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# The Elmswell Newsletter



*Thirty* years of Parish Record... all the Community News...  
**November 2016**



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## We apologise for a mistake which has been misleading our reader for some 3 years now. We take very seriously our masthead cover claim of, 'Twenty-seven years of parish record'. In fact, it is 30 years.

Those in future generations seeking to sample the warp and weft of the fabric of Elmswell need only access our past editions, however, to realise that the substantive claim, that of representing a 'parish record', is neither misleading nor mistaken.

This month dips into the past, samples the present and gives intimations of the future to serve as validation of our claim. Our chronicle offers the following insights.

In days gone by, a young Dennis Dyball served milk from the family farm on Ashfield Road to villagers on their doorsteps, measured from the churn, sometimes still warm, into the jug. The contribution that Dennis went on to make to the community and beyond is touched upon in our tribute on page 9 marking his recent passing at the age of 92. As a local politician, serving on the deliciously named Thedwastre Rural District Council, continuing when it was transmuted into the Mid Suffolk District Council, and the meanwhile offering valuable counsel and input to Elmswell Parish Council over 4 decades, Dennis made a difference, as he did in so many areas of sporting and farming life both in and beyond the village.

Stan Howe, featured on page 7, still making his weekly pilgrimage to The Railway Tavern, represents yet another piece in the patchwork of our past. His duties as a member of the Elmswell Fire Crew reinforce the depth of contribution that he and colleagues past and present have made – our cover picture reminds us that Stan's spirit lives on.

Such reminders are vital if we are to retain the identity of our community – a community under pressure. The Village Recorder's report, reproduced on page 25, and presented in response to the request to advise on the naming of new roads in the village, has drawn on references from our medieval beginnings to Victorian industry and beyond. It is sometimes salutary for those who argue against 'development' to realise that they are living, in the case of, say, Oxer Close or Pye's Meadow, on the village playing field.

Such links with our community heritage are, it can be argued, becoming more necessary as, 'development', presses as never before. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group whose report is on page 25, has struggled hard to take on board the full reality of the pressures. In its early days the members were berated for even considering a strategy to handle substantial expansion. They were told, 'We don't have to take this growth. We can just say NO'. The back of the envelope figure for the number of dwellings at various stages of the planning process is, as we write, 700. The first of a tranche of 190 of these, see page 16, will be occupied next year. The Newsletter has railed before on why we had absolutely no chance to say, 'NO', and very little chance, in all practicality, to say anything much at all.

We are not alone! Mid Suffolk have recently brought together the Clerk and Chairman of each of Elmswell, Thurston and Woolpit Parish Councils with a view to a concerted strategic approach to trying to ensure infrastructure provision for the dramatic increase in population along, 'the A14 corridor'. If there is to be a realistic chance of moulding the development to suit, rather than to submerge, the host communities, there has to be a realistic acceptance of certain factors:

- We can't just say, 'NO';
- The pressures from the very top are for inexorable housing growth...and we are prime targets;
- The old rules don't apply any more...'back land development', 'detrimental to the amenity of...' all fall before the, 'build, build, build', imperative;
- The sole yardstick of, 'sustainability', is hopelessly flexible and infinitely challengeable;
- We are where we are...the 30 years of parish record don't carry much weight with a developer who can rename our bacon factory 'Kingsbrook Place', at the whim of a marketing department.

The people of Lavenham have grasped the nettle. When asked by their Neighbourhood Plan group whether they would encourage pickling their medieval townscape so that, like nearby Kersey and other chocolate box / Christmas calendar havens, they could remain exclusive, they were resoundingly told that the people wanted a living, growing community. With the highest parish church tower in England, a much-photographed timber framed guildhall, Lavenham's film location claims to fame have included Harry Potter, but 91% of the residents voted against sticking with their picture postcard image and for 15% more development of which at least 33% must be affordable.

At 700 proposed dwellings, Elmswell is staring at a 35+% increase in households – and this with only a few episodes of Lovejoy (our younger reader may have to Google it) by way of screen fame. All this without a mention of the relief road which is resoundingly identified as the goal that most would see as essential should we have to face a possible doubling of the population.

The record that the Newsletter keeps has, thus far, been of a thriving, working village. This edition is no different, with its glimpses of vibrant clubs and societies, organisations and events as well as of people making a difference or valued in remembrance. Over the 30 years, change has come and been accepted and the consequences assimilated, often resulting in a strengthening of our culture. In the centuries before this journal was begun, change had happened, but at a much slower pace. The village's remarkable, 'Marker for the Millennium', book (*surely time for a reprint? Ed.*) takes us from the, 'Elmswella' name, hopefully to be enshrined for ever as a road in 'Kingsbrook Place', through the coming of the railway and the bacon factory to, as the title hints, a new millennium. Ambling along Earthfield Lane a few hundred years ago, the concept of an HGV monitoring facility blocking the path of your ox cart would not have been obvious.

Similarly, then, all that is obvious today is that, in the words of a recent Nobel Prize for Literature winner, 'The Times They Are A'changin'".



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# CLUBS & SOCIETIES



## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

We had our AGM in October and I have handed over the reins of the Secretary's job to Josephine Hale (our previous Chairperson) who will, I know do a wonderful job. We discussed many and varied topics at the meeting including when our next art exhibition will be. Uncertainty over who will be handling the bookings for the Wesley Hall is an issue at present, so it is hoped that we will be able to arrange something at the beginning of May 2017 – sounds a long way off, but time just flies by and it will be next spring before we know it (hooray!).



The East Anglian Air Ambulance wrote a beautiful letter to Sylvia Taylor thanking her for a donation which was brought about by her asking the art club to sell some of her late husband's art work and equipment. Ted Evans (our new Chairman – second time around) collated and collected the monies – so a big "thankyou" to him also.

The paintings this month are Trees by Maureen Lazarus and a landscape by Ken Guy.

Denise Lawrence, Club Secretary 01359 245207

## EVENING W.I



At our October Meeting we all enjoyed a fabulous evening with Andy Wilkinson from Ichiban UK, about 'Simply Sushi'. We learnt all about the origins of Sushi, what Sushi really is, the different types and how to eat it.

Everyone got to taste and take home samples as Andy very generously brought along lots of varieties to let us all try. We heard about the four different kinds of Sushi, which are California Rolls, Nigiri Blocks, Hosomaki and Gunkan all extremely delicious. There was even what looked like a Barack Obama Sushi face!

It was a good turn out for a fun filled evening with many members getting to experience the taste of Sushi for the very first time.

This was a thoroughly entertaining evening filled with laughter and always a favourite food.

On Tuesday, 8th November at the Blackbourne the WI will be hosting an evening with the 'Haughley Hoofers', if you would like to come and join us you are very welcome, non-members will be £3.00

The committee are currently working on an exciting and varied calendar for 2017. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Blackbourne starting at 7.30 pm. COME ALONG AND GIVE US A TRY

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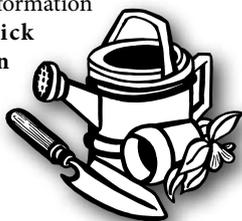


## ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

'The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley' as we often say in Elmswell Gardening Club. Our scheduled speaker, Tim Fuller, had an unexpected emergency and cancelled his visit. Hopefully we shall hear his talk at a later date. Catherine and Margaret pulled out all the stops and managed to persuade Vicki Martin, at very short notice, to give us a talk with slides on 'My Passion for Gardening'.

