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MEN AT WORK...but do be quick, or you'll miss it.

Thus the resigned tone of those trying to be about their business around the centre of the village in recent weeks.

They were at the receiving end of the rather confusingly named, 'Road Works'.

Our older reader may remember Bernard Cribbins, a musical entertainer of limited vocal range but the wit to compensate. Before dabbling as a Womble and popping up in Dr Who, he sang of Road Works. He explained:

*There was I,
Diggin' this 'ole,
'Ole in the ground,
So big and sort of round it was'...
and went on to detail the advice proffered by,
'this bloke in a bowler'...
" Don't dig it there, dig it elsewhere.
You're digging it round and it ought to be square.
The shape of it's wrong, it's much too long,
And you can't put a hole where a hole don't belong."*

Those were the good old days. Someone cared about the 'oles in our ground. The people who dug them cared about the 'oles they dug. They would dig, find the problem, fix the problem, fill in again, top it off and go 'ome. The traffic would be warned, sometimes by a 'Stop & Go' man, sometimes with the all-encompassing explanation, 'Road Works'. And usually the road did just that. It worked.

It is now differently organised. We have progressed. It is managed.

Firstly, come the signs. These are, it seems, selected at random from some far-flung depot and loaded on to a truck to be dotted about the place in the vicinity of the proposed Road Works. They advise of narrow roads, of closed roads and of diverted roads. They are placed with little regard to logic, geography or convenience. They are usually augmented by the dreaded cones, and this often so far in advance of the 'works' that the local residents have soon moved them out of the way so that life and commerce can continue. And, for that special occasion, there are temporary traffic lights.

Then the 'ole. A separate operation. If a big 'ole is needed, there is an ancillary stage where the arisings from the exercise are piled nearby awaiting a grab truck to pick it up and take it away.

Excitement peaks when, within a day or so, the technical chaps arrive and fix whatever the 'ole contains that needs fixing. This is usually the quickest stage and one at which the uninitiated will declare, 'Job done. Soon be back to normal.' But there's still the 'ole. And the signs, the cones and, possibly, the lights.

Another team, another day. Soil back in it, our 'ole is no more. But, patience, please, the filling team are not the topping-off team. They're on another job.

Eventually, topped off, finished, safe, secure and...still signed as closed, diverted or under the tyranny of the lights. We await the sign chappies to collect the tools of their trade, always grateful for the ones they leave to confuse or just to be in the way.

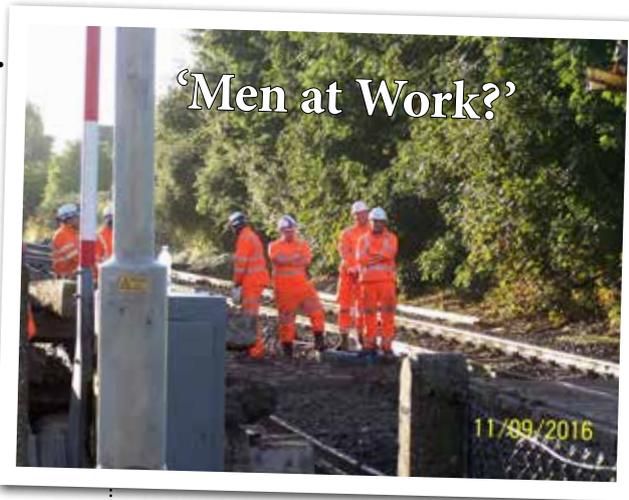
Two recent examples make the case for a re-think.

Network Rail told us they were going to close the crossing overnight, although always allowing for pedestrian and cycle access. It was closed for 2 days and 2 nights. Pedestrian and cycle access was denied and groups heading for the Fox, on foot, to enjoy Jimmy's Sunday lunch were advised to divert over Lord's Bridge. The walkers suggested that, as there were no trains, they could cross the line at the station and avoid a mile long walk on a hot day. They were duly warned that they would be reported for trespass. They walked.

Anglian Water told the World at large by email on 29th September of the closure of Station Road from 28th September to 29th September. The leak had been evident for 2 weeks and the road marked with the inevitable spray paint for a week. Nevertheless, the procedure, as above, was followed and chaos ensued. Residents removed the signs and cones prior to the works beginning and after they were finished, reasoning that if there was no work going on, there were no signs necessary. Others simply marvelled at the inadequacy of the proposed 'diversions'. There was a suggestion that a catch-all sign counselling, 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road', would be less fantastical.

A re-think on this silly and aggravating situation is called for by many local communities – not least Sudbury which has been recently brought to a complete halt by ill coordinated, poorly planned and badly managed works on the part of the Statutory Undertakers. Their name hints at the problem – as 'Statutory' Undertakers, they are a law onto themselves. They have to be. There are going to be life-threatening hazards related to problems with the railway, with gas supplies, electricity infrastructure and the like where action has to be swift and decisive. In those circumstances they do a great job.

When it comes to the more mundane side of their business, minds need to be concentrated.



The road closure should be costed and charged by the hour to the contractor who then has an incentive to get the job done. From the minute the first sign goes up to the last sweeping of the carriageway at an hourly rate sufficient to make an impression. And that funding to go towards a local input via the town & parish councils who know the area and the people. They say what signs and where – taking charge of the siting if they are able and they monitor the process.

The new system might well start by asking the question, 'How many luminaire-replacement operatives should it take to change a light bulb.?' 

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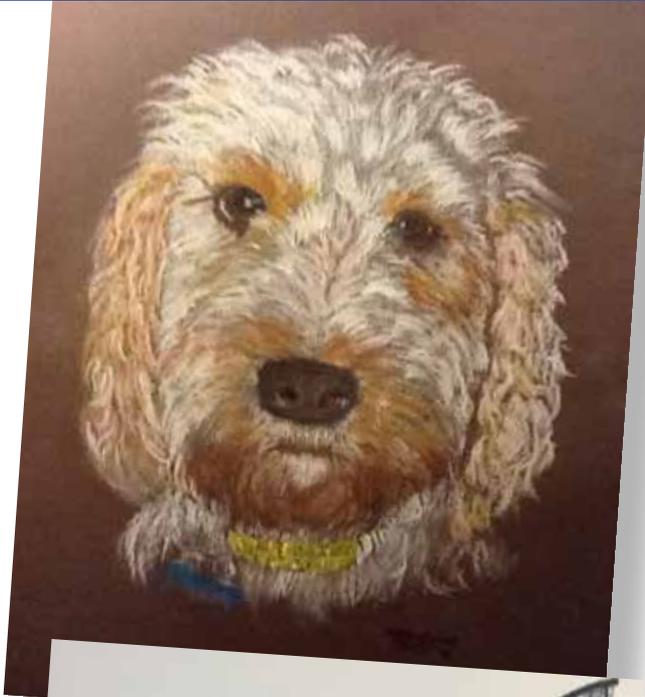
ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Sad news this month. Cecil Taylor who was a member of our club and a brilliant artist died. His wife, Sylvia who was also a member, has given some of his work and art equipment to us to sell, with the proceeds going to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Cecil was 100 years old and I wrote about him in this magazine when he celebrated his birthday. All of us at the club send our condolences to Sylvia.

Our club chairman, Jo Hale gave a demonstration and instruction on calligraphy which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

The pictures this month are by John Welford (Chico the Parrot - watercolour) and Ted Evans (Cockerpoo - pastels). Chico is owned by Dee, from the Post Office - I am sure he is thrilled to have a painting of his much loved pet.

Denise Lawrence
Club Secretary
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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Welcome to our Gardening Club autumn season. It seems a long time since our wonderful Open Gardens in July and our summer outing to the Beth Chatto Gardens. Our Treasurer, Nick Chamberlin, told us that 170 people purchased tickets to view our Open Gardens and that part of the sale proceeds will go to Woolpit Health Centre and part to the sponsorship of a bench at Crown Mill. Definitely a welcome asset for the village.

We had a slight disappointment, as our September speaker was unable to attend. Luckily, Catherine was able to give us a short synopsis of the talk we would have heard. Our absent speaker, Vicki Martin, had a son Horatio who hoped to train as a doctor. During school holidays Horatio volunteered at the Spinal Treatment Centre of Salisbury Hospital and, after consultation with spinal injury patients, Horatio proposed designing a garden which would not only be beautiful but accessible for wheelchairs and beds in all weathers - a sanctuary away from the wards. Before Horatio could carry out his plans, disaster struck. He was on an expedition to Svalbard in the Arctic when his encampment was attacked by a polar bear. Four of the expedition were injured but Horatio was killed - he was just 17. In the aftermath of this tragedy, family and friends supported Horatio's vision and, one year after his death, the first 'Horatio's Garden' was opened in Salisbury. Since then two more gardens have been opened in Glasgow and at Stoke Mandeville and the work continues through 'Horatio's Garden' charity.

Nick saved the evening by producing, at a moment's notice, a slideshow of a cruise he and his wife took a few years ago along the West Coast of Alaska. They boarded their small ship in Juneau, and, being small, it was able to negotiate the tiny islands and sail close to the magnificent glaciers. It was hard to visualize how huge the glaciers were, groaning their way through the mountains and crashing into the sea. We marvelled at the kaleidoscope of colours among the white icebergs and were interested to see that further down the coast, passengers could walk on slippery boardwalks through a rain forest where all kinds of ferns and plants benefitted from alluvial glacier deposits.

