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The Elmswell Newsletter



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MEETING OF MINDS...or, I'd rather not meet, if you don't mind...

There were 3 recent meetings at Blackbourne which gave the chance of a snapshot of who's interested in what, and why.



Firstly, our Parish Council held their Annual Meeting - a sort of AGM with knobs on. Reports from various volunteers and representatives, reprinted later in your Newsletter. And reprinted later in the Newsletter for good reason...only 3 members of the public turned up to hear them on the night. Depending on your point of view this is because, either:

- (a) the 'Listen Again', You Tube, streaming culture means that we can all expect to be able to see the meeting somewhere on-line, or;
- (b) we are all so happy with the Council's performance and governance that we needn't check up on them, or;
- (c) we can't be bothered with this sort of thing...the elections, polls, meetings, sort of thing.



Secondly a meeting called by our local Police to explain what they are up to and listen to our concerns was better attended - 35 people flooded into the Chamberlayne Hall to listen to the Police & Crime Commissioner and our local Inspector put Policing in perspective just a few days after the Manchester terrorist atrocity. Of the 35 who turned up, drawn from across the whole Mid Suffolk Safer Neighbourhood Team area, 4 were from Elmswell.



Finally the Annual Parish Meeting - a community get-together which, this year, presented the opportunity to hear expert reasoning behind the sudden onslaught of Planning applications looking to squeeze into Elmswell another 810 houses on top of the 190 at the Bacon factory. 54 residents took advantage of the coffee and biscuits and heard Mid Suffolk Planner Tom Barker, ably supported by Cllr Jane Storey from the Chair, try to explain the basics of a Planning process which seems unable to prevent the threatened 56% increase in Elmswell's housing stock - similarly in Woolpit and worse in Thurston.

This last meeting was extremely informative. The questions were from the heart, inspired by a real confusion as to how this can be happening. Surely Mid Suffolk can say, 'enough is enough'. Surely it's obvious that our school is full, Elmswell needs its own Health Centre and the roads are intolerably overcrowded and dangerous? Surely the avalanche of applications should be viewed as a whole, not one at a time, a sort of creeping blight.

It was clear that the process remains something of a mystery to many of us. Tom Barker explained many aspects - including the basic steps between the glint in the a landowner's eye to the diggers moving in. He also dealt with the more emotive questions - pointing out the reasons for the frustrating, seemingly silly reasoning that can leave communities like Elmswell wide open to unplanned, inappropriate and ill-considered predations. We add here to the clear step-by-step factual process as explained on page 13 some of the side issues that perplexed and infuriated some of the questioners.

At the moment, as is the case with almost 50% of Councils across the country, Mid Suffolk are not allowed to apply the rules in their Local Plan to applications. The Government has said that, unless they have a list of housing sites ready to fulfil a 5 year supply for the District, then their Local Plan is not valid and the Government's own **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)** is the relevant guidance

Within the NPPF the test applied is, 'is this a proposal for *sustainable* development?'. 'Sustainable' seems a little vague, somewhat elastic and not yet widely tested in the courts.

Another important difference is that, contrary to many years of Planning guidance, the presumption is now in favour of development. In effect this means that developments will be approved unless there are valid reasons in line with Government's current policy and guidelines for refusing.

Mid Suffolk have to consult various professional agencies - SCC Highways, Education, the NHS etc.- for their judgement on whether an application is, 'sustainable'. Unless there is clear evidence from elsewhere to the contrary, they must accept this judgement which is made against nationally assessed standards and government Guidelines.

Planning Applications are not considered on the basis of whether or not the Mid Suffolk Planning Committee 'likes' it. Consideration has to be given to all relevant factors within the Government's official written guidance - the NPPF.

Unfortunately, some of the most frequent objections don't count... 'This isn't the village I moved into...' 'Would the Developer live in one of these houses?...' 'We're becoming a town and not a village...' 'The Developer's only in it to make money.'

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It's a bit too late to keep it quiet...

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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Each time we have an exhibition of art it just gets better and better! A huge "thank you" to all the people who attended our sale and exhibition on the 6th and 7th May at the Wesley Centre. Without your support the weekend would not have succeeded.

Our Chairman, Ted Evans, said the following, "The third Art Club exhibition held over the weekend of the 6/7th May was a great success.

More than 220 pieces of art were on display and appreciated by the 450 plus visitors, many having travelled quite a distance to attend. This was demonstrated by comments on the day, the sales of pictures and subsequent invitations to show our work in future exhibitions by others. Many thanks."

Unfortunately, the winner of our first raffle prize wrote down the wrong telephone number on her ticket and I have been unable to find out

who she is (detective work not what it was!). Would Carol Masson please get it touch with me (tel. no. below) to claim her prize.

The pictures are "Sisco" by Malcolm Wallis (his much loved Cockapoo), "Stained Glass Window" by Rex Edge and a photo of some of the stands at the exhibition.

Denise Lawrence
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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our speaker for the May meeting was Mark Mitchels, paying a return visit to Elmswell, this time to talk about Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Britain's first female doctor, the first female Doctor of Medicine in France, the first female member of the British Medical Association, the first female dean of a medical school and Britain's first female mayor, born in Aldeburgh in 1836. Elizabeth was the second of ten children born to Newson Garrett and his wife Louise. Newson was convinced that his children, girls as well as boys, should receive the best education possible and to that end he arranged for two of his daughters, Elizabeth and Louie, to be taught at home by a governess. Later on the girls were sent to the Academy for the Daughters of Gentlemen, in Blackheath, where they were taught French, which was an advantage in later life. She was known there as 'the pupil from hell', getting tutors sacked and so on. (She and her sister demanded a bath once a week and the school had to build a bathroom for the 'Bathing Garretts').

At home in Aldeburgh, Elizabeth was able to get on well with people, spending time talking to the fishermen and familiarising herself with the area – her father subsequently purchased Snape Maltings, which he made a great success. On her return from Blackheath Elizabeth learned Latin and mathematics, being taught by her brothers' tutors. Then in 1859 a momentous meeting took place between Elizabeth and an American doctor – Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to graduate from a regular medical school; she was in England to deliver a course of lectures on "Medicine as a Profession for Ladies". This was exactly what Elizabeth Garrett wanted to hear. Although not liking the idea of his daughter becoming a doctor, Newson Garrett went with his daughter as she visited well-known physicians, seeking advice on attaining her goal. The stumbling block was how to get her name on the Medical Register.

Eventually she was offered the opportunity to begin a trial period of work as a surgical nurse at the Middlesex Hospital. She attended surgical procedures and studied with the medical students. She visited patients, worked in the dispensary and helped with emergency patients. Following this she was even more determined to earn a qualifying diploma in order to place her name on the Medical Register, so set out to gain the degree of Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries, thus becoming officially recognised as a physician. Eventually she acquired all the required courses and even though she was refused the opportunity to take the examination which would award her the LSA degree, when her father stepped in and threatened to take them to court, they changed their mind and she gained her degree to be listed in the Medical Register.

In 1866 Elizabeth opened St Mary's Dispensary for Women during an outbreak of cholera, where they treated 70-80 women a day and saw 9,000 patients in the first year. The Dispensary expanded in 1872 with a ward of ten beds, thus becoming the New Hospital for Women and Children.

