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# The Elmswell Newsletter



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August 2017

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## There is a certain quiet joy when, at the end of a meal with friends in a pub or restaurant, everyone agrees to split the bill equally whilst the next door table decides to go with a settlement from each according to their meal.

Watching the restrained fury of fellow diners trying to decide who should pay for a side order of chips when several people dipped into them and how to apportion the wine when there are, clearly, two sizes of glass....and the tip...

Which leads us, inevitably, you will undoubtedly agree, to taxation. If that's not obvious, do bear with us.

No doubt a team of bright young things at Cambridge (the one just down the road or the one in Massachusetts USA, it makes little difference) are busily exploring the further reaches of 'The Internet Of Everything' by linking street lights to mobile 'phones. In the continuously emerging Brave New World, this will mean that, as you walk home from the Co-op / pub / Blackbourne on a winter's evening, individual street lights will sense your digital presence and turn themselves on. Nokia users need not apply. That's the good bit. The slightly less cheering thought is that you will be charged for the privilege. Some ethereal accountant will be totting up your electricity bill whenever you walk the streets at night. And debiting your less ethereal bank account.

Forgetting the slight drawback that someone, somewhere, will know where you've been in the dead of night, this is, surely a Good Thing? Why should we all pay for street lights that only some of us use only some of the time and many of us, needing no life outside of Netflix and reality TV, use hardly at all?

And why not take it further? Road charging seems inevitable. It would be very easy to sell tickets for using the library. Schools already ask for donations towards 'incidentals' such as text books, and certain fiddly body parts - teeth and eyes - are already well outside of the Aneurin Bevan NHS 'free for all at the point of delivery' dictum. The 'free for all' now seems to apply more appropriately to the hedge funds which own the 'health providers'.

Taxation, then, is paying for less. But costing us more.

At a local level it is equally true, and equally sneaky. For some years now the County and District councils have started charging for services which we once took granted - they will still empty our litter & dog bins, for example, but they charged our parish council £1,290.00 last year...we still paid for it, but the District can claim 'savings' and the Parish stands accused of pushing the rates up.

Then there is the slightly more obvious tactic of just not doing the job we pay for. Across the board, from Policing to grass cutting, from safety markings on our roads to dog wardens, we feel abandoned - and, please, no-one mention potholes. Austerity is the watchword, other than in the pay of the higher-ups in the Local Government world, and with more 'savings' in the tens of millions of pounds due, we can safely fall back on our favourite quotation provider, Charles Dickens, and accept that we are on the slippery slope to Hard Times.

There is a glimmer of hope. We could start doing the jobs ourselves, or paying someone on our behalf to do it for us. For the past few years, Suffolk Constabulary have offered a 'part-funding' package whereby communities can have 'their own' Police Community Support Officer. They couldn't work after 6.00pm and they were likely to be called away to look after football matches or suspicious packages in Ipswich, so, at £32k a pop they hardly seemed value for money. But better schemes could be devised.

Step forward Elmswell Parish Council. Their proposal, for a Village Warden, seeks to address in a small way the clear shortcomings of some of the service provision which once kept our streets cleaner and safer. Road signs can be scrubbed and cleared of vegetation, dog fouling, fly tipping, autumn leaf fall and littering can be quickly removed. Unintentional nuisance, be it

parking or overgrown hedges, can have attention drawn to it informally, which is all it usually takes...a Council presence about the place can be reassuring in many ways.

But, hang on, haven't we already paid for this sort of thing? Shouldn't the Police be reminding people that they shouldn't park dangerously? Shouldn't Suffolk County Council be cleaning our road signs and making them visible? Shouldn't Mid Suffolk be keeping the pavements clear of leaves?

Yes they should. And, No, they won't. For the foreseeable future the priorities of the ordinary rural taxpaying resident will be subsumed under the trendier urban-liberal agendas of the Twittering classes and our local government resources will be diverted away from what matters to what looks good in the Press. So, we pay twice, or we put up with a vastly inadequate service.

Will we end up installing our own road signs - highlighting the advisory HGV route for a start? Or painting our own white lines on the road - the crossing outside the Co-op is almost gone completely? Or hiring a security patrol to keep an eye on the village at night and have a quiet word on our behalf with the boy racers? Our superb Community Speed Watch volunteers already report on increasing problems in the face of a decreasing Police presence - maybe we should be campaigning for the right to levy our own fines to help pay for the technology to keep our roads safe?

It would be interesting to hear your views - either to our Councillors, as listed on page 19, or back to your Newsletter. Or you could have a word with the Village Warden?



...road signs can be cleaned...

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# ELMS FEST

## ELMSFEST

New for 2017, Elmsfest replaces the old Elmswell Autumn Fayre, which ran for many years and attracted vast numbers of people from all around the county.

With similar aims, we have already been inundated with requests from local charities, groups and performers and hope to encourage people of all ages to join us and enjoy a fun packed afternoon, which we are sure will not disappoint!

A fantastic line up of local artists and bands will have you singing and dancing around the main stage, plus we are extremely excited to announce the return of Kangaroo Kid, who always had the crowd on the edge

of their seats with his death-defying stunt bike performances and he'll be entertaining you with two performances throughout the afternoon.

But that's not all... as you can see on the poster, many attractions and stalls are already confirmed and if you're an animal lover, there will be a chance to get up close and personal with the alpacas and other child friendly animals in our petting zoo, test your dog in the agility course and maybe even treat your kids to a pony ride!

Plus, BBC Radio Suffolk's Wayne Bavin will be there to compère the event, ensuring you're kept fully entertained throughout your stay! Elmsfest will be taking place at The Blackbourne Community Centre,

in Elmswell, on Sunday 03 September, from 12noon to 6pm...so why not come early, have lunch with us from one of our many food stalls and bar and stay late to enjoy all there is to offer!

Entry is just £2.00 per person, with children under 16 going FREE! Car parking costs just £1.00 and we can guarantee that you won't leave disappointed!

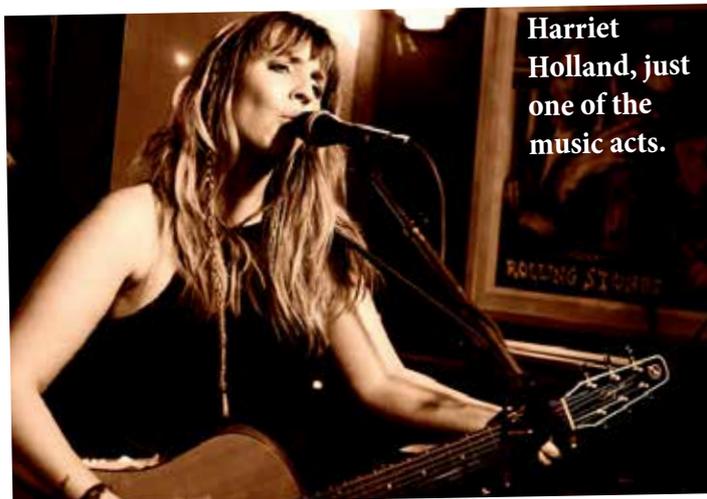
### However, we need your help!

If you, or anyone you know, can spare an hour or two to help volunteer on the gate, supervise an attraction or help make a few sandwiches before the fair begins, please get in touch. We would be more than happy to supply you with free entry and refreshments.