Vicki bought a 2-acre plot near Wicken Fen on which she built a house and arena for her horse. Then, knowing very little about gardening, she set about converting the scrubland into a garden. Must have been a shock pushing her spade into heavy fenland clay. Undefeated, she consulted a garden designer who recommended digging in sand - not a success. After research, she found that horticultural grit combined with large amounts of compost was a better way of breaking down clay. Vicki attended various horticultural courses, including one at Great Dixter, where she was inspired by Christopher Lloyd's designs and planting with their attention to detail and colour. His book 'Gardening Year' was her bible; but who spends a whole day pruning a hydrangea? The Great Dixter helpers do! She also volunteered in Anglesey Abbey's winter gardens; and their influence is reflected in some of her planting. One of her borders contains the bronze and yellow tones of Brandy Snap tulips combined with fritillaria 'Crown Imperial', brunnera, bleeding heart 'Aurora' and under-planted with muscari, giving a buzz to spring planting. Vicki's conservatory contained a few pots of cacti until she viewed the late Will Giles Exotic Garden in Norwich. Now it is brim-full of exotic plants, such as banana, weeping figs, yuccas and other zingy, bright coloured plants. There could have been a tetrapanax 'Rex' lurking in her jungle conservatory or just a friendly elephant! Vicki's garden, ever evolving, is a testament to her boundless energy and drive. We were so glad she could find time to tell us about her fascinating garden.

Ann and David Grunbaum proposed a Vote of Thanks for Brenda Begg and Nick Chamberlin's hard work behind the scenes to ensure that Elmswell Open Gardens was such a success - and we all heartily agreed. Brenda reminded us that the annual competition for the best 'Non-Floral Autumnal Display' would be judged at our November meeting. Our next Gardening Club meeting includes a brief AGM, followed by a slideshow of the 2016 Open Gardens and the Club's visit to Beth Chatto Gardens. Might even be some seasonal nibbles. It is the last meeting of the year and will be on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne**. Our meetings are friendly and informal and we would love to have you join us. For further information please contact **Nick Chamberlin on 242601**.



## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP (formerly Elmswell Millennium History Group)

On 13 October the speaker was Dr Christine Redington - her subject was 'Women's Work in the Great War'.

Having already written one novel, Christine set out to write another, this time about World War I; when reviewing the amount of information she had amassed she realised this could be the subject of a talk, which she had come to share with us.

The beginning of the talk was to illustrate how women were working in paid employment before 1914, mainly in textile manufacturing, but as the need for munitions grew greater they were employed in the munition factories which were springing up around the country.

As men were enlisting in the armed forces, women were accepted into the Police force, patrolling streets, rail stations, parks and public houses. They were also trained as bus drivers and conductresses, in agricultural work and in many other jobs which had traditionally been done by men.

Over 100,000 women joined the armed forces as cooks, clerks, drivers and mechanics. In 1916 the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was formed; in 1917 the Women's Royal Naval Service and in 1918 the Women's Royal Air Force came into being.

Knowing that there were women working at the Royal Flying Corps airfield in Elmswell, we asked Christine if she had any information about the work they would have done, but regrettably this had not been one of the topics she studied.

Many women were also engaged in voluntary work, for example the Voluntary Aid Detachment (a field nursing service) and the FANY (The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry).

After the war as men started to return from the front, women were expected to return to their previous lives as wives and mothers, but things would never really be the same again for some of the women who had found new careers and occupations.

The History Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Wesley Hall, School Road at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 November when the speaker will be Pip Wright, making a return visit to speak about 'The Class of 1763, Earl Stonham Charity School'.

[Tickets for our December meeting ('Angel Roofs of East Anglia') will be available].

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



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This month Sylvia welcomed Mr. Parfitt to our meeting to speak to us about Bhutan.

He has visited Bhutan twice and is about to return for the third time. It is a country surrounded by mountains and shares a border with Tibet to the north and India to the south.

Mr. Parfitt has seen many changes over the years. Television is now allowed along with mobile phones but cigarettes are illegal and can only be bought on the black market. Roads through the country now exist although driving around the mountains looks quite a challenge.

The religion is Tibetan Buddhism and we saw several pictures of the heavily decorated temples although pictures of the interiors are not allowed.

National costume is still worn by the Bhutanese. The men wear a Gho which is similar to a dressing gown and women wear a long dress called a Kira. Bhutan has a young King and Queen and there are pictures of them everywhere.

Apart from the mountains, 50 percent of the country is covered with trees and Bhutan produces hydroelectricity- enough for their needs as well as selling some to India.

The capital is Thimphu. Unusually for a busy place, there are no traffic lights. The shops are mainly small, independent businesses and of course busy markets selling fruit and vegetables. Chillies are used a great deal in cooking and a particular favourite is green chillies, cheese sauce and pink rice. It is an agricultural country with rice and vegetables growing in the terraces. There are 28 different types of rhododendrons and orchids are being encouraged to grow.

Bhutan looks a very interesting place and Mr. Parfitt's talk was as always very informative.

After refreshments and the raffle, Sylvia reminded members money for the Christmas lunch will be collected at November's meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 15th when we will be playing Bingo.

New members always welcome.

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## ELMSWELL CAMERA GROUP

We had rather a full room of members last month which was nice to see, any more and we will need a bigger room.

The exercise for the evening was about looking at an object in different ways, this could be of any subject or item you are photographing.

Members had to see how many different images they could take from one object, they then exchanged with their neighbour to see if they could photograph anything different.

Next time you are out with your camera don't just take the first image you see, stop, and take a little time to explore around it to see if you can get a better view or different angle.

Try looking up or down, try tilting the camera for a completely different appearance, you may be surprised at the change this can make.

Until next month.

Mike



## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I.

### October meeting

Andrea Davey joined us all for our October meeting and was welcomed by our Vice President, Mary Chown and a "full house"! She arrived equipped with various bowls of prepared royal icing, a plethora of icing bags, sweets of all descriptions and ready cut shapes for her Gingerbread House. This afternoon we were going to learn how to make this magical confection.

Firstly, the house was put together, sides, back and front being liberally piped with icing to fix them in place. Then the two roof pieces. We were amazed at Andrea's speed and dexterity with her piping bag. She swiftly decorated the house with icing and added all manner of sweets to the roof and garden. As you can see from our picture there was nothing left out and we ended with a beautiful seasonal Gingerbread House which she donated to our raffle. She apparently makes over 300 of these during the month of December each year.

Our competition was "3 gingerbread biscuits" and there were lots of entries. Andrea chose Betty Phillips as the winner, second was Carol and third was Mary. A big thank you to all those who entered. We had two birthday girls this month but sadly neither of them were present, so it's gifts next month instead.

After refreshments our business matters were concluded. **Next month we welcome Jason Salisbury from Suffolk Cheeses** and we understand he will be bringing some samples with him. You can tell it's approaching Christmas !!!!