While this was all going on, she gained a place on the London School Board and obtained her MD degree from the University of Paris. In 1869 when applying for a place at the Shadwell Hospital for children, she met her future husband, James George Skelton Anderson, who was a member of the hospital board of directors; at their marriage in a Scottish Presbyterian Church she did not promise to obey!. The hospital moved to a larger site in 1899 and 20 years later changed its name to the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital.

In 1874 Elizabeth helped set up the London School of Medicine for Women, which later became attached to the Royal Free Hospital and was permitted to grant the degrees that were needed for enrolment on the British Medical Registry. In 1892 she retired, having trained 100 women doctors.

In 1902 the Anderson family moved to Aldeburgh and six years later Elizabeth became the town's first female mayor. Her life came to an end in December 17, 1917 when she died in Aldeburgh, where there is no recognition of any of her achievements; however, the new Accident and Emergency department at Ipswich Hospital is named in her honour.

Mark was thanked for bringing us one of the best talks we have had for a long time.

As the Wesley Hall will be the Polling Station on Thursday 8 June, the next meeting will be held in St John's Church. The AGM will start at 7pm and our speaker following the AGM will be Paul Peachey and his subject 'Elmswell in Postcards'.

Tickets for our SUMMER OUTING will be on sale, cost £3 for EHG members or £5 for non-members; booking and payment required in advance. Then on Saturday 15 July we meet at West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village at 9.50am for a prompt 10am start of a guided tour.

Please share lifts if possible – on site parking is £2 per car. The journey from Elmswell takes about 25 minutes.

More details will be available at the June meeting.

For more information about the group, visit our website www.elmswell-history.org.uk or telephone Stella Chamberlin on 01359 242601.

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month we went to Scotsdale Garden Centre. It is a popular venue with our members and it didn't disappoint. As usual everyone enjoyed using the restaurant and sitting in the conservatory.

There was plenty of choice of plants and many other items for us to purchase. On this occasion, everyone seemed to be sensible and only bought what they could carry!

Our thanks to Anice for organising a successful day out.

On Tuesday we are off to Felixstowe for our annual trip to The Hut.

Next month's meeting Mr. Jackson is coming to speak about his work as a prison officer.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL W.I.

It was the A.G.M. and after Val had given the Treasurer's Report, which has been audited, Rachel gave an account of the past year's activities. We have had a very varied programme and consequently, some interesting talks and experiences. Next, Rachel discussed the theme of the monthly magazine: Friendship, which is one of the foundation stones of the W.I., and the importance of supporting each other through the ups and downs of life. The Finances and minutes of the last A.G.M. were signed off.

Val has been busy attending meetings about both of this year's resolutions and told us what she had learnt. The first is concerned with the use of microbeads in cosmetics, plastic toys, household goods and synthetic fibres in clothing, to name but a few. These tiny fragments of plastic eventually reach the oceans and have been found in all sea creatures. Consequently, they are in the food chain and no-one knows what damage they will result in, in the future.

The second resolution was about loneliness in the community and how people need to be aware of those in need, in their local area. Eg. St. Nicholas Hospice provides hospital neighbours, who support people in the final stages of life, including sitting with them and providing transport. The W.I.s could become involved locally. Both these resolutions were supported by most people present.

Rachel thanked members of the committee for their work, during the past year, especially Margaret, Val, Janet, Jane and Lynette. All the present members are remaining, with the addition of Brenda Webb. Rachel said that she would remain as President.

Dates of forthcoming events were as follows: 12.5, Techie Session; 19.5, craft at Rosie's; 23.5, Scrabble at Anna's and 8.6, Linda Scoles will speak at Great Ashfield. Our outing to Corncraft, on July 11th, will cost £5 and lifts will be available, if needed.

After all the serious business of the evening, we ended on a frivolous note, by playing Handbag Bingo, which was great fun, especially when we discovered some of the rather unusual contents in some bags! Rosie won and was presented with a delicious prize of strawberries and cream.

At our next meeting in June, the extremely entertaining Jenny Gibbs will be talking about Turkish Cuisine and selling some of her beautiful silk pashminas. *Rosie Collins 01359 241652*

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) WI

Our May get together, like those of all other W.I.'s across the country, was our **Annual General & Resolutions Meeting**. There were several apologies mainly due to illness or mishaps of some kind.

Barbara, our President, welcomed members and also Pat who was a guest for the afternoon. We gradually worked through our Agenda, and came to the election of officers for the forthcoming year. Barbara declared that she would not be standing again for re-election as President. All members of the current Committee agreed to stand for re-election and were voted in unanimously en bloque. Volunteers to boost the Committee were requested and Juliette Walker stepped forward. Members supported her and we now have a Committee of seven. Nominations were requested for the role of President for the coming year and Mary Chown, who is already a Committee Member was nominated. She agreed to accept the role and was voted in unanimously.

Our financial position is currently sound, thanks to the donation from the Firemen's Fund.

Maureen thanked Barbara for her dedication and loyalty to our group over the last few years and presented her with a large Lupin for her garden called Rachel de Thame. Barbara will remain on the Committee.

The Resolutions were then discussed and voted upon. Firstly we concentrated on the first which was concerning Raising Awareness of Hidden Loneliness and the second was Action regarding the Plastic Soup within our Oceans. Both were supported.

Jean Wright will be our guest speaker on June 7th and will give an illustrated presentation on Gold Work.

New members and guests will always have a friendly welcome.

For further information contact Maureen on 241033



ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



How green is Elmswell – despite a dry May. Many gardeners were out dancing on their lawns, after a whole 1mm of rain fell. Our speaker, Matthew Tanton-Brown, from The Place for Plants, arrived with a vast array of multi-hued plants to enhance our green gardens. Matthew confessed he is a geranium fanatic and had brought along the delicate soft-pink *geranium maculatum 'Expresso'*. This perennial has cup-shaped flowers which bloom late spring and if trimmed back will bloom again mid-summer. He also had *geranium phaeum 'Mourning Widow'*, a stunning, almost black, perennial for planting under trees or shrubs. A drawback is that this lady has loose morals and will mate with other geraniums! Another beautiful, but delicate, plant was *Abutilon 'Nabob'* with its evergreen leaves and dark red fleshy flowers. Although irresistible to whitefly, Matthew suggested that the best prevention was a soapy solution. He also mentioned that the ultimate vine weevil killer was 'Bug Clear', not the ready mixed variety containing pyrethrin and harmful to bees, but the powdered variety which has kinder ingredients. Matthew brought along a new slug solution: wool pellets which smell of wet sheep and even slugs hold their noses. His alternative slug/snail solution involved a bucket and throwing its contents under the wheels of passing lorries. He showed us *Indigofera pendula* a dainty deciduous bush with pea-like, rosy-purple hanging sprays. Matthew recommended luminous white plants such as *Bacopa 'Snowflake'* or *Nemesia 'Wisley Vanilla'* to light the way home from the pub for inebriated plantsmen. All the plants were for sale and it was good to have Matthew's knowledgeable assessment of each one.