Brenda Begg announced our annual competition would be for the best 'Non-Floral Autumnal Display' and the challenge cup presented at our November meeting. Our next Gardening Club meeting will be on **Tuesday, 17th October, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne**, when we will have a talk on 'Good Companions' given by **Tim Fuller of Plantsman's Preference Garden Centre**. Tim will also be bringing with him some unusual, yet garden-worthy, plants for sale. The Gardening Club has a diverse autumn programme of speakers and if you wish to find out more, join us at one of our lively meetings. Even as a visitor it is only £3.00. Full details are at the end of the Newsletter under 'What's On'. Our meetings are friendly and informal, so give us a try. For further information please contact Nick Chamberlin on 242601.



ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP (formerly Elmswell Millennium History Group)

On 8 September the speaker was Peter Davidson - his subject was 'Ups and Downs - Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk, 1890-1950'. (Ups and Downs was a magazine published by Barnardo's in Canada).

Thomas Barnardo was born in Dublin in 1845 and as a young man trained as a doctor at the London Hospital in Whitechapel.

The East end of London suffered bad housing, unemployment and poverty; cholera left many families destitute. In 1867 Barnardo set up a 'Ragged School' where poor children could get a basic education and a few years later he opened his first home for boys where they learned carpentry and shoemaking, thus gaining employment.

No child was ever turned away from the Barnardo's home, to which he added a mission church and other properties.

When he married in 1873 he and his wife were given the lease on Mossford Lodge in Barkingside where they opened a home for girls. By 1900 there was an estate of 65 cottages, a school, a hospital and a church, eventually housing 1500 girls who were mostly trained for domestic service.

Barnardo believed that a family was the best place to bring up children and a fostering scheme was established, whereby children were boarded out to families in the country, including Suffolk. Wickham Skeith was one of the villages in this area and a recent exhibition has been held to tell the story of the Barnardo children brought up there.

Barnardo's, together with other agencies caring for children sent children to Australia, Canada and the USA where they worked as domestic servants and farm workers.

Today the Society continues to help children in poverty, support young carers and help families who are looking to foster or adopt a child.

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 October meeting will be held on Thursday 8 October when the speaker will be Christine Redington and her subject will be 'Women's Work in the Great War'.

(Tickets for our December meeting will be available).

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

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

After welcoming everyone to the meeting and giving the safety notices, Sylvia introduced our speaker Margo Harrison and Pebbles the dog.

Margo is a volunteer for Hearing Dogs for deaf people. She has been losing her hearing for 18 years and explained how the specially trained dogs make such a difference to people's lives.

The key words that reflect the difference the dogs make are independence, confidence and companionship.

Margo works at West Suffolk Hospital and explained that before she had Pebbles she was left behind during a fire drill as she was in an office and didn't hear the alarm.

It was explained that the main breeds used in this work are cocker spaniels, Labradors, poodles and some crosses of these breeds. The dogs are matched to their owners and living conditions. Puppies live in the homes of volunteer trainers for 14 to 16 months. They are introduced to different sights, sounds and environments. Puppy classes are attended and obedience and sound work are taught. For instance dogs are taught to jump on the bed to wake people up. Smaller dogs nudge people with their paws to alert them and larger dogs use their noses. They can be taught to respond to doorbells, alarm clocks, text alerts and oven timers. The dogs are taught to lie down for danger such as smoke alarms.

The dogs wear burgundy coats while they are working and are allowed in all public buildings. Margo takes Pebbles to work in the hospital. It usually takes 2 years to be given a dog. They are usually retired at about 10 years and you can keep the dog as a pet and then have another trained dog.

The scheme is funded by puppy sponsorship, gifts in wills and local and corporate support. After a dog is placed it takes about 6 months for the dog and owner to work together properly. The owners found that the dogs made them feel much more secure and confident and helped them to feel less stressed, lonely and vulnerable.

We thanked Margo for an interesting and informative talk. Pebbles sat quietly throughout the talk.

After refreshments and the raffle we were reminded that Mr. Parfitt would be speaking about his visit to the Himalayas at the October meeting.

On Wednesday the club had an enjoyable outing to the Suffolk Punch Trust.

Our thanks to Anice for organising the trip.

New members always welcome.

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ELMSWELL CAMERA GROUP

It was nice to see and meet every one again after the summer break. Fortunately no one had any problems with there photography whilst on there hols, and we look forward to seeing some of the results. Some suggestions were put forward for the coming year and we will try to incorporate these in the program.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 4th 7.30pm Blackbourne, usual room and on November 1st 7.30pm again at the Blackbourne. Any one is welcome to along and join in, bring your camera and find out how the bits and pieces on it work. For further information phone 241431 Mike



ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

The Orwell Lady river trip was bathed in glorious sunshine from the time we left Ipswich heading out through the lock gates down stream past the busy docks as the Orwell Bridge came in sight the skipper spotted that the traffic east bound was at a standstill. As we made our way down river numerous points of interest were pointed out to us.



Taking in the view from the 'Orwell Lady'

Below deck the caterers had laid out a grand afternoon tea which we partook of slightly earlier than planned as the temperature was soaring and the food would have wilted. The array of sandwiches and savories was out of this world only to be followed by cakes pastrys and scones strawberries and cream.



Relaxing on the 'Orwell Lady'

On the way back the skipper slowed under the bridge to look for any sign of the falcons which may have been setting close to the nesting boxes which have been fitted to one of the columns.

Sadly it was soon time to land at Orwell Quay after a very pleasant afternoon out.

We had a good turn out at our Harvest Supper when the tables were laid out with a Harvest Theme with flower arrangements provided by Stella, the committee prepared a meal of Ham New Potatoes and Salad followed by a selection of desserts. The evenings entertainment was provided by Gwyn Pritchard this event being funded by the donation from the Firemans Charity.

Our final September meeting saw the return of "Hank" from Gt Yarmouth who entertained us in his unique way.

October there is Bingo on Thursday 6th followed by "Mike Reed on Thursday 20th which is an open evening so please come along and join us.

November 3rd we will be having Hot Dogs followed by a Quiz to suit all there may even be some prizes for the winning tables.

Xmas Party Menus will be handed out for return by November 17th



Hank entertaining



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W.I. POETRY PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

This year, we decided to hold a different event from our usual Harvest Supper to herald the beginning of autumn. There was a (rather sumptuous) Ploughman's Supper, which was interspersed with poetry and readings from our members.

Rachel was back, after her holiday, and thanked Val for arranging our highly successful July River Trip. She told us that she would be relinquishing her role as President, next year and reminded everyone that change has to happen, as new members with new ideas join our organisation. Nothing stays the same for long!

She asked members if the proceeds of the September raffle could be sent to the Denman Appeal and everyone agreed. It was decided that the annual dinner would be held at the Golf Club. As always, there were lots of dates for our diaries: 14.9, Scrabble at Park Farm; 16.9, Craft at Rosie's and 30.9 at Sylvia's; 20.9, Scrabble at Anna's and 19.10, Pakenham Group Meeting, when the speaker is Squadron Leader, Paula Wilmott: "Women in Combat on The Front Line," at a cost of £3 and starting at 6.45pm. She will be accompanied by the band of R.A.F. Honington. On 26.10, there is the Annual Meeting at Culford, when the speaker is Caroline Holmes: "Sifting The Humour From The Humus," at a cost of £9.

Eventually, we all sat down to enjoy our delicious supper and have a good chat. Every now and again we listened to some entertaining poetry and readings. Some were very humorous, especially Rachel's, which was all about a recorded message for children and grandchildren, who required various types of help.

The annual Rose Bowl Award was given to Sylvia Walton for her very pretty, well-designed flower arrangement.

Everyone agreed that it was a really good evening and thanked the committee for organising it.

Next month, we are learning all about how to make sushi, which should be interesting!

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652



ELMSWELL LUNCHEON CLUB

On a sunny September morning, members of the Elmswell Luncheon Club set out for their Autumn outing. We made for the Poplar Nurseries at Marks Tey, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch. Afterwards there was time to explore the varied selection of plants and gifts on offer.

A leisurely cross country route through Essex and Suffolk byways brought us to Hollow Trees Café and Farm Shop at Semer. After welcome refreshments there was time to stock up on gifts and locally produced food before making our way back to Elmswell in the afternoon sunshine.

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

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I.

September meeting

What an entertaining and magical afternoon we had with our guest speaker, Colin Hopper. He kept us all spellbound with his presentation on Optical Illusions. We had a series of images put before us and after explanation it became apparent that many different pictures could be seen within each one. Some of our brains are more tuned into this than others and some members were quicker to pick these out.

It was a great deal of fun and a most interesting exercise. Everyone joined in and made it clear that Colin would be more than welcome to join us again next year.

The image on the right is a horse, isn't it?

Turn it round and what do you have - maybe a frog?

I think we will all forever be looking at things in a slightly different light. Is it what it is supposed to be or is it something else ???

After refreshments, we went through our business matters. **There had apparently been no response to our urgent request for help setting up our tables and chairs once each month at the Wesley Hall. Surely there are two chaps out there in Elmswell who could give up 20 minutes of their time at 1.30 pm on a Wednesday afternoon and again at 4 pm to clear them away. We really find it difficult to do this as most of us are elderly and some of us a bit stiff of limb !!!!**

At our next meeting on Wednesday 5th October Andrea Davey is coming along to tell us how to create a Gingerbread House. Competition is three gingerbread biscuits.

We always welcome guests and new members. Contact Barbara on 242788 or Maureen on 241033.



