The Fox - at about the same time as the 1978 Carnival was taking place, it built 4 small industrial units for rent. These were soon taken by local entrepreneurs to be joined by others who gradually purchased plots and built more business premises. The Station Road Industrial Estate thrives today, employing over 100 people in the centre of the village. It took will and foresight and municipal intervention. The quick profit would have been more houses. The Council's community investment brought a slower but crucial profit by way of jobs for the people in the 378 houses since built.

Of course the jobs don't all fit the people, and vice versa. A majority still drive into Elmswell from outside to work, and the vast majority of incoming resident drive out of Elmswell every working day. But there are jobs. There are business premises. When transport costs become prohibitive, when the 'information super highway' releases us from geographical constraint, there are places from which people can work.

There should be more. Responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire seem to support this as a popular view. The Plan Steering Group seem very well aware that our, 'busy and vibrant working village', has to be the subject of managed growth if it is not to become simply a dormitory satellite for Ipswich, Bury, Cambridge and Felixstowe.

The fight against 'dormitory-isation' starts with the Wesley chapel site at the heart of our community. Behind it lurks the looming inevitability of the Railway Tavern site. The results will be seen in another 37 years' time.



It is to be hoped that our September 2012 edition remains a Newsletter, rather than a snoozeletter.

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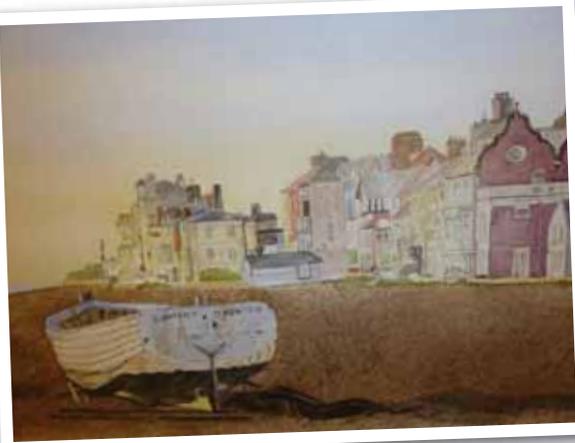
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## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

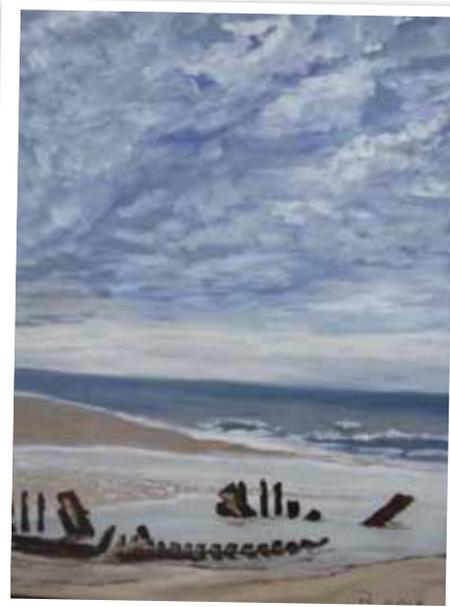
Art Club members have something to look forward to at the end of September – we are going to attempt to draw/paint a picture from a life model. Wish us luck as many of us have not done this before! When there is a fifth Tuesday in the month we try to do something different, i.e. a demonstration from a professional artist – but on 29th September we will test our skills with the above.



It is hoped that the Wesley Centre can be saved from being sold to a developer as the light in the hall is superb for painting and there is nowhere else in the village which has the same facilities. It would be a terrible shame for the art club (and other clubs/users) to have nowhere to meet. If everyone in the village pulled together on saving the site, I am sure it could be achieved.

The pictures this month are by Barbara Clark and John Welford.

Denise Lawrence  
Club Secretary  
01359 245207



## ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

The holiday to Weymouth turned out to be a fantastic success for all who went. We had a couple of comfort stops on route, then on the final leg of the journey we crossed the New Forest where we saw numerous ponies grazing close to the roadside. On arrival at the hotel cases were quickly unloaded and delivered to the rooms. After a wash and brush up it was time to set down for the evening meal followed by a short session of Bingo and brilliant entertainment on all four evenings. Our days out included a trip on the Swanage Railway (steam hauled) from Norden to Swanage where we alighted at the top of the main street so we all had chance to browse, enjoy a snack, soak up the sunshine and for some have a paddle. Our return back took us via the byways to see Corfe Castle from high ground before passing through the village. The next day we journeyed to Dorchester for its very large market and a stroll into town to take in the shops etc. Later in the day we headed onto the Isle of

Portland passing the Stone quarries before arriving at the Lighthouse and visiting the Tea Rooms for afternoon tea made in a pot with leaf tea making sure you used the strainer!. Our free day saw everybody doing their own thing some taking in the Sand Sculptures watching Punch & Judy or soaking up the Sunshine, paddling or just being lazy . Our return journey home took us via Salisbury where we caught sight of the Cathedral with an arrival home at teatime with thanks to Kevin (Beestons Coaches) for making it an enjoyable break. We will be at the Autumn Fayre on Sunday September 6th with our Tombola Cake and Bric a Brac stalls which is one of our fund raising events .Admission is Free ,car parking £2 per car.