SAVE THE DATE..... Following our successful visit to Beth Chatto's Garden last year, Elmswell Garden Club Outing will be to **Cambridge Botanical Gardens on Tuesday 18th July, 2017**. We leave Blackbourne Community Centre at 10.00am, returning at approximately 4.00pm. The cost is £6.00 per person which includes coach travel and entry fees. Further details at our next meeting on 20th June when monies will also be collected. Any queries please email: Elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com

Our next Gardening Club meeting will be on **Tuesday, 20th June, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne**. **Geoff Hodge, broadcaster and garden writer** will help us get the best from our gardens and expanding ideas from 'HorticulturalForum - Houseplant Jungles'. If you wish to find out more about us, do come along to one of our lively meetings. Visitors pay only £3.00. Further information may be obtained from **Nick Chamberlin on 242601**.

ELMSWELL OVER 55's CLUB

Our first visit by Barry Peters on May 18th was a brilliant evening featuring music and songs from the 1960's through to the 2000's with the audience joining in with most of the numbers.

June meetings are on June 1st with a visit by "Harbour Lights Trio" visitors always welcome, this is followed by our Strawberry Supper on June 15th no guessing what might be on the menu as dessert!

Our final meeting in June on the 29th sees the return of "Hank" to entertain us, why come along and join us in his take on music and song.

All our dates for the year are listed in the What's On Section at the rear of the newsletter.

If you need to contact me don't hesitate to ring me on 241002. Diann

ELMSWELL LUNCHEON CLUB

In early May, members went on their Spring outing to Friday Street Farm shop, near Farnham where over 20 of us enjoyed an excellent and varied 2 course meal served by a band of happy and helpful staff.

We also had a chance to visit their farm shop which sells many items ranging from home- grown foods to gifts and cards.

After lunch we travelled to Wyevale Garden Centre at Woodbridge where members took the opportunity for more refreshments and purchases. All in all we had a very enjoyable day!

The Elmswell Luncheon Club meets every Monday at The Bull, Woolpit and transport is available to and from the venue. We are always happy to welcome new members, so if you are aged 55+ and retired, why not telephone one of our committee members on 241546 or 240268 for full details.

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In recognition of the service he has given to the village we felt we could not let Paul's retirement pass unnoticed. We are having a collection for Paul and any donations may either be left at the Mace or the Post Office or passed to David Hollings or Graham Newman.

Please ensure any donations are marked with Paul's name. As we intend to ask donors to sign a slip to go in a book for him please include your name and address so we can contact you in due course. Donations will need to be cash only please.

**David Hollings (01359 241323) &
Graham Newman (01359 240846)**

Paul, never one to push himself into the limelight, is seen here in a rare photo at the Autumn Fayre with his milk float loaded with Grand Draw prizes. Paul, on the far right of his team of helpers, would spend the whole day preparing the display and then around the site. The Draw made many thousands of pounds over the years for Elmswell causes.



ELMSWHEELIANS 2017

On a dull, rain-threatened, windy morning 11 riders set off on a 16 mile ride that took us out of the village via Warren Lane; then on to Haughley Park, Haughley New Street, a short stretch of the "new" cycle path to Quarries Cross (Squires Crossing), into Haughley Village, Old Newton, to the Primary School, where a right turn took us towards Old Newton Hall and onto Stowupland. There we enjoyed a brief refreshment stop in the garden of "The Crown".

Then it was down the hill into Stowmarket, through the town centre, to emerge on the road to Onehouse, Harleston, Shelland Green, Borley Green and back into the village along Warren Lane.

All-in-all, a thoroughly enjoyable ride, during which the weather improved to the point where only the wind, and a couple of hills, presented any problems!

Well done everyone who took part.

Other Rides planned :

Sunday 25th June
(evening ride starting at 5.30 p.m. - 15 miles approx.)

Friday 14th July
(evening ride - starting at 6.30 p.m. - 15 miles approx.)

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

More dates to follow for the autumn / winter months.

If you enjoy cycling, do come and join us. There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people. We do ask,

however, that you are aged 16+. You will be very welcome.

All rides will start, in time-honoured tradition, from Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell.

Contact : Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell. Tel : 01359 240908



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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.

In June it's our Summer Fun Day! Come along :) Saturday 17th June, 12:00 til 4:00pm at the Wesley Hall, School Road, Elmswell. Music, games, circus skills, messy church, BBQ, and more!! It's sure to be a jam-packed fun-filled family day. This is a free event, but bring your pennies for the games and stalls! It's a perfect way to spend your pocket money (if you're still lucky enough to get it!) Everyone welcome :)

Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world gathered together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. The event was called "Thy Kingdom Come: Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost." Prayer events of all shapes and sizes took place across the globe during the 10 days. Here in Elmswell, we hosted our own prayer events. We had a mix of theme and styles: from lunches with reflection, Celtic prayer, silent prayer and praise&prayer. If you have any questions about this, please ask us or visit the website: www.thykingdomcome.global "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

- Archbishop Justin Welby

Do you love singing? Slam Jam is an all age choir who meet to sing in a range of musical styles and genres; some Christian, some popular. All are welcome to join in the fun. No previous experience necessary. Our sessions are relaxed, friendly and free. Do tell your friends and family about Slam Jam. We'd love them to join us! Our next rehearsal is 6.00-6.45pm Sunday 11 June 2017 - just turn up!

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. :)

Breakfast Church
3rd Sunday of the month
9:00am at St John's, Elmswell





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St John's Church
welcomes you

Take a look at our range of services coming up this month:

Sunday 4th June - "Spirit"

9:30am All Age Service

11:00am BCP Holy Communion

6:30pm Christians Together In Elmswell Pentecost Service (Baptist Church)

Sunday 11th June - "Trinity"

10:30am Parish Praise

Sunday 18th June - "Evangelism"

9:30am Breakfast Church

(breakfast from 9:00am)

11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th June - "Calling"

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd July - "Church"

9:30am All Age Service

11:00am BCP Holy Communion

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL

The concert on 6 May in the Church to raise funds for the Friends of St John's Church was enjoyed by all those attending. In addition to Alastair's piano music, there were instrumental items by two euphonium players and a saxophonist. Refreshments were served in the interval. Over £250 was raised for Friends' funds.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of St John's Church will be held in the Church on Saturday 10 June at 9.30am. Following this at 10am there will be a Coffee Morning, with various stalls, tea/coffee and biscuits, etc.

For more information contact Jean Folkard tel: 01359 242099.

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- 2 anon.
- 3 PURSGLOVE, Andrew. Our precious baby boy, died 40 years today, aged 15 months. Loved and remembered every day. X.

- 6 in memory of Enid Chaplin, a much loved wife, mother, grand-mother, and great grand-mother, on this, the first anniversary of her 'crossing the Bar'. Tony and all the Family.
- 8 Lesley Manning. Remembering you on your Birthday. Love Colin. XX.
- 10 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 17 in loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Robertson.
- 18 John Bennington. "Always in our thoughts, especially on Father's Day". Love from all your family. X.
- 19 in memory of Dorothy May Bloomfield.
- 28 Tony & Cindy Redit. Wedding Anniversary.
- 29 for the 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary of Jean & Ray Leeks.