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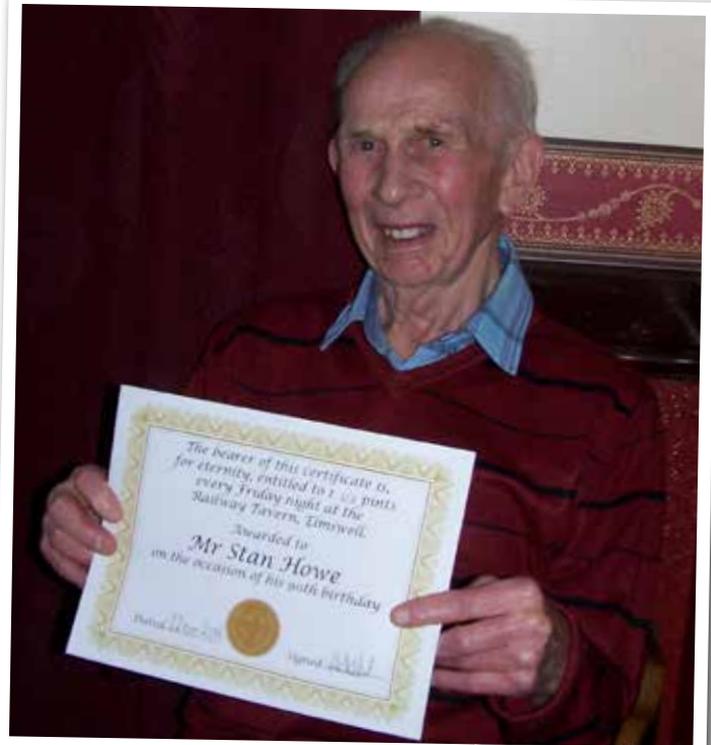
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### STAN HOWE

Stan Howe, 75 years a regular at the Railway Tavern is seen here at a recent surprise 90th birthday party in the pub attended by dozens of ex works colleagues, neighbours and friends from far and wide. Stan's days in the Navy as a youngster and his service with the Elmswell Fire Crew were remembered, and his loyalty to his life-time local pub marked with a Greene King gift of free beer for life!



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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**IMPORTANT NEWS!** The popular Keep In Touch group is moving to a new home.

After several successful sessions in Elmswell Library it has outgrown the space, so we have decided to try something new under the banner of a Community Cafe. So if you are new to the area or you have been living here for a while but feel isolated or out of touch then pop over to Dorothy's Café on Station Road, at 2:30pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

It's a chance to meet new people and find out about activities, groups and clubs in and around the village all while enjoying a cuppa and cake.

We hope to see you there.

And try as you might, you can't deny that there is a faint jingle of bells and a distant 'ho, ho, ho' in the air!

Once more Elmswell Library Friends (ELF) is celebrating with a festive raffle. Tickets, priced at 25p each or £1 per book, are on sale in the library and at locations around the village.

Yet again we are helping to support village organisations by sharing the profits, including Elmswell Guide Troop, which will be selling tickets at the Co-Op on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The tickets were kindly sponsored by Travel Stop and we have a huge array of prizes donated from local businesses up for grabs just in time

## DENNIS DYBALL



*Dennis Dyball,  
photographed  
in 2003.*

Dennis was born in Oxborough, Norfolk, on Christmas Day 1924. He arrived together with his family at Willow Farm on Ashfield Road in Elmswell by horse and cart. Dennis was just 5 and this was to be his home for the rest of his life.

He was educated at Elmswell Primary School and later at Culford School. During World War Two he joined the Home Guard and could remember the American Flying Fortresses flying from Ashfield Aerodrome, parts of which were on the farm which he inherited at the age of 22. In the early days, before going to school, Dennis would deliver milk from the family herd, measured out by the pint from the churn on customers' doorsteps throughout the village

Dennis took a prominent part in the activities of the local farming community as a leading member of the Bury Farmers' Club. He was very involved with the Suffolk Agricultural Show, being instrumental in moving it to its present

location, becoming its chairman from 1980 to 1990, and, as part of his duties, hosting members of the Royal Family including Princess Diana, and other celebrities. He was very honoured to be its President in 2003.

Dennis became involved in local politics and served on Elmswell Parish Council, from 1949 until 1987. He was the first Chairman of the newly created Mid Suffolk District Council and was an influential and active Independent District Councillor for 14 years.

At the same time he was fully engaged in the local community. Amongst his many roles he was a trustee of the Robert Gardiner Almshouse Trust, a school governor at both Elmswell Primary School and Beyton Middle School, and helped raise money to improve facilities. He was a keen sportsman, President of Elmswell Cricket Club and remained as President of the Elmswell Rifle Club until his death.

A keen sportsman, Dennis enjoyed salmon fishing, was a keen supporter of the Suffolk Hunt and all countryside pursuits. He played hockey, snooker and golf and was captain of Stowmarket Golf Club in 1978/9. In later years he became interested in horse racing, breeding and bringing on horses which secured more than 30 wins.

As a man of many talents - carpenter, mechanic, plumber, blacksmith, Dennis could make and mend almost anything. He left his mark in so many ways; a remarkable man and a true community stalwart for Elmswell and beyond.

for Christmas. If you would like to purchase the tickets you can simply drop the money and the completed counterfoils into anywhere you see the poster. But why not visit us in the library and say 'hello', it would be lovely to see you and thank you for your support. The draw will be at The Fox on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

You may have also spotted the posters for ELF's other exciting fundraiser - one of our increasingly popular wine and food evenings. This time it will be French-themed and wine expert Bob Stopp will be leading us through some beautiful Bordeaux, marvellous Merlot and perfect Pinot while we sample some European cuisine to complement them. Tickets are £12.50 each, available in the library, and the corks start popping at 7:30pm on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

And the Family History Group kicked off once more last month after a summer break, with new members delving into bygone eras with the help of the library's free Ancestry and Find My Past. The group meets fortnightly - the next session will be on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm. If you would like to come along you can leave your name and number at the library, or you can simply pop along and meet Peter and Julie who will try and help you get started or solve a problem.

Elmswell Library is open from 10am-1pm and 2-7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-5pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-1pm on Saturdays and 10am-3pm on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Our cover picture shows some of our very own Fire Crew having just received the Community Action Suffolk Colonel Probert award for community initiative. From 100+ nominations across a wide range of community organisations and individuals, the Elmswell Fire Crew were singled out as the best for what we know they do so very well: They work inclusively with the whole village involving all from the very young to elderly, including outreach into children's clubs, primary school, nursery schools, sports clubs, almshouses etc. having raised £70,000 in the last ten years they are described as the heart and soul of the community.'

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of Suffolk is aware!



## ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

Our next meeting on November 3rd will be our Sausage Supper when we will be celebrating 2 members with 90th birthdays close to this meeting, we will have a short table quiz this will then be followed by entertainment by Gwyn Pritchard who has been sponsored by Alan Wells of "Wells Stitched". Many thanks for your support.

On November 17th we welcome Stowmarket Concert Band for an evening of Band Music visitors are always welcome.

Members please note that your Xmas Party Menus and payment must be paid by this meeting as the caterer needs the numbers 10 days prior to the party on Dec 3rd.

Friday November 18th will see us off to Eastbourne for our Turkey & Tinsel Break at the Haddon Hall Hotel.

December 1st is our last meeting of 2016 when we will have a Grand Bingo Evening. This is followed on Saturday 3rd when we sit down to our Xmas Meal catered for by "Home Farm Caterers" with the evenings entertainment provided by the "JimBob Duo".

We will then take our winter break with meetings resuming towards the end of February.

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## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

### *Autumn hay rake at Kiln Meadow*

Every autumn sees us working at Kiln Meadow – one of our biggest tasks of the year. We cut back all of the vegetation, rake up the cuttings, and pile them up in large ‘ecological heaps’. The aim is to reduce the invasive plants (nettles, dock, willowherb, bramble) so that the wildflowers and green sward can come through. All of the cuttings are raked off so that they don’t add nutrients to the soil – wildflowers grow best in poor soils. The large heaps of cuttings also form a useful habitat for insects, amphibians and even small mammals to overwinter or hibernate.