If you're interested in helping out, please email [bookings@elmsfest.com](mailto:bookings@elmsfest.com) or send us a message on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/elmsfest](http://www.facebook.com/elmsfest) Thank you!



The Kangaroo Kid in action!



Harriet Holland, just one of the music acts.

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## ELMSWELL W.I.

For our outing, this year, we decided to pay a visit to Corncraft and we received a warm welcome. When we arrived, we spent about half an hour looking at all the cards and interesting things for sale. It is a perfect place to find presents for friends and family.

Afterwards, we were given a talk about the origin of the business. Years ago, they used to sell produce at the farm gate. One of the family traditions has always been making corn dollies, a custom which originated in Egypt, 2000 years ago. People believed that by making an image of the corn goddess with cornstalks from the harvest, they would keep her alive for the following season. The Romans brought the craft to Britain and each county has developed its own style, symbolic of the area, eg. a heart represents love, friendship and fertility.

The corn dollies sold extremely well and eventually people wanted to know how to make them and classes were set up. The business grew and grew over the years and it now consists of a café, a large shop and an art gallery.

After some delicious homemade refreshments, consisting of scones with jam and cream and an assortment of cakes, we learnt how to make our own corn dollies. An old-fashioned strain of wheat with longer, hollow stems is used and is grown on the farm, because it is much more suitable for weaving than the modern varieties. It has to be cut before the wheat is completely ripe, so that the seeds are not lost, and is carefully dried and prepared. We had a very pleasant evening.

Eight members celebrated birthdays, this month, including Rachel, who will be eighty! One of our members, Stephanie Lester, submitted an entry for the Coronation Cup competition, which is held annually by the W.I. This year, it was staged at Woolpit Village Hall on 14.7. The theme was a flower arrangement based on a work of art. Stephanie chose "The Blue Boy" by Thomas Gainsborough and used lovely blue flowers, including larkspur and cornflowers with silver and white accents. There was also a plumed hat, to represent the one held by the boy in the painting. Stephanie's many hours of hard work were rewarded by a third prize! We are really proud of her efforts. Well done Stephanie!



At our August meeting, there will be a speaker from the Dogs Trust with a canine companion.

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652

## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month's meeting was our AGM. Apologies were taken from several members.

Our thoughts are particularly with Barbara Yeates at this time as she is in hospital after an accident.

The future of the club was uncertain but someone is willing to stand as Chair at the 2018 AGM. The committee are willing to continue running the club until 2018. Sylvia nominated Juliet to continue as acting Chair and the rest of the committee. This motion was carried. Juliet reminded members of our various activities in the last year, such as our Christmas lunch, a trip to Felixstowe and a variety of speakers. Juliet thanked the committee for their support during the last year and asked the members to come forward with any ideas.

Sylvia Walton was presented with a card and token in recognition of all her hard work on behalf of the club. She will be a hard act to follow.

Next month's meeting will be a Bring and Share lunch. Members were reminded to bring their crockery and cutlery with them as well as the food they signed up for. This meeting will start at 1 pm.

If any member was absent please contact Carol for further details.

Our September meeting will be a trip to Oulton Broads.

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## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

The annual group outing this year on Saturday 15 July was a visit to West Stow Country Park and Anglo Saxon Village. Thanks to our guide, who was helpful and well-informed, the morning went very well. We were shown round the village which he made 'come to life', giving us an idea of what it would have been like in AD 420 when the first Anglo Saxons came to settle in the area.

There is no meeting in August; the next meeting will be on 14 September at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall, when our speaker will be Julia Barrett - "Mrs Pretty, a Businesswoman's Role in World War 1"

Please note that Annual Subscriptions will be due at this meeting.

The 2017-18 Members' programme should be popping through your door by the end of August.

For more information about the group, visit our website [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) or telephone Stella Chamberlin on 01359 242601.

## ELMSWELL CAMERA GROUP

Hello everyone

It's nearly time to start another year at the Elmswell Camera Group. I hope you have all been busy with your cameras over the summer months.

The major news for the group is that we are moving to the Wesley Hall but it will still be on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm as usual.

We are a small but growing and friendly group with the focus more on the learning and practical of photography. So if you want to learn more about your camera, why not come and join us.

We start the season on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm Wesley Hall. The programme so far,

**Tuesday 5th Sept.**

The effect of crop sensor cameras on lens. Hopefully with practical demonstrations.

**Tuesday 3rd Oct.**

Freezing the action. A demonstration on how to freeze the action using flash.

**Tuesday 7th Nov.**

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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

We all enjoyed an excellent July meeting. Mary, our President, welcomed two new members, Sharon from Bacton and Wendy from Haughley. Our speaker for the afternoon was Jenny Steer who has a small business called "Burnt Inn". This is very appropriate as she creates amazing art work burnt into wood with a pyrography pen. She told us her story from the time at Art College studying nature and botanical art, and eventually finding her true love in this particular field. In between there was a break for bringing up a family. There is no doubt that she has a huge talent. Her studio is a shed in the garden which she calls her haven. Her drawings are reproduced on wood, pine being her favourite. She then sculpts the design with her hot pen and I do mean hot !! Her work has a mythical quality. Jenny demonstrated how she does this and it certainly smoked a bit. The finished piece is then varnished to protect it. She brought along a

wide selection of her work and there was plenty of choice for the ladies to browse through from larger plaques to cards.



Jenny only asked that we provide some cake. This we did and in addition a lemon drizzle cake for her to take home. She tells me that this "didn't live long"! What a lovely and inspiring lady. Our competition was a decorated wooden item. First was Betty Phillips, second Dot and third Barbara. Congratulations to them.

On July 19<sup>th</sup> we go off to the Thetford Garden Centre for lunch and Shopping. Our next meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Garden Party. She who plants a tree plants hope. Carol is our hostess again this year. The competition is a

flower arrangement in a tea cup (no saucer).

We are a friendly, informal group and welcome new members and guests.

For further details call Maureen on 241033.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July we have a trip to Thetford Garden Centre for lunch and shopping. Our next meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August is our Annual Garden Party and Carol is once again our hostess. We are a friendly, informal group and welcome new members and guests to our meetings.

For further details contact Maureen on 241033.

Rosie Collins  
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## ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

Everyone present had a very enjoyable evening on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> for the visit by the "Jubilee Ladies Choir".

July 27<sup>th</sup> was a coach trip to London to the Royal Hospital at Chelsea for Lunch and a Guided Tour lead by some of the Pensioners.

For those members who are not going to Bournemouth on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting at the Blackbourne on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> which is being run by some of the

committee which is likely to be Bingo and a chat over Tea & Coffee. The Minibus will pick up at Manns Court and Prestcott Drive at 6 30pm.

Our next meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> will be our "Harvest Supper" with the committee doing the catering.

Also members will need to book for our next trip (September 21<sup>st</sup>) menus will be available to complete.

Just to remind everybody that we are attending Elmsfest on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Blackbourne where we will have a Cake Stall also with New Clothes and Bric a Brac on sale.

On Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> our Proms and Picnic will take place outside weather permitting. Bring the children along for a picnic from 6.00pm, we also have a Burger Van on site, the concert starting at 7 30pm

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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The sunshine and holiday spirit have arrived in Elmswell Library and with it the annual Summer Reading Challenge – welcome this year to the Animal Agents!