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

Sundays Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket IP14 1AW - 8.30 am & 10.15 am

Holy Days Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket - 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Weekday services in the Parish are advertised at the front of Our Lady's Church, in the weekly Newsletter and on the new Parish Website www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk

Father David Finegan



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

We're all fed up with coverage of the election aren't we?! However it is a fact that the outcome could affect all of us for many years to come. In the Bible when some people tried to trip Jesus up over payment of taxes (none of us like paying those do we?! - we all think we could make a better job of deciding where to spend them!) he made it clear that we have obligations to the state as well as to God, so it is important that we all exercise our rights (hard fought for by people in the past) and cast our votes on Thursday 8th June (if you're the

ELMSWELL FELLOWSHIP



right age you can build up your strength by having a meal at Food 'n' Friends before going to vote!!) See below.

All being well, you will see scaffolding going up around the chapel early this month ready for the outside of the chapel to be painted. We do hope you'll like our new look!!

Our activities in the next few weeks are:-

By the time you read this it could well be that the Ladies Friendship Group will have finished their programme before the summer break with a trip to The Hut at Felixstowe for a fish and chip supper along with some of the men folk. They do not meet in July or August so the next meeting will be on September 4th when Rev. Barbara Challis will be talking about her work as a Hospital Chaplain in Bury SE.

Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information. ALL ladies are welcome.

Food & Friends on Thursday June 8th at midday – for the older folk – 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. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

There will be the final planning meeting for the

Holiday Club on Tuesday June 20th at 7.30pm in the chapel. Do come along if you think you might like to be involved. The club will only run for 4 days this year (Monday to Thursday).

Don't forget our Family Harvest Barn Dance on Saturday October 7th with dancing to "Clutching at Straws" and a picnic style supper. Put it on your calendar/ in your diaries now and watch out for when tickets go on sale (probably in August).

We are grateful to all those who come to lead our worship each week. Our preachers at our services (10.30am except as indicated) in the coming weeks are as follows:-

June 4th Rev. Barbara Challis (inc Communion)
6.30pm CTIE United Service at the chapel

June 11th Stephen Spurgeon – All-Age

June 18th Stephen Spurgeon

June 25th Christine Myers

July 2nd Eileen Warner (inc Communion)

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

Visit our website at www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk, email cockant2@btinternet.com or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony

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ELMSWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Two major initiatives driven by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are due to produce results very soon. Waterman Infrastructure & Environment met with Group members and parish Councillors, together with Steve Merry of Suffolk County Council Highways, to draw up the framework within which a traffic survey should be carried out on the community's behalf. The exercise included video surveillance of the railway crossing and traffic queues, together with automatic vehicle counts at key points in the village. The figures

are due in by 31st May and will go directly to Mid Suffolk and to SCC Highways to help towards a fair and balanced assessment of the highways impact of the applications for 278 houses at Wetherden Road / Warren Lane. They will then serve as a marker against which other impacts will be assessed as more such off-plan applications come forward.

The second piece of work is a Viability Assessment by Messrs Bailey Venning which is looking at the cost in terms of development of

providing a Relief Road from Ashfield road, over the railway and directly to the A14 roundabout.

Representatives from the recent public meeting, called to discuss the development pressures on Elmswell, were invited to the May meeting but could not attend, they are, again invited to provide wider and immediate community feedback to the Steering Group's next meeting in June when the survey results will be to hand,

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

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July	4th & 18th 9.30-12.30
August	1st & 15th 9.30-12.30



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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



BioBlitz is here!

We're all set for our BioBlitz which will take place over two consecutive days at Lukeswood at the end of this month. On the first day young scientists from Elmswell Primary School will be descending on Lukeswood to see how many species of wildlife they can spot and identify. We're sure that the children will learn a lot as well as having a fun and enjoyable day.

From the evening of Friday 30th June through to Saturday 1st July the BioBlitz will be open for everyone to join in.

The aim is to find and identify as many species as we can at Lukeswood to provide a snapshot of the wildlife at our community woodland and orchard. We'll be looking for all kinds of wildlife – plants, flowers, trees, mammals, insects, bugs, birds. It's a race to find as many as we can, with the species count going up as the minutes tick by. But it will also be a proper scientific exercise – everything has to be identified and recorded, so we will have laptops, guidebooks and a variety of technical resources available on hand to help with identification. Once the records are all compiled they'll be submitted to the Suffolk Biological Records Centre and added to their database of Suffolk species.

Wildlife experts will also be attending to help with the identification. Tiny bugs and beasties can be notoriously difficult to ID!

We need as many people as possible to join in! Everyone is welcome to join in our BioBlitz – the first to be held in Elmswell. It should be a fun and enjoyable experience for all the family. No special knowledge is required – it's all about learning and finding things out. If you do have a special wildlife interest and would like to see what you can find at Lukeswood, we'd love to hear from you too. Come for an hour or two, or the whole day. Entry is free and there will be free refreshments available.

We kick off at 9.00 p.m. on Friday 30th June with a bat walk (please get in touch with us to book a place for this activity). Saturday 1st July starts bright and early at 6.30 a.m. with bird song and bird watching, followed at 9.00 a.m. by a walk round the pitfall traps to see which bugs and insects have arrived overnight. There will be activities running throughout the day, or you can take a sweep net and go off on your own mini safari. We finish at 4.30, when we'll check the grand total of species found and identified.

Come and join us!



Mary Feeney
info@elmswild.org.uk
Tel: 241901



at Lukeswood

Friday 30 June & Saturday 1 July

Come and join us as we try to find as many species as we can.
Everyone is welcome to join in.
Drop in for a single activity or stay for the whole day.
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Friday 30 June
Bat Walk – at 9.00 p.m. (please book)

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Early Birds (birdsong and bird watch) – at 6.30 a.m.
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HEDGE BLITZ NEEDED?

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For help & advice there are several excellent tree surgeons & gardeners advertising in your Newsletter.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



CUNNING PLANNING

At the Annual Parish Meeting - themed on the current Planning pressures under which Elmswell and neighbouring parishes find themselves - County & District Cllr Jane Storey chaired a Q&A session where the answers came, in the main, from Tom Barker, the Assistant director of Planning Growth at Mid Suffolk.



The system under which Planning applications are made and dealt with is not simple - and is subject to constant tweaking from Government. The framework is set out here, as derived from the answers which Tom gave to the 20 or so questions that were raised. Many other areas were touched upon, but this brief flow chart seeks to confirm that Planning is not just a matter of opinion, nor is it a low priority for officers and councillors of the Planning Authority. Similarly, the views of the local communities are not ignored...but such views cannot override the professional advice of the other consultees - the professionals at SCC Highways, Education, the NHS etc. Ultimately, if Mid Suffolk go against Government policy and the comments put forward by statutory consultees - from Archaeology through

Environmental Impact to Flooding, Sewage and beyond - then the Developer simply appeals to the Planning Inspectorate. Result, if Mid Suffolk have not played by the rules they lose. Planning is granted and an extra few tens of thousands of pounds come out of our Council Tax.