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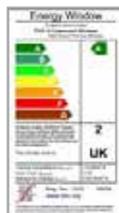
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The Summer Reading Challenge

ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

September started with a wonderful Summer Reading Challenge celebration, when almost 50 children, plus proud parents, carers and grandparents came to Elmswell Library for the first medal ceremony in our refurbished library. We were overwhelmed by how enthusiastic everyone was and were especially proud of the children for completing the Roald Dahl-themed challenge. Councillor Jane Storey congratulated the children and there were lots of cheers for those who took part, the parents who helped and supported them and the volunteers who gave their time to listen to the children. A big thank you must go to our volunteers, without whom we cannot run this brilliant summer scheme – Mary, Rowan, Florence, Gil, Helen, Jennifer and Claire – thank you from all of us.

We also had another reason to celebrate last month when our cycle shed was completed following a donation from Councillor Sarah Mansel. We now have plenty of room for cyclists to safely park and lock their bikes under a water proof shelter. We hope you will enjoy making use of it.

On Wednesday, October 12th, our Family History Group will be starting again after a summer break. From 2:30-4:30-pm keen amateurs Peter and Julie will help you use the library's free access to Ancestry and Find My Past to start your personal voyage of discovery. They can help you build a family tree or just investigate a long-lost family member. It has been a joy to see the reactions of participants over this year. So if you are interested please contact the library and leave your name and number or simply come along to meet the team.

ELF's next fundraiser is the latest in our very popular wine and food evenings on Friday, November 18th. This time the theme is France - local wine expert, Bob Stopp, will be taking us through a range of French wines and the foods that compliment them from 7:30pm. Tickets are £12.50, available from the library.

And keep a look out for the ELF Christmas Draw tickets, with dozens of prizes up for grabs and priced at 25p each, it really is a bargain. Tickets will be on sale from a variety of places as well as the library and there are some village organisations which will also be selling tickets for a share of the profits. The draw will be at The Fox, on Sunday, November 27th at 1pm.

And unbelievably, October marks a whole year since the library was refurbished, and what an amazing year it has been. As well as all the activities and events we have successfully run, with the help of our moveable shelving, and all the support we have received from local businesses to make this happen, we have received countless positive comments about the library's new look and feel. We hope we continue to provide the best service possible to our customers and maintain our positive contribution to the village and surrounding area.

Elmswell Library is open from 10am-1pm and 2-7pm on Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5pm on Wednesday and Friday, 10am-1pm on Saturday and 10am-3pm on Sunday.



The new cycle shed with Emma Yarrow, ELF chairman Jimmy Jewell and district councillor Sarah Mansell



ELMSWHEELIANS 2016

Just a little update on our recent activities

By way of closure on our fund-raising ride back in July for the "Bumblebees" Childrens Charity, Barry Brough and I visited their H.Q. in Sproughton on Thursday 15th September and presented them with a cheque for £573.

Needless to say they were very appreciative, and being able to see first-hand the magnificent work being done for children in their care, we were both delighted that we had chosen to support such a worthwhile local charity.

Thank you all for your support.

On the cycling front, 13 cyclists turned out for our Sunday morning ride on 5th September 2016.

Our route saw us leave the village via Church Road and Church Hill, then on to Tostock, Beyton Green, Rougham (Blackthorpe, and Battlies Green), over the new footbridge into Thurston, and into Pakenham village for a most welcome pit-stop at the recently re-opened "Pakenham Fox". From there it was Stowlangtoft, Hunston, Norton Little Green, and back into Elmswell via Ashfield Road. Total mileage was 18 miles.

Quite a nice morning weather-wise, albeit a little windy, but all-in-all a very enjoyable ride.

Please note there will be no rides in October or November (sorry), but there

will be a pre-Christmas ride on Sunday 11th December, details to follow in due course.

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TOAD TIMES - THANKS FROM THE TOADS IN YOUR AREA



It was as ever great to welcome back so many volunteers from last year and to gain some lovely new ones. It enabled us to mount full patrols at all three sites. We suspect you all know where the sites are by now and have probably seen us with our torches and in our high viz jackets patrolling in the nights from late February to early April. For those who are new to the area – the Badwell Ash site is just outside the village on the junction of the Hunston Rd, Westley Way and The Street, and the Walsham le Willow site is in Palmer St. This year we have also been able to mount a full patrol at our new site at Stowlangtoft which is in Kiln Lane.

It was a disappointing year at our sites in Badwell Ash and Walsham le Willows, with numbers well down. This seems to have been the experience at other sites in Suffolk.. It is always hard to know whether the actual numbers are down, and although we rather fear this might be the case, it might simply be that the toads are crossing at time when we are not there. There was some early mild wet weather before we started our patrols and again some of the best conditions occurred late at night.

It was the first year that we had been able to mount a full patrol at the Stowlangtoft site. We knew from last year that there were significant numbers crossing and this proved the case with the Stowlangtoft site recording more toads than at both the other two sites. We also discovered that the toads were crossing over a longer stretch of Kiln Lane than we had realised. This means that we will need to deploy more patrollers at Stowlangtoft next year.

It was heartening to hear at our end-of-patrol review meeting how much people had enjoyed their patrols even on the quiet evenings and the tremendous enthusiasm for continuing to help these delightful but sadly declining creatures.

Again, it was a real team effort with people not just contributing their time but also their skills, eg making signs. **A big thank-you to all those involved.** Toad populations are very fragile - they need all the help they can get.

Also, a big thank-you to all the drivers who slowed down and even stopped to let us help the toads across. Thanks, too, to the lovely gentleman and his wife who allowed us to use their yard to park our cars and their shed to store our equipment each year at Badwell Ash and the lovely family who allowed us to store our signs in their garden in Walsham-le-Willows. Finally, last but not least our thanks go to the owners of lovely ponds in Badwell Ash, Walsham-le-Willows and Stowlangtoft who host our toads and toadlets.

Our new site this year at Stowlangtoft has stretched our resources. It would be great to be able to do more next year – so if anyone feels

they can help please do get in touch. All we need from you is a couple of hours one evening a week during the six-week patrolling season between late February and early April. The more volunteers the more toads we can help.

If you can help in any way, please contact any of the below:

Lorna Mackinnon (Walsham) on tel: 01359 259140 or e-mail: mackinnonlorna@gmail.com

Sylvie Fitch (Badwell Ash) on tel: 01359 241727 or e-mail: bob.sylvie@btinternet.com

Ian Cassidy (Stowlangtoft) on tel: 01359 233285 or e-mail: ian.cassidy4@btinternet.com



POPPY APPEAL

Once again we leave from Summer into Autumn and the leaves are turning and falling from the trees, rather similar to poppies fluttering down at the Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance.

Last year (it finished on September 30th) £692,181 was raised in Suffolk. Nationally the total was in excess of £42 million.

This sounds a huge amount of money but every penny of it is needed to fund the vital welfare work which 'Poppy Support' carries out. Although the involvement of our Armed Forces in the conflicts around the world has diminished in the last year or two the requirements of the welfare work have not. Some of those service personnel injured in the course of duty for the country have made headlines in the recent Paralympics. The great majority have not and it is these and their families and other dependants who have to rely on the "Poppy Fund" to live as normal a life as possible.

The "Poppy Fund" in turn relies on your generosity. Please be as generous as you can, collection fortnight is October 29th to November 12th.

Last year Elmswell gave £3,696.19.

Tony Chaplin



ALL TOGETHER NOW - THE GREAT ORCHESTRA CHALLENGE

Following on from the piece in last month's newsletter about the competition to find the most inspiring amateur orchestra in Britain:

Well, they did it - the North Devon Sinfonia (set up by Elmswell's own Daniel and Emma Kent 12 years ago) WON the competition. They played in the Grand Final at The Royal Albert Hall and performed at Proms in the Park in Hyde Park. Emma is the conductor and Daniel is the leader of the orchestra. If anyone missed the programme and wanted to use catch up TV, the Episodes and Clips of the music played can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07sxxg9/clips>





NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Thank you to the Guides

Unlike hay making, which the proverb tells us should be done while the sun shines, hay *raking* can be done in any weather conditions, even in the rain. And, indeed, it was raining when the Guides came to help with raking up the cut grass in the orchard at Lukeswood – what an evening! It was also quite dark by the time we finished. The girls were undeterred, however, and set about the task very cheerfully. It was too wet for our planned campfire, but we had an impromptu sing-song anyway, taking shelter under the pole barn.

The girls were helping us get the orchard ready for Apple Day, so a big thank you to them for all their hard work. Let's hope the sun does shine for their next visit!

Lukeswood Apple Day

By contrast, we had a lovely sunny day for Apple Day – it really felt like summer again. As usual, we had a great range of activities from archery, to a treasure hunt, to eating cake! It was also very pleasant just to sit in the sunshine and watch the more energetic ones racing around.

Our thanks go to all the hard-working volunteers who lent marquees and gazebos, helped to install everything for the event (and take it all down again afterwards), run the stalls and activities, and man the gate. And, of course, thank you to all the talented bakers who provided the delicious cakes and biscuits for the cake stall – they went, literally, like hot cakes.

Thanks, too, to all our loyal stall holders for supporting us once again. We had mosaics, local jams and chutneys, delicious Elmswell honey (from Woodside Apiary at Mulberry Farm), wood turning, local crafts, Guide dogs, to name just a few. Special thanks must go to Roger from Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group for running the Apple Information Centre – he was kept busy all afternoon answering queries and demonstrating STOG's incredible display of local varieties of orchard fruit, some of which are quite rare. Also to everyone from Street Farm Nursery who once again provided a range of popular activities for the youngsters – face painting (always much in demand), crafts, wood bashing and an obstacle course.