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As I write 45 children have already signed up and they're reading their books and will be collecting their rewards when they visit our wonderful group of volunteers. The children simply have to read six books over six weeks, come to the library at the times below to talk to a volunteer and collect their Animal Agent-inspired rewards. It's an invaluable part of the year for the library, and it encourages children to continue reading for pleasure throughout the holidays.

The timetable until September 2nd is:

Saturday and Sunday 11am-12pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 2.30-3.30pm

Each session is one hour long and for all those children who complete the six books there will be the usual cake-fuelled medal and certificate evening on Friday, September 15th.

All this would not be possible without our volunteers who year-after-year return to talk and listen to the children taking part in the challenge. A huge thank you once more from all of us at the library.

And this year we also have the ImagiNation programme *Read Me!* for 10-18-year-olds, which combines literacy and art. Youngsters can just collect book belts from the library and when they enjoy a book and would like to share their thoughts with other young people they can wrap a belt around the book with their thoughts written or drawn on and display it when they return it to the library.

While these activities go on through the summer our wonderful volunteer Alison, who has been running the Baby Bounce and Tot Rock groups on Friday mornings will be taking a well-deserved rest. Thank you for everything you have done this year, see you in September.

Similarly for the adults – please note that the Community Café will not meet in August and will resume on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Dorothy's Café, and the Family History Group will break for the summer and meet again in September – if you are interested in joining the group, there are now a couple of spaces to start investigating your family history with the help of some keen amateurs. Just leave your name in the library for more details.



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

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

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## ELMSWHEELIANS 2017

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July was a very dull day, always with a threat of rain, but 30 minutes before our start time at 6.30 p.m. the clouds started to clear and we were blessed with a lovely evening for our ride.

16 riders set off on a 16 mile adventure that took us out of the village down Church Hill, into the centre of Woolpit, on to Woolpit Green, Clopton Green, Rattlesden, up the hill to High Town Green and into Felsham via Lower Green. In Felsham were relaxed for a few minutes on Upper Green to enjoy a delightful village setting. From there it was on to Gedding, Drinkstone Green, back to Woolpit Green, Borley Green, and home via Warren Lane to our final watering-hole, "The Fox".

A very enjoyable evening ride through some beautiful Suffolk countryside, and a good reward for those who decided the only way to go was 'all the way' !!!

### Next Ride planned :

Friday 11th August (evening ride - starting at 6.30 p.m. - 15 miles approx.).

More dates to follow for the autumn / winter months.

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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St John's in Elmswell! If you'd like to know about our church, please get in touch! Revd Peter Goodridge, 01359 240512, elmswellrector@gmail.com, www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk ...and find us on facebook.

This summer we're excited about our new curate - Ernest Okeke! Ernest was ordained deacon in Bury St Edmunds cathedral in June 2017 and he now joins us in Elmswell for his curacy. If you see him, please say "hello!" and welcome him to Suffolk :) Ernest was born in the south eastern part of Nigeria and has lived in Rome since 1991. Ernest's wife and four children are currently in Nigeria, but will hopefully move to Elmswell soon.

Some twenty one of our St John's members recently organised a reflective pilgrimage to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. This included a tour led by David Rees, with prayers led by Peter Goodchild, at The Crossing, The Quire, The Edmund Gate, and The Font. They enjoyed choral evensong - led by a visiting choir from Connecticut, USA - and a bible reading spoken by Brenda Webb. Then, they enjoyed tea and cakes supplied by the Friends of the Cathedral and met the Sub Dean Rev Matthew Vernon. A most enjoyable and uplifting time was had :)

In July, we had our Annual Church BBQ. This event is always a huge success. We are blessed to have the spacious rectory garden to hold this event. Delicious burgers, sausages and salads were enjoyed by everyone :) Garden games, like 'big jenga' and table tennis and a trampoline were enjoyed by the (slightly) younger attendees. Our social events are excellent opportunities to get to know other members of our church family and enjoy the community we are so lucky to live and serve in.

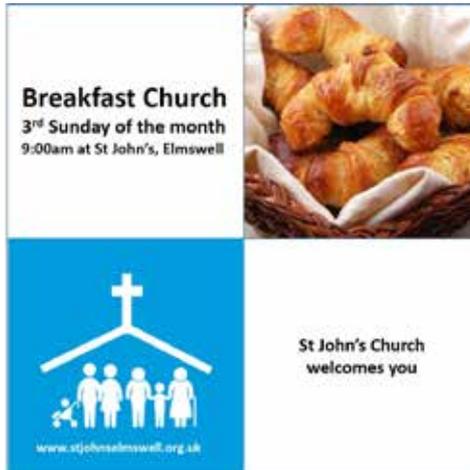
Some of our regular meetings take a break over the summer holidays, but don't worry, everything starts up in September. Our regular meetings include: choir and music groups, small bible focused home groups, CYFR - our youth group, ladies lunches and mens breakfasts. Keep an eye on our facebook page, website and weekly notice sheets for more information. The Sunday Services run every week.

St John's is a friendly, evangelical church. Our goal is to know Christ and make him known as we serve our community. Our services include a mix of contemporary worship songs and traditional hymns and reveal our reliance on the Bible as the Word of God and our trust in the Holy Spirit. We are a broad range of people including families with young and grown-up children, pensioners, young professionals and many others. Whoever you are, whatever your age, you're very welcome to join us. :)

**Sunday 6th August**  
9:30am All Age Service  
11:00am BCP Holy Communion

**Sunday 13th August**  
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:30am Parish Praise (all age)

**Sunday 20th August**  
9:30am Breakfast Service  
(breakfast from 9:00am)  
11:00am Holy Communion



**Sunday 27th August**  
10:30am Family Communion  
**Sunday 3rd September**  
9:30am All Age Service  
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer with Communion

## THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

The Friends of St John's Church, Elmswell. On 9 July at 10.30am we held the 22nd Annual Service of the Friends, when the preacher was Miriam Fife. During the service the choir sang 'How can I keep from singing', Carol Blissett and Jean Folkard read from the Bible and Linda Barber led the prayers. The service was followed by a buffet lunch, prepared by the Committee. Our next event will be the Harvest Horkey on 22 September. More details about this next month.

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- 10 remembering Trevor Borley with love on his Birthday. From all the family.
- 18 in loving memory of Dean Goodchild. Love, Colin. xx.
- 19 in memory of John Davidson on his Birthday - gone but never to be forgotten. Ann, James and family.
- 21 remembering John Bennington on his Birthday.  
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- 22 in loving memory of Betty Margaret Greathead.
- 26 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.

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*Father David Finegan*

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## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

We hope you like our new look chapel! All being well we will have completed the transformation by painting the bits we didn't ask the professional painter to do.

If you're going away over the summer, even if it's day trips out, we trust you will have real "Holydays" and will come back refreshed mentally, physically and spiritually. If the children are getting on your nerves (or you're getting on theirs!) after a few weeks, send them along to the Watt-a-Lott Castle Holiday Club at the Blackbourne from August 14th to 17th, 9.30am to 12.30pm each day. They will have a great time which you'll be able to find out about at the Sausage Supper and final session on the evening of Thursday 17th. Telephone 245981 to register them or bring them along on the Monday morning at 9.15am. It's £12.50 per child for the 4 days (or pro-rata if they can't come every day) with a maximum of £25 per family.