It’s always a huge job, taking nearly 100 hours of volunteer time to complete. For the last few years we have had the help of volunteers from BT and once again this year we were delighted to welcome a BT team who joined us at Kiln Meadow for a whole day. We had a gorgeous day with beautiful sunshine – more like summer than autumn – so with their help we managed to clear the whole site. A huge thank you to all the BT volunteers for their hard work – we’re looking forward to seeing all the wildflowers next spring. Judging by the number and variety of orchids we had this summer, the hard work is definitely worthwhile.



### *Join in the great Lukeswood Bioblitz!*

What is a BioBlitz? ‘Bio’ means ‘life’ and ‘Blitz’ means to ‘do something quickly and intensively’. Together they make ‘BioBlitz’, a collaborative race against the clock to discover as many species of plants, animals, insects and fungi as possible within a set location, over a defined time period (usually one or two days).

Scientists, naturalists, students and members of the public work together in an informal and fun way to create a snapshot of the variety of life that can be found in an area. It provides important information about the area and what can be done to improve the wildlife habitats within it.

Our BioBlitz will take place at Lukeswood. We’ve been working to improve habitats there for seven years, so the information we get will show how the site has changed in that time – and what we need to do in future to make it even better.

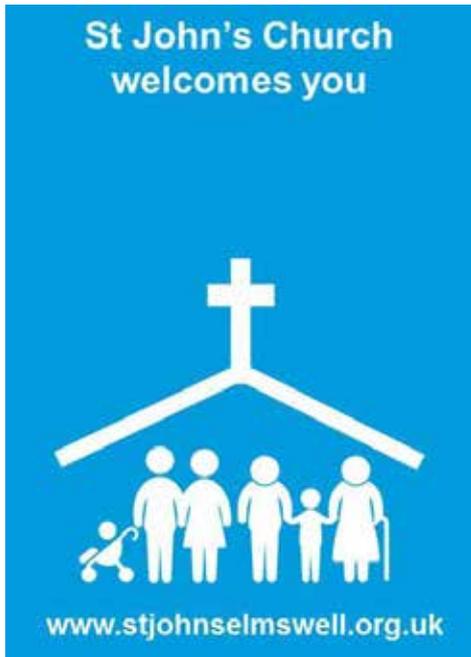
We plan to carry out the Bioblitz over two days – probably Friday/Saturday during early summer in 2017. Once we have fixed the date we will publicise the details widely so that as many people as possible can join in. You don’t need any special knowledge or skills – just come along and join in – for an hour or a whole day. If you do have a special interest or area of expertise, please do come and help us – your input will be greatly appreciated.

We need as many people as possible to participate. If you would like to join in, or if you would like to be kept up to date with our plans, please get in touch and let us know.

Remember, you don’t need any expertise – just enthusiasm! All ages can join in – everyone has something to offer.

Mary Feeney  
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We are blessed at St Johns to have so many genuinely great people doing marvelous work for our church, our local community, our world and our Lord.

In particular, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Coulson who recently went above and beyond our expectations and did a great amount of work for St Johns. We are so very grateful for his dedication and commitment.

This year we are supporting Operation Christmas Child, via the charity Samaritans Purse. Members of our congregation have been excellent at promoting the event and organising collecting/wrapping/filling shoeboxes! Get Involved. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Depending on when you're reading this, there may still be time to make a difference and share the gift of Christmas via St John's! ShoeBox Sunday is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016: 9:30am = all-age service, 11am = traditional service! Do join us if you can, shoebox or no shoebox, everyone is always welcome!

Later this month it's the annual St John's Christmas fair 2:00pm-4:00pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Blackbourne (Jubilee Hall). Please come along and support this event – lots of fun, games, activities, food! Bring your friends :) Admission is free.

NEW: We have an informal Gospel Choir! Fancy joining in? We meet monthly on Sunday mornings. Please get in touch if you'd like more information.

In addition to our usual November services – we have "A Time to Remember" and Christingle Services. Details of both are below.

We are a very busy group of people in Elmswell! In addition to our usual Sunday services, we routinely have lots of clubs and groups which meet (mens' breakfasts, ladies' lunch, youth events, mums groups, study groups, prayer groups) and we occasionally have special events and outings (like Gather - the youth event at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, and, Lou Fellingham – a praise and worship event on at the Apex!). This column could easily be filled with details of all the events we are involved with! To keep in touch with everything we're up to, please take a look at our website, facebook page or our weekly notice sheets.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
 3:00pm - Time to Remember service

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Shoebox Sunday**  
 9:30am All Age Service  
 11:00am Traditional Service

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
 10:50am short act of remembrance in the remembrance garden.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**  
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10:30am Sunday Service

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
 10:30 Sunday Service with Holy Communion

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10:30am Sunday Service  
 3:30pm Christingle Service

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
 9:30am All Age service  
 11:00am Traditional service

### FUTURE DATES

18<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm  
 9 lessons and Carols Service at St Johns

24<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm Christmas Eve -  
 I can't wait for Christmas! at St Johns

24<sup>th</sup> December 11:30pm Christmas Eve -  
 Late Night Communion at St Johns

25<sup>th</sup> December 8:00am Christmas Day Service  
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25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am  
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- 6 in loving memory of Derek Bloomfield.
- 11 in loving memory of Ena May Clover.
- 12 in loving memory of Thomas Henry Manning.
- 12 in loving memory of Denzil John Bloomfield, who died 12th November 2012. "Thinking of you always". Love Jan.
- 12 in loving memory of my dear brother Denzil Bloomfield, who passed away 4 years ago today. "Always in our thoughts". Love from Sue, Dennis & family.
- 13 in loving memory of Natasha Smith on her Birthday.
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 15 in loving memory of my father Wally Fraser.
- 19 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters, who served their village and community so well.
- 20 in loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather..... Hector Francis. Love from Ruth and all the family. xx.
- 26 in loving memory of Margery Rose Cammell. Loved and remembered every day. From all the family.
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*Father David Finegan*



## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Autumn really is a beautiful time of the year so much colour in the trees and hedgerows where the leaves change their colour from green through to golden brown before falling to the ground to form a multi-coloured carpet, a bit poetic some of you might say, and a very messy time of year with all those leaves turning to a mushy mess on the pavements, but it's all part of nature's cycle which thank heavens man cannot control.

"Where has that year gone" and "it seems only yesterday that we were enjoying Christmas dinner" are comments we all hear regularly, I have a theory that our lives are being driven along by commercial enterprise.

For example:- Easter Eggs on sale the day after boxing day.

Valentine cards on sale early in January

Back to school clothing on sale before the summer holidays start

Christmas cards and chocolates in the shops in August

So there is no wonder life seems to move at such breakneck speed, perhaps we should all occasionally take five and reflect on life and the beauty of nature all around us like the autumn colours.

Our activities continue throughout November:-

November 7<sup>th</sup> Ladies friendship meet at 7.45 pm for their meeting entitled Christmas Preparations contact Margaret 01359241541 for more details

November 10<sup>th</sup> Food and friends lunch at 12noon contact Jackie 01359245918 if you would like to join our older folk for lunch.

Our services in November will be led by:-

6 <sup>th</sup> November	Stephen Spurgeon (inc. communion)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Stephen Spurgeon
20 <sup>th</sup> November	David Wilson
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Hazel Hunting
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Stephen Spurgeon (inc. communion)

As always we offer an open invitation to anyone wishing to join us and assure you of a very warm and friendly welcome.



## THANK YOU FROM NORTON SALVATION ARMY



The Salvation Army's annual appeal has taken place throughout September. The church and charity's 'Big Collection' raises vital funds for its diverse programme of life-changing social and community services.