Our next meetings are Sep 10th with music by "Mike Reed" visitors welcome pay on door and on Sept 24th when the committee will be catering for our Harvest Supper On October 8th we welcome "Jim Hawkins" as our entertainer.

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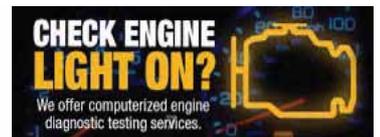
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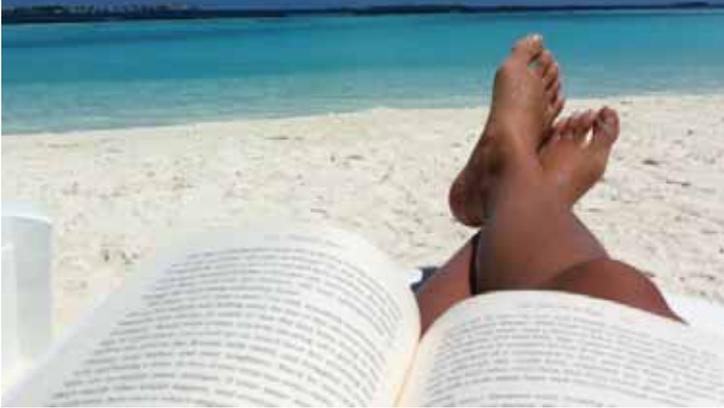
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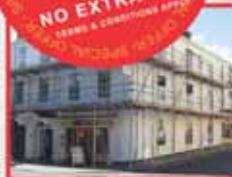
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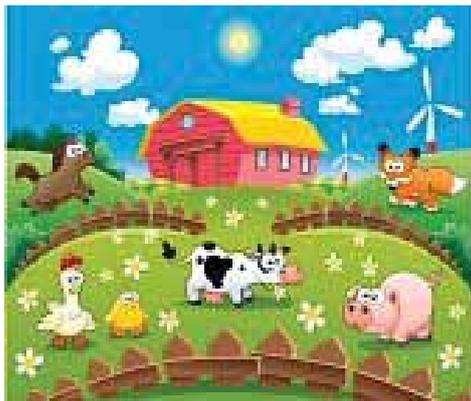
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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I.



Our numbers were somewhat depleted for our August get together as many of our members were dipping their toes in the sea at Weymouth. Nonetheless, what an interesting meeting this was. Our guest was Alistair Angus, the Manager of our Elmswell Butchers. Having obtained a University degree in Philosophy, probably quite useful when dealing with the general public, Alistair diversified into the Butchery business. We had a very professional power point presentation showing us the full journey of our meat from it's beginnings on their farms at Woolpit and Drinkstone to it's end in the shop at Elmswell. They breed and rear, Belted Galloways, Red Poll and Longhorns. Their sheep are rare breed Woodies, Portlands and Jacobs. They are raised with the best welfare considerations and the farms are managed with conservation at the forefront. All of the meat is hung in the traditional manner to allow the muscles to properly relax thus giving us delicious, tender cuts. Alistair, Terry and John are all very experienced butchers and can apparently tackle anything. We were tasked with coming up with something unusual as a challenge. Challenges are something we pride ourselves in at the W.I. so we are all working on this Alistair !!! Alistair

will be donating his fee for this talk to St. Nicholas Hospice, a cause we all support.

Alistair judged our competition "A Cow or Bull in any Medium". First was Betty Rice with an 80 year old photo of a very splendid looking bull in a Canadian snowy field. Second was Carol Blissett with a very fetching bull cushion and third Florence Romaine's photo of her grandson called Bull. Congratulations to them.

We all enjoyed tea and went through our business matters.

Final arrangements were put in place for our trip to the Corncraft Centre on Wednesday 12th August for an afternoon "high tea".

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September when we welcome Barry Tyler to tell us about his mother, Dorothy Odam Tyler, a British Olympic Gold Medallist in the very controversial Berlin Games when Jessie Owens competed and Hitler presided. Guests are always welcome to our gatherings. Please contact Barbara on 242788 or Maureen on 241033. Alternatively, just turn up on the day.



### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

Sylvia welcomed 35 members to our Bring and Share lunch. A sumptuous spread was enjoyed by all and everyone was thanked for their contribution. Betty Phillip's table decorations added to the occasion.

After lunch Sylvia reminded us of forthcoming events. Friday 28th August is the trip to Felixstowe meeting at the Wesley hall at 10am.

Our next meeting is a trip to Scotsdale Garden Centre on September 15th. The coach will leave the Wesley hall at 11am.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting was closed.

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

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Sylvia on 241505.



### ELMSWELL W.I.

Rachel opened the meeting and welcomed new members and guests.

It was agreed that our July meeting at The Fox had been a success and a very pleasant evening.

Our outing for next year will be on **Saturday** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 which will enable those who work to join us; this will be an all-day event.