Our midweek activities take a break in August but will resume in September:-

The Ladies Friendship Group resume meetings on Monday September 4th at 7.45pm when Rev. Barbara Challis will be talking about her work as a Hospital Chaplain. Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information.

Food & Friends have a month off in August, the next meal will be at midday on Thursday September 7th (note it's on the 1st and not the 2nd Thursday of the month). A chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. New diners are always welcome, you are assured of a warm and friendly reception. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

We are grateful to all those who come to preach each week. Our preachers at our 10.30am services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

August 6th	Rev. Paul Hills (inc Communion)
August 13th	Stephen Spurgeon (All-Age Service)
August 20th	Stephen Spurgeon
August 27th	The Congregation
September 3rd	Mark Partridge (inc Communion)

An advance notice is our Harvest Weekend the first weekend in October. We are holding a Harvest Family Barn Dance on the Saturday (7th) at The Blackbourne at 7pm. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for under 18's which includes a picnic-style supper and soft drinks. At our All-Age Harvest Service at 10.30am on October 8th we hope the Elmswell Scout Group will be joining us again and we will be having a Harvest BBQ to which all are invited after the service, please telephone 241541 to book your place for this and to purchase tickets for the Barn Dance.

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend any of the above events.

Visit our website at [www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk), email [cockant2@btinternet.com](mailto:cockant2@btinternet.com) or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

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## ELMSWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The end of July and the summer holidays are upon us, great for the kids and a challenge for parents to keep them occupied. Whilst my daughters are too young for school a lot of the activities they do don't run outside of term time either so it can be a challenge to keep them occupied. It's one of the reasons we are all so keen to keep toddlers running during the school holidays, and we welcome older siblings during these sessions (they often become craft modellers and kitchen helpers!). Our group is completely reliant on volunteers to help run and set up our sessions and we are grateful to all of the people who chip in and help to keep us going. We will be losing some of our volunteers as their children are off to school in September so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and support over the years they have been coming.

We kicked off July with a special treat for the children in the form of a bouncy castle (it was quite popular with some of the adults too and I have the photographs to prove it!). The children loved the chance to bounce around without having to compete with bigger children and it was great to see them having so much fun. The

summer barbecue was also a hit and thanks to Jenna who saved the day with barbecue implements. I think the award for the messiest eater has to go to my daughter Ellie, at ten months she attacks food with a lot of enthusiasm but not an awful lot of accuracy! It looks like we picked the best week for our barbecue too as the weather has taken a soggy turn.

We have a few other ideas for things to do during the summer including some fun crafts, possible trips out, a visit from Suffolk Mobile Sling Library on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and a chance to chase the adults round the garden. It's also only a few weeks to our toddler trip to Africa Alive and I'm really looking forward to it. Having never been before it will be somewhere new for me as well as the children. There's something fun about watching a group of toddlers explore their surroundings although it's exhausting trying to keep up! I'm betting it won't be just the kids who sleep well after that day out...

If you are new to the village, or parenthood, do come along and join us at Wesley Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30. We're a friendly group of mums, dads, grandparents and carers and we welcome new

adults and babies with open arms (literally, in the case of babies!!). Price is £1-£2 depending on how many children you bring, with your first session free. No need to book in advance, just show up and enjoy playing, crafting, snack time and song time at the end! We hope to see you soon!



## FRESCH



It's been another successful year for FRESCH with a Spring and Christmas Disco, cake sales, clothes recycling and the big finale, our Summer Fair! This year the Fair made an amazing £2151! Thank you to everybody for coming along and supporting this event. We also need to thank our amazing volunteers made up of teachers, parents, friends and grandparents for helping set up, running stalls and tidying away, we truly could not have done it without you all. We would also like to thank the following...

- Spi-des-ign for donating £100 for the raffle and printing our Fair flyers.
- The Allens for running a fantastic bbq.
- Sainsburys, BurySt.Edmunds, for donating food and drinks for the cafe and those of youth at donated cakes, including the kind ladies in the school kitchen
- Compass Point Recruitment for donating the wine for "WinaWine".
- Lorraine Brackenbury for the "Guess the Weight of the Cake" fruitcake.
- Sue Woods for donating prizes for "Hook aDuck".
- Elmswell Fire Brigade for sparing the time to bring their Fire engine along to the Fair for the children to explore.
- All of you that donated drink for the 'Barrow of Booze'

Thank you to all of the following companies for their monetary donations: British Sugar, The Railway Tavern, Clear Financial Services Ltd, JD & RJ Baker Farms, Colin Gould, Tesco Stowmarket.

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Thanks again for all your support of the past year and watch this space for future fundraising events!

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## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

### BioBlitz butterflies

We're still working through all the many records compiled during last month's BioBlitz at Lukeswood, but we have finalised the list of butterflies spotted. At least with butterflies there are only 59 species present in this country, so there isn't too much room for confusion! That said, it can be difficult to distinguish between some varieties of butterfly and very often you need a photograph or special close-focus binoculars to be absolutely sure. The Green-veined White, for example, looks very like the more common Small White, unless you can get a good look at the underside of the wing and spot the greenish-grey markings (as shown in our photo) which are absent in the Small White. The Ringlet and Meadow Brown have very similar flight patterns – flying low through long grass – and are superficially quite alike. Our photos show the Ringlet's distinctive ring pattern, which gives it its name, and the Meadow Brown's patch of orange and large 'eye' on the wing. Perhaps most difficult of all to identify are the Small and Essex Skippers which are identical except for two features: the tips of the antennae (brown for Small and Black for Essex), and the wing marking (straight for Essex and curved for Small). Not so easy, after all! Our final count for butterflies is 12 species: Red Admiral, Large White, Comma, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Small Skipper, Essex Skipper, Small Tortoiseshell, Gatekeeper, Small White, Green-veined White, and Purple Hairstreak.

If you fancy a walk and a bit of butterfly spotting, there's still just time to take part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count, which runs until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Go to [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org) where you can find out all you need to know to take part this year. There are some very useful downloads, ID charts, etc., and you can record and submit your sightings via an app (or online via the website if you prefer).

### Don't miss Apple Day at Lukeswood – Saturday 23rd September

This year our Apple Day will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 2.00 to 5.00. Apple Day is held to celebrate the season when our orchard fruits are at their best. As usual, our friend Roger from the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group (STOG) will be on hand with a fantastic collection of orchard fruits to look at and taste. STOG are THE experts on local varieties of fruit tree, so if you have fruit trees growing in your garden and don't know what they are, please bring along a few examples and get them identified. Roger is very knowledgeable on all those tricky topics such as pruning and grafting and will be delighted to answer your questions. There will also be craft stalls, a Treasure Hunt and lots of activities for all ages. This year refreshments will be provided by the Trefoil Guild; the ladies are already planning all the yummy cakes and goodies they'll be offering – not to be missed!

Apple Day at Lukeswood – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2.00-5.00. FREE ADMISSION! Do come and join us – everyone welcome!

### Why not have a stall at Apple Day this year?

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Mary Feeney

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It was a stunning, professionally-acted performance with some very ingenious, beautifully-created scenery.

If you're unfamiliar with the story, an orphaned girl is sent to live with her unwelcoming uncle and dour domestic staff in an even more unwelcoming house where frightening sounds punctuate the air. The girl hears a story about a secret garden associated with heartache and misery, so of course she goes exploring. In the process of bringing the garden back to life, she

starts to feel at home in the house and make friends with other children and the animals.