Landowner thinks that a housing development on their land would be a good idea

Approaches an agent who suggests the scale and shape of a proposal for a housing estate

The idea is run past Mid Suffolk who have only an advisory role at this stage

Idea possibly shown to the public and opinions noted...but the agent expects, and usually receives, more negative than positive comments because people don't like housing in the fields next door to them, putting strain on schools, health services, roads etc

Idea possibly run past the Parish Council who have a strict policy of not commenting at this stage...they listen and learn

The idea is presented as a Planning Application, advertised on the site, immediate neighbours made aware, advertised in the Press if it is of a significant size and notified to the Parish Council

Parish Council advertises a meeting with the Planning Application on the agenda...if it is a significant Application, extra notices are put up around the village...the public are invited to attend and to speak...Councillors take note of any comments sent to them, including copies of comments sent to Mid Suffolk

The Parish Council's comments are formally submitted to MSDC

A District Council Planning Committee meets and considers the Application

Mid Suffolk gather the comments from all appropriate consultees eg SCC Highways, local NHS CCG, SCC Education etc and put the matter on a Planning Committee agenda

The Committee decides to Approve or Refuse the Application

If approved, the Developer deals with certain detailed issues, 'Reserved Matters', to the satisfaction of the District Council and then goes ahead. There is no ordinary appeal against the granting of Planning permission



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The Samurai's life depended on how good his particular art was, if his techniques worked he survived. These techniques were kept secret within Samurai families and handed down over the centuries. The techniques that worked exist to current day and those that didn't died on the battlefield.

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This service is offered to people in Suffolk over the age of 60 who are feeling a little lonely or isolated and would enjoy someone to talk to. Unfortunately they cannot support people with a diagnosis of dementia or complex mental health needs.

Referrals can be made by the person themselves or by anyone on their behalf.

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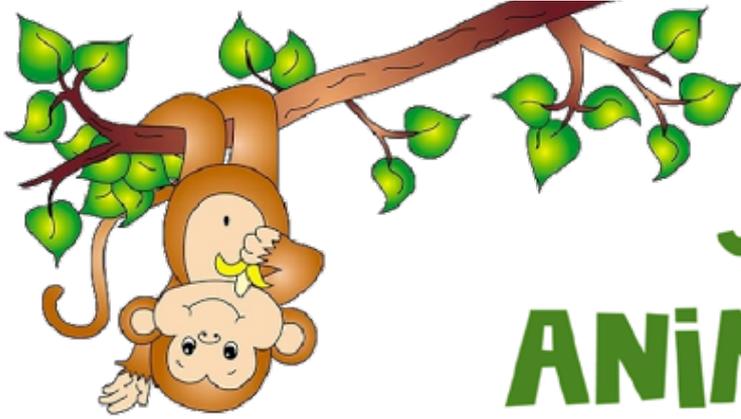
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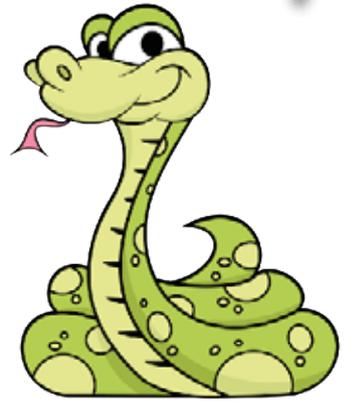
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With the UK terror threat level being raised to 'critical', Suffolk Police are continuing to urge residents to be vigilant.

The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre raised the threat level meaning an attack not only remains highly likely but a further attack may be imminent.

Members of the public may see an increased police presence, including armed units, at key locations and events both within Suffolk and across the country.

Chief Constable Gareth Wilson said: "There is no specific intelligence relating to Suffolk however we continue to ask residents to be vigilant. Policing in the county is under constant review and we are looking at the resources and policing of key events in light of the raised threat level."

"Military personnel are not currently being deployed - but the threat assessment is continuously under review."

"Our thoughts remain with those affected by the tragic incident in Manchester.

"We continue to ask members of the public to remain alert, but not alarmed, and advise people to report any suspicious behaviour or activity on the

anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321 or in an emergency always call 999."

Latest guidance on recognising the terrorist threat and remaining vigilant can be accessed via www.nactso.gov.uk

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity.

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THE LATEST FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH VOLUNTEERS

Highest speed 80mph on Wednesday 24th May 2017 at 22 - 30. This is the motorbike again, he was spotted by a motorist who he overtook in Church Road at this speed but could not get any details.

IF YOU CAN GET THE DETAILS OF OFFENDERS LIKE THIS, DO RING THEM IN ON 101 AND THE POLICE WILL ACT.

Weekly count - Average daily vehicle count 3,802 (5 day) 3,518 (7 day)

AM peak 0800 - 0900 232 (5 day) 190 (7 day) PM peak 17-00 - 18-00 498 (5 day) 420 (7 day).

Speeds. Of the 77,051 (75,334) Figures in brackets are of the previous report.

0 EXCEEDED 90MPH (1)

0 exceeded 85mph

1 exceeded 80mph (0)

1 exceeded 75mph (1)

4 exceeded 70mph (6)

14 exceeded 65mph (18)

59 exceeded 60mph (72)

264 exceeded 55mph (352)

1,413 exceeded 50mph (1,757)

5,389 exceeded 45mph (6,029)

12,485 exceeded 40mph (13,093)

27,169 exceeded 35mph (26,733) The only one that shows an increase.

Only 30,252 (27,292) were within the legal limit of 30mph.

These figures are better, maybe due to the fact we had a visit from the Speed Enforcement Officer this month.

As a footnote Magistrates are not giving Awareness Courses anymore which means you can no longer reduce your penalty in Court.

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Dear Elmswell Newsletter Reader

May 2017

THE BIG CHINWAG 2017

Most of us love a good natter, but unfortunately for some people this is not as easy as it sounds. 15,000 people over the age of 65, living in Suffolk say that they are often, or always lonely. At Suffolk Age UK, we work with over 21,000 older people and their families, offering vital services and support, including befriending, information & advice, benefits advice, attendance at lunch & dementia groups and more.

As a local, independent charity, we need your help. Throughout June, we are asking people across Suffolk – businesses, schools, communities and individuals – to support Suffolk Age UK by hosting a “Big Chinwag” – in its simplest form, a coffee morning, to raise much needed funds to support lonely older people in our county.

We have also partnered with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce who are encouraging people to host their Big Chinwag on the first ever **Suffolk Day – Wednesday 21st June** – we’d love to get as many people as possible “Chinwagging” on this day, celebrating everything that’s great and good about our county. Suffolk Day is being supported by Radio Suffolk and the East Anglian Daily Times.

All of the money raised by Suffolk Age UK is spent directly on older people in the county, benefitting our family members, friends, and neighbours and protecting and investing in a safe, secure Suffolk for all older people. We hope you can support us, and help us to make Suffolk a better place for older people to live.

If you are planning to host a “Chinwag” please let us know so that we can support you too, through social media, collecting tins, posters, PR activity and anything else that could help you to host your event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Jo Reeder
Fundraising Manager – Suffolk Age UK
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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Congratulations to Nick Chamberlain and his team for preparing the Green to an excellent standard for the new season. You can judge for yourself, from the photo below, courtesy of the Club's Photographer, Peter Edmunds.

Club events in the coming month are:

- 3 June Jubilee Cup
- 4 June Friendly v. Mendlesham 'A'
- 10 June Ladies' singles Competition
- 24 June President's Cup

Unfortunately, the planned friendly match against the Parish Council on 21 May was cancelled. We hope that this annual game can resume in 2018.