Our next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> will be our Harvest Supper. Guests are welcome. Please remember to bring your own cutlery, a plate and bowl. The Dennis Rose bowl will be presented at this meeting for our competition winner.

There is a Thanks Giving Service at St Marys Church, Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

September 2015. Please let Rachel know if you would like to attend.

It was decided that all members would be put in for the Denman Bursary draw unless you state that you **DO NOT** wish to be entered.

With the close of business refreshments were served as we divided ourselves into groups for "The Daisy Quiz" event. This caused much hilarity as we grappled to find the answers to 40 questions designed for 13 year olds! By the end of the evening we were laughing like teenagers ourselves, having grappled with the Hunger Games, Professor McGonagall and acid and alkaline values.



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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

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Following our Summer break we now look forward to the next meeting of the History Group on 10 September when the speaker will be Dr Kate Jewell – her subject is ‘Carnival! Drama and Popular Protest in Medieval Suffolk’. Subscriptions will be due and collected at the meeting - £6.50 per person + £1.50 each meeting attended, so for that evening or the first meeting attended £8.00.

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.

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The raffle was drawn and the meeting was closed. The next meeting at the Wesley hall is on October 20th when Mr.Parfitt will speak about the realm of the polar bear. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to Sylvia on 241505.

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## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



### ElmsWild welcomes Mark Pendlington to Kiln Meadow



At the end of July members of ElmsWild were delighted to meet Mark Pendlington at Kiln Meadow. Mark is Group Director at Anglian Water and has recently been appointed Patron of the Green Light Trust.

Kiln Meadow has been managed as a local wildlife area for the last 20 years under agreement with Anglian Water who own the land. The project started back in 1995 when the Parish Council of that time negotiated the first agreement with Anglian Water; ElmWild took over responsibility for the site ten years ago and we have just signed a new management agreement for the next ten years.

ElmsWild is closely associated with the Green Light Trust which helped establish our community woodland group nearly 14 years ago, so we were especially pleased to welcome both Mark and Ashley Seaborne, who is CEO of the Green Light Trust, to look around Kiln Meadow and see what has been achieved over the last two decades. Both Mark and Ash were very

impressed by the work that has been carried out – all by volunteers – for the benefit of wildlife and the enjoyment of the local community. Three members of ElmsWild – Mary, John and Bob – started work at Kiln Meadow right at the start, and are still working there now, 20 years later.

Our photo shows members of ElmsWild with Mark and Ash, along with Peter Dow who, as Chairman of the Parish Council, first got the project going all those years ago.

We're very proud of our partnership with both Anglian Water and the Green Light Trust and delighted that the project is going from strength to strength. Our thanks go to both organisations for their support over the years. Kiln Meadow is a lovely place to visit, especially in the summer when the orchids are flowering and the butterflies are on the wing. It's open all the time, and a visit can be incorporated into a longer walk using the footpath that goes down Sponge Lane and comes out on Kiln Lane. It's well worth a look!

### Street Farm Forest School comes to Lukeswood

This month we're celebrating the beginning of another partnership – as mentioned in last month's newsletter, Lisa of Street Farm Nursery is now a fully qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader and will be holding regular Forest School sessions at Lukeswood from this month. This is

no mean feat – it takes a lot of hard work to achieve this qualification – so many congratulations to Lisa! We're also delighted that both Lisa and Christine of Street Farm have joined the ElmsWild Board of Trustees, so we will be working closely together to make the most of this wonderful opportunity for the children.



Forest Schools is a wonderful idea that gives children the freedom to learn and explore in natural surroundings. We can't think of a better way to use our growing woodland at Lukeswood! Our photos shows Lisa, Christine and Emily arranging the campfire area, in preparation for the children's first visit in a few weeks' time. They have lots of exciting activities planned.

Street Farm Forest School will be taking place at regular times each week from September. The children and staff members will be out and about whatever the weather. Lukeswood will remain open as usual for all other visitors, but we do ask that you remember to keep dogs on leads and especially to clean up after your dog. This is more important than ever so that we can ensure the children's safety and enjoyment.

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### ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

So here is the news we have been waiting to tell you for months and the reason ELF has been fundraising so actively!

Finally we can announce that Elmswell Library will be completely refurbished starting Monday, October 5th, when it will close for two weeks, opening again on Tuesday, October 20th.

This is only possible because of the massive support we have received for our fundraising efforts from huge numbers of people in Elmswell and surrounding villages, local businesses and our customers, who have donated books for sale, bought a book or raffle ticket, or attended one of our fundraising events. And there have been so many, but not least the Elmswheelian events, which have topped £2,000, and the wine and cheese evenings, which have become more and more popular. For all the support and very generous donations, the ELF committee, led by chairman Jimmy, would like to say thank you.

And now the work begins, the plans are on display in the library for you to take a look at. There will be new shelving on the walls, but all the rest will be moveable, which means our next wine and cheese evening can be even bigger! There will be a new welcome desk and a new children's section, with adult-height seating as well as new furniture for our younger customers, and a dedicated teenage section with comfy chairs. The paintwork will be completed for free by West Suffolk College City and Guilds painting and decorating students – which is not only saving ELF a huge amount of money, but also helping them to complete their course and graduate, we hope, with flying colours.