We at Norton Salvation Army were out collecting in the local community knocking on doors asking for donations, and we would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you for all the donations and good wishes we received 'at the door'. All donations to the Big Collection directly support The Salvation Army's work with 100 per cent of money raised being used to care for people who are vulnerable or in need.

Norton Salvation Army church and community centre is part of a network of over 800 centres delivering services to people and communities day-in, day-out. Without public support we could not do what we do.

At Norton we have a toddler group; Mon 9.30 - 11.30am, a young people's club; Tuesday 6-7pm and on Thursday from 11.30am a weekly Community lunch, where people are able to come and meet each other and have a meal.

Funds raised through the Big Collection will help The Salvation Army continue transforming lives throughout the UK. This includes supporting men, women and families who are experiencing homelessness; running care homes and day centres for older people; reuniting families through our Family Tracing Service; training and advising people looking for sustained employment; as well as providing a place of safety for victims of modern slavery.

Again thank you very much for thinking of the Salvation Army.

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I bring my Mum with me most sessions and she has a lovely time helping out, not just with her own Granddaughter but with anyone that needs a helping hand. She has "adopted" not only extra Grandchildren but extra children too. That is the most joyful thing about our group is that we are a big family and all help each other out not just at group but out of group too. I have made some lifelong friends!

During October we had a visit from Suffolk Mobile Sling Library; run by Jen, Charlotte and Gina. Their aim is to bring babywearing to families that can't get to the libraries already in existence. Please check out their Facebook page or website for more details.

Dare I mention the "C" word? I'm afraid I have to! Yes Christmas is coming (too quickly for my liking) and we are holding our usual ceramic painting for those wanting to give some unique gifts. This year we

have booked two sessions to give as many people as possible a chance to take part, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will also be creating our own Christmas crafts leading throughout December.

We have a Christmas Party being planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> December this year we are not charging for those regular attending members who sign up (see a committee member to put your name down). There will be the usual disco, buffet and a visit from the main man himself, Santa!!

Now some sad news, Donna will be stepping down as our Chair at the end of December and therefore we need to find someone who wants to take on this role. We have a strong committee in place to help you so don't think you will be left to run everything on your own. If you think this is something you would like to do to keep our group open please speak with Donna for more details.





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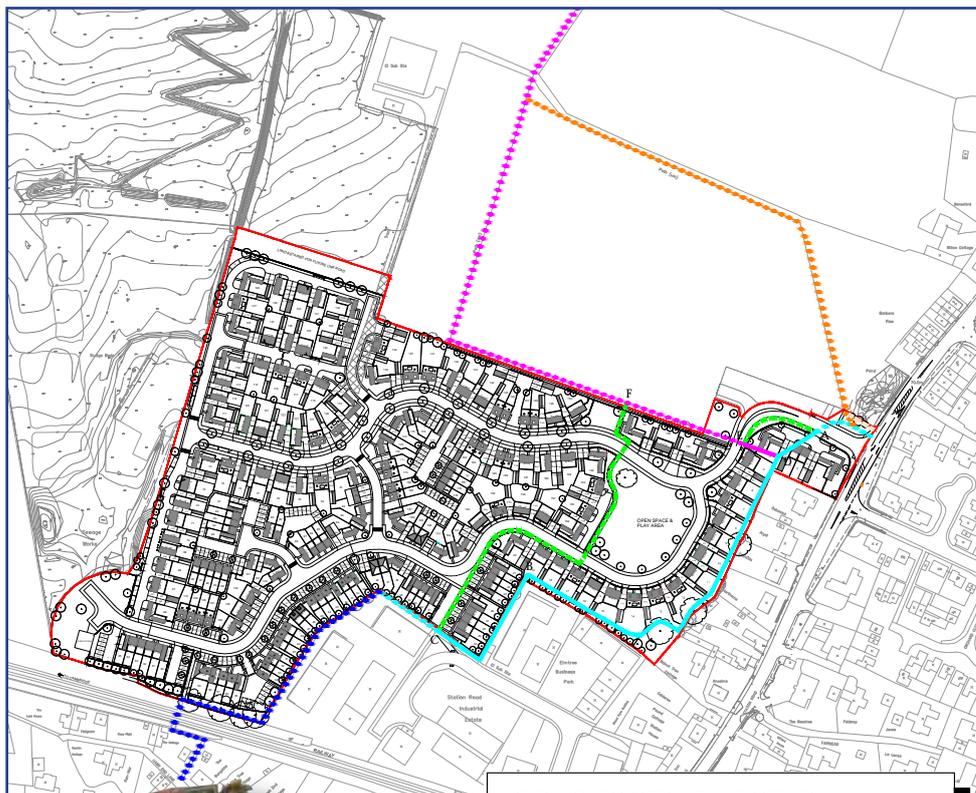
## THE BACON FACTORY DEVELOPMENT

Sadly, as is the way of things, the developers have taken it upon themselves to give our new neighbourhood off Ashfield Road a name... Kingsbrook Place. It has a certain computer generated lack of charm about it, but this is how it will be marketed for the next 5 years. There is already a 'newsletter' signalling the start of the process - available at [www.taylorwimpey.co.uk](http://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk).

Works begin towards the end of November with construction of the first of the 190 houses for sale by February of next year. The current rule-of-thumb suggests a build rate of between 42 & 50 dwellings per year, but, clearly, the market dictates.

The first phase of groundworks at the site, including the construction of on-site roads and utilities, is due to begin at the end of November, with construction of the first homes anticipated in February 2017.

To ensure public safety during the works, there will be a temporary closure of public footpaths 1, 2, 11 and 12, but a permissive route for footpath 2 will enable access to the wider network to the north of the site. These are posted in the Council's notice boards, and as per the plan below.



### PUBLIC FOOTPATH LEGEND:

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## DOES THE WINTER BRING OUT THE DESPAIR IN YOU?

As the winter arrives are you ready? We cannot predict the weather or how it will affect us but a few simple precautions may save you frustration.

Motoring organisations recommend that you keep you fuel tank topped up so if you get stranded you can run the engine to keep warm, but not if you are in a deep snow drift please, if the exhaust gasses cannot escape it may fill your car with deadly fumes. A warm blanket and a bottle of water will help, but also consider a flask of warm drink. I have a multi-function torch that can cut a seatbelt, smash the window and flash a strobe light in case your trapped.

At home stop drafts, check torch batteries and it is a good idea to have an analogue phone connected to the main socket, these will almost always work as BT has its own power supply.

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**Do think of your neighbours** and remember the Gas central heating probably will not work without electricity.

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*Mike Friend*

**As the dark and depressing winter rolls in many people will feel the desolation of dark damp days - A small community group has started and the second meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 1430 at Dorothy's Café - 'Keep in Touch' The idea is for anybody to come along for a chat, to find out about something etc. If you lonely, new to the village, need to speak to a friendly face about the village or just want to chat come along. 'Free cake'! when people buy a drink.**



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## Recipe for delicious Toffee Apples

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- Apples
- Sprinkles
- Kebab stick

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## ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

### Intra-Club Competitions

All Club competitions were completed before the end of the season and winners' awards will be presented at the Club annual dinner on the evening of 5 November. Account of the dinner, award ceremony and other events of the evening will be reported in the December edition of this Newsletter. The table (below) shows the winners and runners up for the competitions held.