Our tombola was great fun this year, so a huge thank you to all the organisations and individuals who donated the super prizes, especially

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We were especially pleased to showcase some of the gorgeous fruit drinks from local Suffolk suppliers – all from local orchards. We hope the lucky winners are enjoying them – Cheers!

Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who came and supported our event. We hope you enjoyed it and will come back next year. Your continued support helps us in so many ways. The admission price helps to cover the costs of putting on the event, but more importantly, it also goes towards essential costs like public liability insurance and maintenance which we have to pay without fail every year. Without that, Lukeswood could not remain open and there would be no community wood or orchard. So, please, keep coming – your contribution is vital.

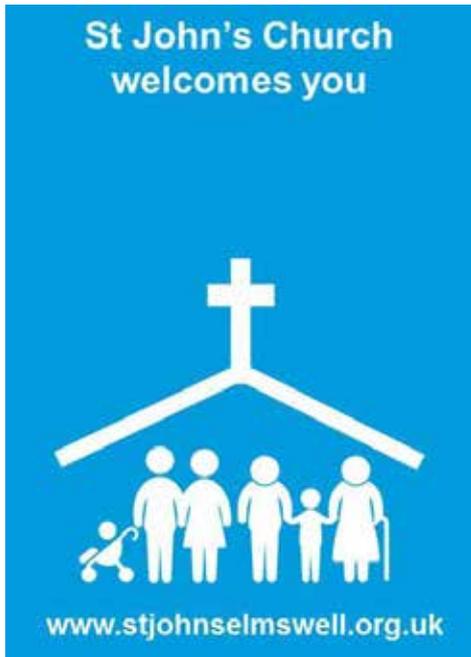
If you didn't make it this year, you can get a flavour of the event from Youtube (thanks, Mike!), where a time lapse video telescopes the whole of Apple Day into less than two minutes! And make a note in the diary for next year – the last Saturday of September.

We would love to have more stalls from Elmswell clubs and organisations next year. Now that the Autumn Fayre is taking some time out, there's a gap in the calendar at this time of year, so why not think about Apple Day instead? Stalls are free and they can be anything you like – as well as raising some funds for your club, the main objective is to have some fun. If you'd like to know more, do get in touch and we can give you some ideas.



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Saturday 8th October

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Sunday 9th October

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Sunday 16th October

10:30am Morning Service: Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd October

8:00am BCP Holy Communion
 10:30am Morning Service

Saturday 29th October

6:00pm "Gather" at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

Sunday 30th October - remember - clocks go back!

8:00am BCP Holy Communion
 10:30am Morning Service

Saturday 5th November

3:00pm A Time to Remember Service

Sunday 6th November - SHOEBOX SUNDAY

9:30am - All Age Service
 11:00am - Traditional Service

September has been marvellously busy at St John's... In addition to our 'normal' activities, we've held a harvest celebration, a praise and worship evening, a youth group safari supper and an exhausting bike ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust! All have been excellent and we're thrilled to have a busy social life here in Elmswell. We always have room for more, come along to see what we're up to: God wants us to have friends here on earth, but most of all, He wants us to be friends with Him.

October kicks off with our men's breakfast on the 1st, Andrew Caldecott from Christian Vision for Men is the guest speaker. This is closely followed by our monthly All Age service on the 2nd. We are holding a "newcomers" tea in the church on Sunday 16 October at 4pm and the teenagers are off to a youth event at Bury St Edmunds cathedral on October 29th. We also have a Confirmation Service for the area in nearby Cockfield, Parish Praise Service and various Communion Services. Have a look at our website/facebook pages for more information and come join us :) Looking further ahead, there is a "Time to Remember" on Saturday 5 November at 3pm - a special service for those who wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one, and...



SHOEBOX SUNDAY - 6th NOVEMBER

This year, we're working to collect toy filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child (organised by Samaritans Purse). It's a wonderful organisation which brings hope and love to children in some of the worst situations.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

We held our Harvest Horkey on 16 September; 37 people gathered to share a meal prepared by the Committee. The courses were interspersed by readings and poems about 'Harvest'.

This event was a fund raising effort for the Friends of St John's which was set up in 1995 to help maintain and insure our medieval church building for the present and future generations. New members are welcomed for a subscription of only £5 a year. Our events include concerts, beetle drives, coffee mornings, etc.

For more information please be in touch with Jean Folkard ☎01359 242099.

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- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 8 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 10 in loving memory of John Bennington, who passed away 7 years ago. "Always in our thoughts". Love from Elizabeth and all his family. x.
- 13 in memory of Dennis Duncan. Dad, Grandad & Great Grandad. "Much loved and missed on his Birthday".
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 21 in memory of Ron Comber's Birthday.
- 24 in loving memory of our Dad, Bernard Booth, born 1914, died 1997.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
- 27 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner on her Birthday Tony & Margaret. xx.
- 27 cherished memories of Mary Eveline Skinner, a dear aunt, on her Birthday. xx.
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ELMSWELL FELLOWSHIP



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH



This picture of a beautiful rose I took on a recent visit to the Oxfordshire Cotswolds reminds us of the beauty and wonder of God's creation. We in this country have once again been blessed with a good harvest and we shall again celebrate and give thanks for this at our All-Age Harvest on Sunday October 9th at 10.30am. The 1st Elmswell Scout Group will be on parade and afterwards we are having a BBQ lunch, it would help with catering if we know you are coming. Please phone Tony or Margaret on 01359 241541. Our collection this year will again go to Operation Agri for projects in Nicaragua, Nepal and Uganda. The picture below shows some of those being helped.



Any donations of fresh produce will go to Finborough Court and tins and packets to the Stowmarket Food Bank.

The Ladies Friendship Group meeting for October will have passed by the time you read this, the November meeting is at 7.45pm on November 7th when the ladies will be making preparations for Christmas. Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information. All ladies are welcome.

The next Food 'n' Friends is on Thursday October 13th at Midday. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food at a nominal cost. Join the thirty or so men and women who come regularly. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

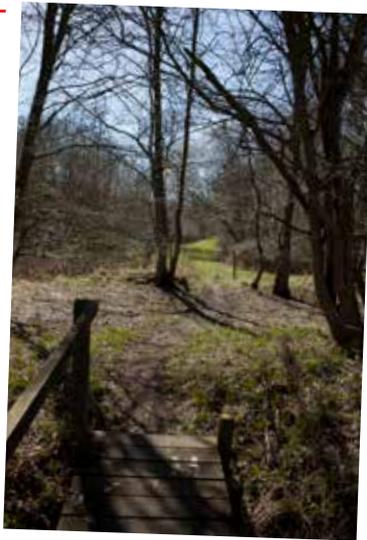
We are grateful to all those who come to lead our worship each Sunday. Our preachers for the next few weeks are as follows:-

- October 9th Stephen Spurgeon – All-Age Harvest – Scout Group on parade
- October 16th Carol Richardson
- October 23rd Stephen Spurgeon
- October 30th Mark Partridge
- November 6th Stephen Spurgeon inc Communion

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

Visit our website at www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony



FOOTPATH WALK

Our next walk starts, as usual, from Crown Mill, on **SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER** beginning at 11.00 am

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ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

After a very successful Nearly New Sale, we would like to say a massive thank you to all involved. From our volunteers, sellers, buyers and cake bakers and right down to those left at home looking after the children, we couldn't have such a successful sale without you!

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for supporting our raffle, we raised a fabulous £453 for the group. We would also like to thank everybody who donated prizes, it was very much appreciated.

Our next sale will be held on 25th March 2017. Unfortunately every sale we struggle with volunteers to help us pack away from 2pm - 4.30pm. If you think you can help during this time slot please contact Claire on [07709 160045](tel:07709160045) with your details or for more information.

We have got some exciting things coming up in the next few months! On Monday 31st October we will be holding our Halloween party at the Wesley hall. This will be an extended session with spooky games and yummy party food - fancy dress is optional for both adults and children.

There will be lots of fun craft activities coming up for both Halloween and Fireworks and we have TWO ceramic pottery sessions booked for November, ideal for all your Christmas gifts!

The fun doesn't stop there - our annual Christmas party is on Sunday 4th December at The Blackbourne, sign up sheets and information about the party and the pottery sessions will be at the Wesley Hall soon. Please also like our Facebook page to keep up to date with all the latest news.

Sadly our chair Donna Fisk will be stepping down in January. She has done a fantastic job and had kept us all together as one big family for our community. It will be sad to see her step down, but it opens up a brand new chapter for someone out there to fill this rewarding position. Please speak to a committee member during session time for more information, without a Chair we don't have a group so we really need your help.

Jo Beard has been our Treasurer for nearly 3 years and has done an amazing job keeping our finances organised. The Nearly New Sale is a large part of the role and Jo would like March to be her last sale in charge of the money. Our new Treasurer will need to be available to shadow Jo with the run up to the next sale, throughout the



sale day itself, and to see all that happens behind the scenes after the event. Please speak to Jo to find out more. If you would like to take on either role, we have a strong committee that will help and support you throughout.

If you are new to the village, have just had a baby or you are a Grandparent or carer of a little one, please come along to the Wesley Hall on a Monday or Wednesday, 10am - 11.30am. We have lots of toys, a snack for the children, tea, coffee and biscuits for the grown ups and a warm welcome for everybody. We look forwards to sharing some festive fun with you all in the coming months!