The Saturday matches in the Club

In spite of some bad weather during some of these days, the following members excelled themselves with wins.

- 6 May Drive 1: Neil Smart (28 points) and
- 20 May Drive 2: Peter Edmunds (32 points).

Club Matches against other Clubs

Newly-promoted Thursday Evening Team tops their new League with 4 wins from 4 matches. It is beginning to look as if they could dominate their division (Division 2), of the BURY & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE 'C'. Congratulations and the very best of luck for the rest of the season.

During these matches the following 'Rink' scores were recorded:

27 April; **Thursday Evening B&DBL: Rink of the week** - D James, C Davies, D Begg (Elmswell) 34-3 and

4 May; **Thursday Evening B&DBL: Rink of the week** - G Warby, B Hayward, C Allsop (Elmswell) 31-9.

The Wednesday evening match against Bildeston on 17 May was played in atrocious weather and was stopped after 12 ends had been played; Elmswell lost by 40-50 points!

Stowmarket & District; League 3 (Monday evening)			
8 May	Needham Market 'B'	A	Won: 90-62 (7)
15 May	Rookery 'B'	H	Lost: 4 -99 (0)
22 May	Stowupland	A	Lost: 74-75 (2)
29 May	Needham Market 'A'	A	
5 June	Woodfield 'B'	H	

Stowmarket & District; League 2 (Tuesday afternoon)			
25 April	Old Newton	A	Lost: 63-39 (2)
2 May	Gipping Valley 'A'	H	Won: 48-99 (6)
9 May	Bildeston	A	Lost: 47-29 (0)
16 May	Mendlesham	H	Lost: 22-47 (2)
23 May	Stowupland	A	

Area 'D' Triples League 1 (Tuesday evening)			
2 May	Old Newton	H & A	Lost:63-74 (2)
9 May	Rookery	H & A	Won: 78-54 (5)
16 May	League Cup (R 1)	H & A	Bye to Round 2
23 May	West Row 'A'	H & A	
30 May	Brandon	H & A	

Stowmarket & District Triple League (Wednesday evenings)			
26 April	Wortham	A	Lost: 51-74 (2)
10 May	Thornham Magna	H	Won: 66-59 (5)
17 May	Old Newton	A	Won: 107-52 (6)
24 May	Bildeston	H	Lost: 40 - 50 (2)
31 May	St Botolphs	A	

Bury & District Bowls League - Division 3 (Thursday evenings)			
27 April	Walsham le Willows	H	Won: 107-52(6)
4 May	Coney Weston	A	Won: 82-77 (3)
11 May	Old Newton	H	Won: 107-62 (6)
18 May	G W Staniforth	H	Won: 63 -44 (4)
25 May	Risbygate 'A'	A	



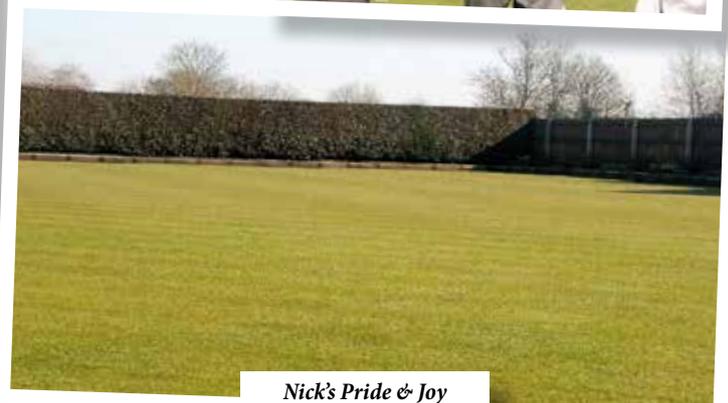
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Starting a Match?



Ralf Whitehead vs Neil Smart (Drive 1 Winner)



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ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB



Latest Results

Sunday 30th April

Elmswell 227
Tendring Park 172 – 8

Sunday 7th May

Old Newton 225 – 6
Elmswell 176

Sunday 14th May

Elmswell 216 – 9
Horringer 131

New Players

We have welcomed several new players into the team so far 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.

June

4th Bardwell (H)

11th Twinstead (A)

14th Stowmarket (A)

18th Freston (H)

21st Old Newton (H)

25th Great Cornard (A)

28th Mid Suffolk (H)

Contact Us

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

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ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

The last ball has hardly been kicked, but the preparation for 2017/18 season has started !!

The Elmswell FC mens sides have two teams playing on a Saturday, currently one in Bury St Edmunds Saturday league, & the first team in Div3 Suffolk & Ipswich league.

Training will start early July (watch this space!) at the home of good football GROVE LANE. Any local players keen to play for your local Mens side are always welcome, we have a great friendly bunch who all play to enjoy the game.

Players old and new are always welcome, & its a perfect step up from youth football into the mens game, bring your mates and lets have a kick about !!

But the skill on the pitch cannot happen without the skill off the pitch keeping the teams going. We need a new CLUB SECRETARY, it probably involves around an hour a week to keep in touch with the leagues requirements. If you feel you could help run the club, please give me a call to meet and discuss the role.

As a local team, with currently just two sides, the running cost are always hard to meet.

We are always very appreciative of any sponsorship offered to the club.

So if you can help, anything from £35 for a match ball or up to sponsoring a kit or training top would be a great help.

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Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting of Council on 22nd May 2017

I spoke last year about the 'unproductive direction' which maintained when I agreed to take the Chair after 3 months of a new administration. I am pleased to say that, with an influx of 3 new experienced and active Councillors, this year has allowed Council to move forward decisively on several fronts, despite challenging times, particularly on the Planning front.

Council has met 14 times, including 4 Extraordinary sessions, largely called to deal with the influx of 'off Plan' applications for large housing developments outside of the 1988 development Boundary. I was pleased to have helped put in place the Pre-Application Protocol which has lessened the brutality that such schemes can present when tackled without warning. Elmswell has been influential in the encouragement of a Strategic Planning approach to such proposals, leading to the 'A14 Corridor' meetings including Woolpit & Thurston and to 'Cohesive Approach' meetings between Elmswell and Strategic Planning officers at both District & County level. This, combined with the efforts of the Neighbourhood Plan Strategy Group, has led to the recent Relief Road Viability Assessment and our own Traffic Statistical Survey. The results are awaited but they must massively inform our dealings with both current and emerging applications.

Many matters slip by in a year costing much time and effort. Some come to nothing - the proposals for Devolution - but many more are very productive - the CAB outreach scheme, the adoption of our excellent Community Speed Watch Team under Council's sponsorship and various improvements at Blackbourne including the move of the Council's office there.

Other matters do not slip by. Last year at this time I expressed the prediction that the village would have purchased the Wesley chapel and facilities by 'the end of June'. This year, in light of experience, and despite the fact that our side of the Contract is signed, finance secured and a deposit paid, I make no such forecast. I have little doubt that it will happen, and I am certain the village will benefit greatly and for a very long time to come, but, for reasons beyond our control, I cannot risk a prediction as to when.

We enter another Council year in very good shape, as a team dedicated to working together for the greater good. Without the distractions that beset EPC when I joined I feel that we are well placed to face the clear challenges that lie ahead, and my thanks are due to other 'team' members for their support.