### Results of the 2016

#### Bowls Club Competitions

##### Guinness Cup - Ladies Singles Competition

Winner: Mrs Sheila Faulkner;

Runner-Up: Mrs Brenda Begg

##### Bendall Cup - Mens Singles Competition

Winner: Clive Allsop;

Runner-Up: Nick Chamberlin

##### Gover Cup - Mixed Singles Competition

Winner: David Begg;

Runner-Up: Mrs Brenda Begg

##### Turner Cup - Mixed Doubles Competition

Winners: Mrs Sheila Faulkner  
& Ian Tullett;

Runners-Up: Michael Waspe & Michael Bizley

##### President's Cup - Mixed Singles Competition

Winner: David Hollings;

Runner-Up: Michael Waspe

##### Derek Jones Shield - 'Newbies' Competition

Winner: Mark Edwards;

Runner-Up: Jim McMillan

##### Jubilee Cup - Mixed Singles Competition

Winner: David Begg;

Runner-Up: Michael North

##### Chairman's Shield -

##### 'All Members' Drive Competition

Winner: Michael North;

Runner-Up: Graham Newman

##### Horseshoe Trophy - All Members Competition

Winner: Michael Bizley

##### Absent Friends Shield -

##### 'All Members' Drive Competition

Winner: Mrs Sheila Faulkner;

Runner-Up: Mrs Caroline North

##### Targets - Tullet Cup, Ladies

Winner: Mrs Barbara Yeates;

Runner-Up: Mrs Sheila Faulkner

##### Targets - Millar Cup, Gents

Winner: Graham Newman;

Runner-Up: David Begg

## ANOTHER SCAM

Most of us get agitated by cold calling telephone calls and do what we can to block or avoid them. One such way is to register with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS). However, some criminal elements are using that to defraud unsuspecting people. We have been made aware of people being contacted by telephone by those purporting to be from the TPS. They will either attempt to get you to 'sign up' to the service, for which you will be told there is a charge or that your TPS agreement is about to expire and needs to be renewed. Both will require all your personal details and credit card details to be provided. BEWARE - THIS IS A SCAM! The TPS is a FREE service and anyone wishing to register can find more details on their website at [www.tponline.org.uk](http://www.tponline.org.uk). The TPS will never contact you requiring payments or credit card details and once registered there is no further need to update it. If you suspect you have been contacted by a fraudulent organisation the advice is to report it to Action Fraud at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>



### Results for EBC's League matches in 2016

As the season ended and the final scores for 2016 Clubs & Leagues successes were reported (see October's article); the Stowmarket & District League and the Bury & District League held their annual presentation dinners.

The Stowmarket & District League displayed the array of trophies to be awarded at the dinner held on the evening of 24 September in Needham Market (see above). From this you can start to imagine just how many Clubs in the League were participating throughout the season and it was Elmswell Club's pleasure to win one of them for their trophy cabinet.

As already reported, the EBC 'Tuesday Afternoon Team' won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division event in the Stowmarket & District League. Representatives of the team (and their wives) attended the dinner to receive their Trophies. Team captain, Michael Moore, is seen in the photo below, holding the Club trophy whilst other members of the team are holding their individual trophies. All they should do now, is to prepare to win their new division again next year and return to collect the next award!

Trevor Clarke



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## ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

### Club Presentation Evening

With the season well truly over and the pitch all tucked up for another winter, attention turned to the customary end of season awards evening at Stowmarket Golf Club. Congratulations to all those who came away with awards. Thanks to all who attended, donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets – your support is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Terry for organising the raffle and to Wally for planning another successful night.

#### Award winners:

Players' player: Nigel Greathead



Batsman: Trevor Haynes

Bowler: Nigel Greathead



Fielder: Liam Wright



Young player: Nick Haynes

### Dennis Dyball

It was sad to hear about the recent death of Dennis Dyball at the age of 91.

Dennis helped with the formation of Elmswell Cricket Club in 1974 and was elected as its first president, a position he held for 6 years. He then became a life member. Dennis organised the annual fixture against the President's XI for many years.

During the 1950's when there was no cricket club in the village, Dennis would arrange a fixture between a Green XI and a White City XI using the railway line as the border between the teams. This match was played on the old Pyes Meadow.

Although Dennis did not attend fixtures, he always looked with great interest at the results in the EADT or asked Wink when he saw him. Each year he donated money to the club to help ensure its survival.

Last year was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and Dennis made a special effort to attend The Blackbourne. He spent time chatting to former and existing members which he seemed to greatly enjoy.

Elmswell Cricket Club would like to convey their sympathy to his family.

### Contact Elmswell Cricket Club

Even though the season is now over, we are always on the look out for new players to join the club with all abilities and ages welcome. If you would be interested in taking part then we would love to hear from you. You can contact the club through one of the following methods.

Call: Ian on 01359 244139

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# ELMSWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Steering Group, drawn from across the community, met at Blackbourne on 18<sup>th</sup> October together with Bill Newman, the new Manager of strategic Planning at Mid Suffolk / Babergh and Ian Poole of Places4People who is funded by Mid Suffolk / Babergh as a 'critical friend' to various Neighbourhood Plan groups, including Elmswell.

The group had not met over the summer period pending further professional advice on the way forward. In the interim, 2 important meetings had been held between members and professionals as changes of emphasis both at government and local council levels clarified the way forward for the Elmswell Plan.

It has become clear that the recent pressures of pre-application discussions for development in Elmswell, coupled with those already in the pipeline, have dramatically proved the very weak position in which communities such as Elmswell find themselves regarding ad hoc applications for development abutting the 1998 Development Boundary. A meeting has been held with Woolpit and Thurston parish councils towards co-ordinating efforts to contain these pressures and to try jointly to argue for adequate infrastructure provision.

Meanwhile, Bill Newman, having had time to look at the work done by the Group and to assess the District-wide perspective, confirmed that Elmswell has, 'issues of significance', which have produced the clearly defined primary objective of a relief road bridging the railway and thus avoiding the traffic bottleneck at the railway crossing. His suggestion was that Elmswell bases its Plan on the relief road aspiration and assesses the infrastructure implications of the development needed to provide adequate funding. For this to be achieved within an appropriate time scale he suggested the appointment of a consultant practice to take on the project wholesale. A small group agreed to pursue the costs and feasibility of this option.

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

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## REPORT FROM VILLAGE RECORDER

The following reports were presented to Council at their October meeting in response to requests from Mid Suffolk.

Road name at the new HGV testing centre on the A14 / A1088 / Church Hill / Kiln Lane junction roundabout.

In his authoritative book, 'Roads and Tracks of Great Britain', Christopher Taylor, Britain's leading field archaeologist, devotes a paragraph to the road which became the A45 and is now A14. From the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Gough map and from evidence proving existence back to the prehistoric period he explains how this route was deliberately diverted through Woolpit when, in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, that village was granted a charter for a weekly market and an annual fair. The original route is clearly traced in a broad curve well to the north of the village. It runs, in places, almost parallel to the A14 which now bypasses Woolpit. The road was called, 'Earthfield Lane'. It ran down what is now Kiln Lane, past Crossways Farm, across the land which is now the roundabout and east towards Tostock. There is testimony that, within living memory, Kiln Lane was also known as Earthfield Lane. The current OS Explorer 211 map shows the short remaining length of Earthfield Lane, confirming the above.

The Archaeological Evaluation Report appended to the Planning application for the VOSA site (ref 3512/10) has, at 1.3.7, 'Earthfield lane is visible on current aerial photography'.

There is a clear and worthwhile historical connection with the name. There seem to be no untoward connotations or connections with the name and it would seem that there is nothing against supporting 'Earthfield Lane' as the address.

Recommendation: That Mid Suffolk be asked to approve the name 'Earthfield Lane' for the road servicing the new vehicle inspection site.