The animals in the story were beautifully manipulated puppets, which added to the sense of magic.

The performance was well-attended, and those who went said:

*'I think The Secret Garden was an outstanding performance and loved the puppets. The acting itself was brilliant and each character had wonderful versatility. Overall an amazing night' - audience member aged 10.*

*'I was amazed by the professional quality of the production using so few props and actors. It was excellent'*

*'Fantastic show. So well done I was convinced we were watching a cast of 10 or more. Loved the singing'*

*'Great performance and very believable actors. Engaging story - look forward to future plays'*

*'Very professional, fantastic and a very enjoyable evening'*

*'It was great to have such good-quality theatre here in Elmswell. Very magical and enjoyable'*

As well as Elmswell, the production toured other local villages, The Abbey Gardens in Bury St Edmunds and the New Wolsey Studio in Ipswich.

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The funded projects need to fall into one of the strategic priorities of MSDC – which are as follows:

### Economy and Environment

*Lead and shape the local economy by promoting and helping to deliver sustainable economic growth which is balanced with respect for wildlife, heritage and the natural and built environment.*



THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUFFOLK

## THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUFFOLK

We are a member branch of the Arts Society. Our aims are to promote the appreciation of the decorative and fine arts and the preservation of our artistic heritage. Founded in 1972, we meet monthly (October to June) for lectures on a wide range of topics by experienced and highly qualified lecturers accredited by The Arts Society. There are also 2 Study Days arranged during the year at which a subject is studied in greater depth. The Society organises visits to art galleries, museums and places of historic and artistic interest. There are also longer trips in the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have identified The Blackbourne as our new base for monthly meetings, starting with a Charity Lecture  
The History of the Square Mile  
Speaker Lance Whitehouse  
10.00 for 10.45 Tuesday 5th September  
Cost £10.00 per person

The event is raising money for art equipment as part of our young arts fund initiative supporting young people at Priory school with learning difficulties where, with our help, students last year gained GCSE Art for the first time.



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### Safe, Strong and Healthy Communities

*Encourage and support individuals and communities to be self-sufficient, strong, healthy and safe.*

Previously your district councillors gave funding towards the following projects in the Elmswell and Norton Ward:

- Elmswell Library Friends – coffee machine and cycle racks
- Norton Village Hall – cycle racks
- Tostock Village Hall – marquee and outdoor table tennis table

- Elmswell Millennium History Group – research project on the use of Ashfield Airfield during the First World War
- St John's Church, Elmswell – improvements to heating and roof alarm
- Elmswell Almshouses – improvements to windows
- Norton Parish Council – VAS signs
- Elmswell Parish Council – set up emergency plan

If any local groups wish to make an application for funding please get in touch with one of your District Councillors shown below. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September and the funding should be allocated by the end of October.

Sarah Mansel 01359 245247  
sarah.mansel@midsuffolk.gov.uk

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## ELMSWELL COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

Your councillors are:

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<b>Peter Edmonds</b> Little Acre Ashfield Road ELMSWELL IP30 9HJ	01359 241640 07860 395720	peterjedmonds@tiscali.co.uk	Vice chair Planning Committee	✓	✓
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<b>Chris Wiley</b> 28 Gardener's Walk ELMSWELL IP30 9 ET	07544 762448	chris.wiley@hotmail.co.uk	Blackbourne Management Association	✓	



## Club Results Played in the Weekly Bowls Leagues

Stowmarket & District Bowls League, Division 3 (Monday evening)			
29 May	Needham Market 'A'	A	Lost:67-78
5 June	Woodfield 'B'	H	Won: 79-70
12 June	Earl Stonham	A	Won: 90-59
19 June	Great Barton	H	Won: 96-53

Stowmarket & District Bowls League, Division 2 (Tuesday afternoon)			
23 May	Stowupland 'A'	A	Won: 48-18
30 May	Needham Market 'A'	H	Lost: 20-42
6 June	Rookery 'A'	A	Postponed
13 June	Debenham	A	Won: 46-26
20 June	Bacton	H	Lost: 23-49

Area 'D' Triples Bowls League, Division 1 (Tuesday evening)			
23 May	West Row 'A'		Won: 67-63
30 May	Brandon		Won: 58-56
6 June	League Cup (Round 2)		Won by default
13 June	Tuddenham		Lost: 48-93
20 June	Haughley		Won: 72-55

Stowmarket & District Triples Bowls League (Wednesday evening)			
24 May	St Botolphs	A	Lost: 52-72
31 May	Walsham Le Willows	H	Won:90-57
7 June	Needham Market	A	Won:73-65
14 June	Haughley	A	Won: 94-56

There is some delay in official results from the Stowmarket & District Leagues, which is probably due to holidays.

Bury & District Bowls League - Division 2 (Thursday evenings)			
25 May	Risbygate 'A'	A	Lost:61-67
1 June	St Botolphs 'A'	H	Lost:56-87
8 June	Shield (Preliminary Round)	H	Lost:59-87
15 June*	St Edmundsbury Blue	A	Win:74-63
22 June	Walsham le Willows	A	Win: 90-74

\* **Rink of the Week:** Tony Marsham, Pauline Collins, Dick Burch (Elmswell): 26-9

## ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

**Matches completed ahead of Final's Day (A & B) 2 & 3 September**

8th July **Over Cup**

Finalists:

Michael North vs David Begg

15th July **Mixed Pairs Competition**

Finalists:

Nick Chamberlin & Ian Tullett

vs

Leonne Whitehead & Michael North

**Forthcoming Club Events in August are:**

5th August Mens Singles Competition

5th August Drive 4

19th August Horseshoe Trophy

26th August Absent Friends Trophy (Drive 5)

**Annual Event**

The Tommy Cooper Memorial Trophy, held every year at the Risbygate Club, was won this year by St Botolphs and Elmswell came second.

**EBC Matches against other Clubs**

The newly-promoted Thursday Evening Team is in 4th place, as of 22 June. Also, the recently-promoted Tuesday Afternoon Team continue to hold their own in Division 2 of the Stowmarket & District League and are currently in mid-table.

*Trevor Clarke*





# ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB



### Latest Results

**Sunday 2nd July**  
Great Cornard 234 for 7  
Elmswell 136

**Sunday 9th July**  
Elmswell 130 for 7  
Freston 131 for 1

### Cricket Fest

Sunday 16th July saw Elmswell Cricket Club host a special match as part of the ECB's Cricket Fest promotion. Players from the cricket club joined forces with members of Elmswell FC and Elmswell Fire Station to create two high quality cricketing teams. A great game followed and was enjoyed by the friends and family who had come along to support those involved. Thank you to all those who took part, supported the day or who helped set up and run the event.

### New Players

We have welcomed several new players into the team this season but we are always looking for new players to keep both our teams thriving. Our Sunday team play in the Suffolk Cricket League (Division 5). Matches begin at 1:30pm most Sundays and are 40 overs per side. Our Wednesday evening team plays in the Stowmarket League and these matches are 20 overs a side, beginning at around 6:30pm.

If you are interested in taking up cricket for the first time or you have played before and would like to have another go then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the club by one of the methods below to find out more.



### 2017 Fixtures

Below are our latest fixtures for the 2017 season. These are subject to change so please visit our website to view the most up to date list.