Joanna Beard, Chair / Treasurer

ELMSWELL BROWNIES

Elmswell brownies leaders hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer holidays and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

The summer for Elmswell brownies started with a 2 night camp to Hautbois in Norfolk, along with many other brownies from all over Suffolk. The 5 girls had a wonderful time abseiling; trying archery; going on zip wire runs; being attacked by witches and fixed by medics; and learning new games whilst making new friends! Many thanks to the team of Suffolk brownie leaders who organised this amazing camp. Elmswell are looking forward to 2019!

The next term involves plans for the girls to complete the interest badge 'Friend to Animals' with a couple of trips out and about, more will be revealed once they have been! A night in the library to talk about Beatrix Potter also features this term, and the annual trip to the church to help decorate it ready for the harvest festival will, I am sure, be an evening the girls enjoy.

If you are interested in helping out at girl guiding, why not head to the website & see what volunteer opportunities are available in the area. If your daughter is interested in joining - head to www.girlguiding.co.uk/joinus for further information and to register interest.





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This week's top features

Tech Support Scam...

We received details this week of a resident in Suffolk who lost £3000 after being duped by bogus tech support callers.

Working from home, on her work laptop, she allowed the scammer remote access, providing the scammer with access to her personal financial details.

This incident has not only highlighted the scam, once again, but has also shown that the scam has wider implications. The victim's workplace is now having to investigate as to whether the scammer was able to access any of the company's information.



How the Scam Works...

The caller will tell you that your computer has been sending error messages or that it has a virus. They may mention problems with your internet connection or your phone line and say this has affected your computer's recent performance. They may claim that your broadband connection has been hacked.

The caller will request remote access to your computer to 'find out what the problem is'.

The scammer may try to talk you into buying unnecessary software or a service to 'fix' the computer, or they may ask you for your personal details and your bank or credit card details.

More scammers are calling people trying to gain remote access to their computer to steal personal information. You shouldn't be asked to pay for viruses to be cleared from your computer, or to fix any issues over the phone.

If you are called, don't give them any details and hang up.

A common tool scammers use to log into your computer is 'TeamViewer'. This is why it's important to never check your account balance while a third party has remote access to your computer. As it's possible that they can see what's being displayed on your screen.

Report the call...

To help tackle these calls, report any such incidents to Action Fraud. If you can, supply the name of the company (or at least, who they claimed to be), plus – if possible – the phone number they called you from.

Tel: 0300 123 2040

Web: www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-fraud

If you've been a victim...

If you're worried that you've granted access to your PC or given your bank details to an unsolicited caller, it's important to take some key steps. Contact Action Fraud and seek a crime reference number to help you pursue any lost funds from your bank. Alert your bank to what has happened, and to be extra safe, run an up-to-date security scan.

Our local Trading Standards Champion is
Ken Coulling
kenneth@coulling.freeseve.co.uk

FLU - THE FACTS



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As we enjoy the last of the summer months, our thoughts here at Woolpit Health Centre turn to the coming autumn and the flu season. Every year we try and vaccinate all our at risk patients as early in the season as we can. This is beneficial for everyone as it means we can hopefully prevent an outbreak of flu spreading and we know we have done the best we can to keep you healthy.



SYMPTOMS OF FLU :

- Comes on quickly.
- Usually includes fever and aching muscles.
- Makes you feel too unwell to continue your usual activities.
- If you have flu you will develop a temperature usually above 38°C. You will feel unwell, and have a dry chesty cough with a runny or blocked nose and a sore throat. You may have a headache and ache all over. You may also lose your appetite and feel sick. You will feel tired and weak.
- The symptoms of flu usually develop within one to three days of becoming infected. Most people will feel better within a week.
- However, you may have a lingering cough and still feel very tired for a further couple of weeks.

WHEN TO VISIT YOUR GP :

- If you are otherwise fit and healthy, there's usually no need to visit your GP if you have flu-like symptoms.
- You should just rest at home until you feel better, while keeping warm, drinking plenty of water and taking painkillers if necessary.

CONSIDER VISITING YOUR GP IF YOU HAVE FLU AND :

- You're pregnant or have a long-term medical condition – such as diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease or a neurological disease.
- You have a weakened immune system or you develop chest pain, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or start coughing up blood.
- If your symptoms are getting worse over time or haven't improved after a week.
- In these situations, you may need extra treatment to prevent or treat complication.

STOPPING THE VIRUS SPREADING :

- Good hygiene is essential. Use paper tissues not linen handkerchiefs. Throw them away after use and wash your hands after blowing your nose
- Sneeze into a paper tissue and not into the atmosphere as virus particles are carried by droplet into the air.

ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR FLU VACCINE EVERY YEAR IF YOU :

- ❖ are 65 years of age or over.
- ❖ are pregnant.
- ❖ have a long term medical condition, such as heart or kidney disease. Asthma, requiring regular inhalers. Chronic lung disease. Are having chemotherapy or are immunosuppressed. Diabetic or have a neurological condition.
- ❖ are very overweight. BMI over 40.
- ❖ are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility.
- ❖ receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.
- ❖ are a front-line health and social care worker. It is your employer's responsibility to arrange vaccination for you.



ELMSWELL AMENITIES ASSOCIATION

The Amenities Association, registered charity no. 304879, held its AGM in the Memorial Library on 23th September after which there was the first meeting of the new Committee.

The Chairman's Report was as follows: *The Association continues to fulfil its various and long standing roles at the heart of the Elmswell community.*

The significant difference this year has been the loss of the Autumn Fayre which has, in various iterations, been an annual get-together that was much cherished over nearly 30 years and which contributed many thousands of pounds to community facilities. However, the community dynamic has, as elsewhere, moved away from activities so demanding of time and commitment. The advent of, 'busy lives', means that fewer people, 'get involved'. As Trustees are aware from the administration of their own organisations, there is a tendency to take a backward step when committees need new members, new ideas, new energy. In recent years, Peter Edmonds and Terry Southgate kept the Fayre together, but even Peter, the last man standing, has accepted that the effort of a few is a finite resource. The idea might find another life on another day and the Association would be keen to lend all assistance.

Meanwhile, the administration of the properties which are held for the community by the Trust at Grove Lane and Cooks Road continue to thrive and serve the village well, particularly in the case of Elmswell Memorial Library which has an energetic and innovative support group.

The Newsletter goes from strength to strength and gains support by way of both written contributions and advertisers, allowing a good balance of content rather than the, 'all adverts', criticism that village magazines often attract. Unusually, it remains a significant income earner for the Association and this, itself, is testimony to its success. The call for the return of, 'letters to the editor', has much abated in light of the examples seen on social media of exactly the kind of 'letters' that were, in the past, attracted and which would, Trustees feel sure, become prevalent again given the chance.

The challenges faced by rural communities in the context of aggressive housing development, which pays little regard to the provision of social infrastructure, throw even more responsibility on organisations such as ours dedicated to the wellbeing of those communities. The prospect of community ownership of the facilities centred on the Wesley chapel offer scope for enhanced social provision and I hope that the Association will be at the heart of planning and delivering amenities here with an eye to a balanced and supportive community future.

The meeting elected 14 members to add to those already notified by the community groups and organisations entitled to appoint a Trustee representative. The Committee meeting that followed elected officers, and the membership now comprises: Linda Abbott, Marian Abbott, Diann Armstrong, David Barker, Jean Barker, Mike Friend, Nick Brooks, Dick Burch, Maggie Bushell, Peter Dow, Peter Edmonds, Jean Folkard, Terry Garner, John Ibbetson, Tony Marsham, Herbert Mulley, Christine Parkin,

Shaun Pratt, Ann Richards, Cecil Salmon, Terry Southgate.

Amongst the matters dealt with in the meeting were the following:

- The Chairman and Vice chairman were authorised to sign a new lease with Suffolk County Council which has been, substantially, before Trustees for approval and which currently awaits the resolution of 2 outstanding matters;
- Trustees noted with approval the progress made by the Parish Council towards the acquisition of the Wesley chapel site for community use and unanimously reinforced their support for an appropriate scheme to develop it as a community facility in partnership with the Council;
- It was agreed to continue regular grant support for the British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Fellowship of Churches Children's Holiday Club together with a contribution towards the scheme to establish a fortnightly Citizens' Advice Bureau consultation session at Blackbourne for a 6 month trial period.

The Annual Report and accounts of the Association are published on the Charity Commission website. The Secretary to the trustees, Jean Barker, can be contacted at elmswellamenitie@f2s.com, via the Newsletter editorial office on 244134, or 'Gobblin', Station Road Industrial Estate, Elmswell IP30 9HR.

CITIZENS' ADVICE FOR ELMSWELL

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, which began on 20th September, are held at the Blackbourne between 09.30 – 12.30 on the 1st & 3rd 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 process offers 3 stages. Your initial chat will allow you to discuss your problem in a short interview. As necessary, there can be an exploration of your problem in further depth and an explanation of the options available to you and the possible outcomes of the different courses of action. You are encouraged to make your own decisions and act on your own behalf.

Advisers do not tell you what to do but help you make an informed choice. As a third stage, a specialist caseworker can be made available to give extra support with money advice, employment or welfare benefits.