It will be a very exciting time, and we ask for your patience and support while we undergo these changes.

The loan period for books will be extended across that two-week time, so none of your books will be due for return while we are closed. There are also libraries waiting for you to visit in Ixworth, Thurston, Stowmarket and Bury St Edmunds – their opening hours can be found online via the Suffolk Libraries website or we have details in the library. And the Bury St Edmunds Mobile Library will be operating during that time – however, its monthly route plan means it won't be visiting any of the villages close to Elmswell until after we re-open. Again, details can be found online or we can print some out if you come into the library.

And we hope you will be pleased with the results – it should give us a more modern feel, be smarter and more welcoming and provide a more flexible space for us and any groups that want to use our library – our Baby Bounce and Tot Rock groups will be delighted. We are also aiming to be Dementia Friendly, our carpets will

be plain so as not to confuse or distress those who are living with the condition, our signage will be clear and easy to understand and our staff have all attended a Dementia Information Session so they are more understanding and patient with those who exhibit symptoms. We want to turn our little library into a community hub, somewhere everyone is welcome, information is easily accessible, customers feel supported and where we can inspire learning and literacy in a comfortable environment with more up-to-date resources.

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Elmswell History Group



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- 2.45 p.m. MUSIC BY THE LONG MELFORD BAND  
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- 3.05 p.m. GYMNASTIC DISPLAY – ELMSWELL SCHOOL  
Presented by Mrs Jacqui Stanners
- 3.15 p.m. HAUGHLEY & DISTRICT GENTLEMEN'S CYCLING SOCIETY
- 3.30 p.m. DISPLAY BY THE HORSES AND HOUNDS OF THE SUFFOLK HUNT
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### Sunday 13 September

08.00am Holy Communion BCP  
 10.30am Harvest Festival

### Sunday 20 September

10.30am Holy Communion CW  
 6.30pm Praise and Worship Service

### Sunday 27 September

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 10.30am Morning Service CW

and into October...

### Sunday 4 October

09.30am All Age Service  
 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

The annual sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 12 September between 9am and 5pm. Would you be willing to take part in this fund raising event? You can walk or cycle to as many churches as you can manage; your sponsorship money will be split between the Trust and St John's Church. If you would like more details, please contact Jean Folkard tel: 01359 242099.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 13 September and on 20 September there will be a special service at 6.30pm with the Praise and Worship Group from Battisford Free Church. Teaching for the youngsters will recommence on 20 September and is held in the church rooms whilst the 10.30am Service takes place. On offer for the children is Bubbles group for the under 4s, Explorers aged 5 to 9 and Pathfinders aged 9 to 13. For those aged 13 and upward there is an evening group whose programme will be available soon. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our services.

### The Friends of St John's Church

We continued our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations with a Beetle Drive followed by Afternoon Tea on Friday 14 August in the Wesley Hall. Almost £200 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund, for repair, maintenance and insurance of the church building.

### Christians Together in Elmswell

Circus Fantastica came to Elmswell – five mornings of fun activities, crafts, game, drama and Bible teaching from 17-21 August at the Blackbourne. See full report elsewhere in this newsletter.

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*Father David Finegan.*

## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Once again the week 17-21 of August the Blackbourne resounded with the sound of 80 plus children and young folk singing, laughing, playing, and learning memory verses from the Bible at the Annual Churches Together in Elmswell Children's Holiday Club.

The holiday club has been an annual event in the village for the last eleven years, this year's club was entitled "Circus Fantastica" and was led by Ian and Elaine Coules of Kids Inc., and a wonderful time was had by one and all.

Recently A-Level and GCSE results have issued and many young students have experienced the stress of waiting for their grades to arrive some will have been elated, some disappointed, and some just glad that that part of their lives is now behind them, they are our future and should all be remembered in our thoughts and prayers as they decide on the path they will follow for their future careers.

Apart from our Sunday services August has been a quiet time at our Ashfield Road Chapel, with most of our activities having had a summer break.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> our Ladies Friendship Group meetings resume with a sugar-craft demonstration, these meetings are open to all ladies contact Margaret on 241541 if you would like more information, about the future programme of meetings.

Midday on 10<sup>th</sup> September Food and Friends Lunches re- start for the autumn where we offer a friendly welcome to our older residents for a meal and a chat contact Jackie on 245918 if you

# ELMSWELL FELLOWSHIP



have not been before to reserve a place, these lunches are run in conjunction with Age UK.

Our Services for September will be led by :-

6th September The Congregation (Home Mission and BMS morning)

13th September Stephen Spurgeon

20th September Stephen Spurgeon (Big Welcome Breakfast) (9.30am)

27th September Kevin Moore

Future events include:-

3rd October at 7pm Christian Aid Quiz with supper £7 per person teams of 6 contact Tony on 241541 to enter a team

11th October All Age Harvest Service with Elmswell Scout Group Church Parade followed by Harvest Lunch contact Tony on 241541 to book a place.