### August

**Sunday 6th**  
Walsham le Willows (h)

**Sunday 13th**  
Horringer (a)

**Sunday 27th**  
Old Newton (h)

**September**  
**Sunday 3rd**  
Tendring Park (a)

### Contact Us

If you would like to contact the club, you can do so via one of these methods.

Call Ian on 01359 244139  
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The Neighbourhood Plan Strategy Group has not met for some weeks pending feedback from the professional Planning practices which have been approached with a view to appointing an appropriate agency to take forward the evidence gathered by the group, to work it up and augment as necessary to create a draft Plan for

submission in to the District Council. Beyond this stage, the Plan is the subject of a formal referendum seeking a 51% favourable vote which then means it is accepted as a Material Consideration in all Planning applications in the village. In effect this makes it Planning law with the status of a Local Plan.

10 appropriately skilled and experienced practices have been identified and contacted. Likely candidates will be interviewed towards a formal Recommendation to the Parish Council for appointment.

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

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## THE BLACKBOURNE & WESLEY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (BWMA)

For some 16 years the Blackbourne Management Association (BMA) has managed the village's facilities at Blackbourne on behalf of the Parish Council. It would seem sensible and fairly obvious that the community's newly acquired facility at Wesley on School Road should be taken under the very successful wing of the BMA. Hence the inaugural AGM of the new body held at Blackbourne on 12th July, attended by 37 residents, noted, in accordance with its Constitution, appointee members from 17 user groups, 3 Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, 4 elected members who have no affiliation with any of the user groups and 1 co-optee thought to be of particular value to the organisation.

The retiring BMA Chairman's Report highlighted the success of Blackbourne which, having topped £30,000.00 annual turnover, looks set to make an operating profit next year, even taking into account interest payments on the Public Works Loan Board loan used to fund elements of the various expansions and improvements. Caretaker Mark Edwards was commended for his contribution to the success, and the possibility of augmenting the management team with the addition of a Village Warden, currently advertised, should allow for the integration of the Wesley workload with no fall-off in the service at Blackbourne. The moving of the Parish Council office to Blackbourne has made a notable improvement to the management of the facilities there and made the ever-increasing call on staff time easier to manage. The Council's proposals to extend the

office, provide further storage and install Gents' urinals adjacent to the Chamberlayne Hall were welcomed. Thanks were extended to all who had supported the Parish Council led initiative to buy the Wesley and who had maintained faith in the exercise despite some bizarre tactics in various quarters which sometimes seemed to be intentionally disruptive and which, to some folk less seasoned by a village red in tooth and claw, had proved hurtful. The next challenge is to try to provide facilities which keep pace with the population explosion presaged by recent and emerging Planning permission for many hundreds of houses in the village.

The newly formed Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, which manages both village facilities on behalf of the Parish Council, comprises:

### User Group representatives

Afternoon WI	Barbara Yeates
Art Club	John Welford
Baby & Toddler	Jen Tooke-Marchant
Bowls Club	Michael Bizley
Carpet Bowls	Frank Boxall
Companions	Linda Abbott
Cricket Club	Terry Garner
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Football Club	Shaun Pratt
Friends of St John's	Jean Folkard
Guides	Gemma Sutton
History Group	Stella Chamberlin
Ladies Lunch club	Brenda Begg
Over 55's	Diann Armstrong
Scouts	Ruth Court
Youth Football Club	Julian Tuzinkiewicz
Parish Council 1	Cllr Dick Burch
Parish Council 2	Cllr Julia Taber
Parish council 3	Cllr Chris Wiley
Parish Clerk	Peter Dow
Elected 1	Marian Abbott
Elected 2	Jean Barker
Elected 3	Nick Brooks
Elected 4	Philip Shaw
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Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, at 7.30pm excepting August. The July meeting took place in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on 17<sup>th</sup> with 9 of the 11 councillors present, along with County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey (part), District Council Ward Members Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel & Cllr John Levantis, Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow, and 9 members of the public.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which is made up of the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr 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. Included, where appropriate, are matters reported to the meeting by external bodies such as the Ward Members or as raised at the meeting by members of the public. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at [www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net](http://www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net), in the Memorial Library and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes, from the June Ordinary Meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

## County Council

Cllr Mrs Jane Storey tabled a written report which included reference to the establishment of a new Highways Senior Leadership Team with effect from 6 March 2017, with appointments made to all Head of Service roles. Heads of Service have assisted in the finalisation of the new organisational structure for Suffolk Highways, the preparation of 47 new job and person profiles (JPPs) and the conversion of 43 existing JPPs into the new Suffolk Highways JPP format. The selection process (including interviews) has taken place and appointments made during week commencing 3 July 2017.

Whilst a significant proportion of the changes to Rougham, Halesworth, Lowestoft and Brome Depots are due to be completed by the end of July 2017, accommodation works at Phoenix House will continue into August 2017.

The highway maintenance operational gangs have received follow-up 'toolbox talks' to reinforce the message that they should treat any additional potholes found when attending any site to undertake a pre-arranged repair.

The current status with regard to carriageway maintenance treatments is:

Area of Surface Dressing & Machine Surfacing (including Micro Asphalt) 2017/18				
Treatment	Carriageway area completed at 21/06/17 (m2)	Remaining area scheduled for completion by 31/08/17 (m2)	Total (m2)	Approximate total length treated (km)
Surface Dressing	1,528,501	471,499	2,000,000	308
Machine Surfacing	203,171	43,603	246,774	38
Total carriageway length in Suffolk (km)		6,588		
Total carriageway treated 2017/18 (%)		5.25%		

During the 2016/17 winter season, although it may have appeared mild, a total of 80 Priority 1 (P1) route and 26 Priority 2 (P2) route gritting runs were completed (compared with the 10-year average of 78 P1 route and 22 P2 route gritting runs).

Current and planned roadworks or road and street closures and information about road improvements projects in Suffolk can now be found at [roadworks.org](http://roadworks.org) which is the most comprehensive source of up-to-date information about roadworks, road closures and diversions, traffic incidents and other disruptions affecting the UK road network

The local interactive map can be found at [www.suffolk.roadworks.org](http://www.suffolk.roadworks.org)

**Mid Suffolk District Council** Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation that

the Housing Revenue Account 30-year plan has been updated. MSDC is not in a good position as it is approaching the debt cap. Following the introduction of the rent reduction and increasing Right to Buy sales, amendments have had to be made to keep the budget under this limit.

Efficiency savings of about £300,000 over the next three years are hoped to be made by reducing management and overhead costs, disposing of assets, savings from the sheltered housing review and improved performance in voids and arrears management. The Council still intend to re-invest Right to Buy receipts and continue with the development of more council homes to rent. Full Council are due to approve the updated business plan at next week's meeting. Meanwhile, a new Anti-social behaviour policy for council house tenants is currently being implemented.

**Planning Results** The following decisions were noted as having been forwarded by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority.

- 1593/17 Fell 1 no. Ash Tree at 21 Oxer Close  
Granted EPC no comment
- 1725/17 Change of use of existing log cabin from residential.... to nail bar  
26 Eastern Way  
Granted EPC supported

## Planning Applications

Of the Planning Applications referred by Mid Suffolk District Council for comment, Councillors voted to support an application ref DC/17/02758 for the erection of a shed at Woodlees, Ashfield Road and DC/17/2220 & 2221 for the erection of 2 outbuildings to serve as a home office and a gymnasium at Old Bank House, station Road.