*Fred Pallett
22.05.17*

Community Transport Officer Report

I have continued to 'caretaker' the Station visiting each week and reporting (very few) problems. The users seem fairly good at using the litter bins although smokers still defy the policy on the platforms. My Plea to clear the debris from the level crossing end fall onto deaf Network Rail ears - It would be so much nicer if it was cleared of the brambles and planted

I have secured some grant funding for the garden club to replace the planters and hopefully in the Autumn these will be done.

I have heard of no problems with community transport so it must be working -

The state of the roads in Elmswell continues to degenerate, and although I and others report potholes the magic cure is apparently to spray yellow road paint around it and wait for it to heal itself, Does not seem to work that well and the yellow fades very quickly when the sun shines. If you notice a hole and consider it dangerous either call the Clerks office or report it to MSDC via their website.

The street-plan of Elmswell is on hold because of the huge amount of planning - But I feel that perhaps we should now push ahead with the map as we will be waiting for the next 10 years for the village to merge with Birmingham.

Abandoned cars - a simple search on-line will tell you if a vehicle has current TAX and MOT and if not MSDC has a reporting system where they evaluate the problem if it is truly abandoned will give notice and remove or tell the DVLA and they will contact the owner and advise the removal of a hefty fine. I do try and keep an eye out but someone has shortened the working week so please help us all by reporting any problem vehicles or if you see anyone dumping rubbish on the verges a registration number date and time would be useful.

The results of the recent traffic survey should be available at this meeting, it should make interesting reading

Speeding - While I noticed a drop in speeding vehicles in the village that seems to be increasing. Pulling onto a clear Wetherden road and accelerating to 30 soon has a car on my bumper and they stick there. The speed watch can only do so much with their limited members. If you have children, animals or elder relatives now is the time to commit to even 2 hours a month to person a speed check point- Training is easy, the time flashes passed - (see what I did there?) and the group is nice along with helping the village be a safer place to walk/ride.

On a similar note and not really my remit The First responders are in urgent need of volunteers, training is a bit harder than speed watch, the rewards are much higher and you can really physically save lives - Ask Me How I know Sometime!

Mike - 01359 241699

**P.S. Don't forget Elmsfest - 3rd September at
The Blackbourne - a really good fund day**



Mid Suffolk District Council – Elmswell and Norton Ward Report

• Finance and Organisation

The Council has set a balanced budget for the next year and there has been another rise in Council Tax. A new Financial Strategy has now been set up; this involved borrowing up to £25M to invest for profit. The Council has decided to move the headquarters to Endeavour House in Ipswich and there will be a customer contact centre in Stowmarket. The Council has also decided to change to the Cabinet model of governance following our Annual Meeting on May 2017.

• Planning

There have been 65 planning applications in Elmswell during the past year, 26 of which were for extensions or home improvements, 7 for change of use and 8 for works to trees. Of the 14 which were for new dwellings, 10 were minor applications for one or two dwellings 4 were major planning applications for outline permission. Outline planning permission will be granted for up to 60 houses to the east of Borley Crescent but the other three larger scale development applications have yet to be determined. Of the 54 applications which have been determined, 47 have been granted.

Considerable progress has been made on updating the evidence base for the new joint Local Plan, and work has now commenced to produce the first draft plan. The first Neighbourhood Plan in the district has been adopted for Mendlesham and many more communities are now working towards their own neighbourhood plans.

• Housing

14 of the new council homes are now completed and in the hands of the occupiers and a DCLG grant has been secured to promote community led housing and kick start the delivery of more new affordable homes. 23 houses have been purchased in Mid Suffolk to help address the loss of council homes through the right to buy scheme. Many of the empty homes across the district have been brought back into occupation and the financial inclusion project has helped many tenants claim increased benefits and averted some evictions. The income gained from the Solar PV panels installed on council properties is up 70% on last year and the project has reduced CO₂ emissions by 3.7 million tonnes since 2014.

• Enterprise

An enterprise park has been established in Stowmarket, which could attract several new businesses and up to 1000 new jobs. A number of initiatives are making good progress to encourage businesses in the area – Open for Business and Food Enterprise Zones as well as projects encouraging schools and businesses to work together to engage young people.

• Communities

Over £300,000 in grants has been awarded to community groups across the district and represents about 12% of the total cost of the projects involved. The Countryside and Public Realm services are currently under review

• Waste and Leisure

20 tonnes of glass is being collected for recycling each month and there is a 6.5% increase in the business waste service. A new leisure facilities strategy is currently being developed.

Sarah Mansel
Mid Suffolk District Councillor – Elmswell and Norton Ward
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I am a member of Development Control Committee A and take great interest in planning issues both within my ward and in the wider district. I am also a member of the Joint Housing Board.

I support activities in your parish and regularly attend all parish council meetings and hope to continue to do so.

Report on the activities of the Council's Planning Committee

The Planning Committee is a Standing Committee which is convened when the timetable under which Mid Suffolk works for the consideration of Planning applications within statutory time constraints requires a response which cannot be determined within EPC's own schedule of Ordinary Meetings. Its meetings are publicised in the usual way and are open to the public.

Although Planning pressures have been considerable this year, the calling of Extraordinary Meetings of full Council to discuss the large strategic applications such as at Borley Crescent, Wetherden Road, Warren Lane and White House Farm has meant that the Planning Committee has only been convened twice when deemed appropriate by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

The Committee currently comprises 10 Councillors and continues to be a valid and effective way of making the local voice heard in the increasingly frenetic debates which surround the high pressure Planning applications coming forward.

Fred Pallett, Chairman, EPC Planning Committee

Report from the Elmswell Village Recorder

The Elmswell Newsletter remains a most valuable archive of the day-to-day life of the village and these I deposit at the County Records Office along with ephemera which would otherwise not be recorded. To some extent this publication provides the very record that the village recorder initiative seeks to establish.

I am pleased to have had Council's support in the recommendation of names for new developments in the village. This provides the opportunity to enshrine for ever ancient historic references towards providing a reminder of our past, as with 'Earthfield Lane' at the new HGV monitoring site on the roundabout and the 6 street names at the emerging Bacon Factory development. I am also seeking here to have the original Bacon Factory Co-operative foundation stone incorporated into the entrance to the new estate if possible.

As previously notified, I am keen to pass on the Recorder role and the Elmswell History Group duly advertise in the hope that I can transfer responsibilities which are not onerous but which, I think, serve the village well.

Maureen Dow

Elmswell Parish Council Footpath Officer's Report

I have continued to organise and lead the monthly walks in and around the village, including on New Year's day when we enjoyed refreshments at the half-way point courtesy of Alan and Linda Wells. My thanks to them and to Cllr Peter Edmonds who has stood in when I have been unable to lead the walks due to other commitments.

I hear quite regularly of how the walks have brought together newcomers to the village and their new neighbours and of several enduring friendships that have resulted. Also of people who have taken up walking our footpaths on their own account having had an introduction on the walks.

Through the Parish Clerk I have been able to pass on to SCC problems with footpaths and, generally speaking, the paths are in a good walkable condition.

Despite several offers of help over recent years, a footpath map seems to be as far away as ever. I am not good with computers, so a helping hand is essential and I do hope that one day someone comes forward to take it on to completion.