Over the past few weeks we have seen the disaster at a chemical factory in China, an air crash on a major road in Shoreham, a bomb blast at a shrine in Thailand. One a disaster, one an accident, and one an act of mindless violence against others, all these left many people injured and maimed, some grieving for loved ones, they all need our prayers that they might be comforted at this sad time.

Our Big Welcome Breakfast is open to anyone as are all our activities and services where we promise a warm and friendly welcome to anyone who joins us.

Dave



## "CIRCUS FANTASTICA"

Another wonderfully crazy – and yet deeply spiritual - week was enjoyed in mid-August at the Blackbourne. It was this year's Holiday Club run by Christians Together In Elmswell.

This year we again welcomed about 60 primary school children and 25 young helpers aged between 11 and 18 (known as the "Fit Crew"). It was a fun week with lots of games, magic tricks, puppets, craft, songs, entertainment and Bible teaching. The Fit Crew excelled themselves as they got stuck into helping out with the games, craft and leading a dance routine.

Up front leading was exciting and engaging - thanks to our good friends, Ian and Elaine Coules, who again travelled down from Liverpool. The couple mix limitless energy with an enthusiasm for God. This year Ian and Elaine spoke about how amazing Jesus is – he is an amazing friend, an amazing helper with amazing strength, an amazing healer with amazing love and an amazing provider



The weather was a bit dodgy on 2 of the days, but that was no problem. The outside games were simply moved inside thanks to the spacious rooms available in the Blackbourne. Once again the football, relay racing, the parachute and dance class were all very popular. This year there was also the opportunity to try out some circus skills. I still need to practice a lot on that juggling!

Parents and friends joined us for a taster of "Circus Fantastica" and a hot dog supper with an abundance of cake on the Thursday evening.

We would like to say a special thanks you to Ian and Elaine Coules, the Fit Crew and to all the adults, who worked so hard all week to make it such a "fantastica" event. It is one of the year's highlights and a great privilege to see all the children having such a super time.

Revd Peter Goodridge

## ELMSWELL CAMERA GROUP

Here we are again at the start of another season of the Elmswell Camera Group, were does the time go. I do hope you all had a good time on tour holidays and took plenty of photos.

We start on the 1st September at the Blackbourne 7.30pm in our usual room. We will carry on from our last meeting.

September The Histogram  
October The Exposure Triangle  
November Depth of Field (lens aperture)  
December The Fox Christmas get together  
January No meeting  
February Auto presets or manual

Hope to see you all there.

Mike



*This month's photographs:*

*Both of the butterflies are large whites taken in an Elmswell back garden.*

*The camera was a Canon 7d mk1 with a 70 – 300mm f4-f5.6 (image stabilisation) lens.*

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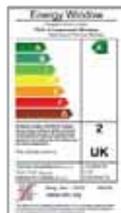
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# ELMSWELL YOUTH

## ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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In the warmer weather we open up the doors to our fabulous enclosed garden for the children to play in which has a lovely playhouse, a very popular sandpit, slides, trampolines, and our new pirate water boat. We also arrange a number of outings through the year, having just had our day trip to Colchester Zoo, and still to come our exciting Nearly New Sale on Saturday 3rd October at Elmswell Blackbourne Hall 11am - 2pm

Sign up sheets can be found on session morning up on our Toddlers notice board selected time slots available please write your name down for a time slot if you can spare a few hours or more to help with the running of the day, we always struggle with helpers at the end of the day, between 2pm- 4.30pm, so please if you can give us an hour or more that would be great

### Donations

If you would like to donate any items to the group ie.. clothes - toys - books - puzzles - equipment - school uniform ect please contact Claire on 07709160045 to arrange collection or use our seller number 10 on your items, and any sale of these items will automatically go to group, and any unsold items will be donated to charity. thank you

### Cake Donations

Not forgetting we run a cafe on the day of our Nearly New Sale, selling refreshments, and a selection of home made yummy cakes so don't forget to bring your purses and treat yourself after your shopping!

Any cake donations can be dropped of on the morning of the sale between 8.30-10am.

All money raised from the cafe goes towards help with funding of the group, we work on a 100 % volunteered basis so every cake donated is gratefully appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Craft Dates

#### September

- Mon 14th - Happyland
- Wed 16th - Decorate a cupcake
- Mon 21st - Sensory play with rice
- Wed 23rd - Facepainting with a twist
- Mon 28th - Decorate a cupcake
- Wed 30th - Chalk boards and magnets

#### October

- Mon 5th - Play-Doh
- Wed 7th - Painting
- Mon 12th - Puzzles and games
- Wed 14th - Animal masks
- Mon 19th - Gliders
- Wed 21st - Chalkboards and magnets
- Mon 26th - Halloween craft
- Wed 28th - Halloween party fancy dress optional

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- Halloween Party - Wed 28th Oct
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All of the money raised goes back into the school - in the last 6 months we have purchased new benches in the playground and bought new equipment for the Early Years.

Unfortunately, unless more people volunteer to sit on the committee, FRESCH may not be able to continue to organise events as it has in the past.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 14th September at 7pm at school, so please do come along. The more people we have the less work it is for everyone!

We hope many of you will be able to help and we look forward to seeing you.