Two other applications were considered:

- DC/17/02771 Application for consent to carry out works to trees protected by a tree preservation order at St Johns House, Church Road**



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Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:

- i) Other than the convenience of the applicant, no good reason is given for the removal of the trees. There is no suggestion that they are dead, dying, diseased or dangerous.
- ii) Removal of the trees would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the area, both as backdrop to St. John's house when viewed from Church Road, and as a screen for the house when viewed from Lukeswood, which is a community woodland wild space with the benefit of permissive open public access, to the south of the site. The trees are significant features in the landscape and are part of a group TPO – felling them would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the surrounding area. They are all mature trees; any new planting would take decades to attain the same effect.
- iii) Removal of the trees would degrade the biodiversity of the local environment, in which the large rear gardens, including that of St. John's House, form an important peripheral enhancement to Lukeswood, which is being developed as a wild life reserve.
- iv) A footnote, at the bottom of the plan states: "Tree to be removed to accommodate development". DCLG guidance (Protected Trees: a guide to preservation procedures 06.04.12) requires that, "You can only cut down or cut back protected trees if they are directly in the way of development which is about to start and for which detailed planning permission has been granted". Intention to develop is not sufficient reason to fell the trees. Planning permission for development may not be granted, in which case the trees would have been felled for no good reason. The TPO trees should be considered as part of the application for development, not prior to it, so that proper consideration can be taken of their protection.
- v) Given the proximity to the Lukeswood wildlife site, Councillors would expect an ecological assessment to be carried out before any work on the trees would be allowed. Wildlife moves freely to and from Lukeswood to the gardens and there may be detrimental effects on birds and bats in particular.

In assessing this Application, Councillors had reference to, and cited in support of their case for rejection, NPPF paragraphs 109 & 117, Local Plan Policies CL6, CL8 and Core Strategy Policy CS5.

**DC/17/02349**

**Proposed development of 1 no. petrol filling station and 2 no. drive through restaurants, together with various infrastructure and landscaping works on land off the A14**

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:

- 1 The number of fuel dispensing pumps on this very constrained site is comparable to that found on large supermarket sites in the area. The traffic generated and seeking access to the 14 units, 4 of which are proposed to be dedicated to HGV users, will exceed the safe capacity of the site, given that access is also required for the proposed fast food facilities.
- 2 The access for both westbound and eastbound A14 traffic requires that, to use the site, a circuit of the adjacent roundabout to the north is required. Consequently, every A14-generated customer, be it for fuel sales or for the fast food outlets, must traverse this roundabout once. Similarly, all vehicles seeking access from Woolpit, Elmswell or the A1088 must use the roundabout. Given the extra throughput, including the disproportionate increase in use by HGV traffic, the roundabout will not, safely, be able to cope. The Applicant's own figures, as yet untested against an impartial assessment, suggest peak hourly trip rates of between 275 and 302 cars / LGV's and 12 HGV's. The suggestion that these vehicles are, largely, already on the highway network clearly avoids the point that this proposal, if successful, would concentrate up to an extra 334 vehicles per hour around this very busy roundabout posing an unacceptable risk to highway safety. The history of 5 accidents in recent years indicates that the current traffic load is already posing a problem. The VOSA access and egress strategy was formulated in light of a dramatically lower trip rate and vastly smaller traffic flows than are anticipated here. Similarly, the Applicant's reference to the figures generated in support of the former Grampian Country Foods site fail to take account of 5 years of growth and recent Permissions in Elmswell for some 500 dwellings, a figure reflected or exceeded in the villages of Thurston and Woolpit which will also generate much increased traffic on this roundabout.
- 3 The A14 access slips lack the length to allow the safe filtering of the considerable increased traffic load that this proposal seeks to generate.
- 4 The visual intrusion, the light pollution and the brutal design features which are threatened by this development are an unacceptably urban imposition in this rural context. The effects on the rural scene of the inevitable litter generation, together with the threat to the existing local outlets at Woolpit, Norton, and Thurston, would be very much to the detriment of the local host communities. In assessing this Application, Councillors had reference to, and cited in support of their case for rejection: NPPF paragraphs;
  - 32...requires that...safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all people

- 56...good design...should contribute positively to making places better for people
- 58...developments should be... visually attractive as a result of good architecture

Local Plan Policies;

- GP1...poor design and layout will normally be refused
- CL3...installations for utilities...should be carefully sited to ensure minimal intrusion in the landscape
- E12...traffic generated by the development should not prejudice the efficiency of the local highway system 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 and type of traffic generated by the proposal will be acceptable in relation to the capacity of the road network in the locality of the site.

### Aggregated Planning Applications

In light of the development pressures on Elmswell and other communities in the 'A14 corridor', Councillors unanimously agreed to the following Proposal:

*That Elmswell Parish Council applauds the decision of Thurston Parish Council to request the Secretary of State for Communities to call in the aggregated planning applications for housing development in the Thurston area;*  
*further, it mandates the Parish Clerk to pursue the same course of action for all current applications within the Elmswell area, whatever stage they have reached in the planning process;*  
*further, it mandates the Parish Clerk to approach both Thurston and Woolpit Parish Councils (plus any other affected local parish councils) with a view to coordinating and pursuing joint action;*  
*further, it notes that a meeting has been arranged for 14th September by MSDC with affected local councils and agrees Elmswell councillors, to be selected, should attend and if possible an earlier meeting date arranged;*  
*further, that this Council is prepared in principle to commit funds to co-funding the defence of any Planning appeals against MSDC in relation to appropriate large off-plan housing development schemes and that the Clerk, on behalf of Elmswell Parish Council, approaches his counterparts at both Thurston and Woolpit Parish Councils to ascertain the likely levels of support for joint funding to resist any potential future appeal against Refusal of large scale housing applications by MSDC within the 'A14 Corridor' communities.*

### CAB

It was agreed that the successful Citizens' Advice Mid Suffolk outreach sessions which have been running at Blackbourne for the past year with the benefit of funding from

the Council, from the Amenities Association and from the Elmswell Fire Crew, should continue.

#### Bacon Factory footpaths

It was agreed that no objection should be made against the various formal Orders which effectively re-route the footpaths traversing the redundant factory site along the road system serving the emerging housing estate.

#### CCTV

A budget of £2,000.00 was agreed for the provision of CCTV covering the internal circulation areas at Blackbourne so that the movement of people in the increasingly busy facility can be monitored. Police advice suggests that this will help reduce costly incidents of anti-social behaviour. The system will allow for the later addition of extra external cameras with automatic

number plate recognition as encouraged by the Police.

#### Wesley

The Chairman and Clerk, together with members of the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, are to form a Task & Finish Panel to advise Council before the end of the year, on preferred options for the refurbishment / development of the Wesley facilities.

#### Elms Fest

A grant of £300.00 was agreed towards the cost of the staging of the family fun day at Blackbourne on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### Extension at Blackbourne

The sum of £450.00, net of VAT, was agreed towards the working up of sketch plans already provided by the architect who

dealt with the most recent extension at Blackbourne so that Planning permission and costings can be sought for the proposed further extension of office and storage space together with the provision of a gents' urinal adjacent to the Jubilee Hall, as suggested by the Blackbourne Management Association.