Six road names at the new housing estate on the Bacon Factory

My intention when suggesting road names is to provide a potential link with the historic origins of Elmswell in the hope that future enquirers will be encouraged to look further and thus help keep alive the culture of our community, even if mundane.

I will often base suggestions on researches into the field names which once described the land in question – as in Cresmedow Way or Upper Crossway. Reference to long-standing occupational links are, I think, also valid, as with Blacksmith's Way and Baker's Mill. General geographic or cultural references give us Blackbourne Road and Paigle Close. It is my view that the names of individuals are best considered when history has lent some lasting provenance, as with Gardener's Walk.

In light of the above, I suggest for the Bacon Factory site, in road number order as per the Mid Suffolk plan:

- 1 **St Edmunds Drive** - the existing name of long standing which has echoes of the factory.
- 2 **Hall Lane** – noting the ancient route from the village to Elmswell Hall over what is now the Hawk End Lane railway crossing.
- 3 **Elmswella Crescent** – keeping alive the Saxon name from which 'Elmswell' is derived and as celebrated on our village sign.
- 4 **Monks' Path** – a further reference to the village sign and a reminder of the importance of Bury Abbey and its outpost at Elmswell Hall.
- 5 **Lawn Drive** – referencing the immediately local field names of Great lawn, Little Lawn and Long Lawn from the 1843 Tithe map, 'lawn' in this context referring to a 'selion' of land, a cultivated strip as part of the ancient ridge & furrow system of cultivation.
- 6 **Spring View** – again a reminder of the Saxon place name derived from the preponderance of wells or springs, one such would have been within sight on land now occupied by Elmswell Hall.

Maureen Dow  
Elmswell Village Recorder

# ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL - OCTOBER REPORT

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, excepting August. The November meeting took place at Blackbourne on 17<sup>th</sup> with 9 of the 10 councillors present together with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Members Sarah Mansel and John Levantis, Suffolk County Council Ward Member Jane Storey along with Parish Clerk Peter Dow, and 13 members of the public.

This report is compiled from those meetings 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 Shaun Pratt and Cllr Mike Friend, 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. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and of Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at [www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net](http://www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net), 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 19<sup>th</sup> September Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

**Dennis Dyball** With the agreement of the Meeting, Cllr David Hawes spoke in memory of Dennis Dyball whose death at the age of 92 was recently announced. Always active in civic life, Dennis had served on Thedwastre Rural District Council and later on its successor body, Mid Suffolk District Council, on which he served as Chairman. He was a long serving member of Elmswell Parish Council and of the Elmswell Poor's Land Charity where his community knowledge proved to be extremely valuable. He retained a strong connection with Elmswell Cricket Club and was instrumental in the sporting life of the village when he agreed to sell to the community land at Grove Lane for a playing field when the old field was lost. His other lifelong interests led to his key role for many years in the Suffolk Show and his Presidency of Stowmarket Golf Club. The village will forever be indebted to Dennis for his wisdom, counsel and commitment.

**District Council** Cllr Sarah Mansel confirmed the recent decision to move the offices of Mid Suffolk into Endeavour House at Ipswich where they will join Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council and Cllr John Levantis detailed the initiative to simplify the Council's Constitution.

**County Council** Cllr Jane Storey gave an oral report which included the fact that a town or parish council can now request of its Ward Member consideration of financial input towards the imposition of speed limits but warned that a substantial contribution would have to come from the community and that the cost would be between £4,000 and £10,000.

**Citizens' Advice Bureau** Correspondence to the Meeting included confirmation from the Elmswell Amenities Association of grant aid of £1,000.00 towards the Council's initiative to provide a fortnightly outreach CAB service at Blackbourne.

**Police** There was confirmation from Councillors of the community's disappointment with the results of recent cut-backs on the part of Suffolk Constabulary as detailed by the Clerk in a report which included the following on his recent attendance at liaison meetings with the Police:

*"I have recently attended 2 Police liaison sessions. On 20.09.16 with The Chief Constable and PCC at Stowmarket from which it is obvious*

*that the stretching of scarced resources across priority areas that are largely directed by government policy means that many of the issues which were raised by the public present and which are of immediate concern on the streets of Suffolk will not be addressed. The examples of parking and antisocial behaviour were raised and it was made clear that, unless there is a clear and immediate danger to life or to property the Police cannot be expected to respond. In light of considerable public concern demonstrated at the meeting I asked how to deal with any negative response when I reported back to this meeting the statement from the Constabulary that they will turn up when they are needed most and that they are there for us in our hour of need. It was suggested that we must be aware of the far worse situation in counties less favoured than Suffolk and that the need to concentrate resources on cybercrime etc means that there is never going to be enough front line presence available to satisfy public expectations based on an older policing model. It was openly accepted that the 101 service is currently unacceptable and funding has been found to address this, but it will take time. On 05.10.16 along with other town & parish clerks I met with the local SNT sergeant, Andrew Martin at Stowmarket Police Station. He reinforced all of the above, but offered various suggestions as to liaison directly with him and his team if, in our judgement, circumstances justify response. There was discussion regarding local provision of non-police community wardens and the possibility of shared provision between adjacent communities. There are good working examples in Sudbury, Bury and Needham Market but there remains the 'double taxation' argument previously raised when EPC has discussed any such initiative."*

**Planning results** The following were noted as received from Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, having been supported or not commented upon by the Parish Council and permission granted. The Mid Suffolk Planning website gives full particulars under the appropriate reference numbers:  
3660/16 Tree work at 20 Oxer Close  
GRANTED  
3522/16 Outline Permission for a bungalow at Yew Tree House, Ashfield Road  
GRANTED

It was noted that the recent application ref. 2822/16 for extensions and alterations at Tudor Cottages, School Road, has been withdrawn.

## Planning applications

Council either supported or made no comment on the following applications:  
3933/16 Extensions & alterations at Street Farm Day Nursery, Ashfield Road  
3831/16 Tree works at 20 Oxer Close  
3888/16 Partial garage conversion. Erection of 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension. 23 Oxer Close  
Council objected to an application ref. 4009/16 for the erection of a detached dwelling utilising existing vehicular access at South View, Spong Lane, for the following reasons:

- 1 The size of the footprint together with the height of the proposed dwelling present an overcrowded and overbearing result on this plot, completely at odds with neighbouring properties. The proposal, if successful, would inevitably create a problem of overlooking for the property to the north, The Outbak, from the high-level fenestration and, in particular, the atrium glazing to the stairwell. Any screening currently afforded by the hedging must be taken to be, necessarily, impermanent. The amenity of both the Outbak and of South View would be detrimentally affected, contrary to Local Plan Policies H15, H16 and SB2 which seek to protect residential amenity, the character & appearance of a settlement and the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties. The requirement under NPPF for sustainable outcomes is not served by this proposal which would have, as stated, significant adverse impacts.
- 2 Spong lane is an un-metalled, single track road which carries far more traffic weight and volume than its surface and structure can stand. The surface water drainage ditch is failing to cope with the consequential damage and the resulting saturation further deteriorates the running surface. The addition of the 2 cars shown illustratively as part of this submission would make a poor situation worse, contrary to the guidance laid down in Local Plan Policies H15 with regard to access & drainage and to SB2 which has regard to the impact of traffic generation.

**4G mobile phone equipment** The Meeting raised no concerns regarding the proposal by Messrs EE Ltd & Hutchison UK Ltd to upgrade the existing transmission mast and telecoms cabinets sited on the Station Road Industrial Estate.