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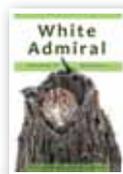
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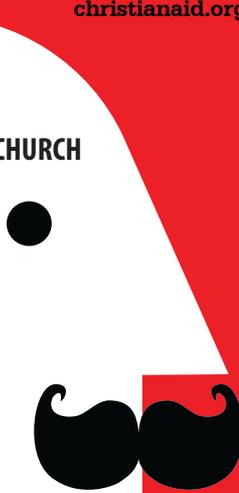
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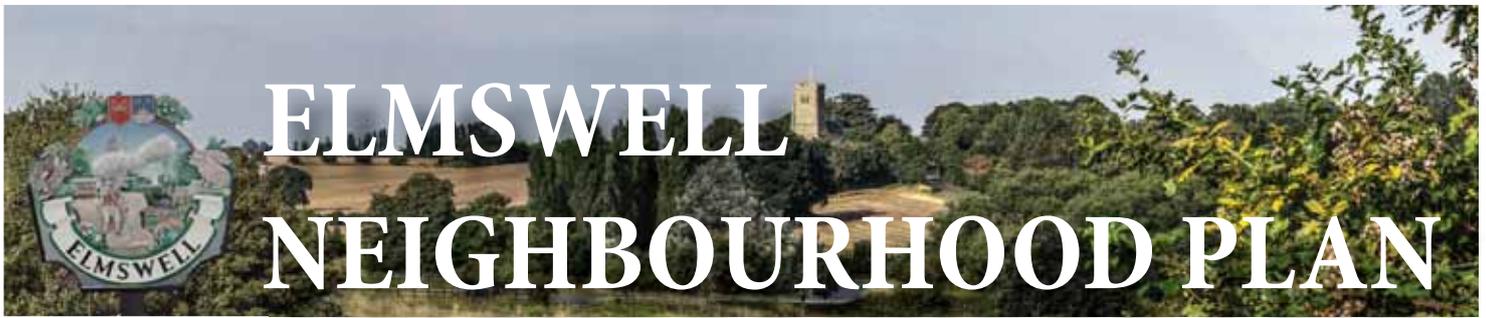
We have two upcoming events when we'd love you to join us.

The first is our **Big Welcome Breakfast** on Sunday September 20th at 9.30am. A chance to attend a very different Sunday morning at Church. We'll start with breakfast, plenty of time to chat informally and then perhaps we'll have discussions on topical subjects in the weekend newspapers followed by a taster of what we normally do on a Sunday morning. It will help if we have some idea of numbers. Children are more than welcome.

The second is our annual **Quizaid** evening to raise money for Christian Aid. This is on Saturday October 3rd at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 people, £7 per head including food and drink.

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# ELMSWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The urgency of the Steering Group's task meant that they felt they should meet in August. 10 members were joined at Blackbourne by Nick Ward, the Corporate Manager for Community Planning at Mid Suffolk / Babergh and his colleague Duncan Merren. Gillian Benjamin, of Community Action Suffolk, attended as part of the continuing support which they are giving to the Elmswell project.

Updated statistical forecasts for Elmswell School were tabled showing that, just taking into account the new housing on the Bacon Factory

site, the school is going to be full to capacity in 2018. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to direct the development of the village for the next 25 years, so the pressing need for a policy on primary school provision is obvious.

Various members had worked on the very first drafts of 3 sections of the plan under the direction of Steve Chetwyn of Urban Vision Enterprise, a Community Interest Company which specialises in community planning and which is retained as professional advisers for the main Elmswell plan process. These drafts

were tabled and discussed towards further development and the Mid Suffolk officers undertook to monitor the emerging plan and advise accordingly.

It was agreed that Andrew McMillan, a Mid Suffolk Planning officer with special expertise in the area of site specific allocations and who has been monitoring the District's recent, 'Call for sites' initiative, should be invited to attend the next group meeting scheduled for early September.

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

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## ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

Following our successful 40th anniversary celebrations we have returned to league action. Details of our recent results can be found below.

As the season draws to a close attention now turns to the important work to put the pitch "to bed" for the winter and also to the end of season dinner and awards evening. More to follow on both these items in future issues.

As ever, if you would like to get in touch with the club please use one of the methods listed.

### Results

Sunday 26th July  
Earl Stonham - cancelled

### Sunday 2nd August

Elmswell 74 all out  
L.Wright 31, W.Cowley 12  
Long Melford 77 for 0  
J.Garrard 0-25, P.Christie 0-16

### Sunday 9th August

Worlington 241 for 6  
N.Greathead 2-45, J.Garrard 2-51  
Elmswell 226 for 8  
R.King 78, J.Barnes 68

### Sunday 16th August

Woolpit 233 for 7  
T.Haynes 5-40, I.Plwman 1-36  
Elmswell 133 all out  
T.Haynes 84, J.Garrard 13

### Sunday 23rd August

Stowupland 200 for 6  
I.Plwman 2-25, L.Wright 1-24  
Elmswell 42 for 0  
I.Plwman 20\*, N.Greathead 18\*

Match abandoned

### Fixtures

Sunday 13th September  
Tendring Park (A)

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## ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

We are moving swiftly to the end of the season and all teams have been putting in extra efforts endeavouring to move up the divisions they are in.

### STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT

#### BOWLS LEAGUES

##### Monday - Division Three:-

Elmswell 99 ( points)	Rookery "B"	55
		(1 point)
Elmswell 82 (5)	Great Barton	77 (2)
Elmswell 65 (2)	St Botolph's "B"	79 (5)
Elmswell 70 (2)	Woodfield "B"	73 (5)
Elmswell 71 (2)	Stanton	81 (5)

##### Tuesday afternoon - Division Three:-

Elmswell 26 (2)	Old Newton "B"	36 (5)
Elmswell 31 (7)	Rookery	7 (0)
Elmswell 25 (0)	Haughley "B"	48 (7)
Elmswell Cancelled	Bacton	

##### Wednesday - Triples League:-

Elmswell 59 (1)	Wortham	74 (6)
Elmswell 63 (6)	Haughley	60 (1)
Elmswell 55 (0)	Thornham Magna	91 (7)
Elmswell 51 (2)	Old Newton	64 (5)
Elmswell 95 (6)	St Botolph's	49 (1)
Elmswell 84 (5)	Bildeston	59 (2)

### BURY AND DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUES

#### Tuesday - Area D Triples League:-

Elmswell WON	Green King	
Elmswell WON	Ixworth	
Elmswell LOST	St Edmundsbury "A"	
Elmswell WON	Great Barton	
Elmswell LOST	Coney Weston Swan	
Elmswell LOST	Risbygate "A"	

#### Thursday - Division 2:-

Elmswell 85 (6)	Coney Weston Swan	70 (0)
Elmswell 75 (1)	West Row	92 (5)
Elmswell 70 (1.5)	Barham	90 (4.5)
Elmswell LOST	Walsham Le Willows	
Elmswell WON	G W Staniforth	
Elmswell 80 (2)	Brandon	83 (5)

#### CLUB COMPETITIONS:-

Presidents Cup (Singles knockout).  
Won by Brenda Begg v Janet Sparrow  
Turner Cup (Mixed Pairs).  
Won by Sheila Faulkner and Barry Brough v Michael Waspe and Dave Hollings

#### Horseshoe Trophy. Won by Ann Reid

Yet to be decided:-  
Jubilee Cup (Singles knockout). Finalists: Brenda Begg v Doug Reed  
Bendall Cup (Men's singles). Finalists: Ian Tullett v Michael North  
Gover Cup (Mixed singles). Finalists: Michael North v David Begg  
Ladies' Singles. Finalists: Sheila Faulkner v Brenda Begg  
Yet to be played: Absent Friends Trophy.  
The Club was involved in the annual "Tommy Cooper Trophy". A competition between three clubs for whom Tommy either worked as green keeper or played. The winner this year was Risbygate with Elmswell runner-up and St Botolph's bringing up the rear. Almost £200 was raised for the Macmillan Trust and over the ten years of this competition more than £1500 has been collected.

David Begg

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## ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE

I have heard it said in some quarters that you, the good folk of Elmswell, don't read your newsletter. I know that to be nonsense, of course, but I do hope that, with this issue, you read it as soon as you get it, otherwise the Fayre, which takes place on the Sunday 6th, will be history by the time you open these pages. It is unfortunate how it has worked out but it is what is known in the media as 'just one of those things'. Hopefully, then, you have time to finish this article and get to the Blackbourne before midday on Sunday when it all kicks off.

Do come on foot, if you can, and it will cost you nothing. Otherwise it will cost you £2 to park your car although we will not be charging disabled badge holders who will be parked as

near as possible to the action. You will see from the programme that there is plenty to see and hear and many opportunities to browse the Craft Fair, stalls and car boots to find that perfect gift, the early Christmas present, or the bargain that no-one else was keen-eyed enough to spot.

For the youngsters there is the exotic pets, which failed to appear last year to the dismay of many, bouncy castles and fairground rides, balloon modelling and, of course, the Viking's weapon and combat displays. This year's music act, Louise and the Renegades, will be very popular, I am sure. They really are very good and, although they play mostly Southern Rock and Americana, they are very versatile with a wide repertoire and happy to take requests.

Ian Friend has done a wonderful job in almost

doubling the number of Vintage Cars (at the time of writing, so he may have tripled it by now!) and that despite clashing with 'Cars by the Lake', I believe it is called. They will probably change their date next year while Ian builds the Fayre into a major vintage event. Nice one, Ian.

Following Terry's departure last year, Wendy Southgate is standing down this time after many years of organising the gate roster and masterminding some brilliant tombolas. The funds that they have raised for the village runs into tens of thousands of pounds and to simply say 'thank you' seems rather inadequate. I do hope that they will come along so I can whisk them off to the bar and thank them properly!

Peter Edmonds



# ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST REPORT

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, excepting August. Consequently there was no meeting last month but, nevertheless, the work of the Council continues through the Parish Clerk's office and the Council's committees stand ready to deal with appropriate matters. Accordingly, the Planning Committee met on 17<sup>th</sup> August with 7 Councillors present along with District Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel and 9 members of the public.