The Stowmarket office can be reached by email at: advice@midsuffolkcab.org.uk

There is also a national Citizens Advice service online information and advice online via

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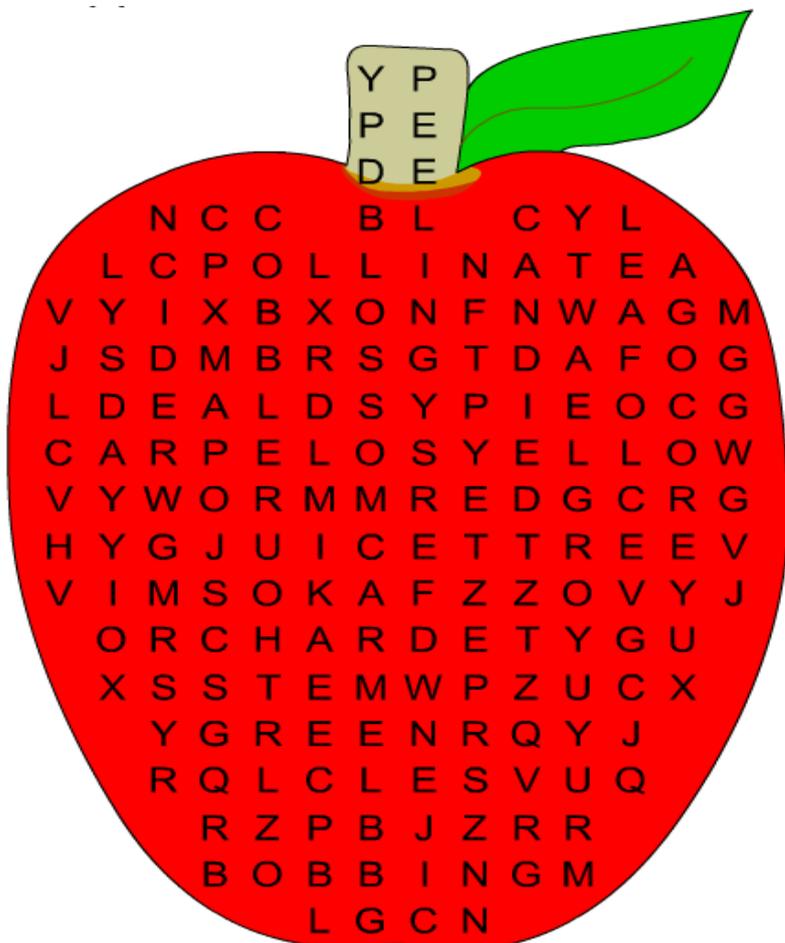
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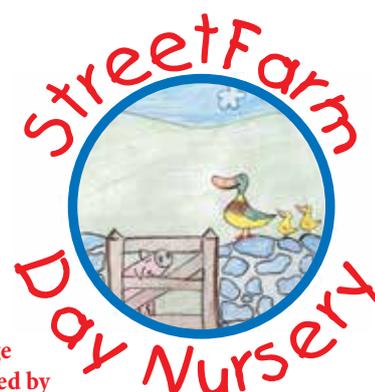
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2 apples,
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2. Cut one apple in half and attach to the other apple using a cocktail stick. Make sure the cut side is facing outwards for the face.
3. Cut a small cylinder shape for the snout and attach to the face. Make holes for the nostrils.
4. Cut out triangle shapes and attach for the ears.
5. Insert the silver balls for the eyes.



Get creative with some of these craft activities



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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

The 2016 bowling season is now over following closure of the Green on 21 September! A final 'Roll-up' was played on Tuesday afternoon, 20th September following the annual Club game against the Elmswell Fire Brigade team on Sunday 18 September. The Green-keeper (Nick Chamberlain) and his team, started work immediately, in preparation for the 2017 Season. Besides the normal treatments to the green (such as scarifying, aeration and chemical treatments) the Club will hire special equipment to deep spike the green (down to a depth of ~6") and then gently 'lift' the earth in order to break-up the soil and allow new root growth through the winter. Many other tasks need to be completed in order to prepare the total area for the winter season and I will try and keep in touch with these as the month's go by.

'Cot' vs 'Jack'

The Jack is the name given to the white ball we use, except in Suffolk! Suffolk calls the white ball a **cot** and the reason is because during the early part of the 20th Century, the old hospital in Bury St Edmunds was raising money for the children's ward. BSE Bowls Club decided to was to play bowls for it. The jack became the cot because the bowlers said that when they played, they bowled to raise money for the 'cots' for the children's ward!

The Firemen's Match

The Club always enjoys its match with the firemen and members of their families and we had good weather for the event. The afternoon started with the traditional, sponsored single-wood assault on the 'cot' on the centre of the green. Rules apply and the winner carries away a bottle of 'Famous Grouse' whisky. This year it was Sheila Faulkner that took the prize, which she then kindly donated to the Club for the next raffle to be held by later in the year.

There was a gentle rivalry amongst the players as to which team could win this year's event. Last year the Firemen won by 1 point, so this was an opportunity for EBC to gain a win. However, the Firemen had obviously been in training since last year as they won this match by 11 points (score EBC: 54 vs Firemen: 65) (see photo). The visit then ended with afternoon tea in the Club-house, a raffle (which raised some £170 in aid of the Firemen's charity) and the distribution of prizes. We welcome them back again next year to allow us to try and regain our prowess.



EBC Intra-Club Competitions

Competitions continued to be held into September:

27 August	-	Absent
Friends Trophy;		
3 September	-	The
Club Finals Day and		
10 September	-	Targets

The Absent Friends brought Mrs Sheila Faulkner vs Mrs Caroline North, to the finals after a rousing competition and we wish them the best of luck on finals day along with the other finalists previously reported here. The results of Finals Day matches will be reported next month due to shortage of space in this edition.

Targets is a fascinating/frustrating game but a pleasant day's weather for the tournament. The game amounts to bowling across/along two edges of the green, to 5 targets, to score points (much as you do in darts). The challenge is to reach the targets a without losing points by rolling through the target! Results of the highest Lady's and Men's scores are the winners of each match and will also be reported next month.



Results for EBC's matches against other Club Competitions

The competition season finished in late August for matches in the Stowmarket & District Bowls League and on 1 September in The Bury St Edmunds & District Bowls League. EBC teams enjoyed the afternoon and evening matches, immensely and the tables of results for the 2016 season are shown below for each of the two leagues played.

We were correct in assuming that our team that played in the Thursday Evening Bury St Edmunds & District Bowls League would complete their matches, without loss, throughout the season and won their division by 19 points over their nearest rivals. They are congratulated by the Club and are promoted by the League to the 2nd Division. Also, the Tuesday Afternoon team won the final match of the season, by 1 point, against Walsham le Willow Bowls Club and are promoted to the 2nd Division of Stowmarket & District Bowls League. A photo of the victorious team is shown outside the Clubhouse in Blackbourne. The team also attended the Stowmarket League's annual presentations dinner to receive their trophy (see photo).

Trevor Clarke 26-Sept-16

EBC's Final 2016 League Table Positions

STOWMARKET & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE

Division 3 - Monday Evening

Division 3	P	W	F	A	Pts
Bildeston	14	14	1183	827	81.5
Great Barton	14	9	1151	919	64.5
Woodfield B	14	7	1056	1030	53.5
Rookery B	14	7	1073	1009	52.5
Elmswell	14	7	989	1000	51.5
Earl Stonham	14	6	999	1040	43
Needham Market B	14	4	897	1143	32.5
St Botolphs B	14	1	828	1208	13

Division 3 - Tuesday Afternoon (Promoted to Division 2 for Season 2017)

Division 3	P	W	F	A	Pts
Elmswell	16	12	524	464	77
Bacton	16	10	579	440	76.5
Gipping Valley B	16	9	547	467	74.5
Haughley B	16	8	564	516	58
Walsham	16	8	502	517	56.5
Stanton B	16	8	548	476	55
St Botolphs C	16	7	506	526	51
St Botolphs B	16	6	495	568	44
Thornham Magna B	16	0	387	678	11.5

Triples Leagues

Wednesday League	P	W	F	A	Pts
Bildeston	18	14	1319	1016	90
Needham Market	18	12	1334	1036	80.5
Gipping Valley	18	10	1319	1140	73
Worham	18	12	1218	1120	73
Thornham Magna	18	9	1184	1186	66.5
Haughley	18	8	1162	1258	56
Elmswell	18	7	1115	1215	55
Walsham-le-Willows	18	8	1104	1268	54.5
Old Newton	18	5	1083	1248	47
St. Botolphs	18	3	1002	1353	34.5

Bury & District Bowls League - Division 3

Thursday Evening

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elmswell	16	16	0	0	1426	912	81.5
Old Newton	16	11	0	5	1298	1063	62.5
Hopton	16	10	0	6	1176	1151	56
West Row	16	9	0	7	1248	1087	55
Stanton B	16	7	0	9	1163	1179	42.5
St Botolph's B	16	5	1	10	1063	1246	39.5
British Sugar B	16	5	1	10	1102	1251	38.5
Hengrave B	16	5	0	11	1109	1306	33.5
Risbygate B	16	3	0	13	965	1356	23

Promoted to Division 2 for Season 2017

HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK CALLS FOR YOUR STORIES OF CARE IN THE COUNTY

Healthwatch Suffolk has the power to shape, influence and improve local NHS and social care services in the county. It is independent from the NHS and social care, which means you can be honest when sharing your views.

It has launched a new campaign called "#NHSSelfieStars" for obtaining feedback from people about their use of local health and social care services. It wants to celebrate what is good about services and highlight where things could be better.

The state of the current health and care economy means that it has never been more important to share your views about local services; even if you don't think it will make a difference. The watchdog hopes that this campaign will encourage people to share their stories so that it can help health and social care professionals understand the views and experiences of people using their services and feed them into ongoing plans to change the way your services are delivered.

Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to share a "selfie" and a story of NHS care in Suffolk so that it can highlight your experiences. All of the stories will be added to the growing volume of data the watchdog has already gathered from local people and used to hold services to account. You can share your selfie and story with Healthwatch Suffolk on Instagram (use #NHSSelfieStars) or by email to info@healthwatch-suffolk.co.uk.