#### Next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in The Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at [www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net](http://www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net), on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.

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

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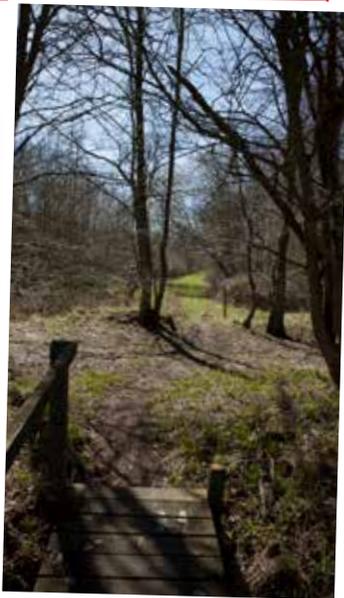
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As an alternative you can email them directly through the following link:  
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## Future Council Meetings

Notice of all meetings and agendas is posted on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Sept. 18th	Oct. 16th	Nov. 20th	Dec. 18th	Jan. 15th
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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

Enquiries on matters in the report or on any Council matter are invited to the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow.

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# What's On in Elmswell ?



To be included in our events diary make sure you send separate notification of your announcement.

For a full year's calendar of what's booked at Blackbourne, please go to the Parish Council website at [www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk) - it might help you in planning dates for your events.

## August 2017

- 2 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I.  
2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
Members Meeting Garden Party at Carol's  
Competition - A Small Arrangement in a tea cup
- 4 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 7/11 Over 55's Club Holiday to Bournemouth
- 8 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm.  
The Dogs Trust with canine companion.
- 10 Over 55's Club Normal meeting with Bingo
- 14 9:00 Holiday Club begins
- 15 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Shared Lunch.  
Raffle
- 18 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 24 Over 55's Club Harvest Supper
- 25 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

## September 2017

- 1 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 4 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell  
Baptist Church - The work of a Hospital  
Chaplain with Rev. Barbara Challis
- 6 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I.  
2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
P.C. Lee Andrews-Pearce  
The Work of the Rural Crime Officer  
Competition - A Favourite Crime Novel
- 7 Over 55's Club Proms & Picnic with Stowmarket  
Concert Band (outside Weather permitting  
Visitors welcome)
- 7 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday ... (please note this is an amended date  
from the 14th, due to holiday commitments)
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm.  
Harvest Supper.
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday
- 14 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Julia Barrett:  
"Mrs Pretty, a Businesswoman's Role in WW1".  
\*Annual SUBS due\***
- 15 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 19 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Blackbourne  
Talk: Growing for Gold
- 21 Over 55's Club Finchingfield Lunch & Harlow  
Garden Centre
- 22 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall  
11.30am
- 22 Friends of St John's Church Harvest Horkey in  
the Wesley Hall.
- 29 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 29 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 30 Elmswell Baby And Toddler Group,  
Nearly New Sale

## October 2017

- 2 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell  
Baptist Church - Bill and Ben's Nursery  
Pakenham
- 4 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I.  
2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
Colin Hopper - The History of Magic  
Competition - A Holiday Souvenir
- 5 Over 55's Club Welcomes Richard Whymark &  
Chelsey Open evening
- 7 Harvest Barn Dance at Chamberlayne Hall  
organised by Elmswell Baptist Church. Watch  
out for tickets on sale later in the year.

- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm.  
Line Dancing - for fun and Fitness.
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday
- 12 **Elmswell History Group meeting,  
Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Sarah Doig:  
"A-Z of Curious Suffolk" \*December tickets on  
sale\***
- 13 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 17 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Blackbourne  
Talk: Self-Sufficiency from your Garden
- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Speaker  
Mr. Chaplin Hospital Pat Dog. Raffle
- 19 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 20 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall  
11.30am
- 27 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 27 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon

## November 2017

- 1 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I.  
2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
Martyn Taylor, Under Bury St. Edmunds  
Competition - An Ancient Artefact
- 2 Over 55's Club Maureen Wilson entertains  
November
- 3 Wine tasting of Eastern European wines. Tickets  
available from the Library. Price £12.50 each.
- 6 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist  
Church - A visit to Corn Craft, Monks Eleigh  
with a meal. Time TBC
- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday
- 9 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Lisa Harris:  
"50th Anniversary of the Museum of East Anglian  
Life" \*December tickets on sale\***
- 10 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm.  
Nothing like a Dame. Pantomime  
Speaker Horry Parsons.
- 16 Over 55's Club Bingo evening
- 17 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall  
11.30am
- 21 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Blackbourne  
AGM + tba
- 21 Elmswell Exchange Social Club To be arranged
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 24 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 30 Over 55's Club Concert by Norton Salvation  
Army OPEN EVENING starting 7.30pm

## December 2017

- 5 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Christmas Lunch
- 7 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I.  
2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
Christmas Celebrations  
Presentation to Competition Winners  
Please bring a small gift for the Bran Tub
- 8 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall  
10.15am - 12 noon
- 9 Over 55's Club Xmas Party 5.30 for 6.00pm  
entertainment by PAT JAMES
- 11 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist  
Church - Nosh and Natter with entertainment  
by The Ukelele's. 7.30pm. Open to men as well,  
book your place by phoning Margaret on 01359  
241541.
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm.  
Christmas Party.

- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday
- 14 **Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Colchester Waits Shawm Band:  
"An evening of live Medieval Music, played by  
several costumed musicians". Light seasonal  
refreshments will be served. \*This event is  
ADVANCE TICKETS only, none on the door.  
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- 15 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 15 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall  
11.30am

## January 2018

- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Geoff Clarke:  
"Cine film of East Anglia"
- 11 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday

## February 2018

- 8 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Martyn Taylor:  
"Have you Noticed Bury St Edmunds street  
signs?"
- 8 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church  
midday

## March 2018

- 8 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Mark Mitchels:  
"The Rise & Fall of the East Anglian Herring  
trade"

## April 2018

- 12 Elmswell History Group's 18th Anniversary  
meeting, Wesley Hall 7.30pm, Speaker Nick  
Amor: "Suffolk Clothier in the age of Henry VII"

## May 2018

- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall.  
7.30pm, Speaker Joan Munden: "Nadine's  
Story in WW2's Special Operations Executive  
(SOE)" \*July tickets on sale\*

## June 2018

- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley  
Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Bob Webb:  
"History of the East Suffolk Railway"  
\*July tickets on sale\*

## July 2018

- tbc Elmswell History Group -  
Annual Outing: Date & Venue to be arranged

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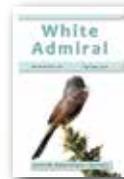
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WI (2nd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 – 10.30

Gardening club (3rd Tuesday monthly) 7.00 – 10.00

Guides Trefoil Guild

(1st Tuesday monthly) 7.00 – 9.00

Karate 7.15 – 8.15

**Wednesday**

Scouts 5.45 – 9.00

Jujutsu martial arts class 7.00 – 9.00

Winters Academy – dance classes 4.00 – 6.00

**Thursday**

Brownies 5.30 – 8.00

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

**Friday**

Bingo (last Friday monthly) eyes down 7.30

BATS – Badminton & Table Sports – 7.00 – 10.00

Karate 5.00 – 7.00

**Sunday**

Sozo Home Church 10.30 – 12.30,

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