**Lawn Farm Quarry** The operators of the quarry site at Lawn Farm, accessed from the old A45, some time ago secured Planning permission for the siting of a bulk cement silo. The process of filling the silo from a pressurised tanker and dispensing loads into specialised lorries as part of site-mixed concrete operations was subject to an Environment Permit application on which the Meeting raised no objection.

**Wesley chapel site** The Meeting agreed unanimously that the Council should enter into a legally binding agreement to purchase the Wesley chapel and halls for the sum of £285,000, completing the Contract on a date yet to be agreed with the Seller.

**Road names** Following a request from Mid Suffolk District Council for a road name identifying the access to the new HGV vehicle monitoring facility at the A14/ A1088 roundabout, Councillors agreed to go with the recommendation of the Village Recorder, Maureen Dow, that it should be known as Earthfield Lane. Similarly, it was agreed to recommend names for the new roads on the Bacon Factory development as: St Edmunds Drive, Hall Lane, Elmswella Crescent, Monks' Path, Lawn Drive and Spring View.

**Annual return** It was unanimously agreed that the statutory Annual Return from the external auditors, Messrs BDO LLP, be approved and accepted. This marks the end of the rolling annual audit process whereby the Council's books, its procedures and governance are reviewed firstly by the Chairman, Vice chairman and one other Councillor who publish a report at the

beginning of each calendar year, then by a professional Internal Auditing practice whose report is published in March / April each year and, finally, by a Government appointed External Auditor, as in this case. The full report is published on the Council's website and available, as advertised, from the Clerk's office. An 'Issues Arising' Report is published as part of this final stage. The thoroughness of the process is indicated by the fact that it was noted that the Annual Governance Statement had been approved at the May Annual Meeting of Council after the Accounting Statements had been received and approved by Councillors. This order of business will be reversed in the future to reflect a recent change in the way the Audit is structured.

**Grants** Both the Bowls Club and the Over 55's Club were awarded grant aid in the sum of £150.00 following their respective stints of stewarding the Station Road recycling centre. The facility is kept in pristine condition by the various community groups who volunteer to attend on a daily basis to ensure that it is clean and clear of the usual residues of recycling centres. It is, as a result of their efforts, the best maintained of all such sites in Mid Suffolk.

**Casual Vacancy** Mid Suffolk having had no requests for an election following the recent declaration of a Casual Vacancy on the Council, it was open to Council to co-opt a new member. The Notice of Vacancy invites interested parties to come forward and the Meeting unanimously agreed to co-opt Sol Indurain who had contacted the Clerk to confirm her willingness to serve. Sol has

previously been on the Council when she was instrumental in providing the Blackbourne defibrillator unit, organising the 2012 Jubilee celebrations and in the installation of the fitness trail equipment at Blackbourne.

**Next meeting** The next meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> November 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.onesuffolk.net](http://www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net), on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.

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

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



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# NEXT SESSIONS

15<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



Mid Suffolk

The Parish Council, Elmswell Amenities Association and the Elmswell Fire Crew have come together to fund a 6-month trial offering fortnightly free advice sessions for residents who are now able to rely upon the comprehensive range of issues and concerns on which Citizens' Advice skilled advisers can help.

The sessions are held at the Blackbourne between 09.30 - 12.30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and no appointment is necessary - just come along for a chat. Timed appointments can be arranged through the CAB Stowmarket office.

Advisers can help with any issue from housing, employment, welfare benefits, money and debt advice, family and relationship issues, legal and consumer rights.

The Stowmarket office can be reached by email at: [advice@midsuffolkcab.org.uk](mailto:advice@midsuffolkcab.org.uk)

There is also a national Citizens Advice service online information and advice online via <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>



NOTE: LATER DATE THIS MONTH



## FOOTPATH WALK

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

**SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER**  
beginning at 11.00 am

Open to all comers & led by Footpath Officer Dick Burch

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

Dogs on leads welcome - stout shoes recommended

# 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.

## November 2016

- 2 Elmswell Exchange W.I. Jason Salisbury  
The Story of Suffolk Cheeses
- 3 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs and Quiz Night
- 7 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church 7.45pm - Preparations for Christmas with members
- 8 Elmswell WI we meet at the Blackbourne for 7.30pm Haughley Hoofers
- 10 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Pip Wright: "Class of 1763, Earl Stonham Charity School"
- 11 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 12 'Remembrance and Reflection' 10.50am St John's Church
- 13 Remembrance Day Service in St John's Church 10.30am
- 15 Gardening Club 7.30pm Blackbourne AGM + Slideshow of 2016 Open Gardens and Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens
- 15 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Bingo Raffle
- 17 Over 55's Club Stowmarket Concert Band
- 18 ELF Wine Tasting evening with Bob Stopp on "French Wines" commencing 7:30pm. Tickets available from the Library £12:50 each
- 18 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 18/21 Over 55's Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel book early
- 19 St Johns Christmas Fair at The Blackbourne 2:00pm-4:00pm
- 25 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 25 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 27 ELF Christmas Draw at The Fox
- 27 Christingle at St John's Church 3.30pm

## December 2016

- 3 Over 55's Club Xmas Party with "Jim Bob Duo"
- 4 Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group Christmas Party 2016
- 4 Hanover Court, Pightle Close. Christmas Bizarre 2 p.m.
- 5 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church 7.45pm - Nosh & Natter, entertainment by Born in a Barn - open to men as well
- 6 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Christmas Lunch
- 7 Elmswell Exchange W.I. Christmas Celebrations
- 8 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Michael Rimmer: "Angel Roofs of East Anglia" featuring beautiful music & stunning photographs. Light seasonal refreshments will be served. \*This event is ADVANCE TICKETS only, none on the door. Tel. 01359-242601 for details.

- 8 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 16 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 9 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 13 Elmswell WI at the Blackbourne for 7.30pm Xmas Party
- 16 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 18 Nine Lessons and Carols at St John's Church 6.30pm
- 24 'I can't wait for Christmas' (Family Carol Service) at St John's Church, 3.30pm
- 24 11:30pm Christmas Eve - Late Night Communion at St Johns
- 25 8:00am Christmas Day Service (Holy Communion BCP) at St Johns
- 25 10:00am Christmas Day Service at St Johns

## 2017

### January 2017

- 6 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speakers Peter McGee & Graham Mack: "Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines - Elmswell's Great War Aviators"
- 27 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

### February 2017

- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Helen Geake: "After Roman Britain, who were the Anglo-Saxons?"
- 24 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

### March 2017

- 9 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Gareth Davies: "Pablo Fanque's Fair & early Victorian Circus"
- 25 Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group Nearly New Sale 2017
- 31 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

### April 2017

- 13 **Elmswell History Group's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Chloë Cockerill: "East Anglian Saints, including St Edmund"
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

## May 2017

- 11 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Mark Mitchels: "Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Doctor & Mayor of Aldeburgh" \*July tickets on sale\*
- 26 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

## June 2017

- 8 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Paul Peachey: "Elmswell's historical Postcards" \*July tickets on sale\*
- 30 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

## July 2017

- 13 **Elmswell History Group - Annual Outing: To be arranged**
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

## August 2017

- 25 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30



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Slimming World 5.30 & 7.30  
WI (2nd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 - 10.30  
Gardening club (3rd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 - 10.00  
Guides Trefoil Guild (1st Tuesday monthly) 7.00 - 9.00

### Wednesday

Scouts 5.45 - 9.00  
Jujutsu martial arts class 7.00 - 9.00  
Winters Academy - dance classes 4.00 - 6.00

### 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  
Karate 5.00 - 7.00

### Sunday

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