It is always possible to share your experiences anonymously with Healthwatch Suffolk. You can visit www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/ services, where it is possible to rate and review your experience within any health or social care service in the county. Alternatively, please call 01449 703949 to speak with a member of the Healthwatch team.

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ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE GOLF DAY

We had 33 players for our annual golf day on the 26th August, big thanks to Park Garage for their sponsorship if you need a M O T Servicing , tyres etc telephone 01359 242479

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

Must thank Graham Leaf for all his help on the paper work before the day and on the day, I would be a big muddle without him.

Ricky Burch was playing like he had never hit a golf ball in his life it's like that at times in golf.

So when he hit the ball off the tee on the 11th hole getting ready for looking for the ball again in the long grass or the hedge again, the ball went straight and landed on the green, a couple of jumps and into the hole it popped any golfers dream hole in one. I was very happy to witness it and a bit sick it was not me so the wait goes on for me.

The winner of the main event was won by Alan Crouch with 40pts, with 36pts in 2nd Richard Carter.

The morning Texas Scramble team was won by James Ambrose, Simon Sheppard, Ray Parker.

Dick Mortlock was the winner of the ball nearest the centre line after one shot.

Darren Rolf was the winner coming out on top landing his ball nearest the flag in one shot for two of the holes on the day.

Trevor Sadler got the nearest the flag in two shot on the 15th.

The photo is of Wendy Southgate presenting the trophy to Alan Crouch the winner on the day.

The other photo is of Ricky Burch celebrating his hole in one on the 11th hole also won the prize for the brightest shorts on the day.

Sales manager James Ambrose of John Banks Infinity of Cambridge donated the use of a car for the weekend to the winner of the main game big thanks to them so well done Alan Crouch.

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

Many thanks

Terry Southgate



ELMSWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

The new season is now in full swing, with all teams playing home and away games each weekend.

Saturday 17th September saw the start of the WAYS League with an annual festival for all teams competing, this took place at Kegs school and Haverhill FC in which was a huge success.

On the 24th September our under 9s were invited to play in a 4v4 festival at Ipswich Town Football club, the team played various other under 9s from the local area and got the opportunity to play many mini matches which was enjoyed by all.

At Elmswell Youth football club, one thing that we pride ourselves in is giving all the players on a team the opportunity to play whatever their ability. To us it's not always about winning and what the final score is but allowing the children to play, be part of a team and develop a skill. We won't keep children on the subs bench for a whole match just to win a match. All our coaches are dedicated to this and will give all team players the chance to play in all matches it's important to us to allow the children to develop and gain confidence in what they do.

One thing we are big believers in equal opportunities. Allowing boys and girls to play together. We do have a few girls playing for Elmswell youth but would love for more to join our ever growing club.

If you would like to follow all the news at Elmswell Youth we have many social media platforms which include fixtures, pictures and upcoming events.

Twitter: @elmswellyouthfc

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If you have a child that is interested in playing please don't hesitate to contact us

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Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. However, if the need arises, an Extraordinary Meeting can be called by the Chairman over the summer break to deal with urgent matters, dispensing with some of the regular monthly business. Unusually, this happened twice this year when Planning applications were submitted outside of a time frame that could be dealt with by the regular monthly meetings. Council met on 15th, as previously reported, and, again, on 31st at Blackbourne. There were 8 councillors present, along with Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow, and 30 members of the public. The next scheduled Ordinary Meeting took place on 19th September with 9 Councillors, 12 members of the public, District Council Ward Members Cllrs Sarah Mansel, & John Levantis all present, together with the Clerk.

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, 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 31st August Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Planning results

The following were noted as received from Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, having been supported by the Parish Council and permission granted. The Mid Suffolk Planning website gives full particulars under the appropriate reference numbers:

2680/16	Rear extension at 10, Baker's Mill
2802/16	Rear extension at White gates new Road
3036/16	Tree works at 110, Bennett Avenue
2918/16	External staircase at Beresford Barn, Ashfield Road
3282/16	Tree works at 11, Crabtree Meadow

Planning applications

Over the 2 meetings, the following Planning applications were supported:

3323/16	Removal of Planning condition restricting occupancy at The Coach Yard, Grove Lane
3383/16	Larger Home Extension notification at 29, Miller Close
3522/16	Bungalow at Yew Tree House, Ashfield Road

No comment was suggested ref 3660/16 for tree works at 20, Oxer Close. However, the Clerk was delegated to speak with the Suffolk Preservation Society towards formulating a response with regard to proposals for works at the 16th Century Tudor Cottages in School Road under references 3822/16 & 3473/16. This response drew attention to the minimal practical gain ensuing from this proposal and the lack of indication of the structural compensation required to maintain the building's integrity without a key support element. Although in this iteration the chimney breast is not related to the longer standing historic fabric of the cottages, it is the case that some sort of chimney and fireplace structure will have existed from the 16th Century build so as to

allow heating of all of the rooms. There is, inevitably, a diminution in the character of these buildings should there be no reference to this essential structural feature and no overwhelming argument in favour its removal

New radio mast

Having, at an earlier meeting, considered a consultation document regarding the proposed installation of another radio mast to improve local mobile telephone reception on the Station Road Industrial Estate adjacent to the Bacon Factory site, Councillors reiterated their early concerns in objecting to the application under reference 3633/16. The reservations have since been echoed by the developer of the adjacent 190 dwelling development on the redundant Bacon Factory site. The proposal is appropriate in the current industrial setting, but, as Messrs Taylor Wimpey have demonstrated, it will pose an intrusive and possibly harmful neighbour to their new estate, particularly at Plot No. 30 immediately adjacent. Whilst appreciating that the proposal site represents the best choice amongst those considered when siting this facility, the immediate future development places it in an inappropriately residential context and should be re-thought. For this reason, Councillors urged rejection of this application.

Planning application for 60 new houses off Borley Crescent

Councillors wholeheartedly supported the representations against this proposal made by neighbouring residents and urged rejection for the following reasons:

- 1 The access to the proposed development of 60 dwellings via Blackbourne Road and Borley Crescent presents a serious hazard. The feeder road, Blackbourne Road, from its junction with Ashfield Road, serves Orchard Close (32 dwellings), Pye's Meadow (39 dwellings), Borley Crescent (46 dwellings) and Blackbourne Road itself (77 dwellings). The addition of 60 new

dwellings would require this road and its junction to accommodate the traffic from 254 dwellings with no other access. Given the current experience of on-street parking and existing traffic flows, Blackbourne Road and its junction with Ashfield Road are close to maximum safe capacity and will not, without hazard, cope with the extra traffic load suggested by this Application. There are particular concerns regarding access for emergency vehicles. Further, the Permission granted under 3918/15 for 190 dwellings on the redundant Harris site places the access to this development in very close proximity to the Blackbourne Road junction and almost directly opposite.

The foregoing clearly suggests that this proposal runs counter to Local Plan Policy T10 with specific reference to the requirements for:

- The provision of safe access to and egress from the site;
 - The suitability of existing roads giving access to the development, in terms of the safe and free flow of traffic;
 - Whether the amount of traffic generated by the proposal will be acceptable in relation to the capacity of the road network in the locality of the site.
- 2 The Applicant's Transport Assessment, para 4.6 refers, is incorrect in its extrapolation of the parking spaces required under the Suffolk Guidance for Parking Standards. From the house types indicated there is a need for 103 spaces which cannot be accommodated on the indicative layout which forms part of the Application. This goes against Local Plan Policy T9 which requires that development proposals will normally be required to provide for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles on the application site.
 - 3 The traffic flow assumptions made in the Transport Assessment which forms part of this application allow for the anticipated loading from the Harris

development on junctions but not on the serious and hazardous pinch point which is the railway crossing. Furthermore, the assessment of arrival rates at the crossing are made on an even-distribution basis which ignores the very real and observable problems of clustering. With 190 houses from the Harris site and 60 houses under this proposal, there should be consideration by the Authority, prior to any Permission for this scheme, of an impact assessment towards Local Plan Policy T1 objectives seeking to benefit the free flow of traffic through Elmswell, improved accessibility to industrial and commercial areas at Grove Lane and beyond and the improvement, rather than degradation, of the quality of life for residents. The clear aspirational direction suggested by the emerging Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan for a relief road over the railway line should be investigated towards possible developer contribution.

- 4 Core Strategy Policy CS 6 requires that new development will be expected to provide or support the delivery of appropriate and accessible infrastructure to meet the justifiable needs of that development. It requires that consideration be given to the timing of infrastructure provision and accepts that development may need to be phased to ensure the proper provision of infrastructure. The listed local priorities for which infrastructure contributions may be sought include utility provision, transport infrastructure, healthcare and education. It is clearly the case that, in all 4 of these key areas, the provision of infrastructure set against the Harris site permission coupled with the proposals here is badly deficient, viz:
- Transport and highways, as above, cannot cope without contributions towards an initiative to bypass the railway crossing;
 - The health centre at Woolpit continues to show signs of strain under current patient loading and has not demonstrated a strategy to deal with recent dramatic proposed increases across its catchment, including from this proposal;
 - The Anglian Water foul sewer network is stressed within Elmswell and at the treatment works in Kiln Lane... the requirements of 190 dwellings at the Harris site impose a serious strain and this application seeks to make the situation untenable;
 - SCC Education has recently published to the Press the fact that the Harris development will create overcrowding at Elmswell School and the need for expansion on the very constrained school site...this proposal can only make these shortcomings the more damaging to the community.