**Decisions:** The meeting noted 2 planning permissions granted; for the retention of a summerhouse to the rear of 2 Warren Close and for amendments to the roof plans for an application already granted for a side extension at 80 Eastern Way.

**Application 2425/15 - 2 storey side extension at 57 Blackbourne Road.**

Councillors objected to this application as they saw it as representing an over-development of this plot which will remove all on-site parking and result in traffic hazard.

It was noted that earlier conversions, which had removed the garage as car parking space, reduced the available space for car parking to that which it is now proposed for development, ie the hard standing which, under this proposal, would be lost.

The site is immediately contiguous with a Right of Way, Elmswell footpath No 9, and there is a risk, should this application succeed, that, in trying to park on site, there will be an incursion on to the footpath to the detriment of users.

The site stands on a bend approaching the busy public car park at The Blackbourne and opposite to the turning and manoeuvring hammer-head serving dwellings adjacent. As such, on-street car parking causes highway danger, particularly to pedestrians accessing the community facilities.

The Blackbourne Road development provides at least 2 parking spaces by way of garaging and hard standing for every dwelling. The road width reflects this and on-street parking is to be discouraged.

For these reasons it was suggested that this application runs counter to:

- NPPF paragraph 75 and Local Plan policy RT12 re the safeguarding of the ROW network;
- Local Plan policy H13 re car parking provision;
- Local Plan policy GP1 re proper provision for garaging & parking of motor vehicles;
- Local Plan policy T10 re the provision of adequate space for the parking of cars within the curtilage of the site.

**Application 2396/15 - Erection of two storey dwelling with parking and access to Rose Lane, following demolition of Wesley Hall at Rose Lane (rear of Elmswell Methodist Church)**

**Councillors object to this Proposal for the following reasons:**

	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Reference</i>
1	The Government's NPPF guidance seeks to promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages including, specifically, 'meeting places'. The Wesley Hall is a well used, viable and widely supported meeting place providing a convenient, fully functioning and attractive facility serving a broad range of community uses. To demolish it would run entirely counter to this policy.	NPPF para. 28
2	In 'Promoting healthy communities', the NPPF looks to deliver social recreational and cultural facilities and to service the community's needs by virtue of planning policies and decisions which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities and meeting spaces;</li> <li>• enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;</li> <li>• guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities;</li> <li>• ensure that established facilities are retained for the benefit of the community;</li> <li>• ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of...community facilities and services.</li> </ul> The Wesley Hall is a much-shared space that adds greatly to the community life and cohesion of Elmswell. It is viable and sustainable. It is situated south of the railway line providing an invaluable community asset to less mobile members of the community who cannot easily travel to the community complex at Blackbourne half a mile over the railway crossing. Its loss would be unnecessary. The effects of that loss, by demolition of the venue, on the many established users and on potential user groups would be widely felt and seriously retrograde.	NPPF para 70
3	MSDC's Core Strategy states that the provision of key services needs to keep pace as the population grows. This includes leisure and community centres. The Wesley Hall is just such a key service and the population of Elmswell is set to grow - immediately by up to 190 new dwellings on the redundant Bacon Factory site and, as a CS3 village, well beyond that. The Wesley Hall must be retained as an integral part of the general community provision.	Core Strategy para 1.52
4	It is clearly stated in the District Core Strategy that the provision of opportunities, activities and facilities for people to enjoy their leisure time is vital for Mid Suffolk's community well being. This proposal seeks to demolish a prime central community facility which exactly fulfils this role.	Core Strategy para 1.54
5	The MSDC Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted in February 2004 states that, 'the loss of any village service or facility is a source of concern', and, consequently, has as objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to encourage the retention of rural services;</li> <li>• to ensure that proposals for change of use are properly justified.</li> </ul> The Wesley Hall provides just such a service. The proposal to dramatically change its use by brutally and summarily ending that use runs entirely counter to these objectives.	SPG 2004 paras 2.1, 2.2
6	The proposed access is on to Rose Lane, an unadopted single-track road accessing some 11 dwellings. It forms part of the Right of Way network as Elmswell footpath 17 which serves as a well-used through route for pedestrians including those wishing to walk to and from the sheltered accommodation at Hanover Court. The traffic generated by another 4 bedroomed family home would be detrimental to the safety of users of this footpath which is already considered hazardous.	NPPF para 75 Local Plan Policies RT12 & T10
7	The effect of a modern 2 storey 4 bedroomed property in the context of the pleasing small scale mixed housing stock that is Rose Lane would present a building mass of a scale and density at odds with the street scene, inconsistent with the pattern and form of development of the neighbouring properties and much to their detriment.	Local Plan policies GP1, H13, & H15



# 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.

## 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 Ann and Sue with a demonstration of Sugarcraft.
- 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
- 13 Harvest Festival St John's Church 10.30am
- 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
- 20 9.30am The Big Welcome at Elmswell Baptist Church
- 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

## 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

- 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
- 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
- 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

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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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

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