In light of the above, Councillors feel that the following observations should be seriously considered by Planning Committee members:

- A The very unusual nature of the feeder road situation, seeking, as it does, to add 60 houses to the existing 194 dwellings off a junction to the east soon to be faced by another almost opposite to the west and servicing an initial 190 new dwellings, deserves evaluation on the ground. The situation may not be fully appreciated by Members whose acquaintance will largely be as through-traffic travellers along Ashfield Road. Members are urged, therefore, to agree to a site visit and to walk the access route.
- B The Application has the means of access as the only Planning Condition to be imposed. To leave the number and type of dwellings as Reserved Matters stands to jeopardised what is an acceptable scheme in its regard to density and layout by leaving open the chance and likelihood of a later negotiation towards larger, less appropriate, dwellings on grounds of an over-sympathetic Viability Assessment. Should Permission be granted it should enshrine the house types and density as per the indicative layouts presented with the current application.
- C Notwithstanding any of the above, the Permitted Development Rights pertaining to any permission should be constrained so that garage and parking spaces within the development shall, in perpetuity, be retained and remain free of obstruction except for the purposes of manoeuvring and parking of vehicles specific to the enjoyment of the occupants of the relevant property.

Orchard Cottage Councillors considered an application, ref. 3021/16, for the erection of a bungalow on land to the rear of Orchard Cottage, New Road, utilising vehicular access recently approved as part of Planning permission 4170/15. They objected to the application and urged refusal on the following grounds:

There is a clear and blatant breach of Condition 3 of Permission granted on 15.01.16 under reference 4170/15. This requires that, at the time of completion of the access which formed part of that application as drawing P3915-02:

... all other means of vehicular access within the frontage as ref. drawing P3915-01 shall be permanently and effectively stopped up in a manner which previously shall have been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority...

The condition was an essential prerequisite to the Permission as it effectively addressed a serious traffic hazard and threat to road safety

by removing vehicular access from Orchard Cottage directly on to the dangerous bend at the 3-way junction of New Road, The Street and Cooks Road where the sweep of the bend and the priority accorded to New Road / The Street through traffic results in a fast blind spot for pedestrians. This is particularly relevant in the context of children walking to Elmswell School and to the adjacent nursery. The new access is completed. The original access has been retained to service Orchard Cottage. Its continued use is implicit in this application.

Should this application succeed, the original hazard would remain and would be exacerbated by a doubling of domestic traffic accessing the highway at this point. Apart from the contravention of the key Condition in 4170/15, this proposal is in direct conflict with Local Plan Policy T10.

A14 corridor Planning liaison The Clerks and Chairmen of Elmswell, Thurston and Woolpit Parish Councils recently met at the invitation of Mid Suffolk with Planning officers and Ward Members to discuss the advantages of a collaborative approach to the recent spate of applications for large developments in these and other communities along the A14. The realities of the current Planning constraints were discussed and all agreed that the strain on the 4 main areas of infrastructure - Highways, Health Services, Education and Utilities - needed to be addressed by the agencies involved in their provision. A County Council Highways officer is to be asked to address the next meeting with a view to a better understanding by the representatives of local communities of appropriate ways to argue a case for adequate provision in the face of what is seen by many as unacceptable extra traffic loading.

Pre- application Planning approaches

The Council already has a firm protocol which governs the way it must deal with approaches from developers prior to the submission of Planning applications. It has been, additionally, agreed that any such consultation must take place with the Chairman and Vice chairman of the Planning Committee together with the Clerk and that a written report must be tabled at the next proximate meeting of full Council.

Wesley chapel site

The Clerk confirmed that the due process towards acquiring the facility for the community is proceeding as anticipated with requisite searches undertaken and a structural engineer's report commissioned together with a specific ancillary investigation and report on the dry rot in the chapel. There were several comments of appreciation and thanks when public input was invited together with assurances that the users of the current facility had been supportive of the Council's initiative all the way.



Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 17th October at 7.30pm in The Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at www.elmswell.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.

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From the Parish Clerk's Report to the Extraordinary Meeting 15th August 2016

I was concerned at the suggestion at the Council meeting on 15th August of any impropriety on Council's part in the matter of pre-application meetings with developers. The issue arose from the statement by a member of the public that he had been told by the developer's agents, Pegasus Planning, at the public consultation meeting held at Blackbourne on 21st July, that they had had 4 meetings with the Parish Council. The 2 meetings including EPC that were held, on 06.11.15 & 11.07.16, are a matter of formal record having been reported back to Council and those reports duly minuted. No other meetings were held between the developer and/ or the agent and the Parish Council.

It was my feeling that there was the possibility some innocent confusion between meetings which had been held with Mid Suffolk or others and those which were held with Parish Council representatives. I sent the following response to the resident concerned:

I was approached by Pegasus Group on 7th October 'interested in meeting ... regarding their land interests in Elmswell.' Subsequently, Fred, myself and Sarah Mansel met with Robert Barber & Jenny Moor on 6th November. Sarah co-ordinated the meeting on the understanding that Pegasus had already spoken with Mid Suffolk in discussions to which she was not party. The subsequent minuted report to the 16th November PC meeting reads:

15.11.13

Noted: The following when any other Planning Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:

13.1 The Clerk reported that he and the Chairman had attended, at the invitation of Cllr Mrs Mansel, a meeting with agents of Endurance

Estates who have an interest in land in the village which they would like to be considered when the Neighbourhood Plan Group consults on specific site allocations. Cllr Mansel had confirmed the position of the Steering Group which is that, guided by professional advice and in close liaison with both District and County Planning officers, it is assessing the community's priorities in advance of being in a position to consider the possibilities suggested when the District Planning Authority's 'call for sites' exercise are published.

13.2 The Clerk reported on a meeting attended by himself, Cllr Pallett, Cllr Mrs Mansel and Cllr Levantis convened at the request of Messrs Taylor Wimpey to discuss the forthcoming detailed Planning application for 190 dwellings at the Bacon Factory site. In light of feedback from residents who had attended the public consultation on the proposals, it was confirmed that the developer might better satisfy the needs of the community by including more bungalows and small affordable market dwellings, such as flats, whilst avoiding the siting of dwellings facing on to Ashfield Road where on-street parking would, inevitably, pose a problem.

13.3 The Clerk brought to the Meeting's attention a proposal from the Chief Planning Development Officer at MSDC to convene a meeting including Parish Council representatives and Ward Members towards explaining the strategic planning process as it applies to the Call for Sites submissions affecting Elmswell.

I have included the rest of that Minute as I feel that it demonstrates the breadth of our reporting of such matters.

The second meeting was held on 11th July this year attended by myself, Fred, Shaun, Sarah, Peter Edmonds, Jane Storey & John Levantis. This was the subject of a presentation by myself with the aid of the developer's draft layouts on the screen, Minuted thus:

16.07.15

Noted: The following when any other Planning Committee business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:

15.1 It was noted that a meeting was held under Council's Pre-Application Protocol on 11.07.16 with the Planning Consultant and Developer together with the Chairman and Vice chairman of Council, the Vice chairman of Council's Planning Committee, all 3 Ward Members and the Clerk regarding a public consultation due 21.07.16 on proposals for development at Warren Lane and at Wetherden Road.

I have since had the following confirmation, having made enquiry of the developer's agent:

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your email. I've reviewed our records and your understanding is correct, two meetings were held on 6 November 2015 and 11 July 2016. Another meeting was held with Mid Suffolk District Council officers on 17 March 2016, which I should imagine is where the misunderstanding has arisen.

I hope this helps but let me know if you have any further queries.

With best regards,
Jamie Robert, Planner, Pegasus

The mistake is, I suggest, entirely understandable and I trust that any doubt has been removed.

Peter Dow

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October 2016

- 3 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church 7.45pm - Modern Day Nursing with Alice Skull
- 5 Elmswell Exchange W.I. Andrea Davey - Let's Build a Gingerbread House
- 6 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 11 Elmswell WI we meet at The Blackbourne for 7.30pm Elmswell Butchers Speaker Alistair
- 13 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Christine Redington: "Women's Work in the Great War"
- 14 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 17 Spinning Wheel Theatre production of CASANOVA 7.30pm at Blackbourne
- 18 Gardening Club 7.30pm Blackbourne Talk: Good Companions
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Mr. Parfitt Return to Bhutan in the Himalayas Raffle
- 20 Over 55's Club Mike Reed entertains OPEN EVENING
- 21 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 28 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

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 St John's Christmas Fair at the Blackbourne 2pm-4pm
- 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
- 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

December 2016

- 3 Over 55's Club Xmas Party with "Jim Bob Duo"
- 4 Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group Christmas Party 2016
- 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 "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
- 16 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

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January 2017

- 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"

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?"

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

April 2017

- 13 **Elmswell History Group's 17th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall.** 7.30pm, Speaker Chloë Cockerill: "East Anglian Saints, including St Edmund"

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*

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*

July 2017

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



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

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Karate 5.00 - 7.00

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SPINNING WHEEL THEATRE PRESENTS



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CASANOVA



THE ADVENTURES OF THE WORLDS GREATEST LOVER

Based on the memoirs of history's most notorious lover, this fast-paced, furiously funny production charts the legendary lothario's exploits across Europe. From his early childhood school days, to his loves, his losses, and his scandalous misadventures.

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This production contains scenes of a sexual nature, and is suitable for ages 15+

Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell, Monday 17th October – 7.30pm

Tickets: £9.50 (£7.50 concessions)

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