Dick Burch

Tree Wardens Report

The May 2017 meeting of Elmswell Parish Council is an auspicious occasion. Back in May 1987, the then newly elected council decided that it was going to follow the example being trailed in – I think – Hampshire, of appointing a parish tree warden/officer, and in a typical example of “ why don't I keep my mouth shut when I don't know what I'm talking about” I allowed myself to be “volunteered”! What that means is that Elmswell is probably among the parishes with the longest standing Tree Warden scheme outside Hampshire(?), and I'm among the longest serving Tree Wardens in the country!

That's the good news, - the bad!! From the beginning of the scheme, while it was fronted nationally by the Tree Council, at a local level it was administered by a level of local government, sometimes County Council, sometimes Borough Councils etc., in our area by the District Councils. All these authorities are under pressure of reduced resources, and many are now indicating that they feel unable to continue to perform that function, in one local case, calling a meeting of the district wardens and telling them that as of that moment they would no longer have anything to do with the scheme, and that district officers were no longer allowed to even talk to the wardens ! Mid Suffolk are being a little more civilized, and have given 18 months notice of their intention to cease administering the scheme, and have made no comment about preventing officers from talking to wardens !!

Is that the end? By no means. The South Norfolk wardens decided to go it alone, and recently celebrated the 1st anniversary of the first independent district tree warden network, in spite of the apparent hostility of the district council. The wardens of Mid Suffolk, in this case with at least tacit support from the district council are working on following suit, and held the first meeting of a steering group a couple of months ago!

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Within the village, Elmswell continues promoting trees and wild spaces, and will hold a Bio Blitz (citizen science) at the end of June. At the same time links with Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group mean that the group will be a part of a new initiative piloted by STOG and UEA, called Orchards East, which will be studying and promoting across about 10 of the eastern counties, the preservation of existing traditional orchards, the creation of new, traditional style orchards, and the growing and use of traditional locally grown fruit.



Blackbourne Management Association Annual Report

The year minds have been, to some extent, concentrated on the results of the village acquiring the Wesley facilities and the implications for the BMA and the village as a whole. It seems sensible to Members to manage the Wesley in tandem with the Blackbourne and the Parish Council so far have taken the same view.

We are looking forward to the exciting challenge and to the great community benefits in prospect and thank the Council for its tenacity in pursuing this long and wearying process.

The transfer of the Clerk's office from a private establishment to the Blackbourne went extremely smoothly with no interruption to Council business or inconvenience to parishioners. It has brought into focus certain space and storage issues which the BMA has started to address as part of its commitment to continuous improvement.

The Car Park designated walkway, and associated reverse parking regime for spaces bordering the playing field, have bedded in well and makes pedestrian access to the Blackbourne safer.

The year will be most remembered, by BMA members at least, as another year of record turnover as we managed to edge up to £31,977.00. Last year stood at £24,498.00. In order to iron out anomalies caused by electricity costs not being evenly billed and paid, an assessment using the real costs incurred by EPC in running Blackbourne, including the cost of repaying the loan interest, shows that, over the past 2 years, the cost to the community of Blackbourne has been under £400.00 per year. This is very timely news coming, as it does, just as the Wesley comes on stream.

*Secretary
Peter Edmonds*

Suffolk County Council Ward Member Cllr Mrs Jane Storey

I was re-elected with an increase in my vote and I was pleased with that. Someone said to me 'well, you must have done something right!' Life carries on but officially the Cabinet appointments, and other appointments, are announced at the AGM on May 25th. All being well, I will be announced as Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Broadband and Rural Matters. The role also includes HR, IT and Communications so an interesting sub-role. I have already had a number of suggestions regarding my Locality Budget but know that there will be more to come. I will check where you are on traffic surveys and see if I can help.

Annual District Councillor Report Councillor John Levantis

Mid Suffolk's Achievements for 2016/17...
in no particular order:

Recycling UP: 20 tonnes of glass being collected and recycled a month, with **6.5% increase** in our business waste service customer base

- New Council Homes UP:** we are building **65** new council homes across the districts, with **14** already in the hands of their new occupants
- Funding for Community-led-Housing UP: £430,000** of DCLG grant secured to promote community led housing and kick start the delivery of new affordable homes
- Green Energy income UP: £460,000** of income generated this year by solar panels installed by our Solar PV project, up by almost **70%** on last year. The project has now reduced CO2 emissions by **3.7 million tonnes** since June 2014
- Opportunities for businesses UP:** established enterprise parks at Stowmarket and Sproughton which could attract up to **293** new businesses and **2,400** new jobs
- Number of empty homes DOWN:** we brought **97** empty homes back into use, generating **£130,000** of income to the local economy this year
- Avoidable Evictions DOWN:** Financial Inclusion Project has taken over **150** referrals, helped tenants claim **£33,106** more in benefits they are entitled to and averted **13** evictions
- We have empowered communities to bring forward **neighbourhood plans** across the districts with the first 3 now adopted in Lavenham, East Bergholt and Mendlesham. A further 13 communities have started the formal process.

Also, Community Grants. The District Councils provided over £725,000 in grants to community groups in 2016/17, comprising £492,184 in revenue funding and £233,526 capital funding. The capital funding represented 12% of over £2million total project costs, as compared to 15% in 2015/16

John Levantis
Portfolio Holder for Housing Delivery
Tel: 01359 240708

The May meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Meeting – a sort of AGM with other business attached, including the election of officers and representatives. This year it was held in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 22nd with 9 councillors present, along with the Parish Clerk, District Cllrs Mrs Sarah Mansel together with 3 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, the Council Vice-chairman, and one other Member elected by their peers. 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 County and District Council 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 Annual Reports from various bodies are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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

Chairman

Cllr Fred Pallett was re-elected unopposed as Chairman of Council for the coming year, as was Cllr Shaun Pratt as Vice chairman.

Reports

Written reports were received from the Council Chairman for the year 2014/15 together with other officers of the Council and representatives of the Council on other bodies. These reports are published elsewhere in this Newsletter. A report was also noted from the Planning Committee, although the Council's standing Complaints Committee had not met during the year and presented no report.

Accounts

The Clerk prepares an annual Statement of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March. These include the Balance Sheet, the Assets Register which lists everything that the Council owns and notes disposals and acquisitions together with the original costs and current values, a fully itemised report on income and expenditure over the year and a Supporting Statement which outlines the current financial commitments. Approval of this Statement forms a key element of the Governance Statement made to the external auditor for approval. The Statement of Accounts was unanimously approved.

Annual Return

The Council's external auditor is appointed by the Government and requires an annual statement confirming that Councillors, aware of the financial and governance processes and procedure which are in place and having had free access to all accounting and other relevant documentation over the year, confirm their approval of the Clerk's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. Approval was formally given and minuted and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the relevant documents which now go to the External Auditor, Messrs BDO LLP. All of the documents are available for public inspection at any time by arrangement with the Clerk. A formal period for inspection will be advertised between 5th June and 14th July. They are also published on the Council's website.

Risk Assessments A schedule of Risk Assessments covering all aspects of the Council's responsibilities, including Financial Risk, was published and the Meeting approved this comprehensive document as representing a proper assessment of the risks and demonstrating appropriate management of them.

Internal Audit

The Council annually appoints an independent professional internal auditor to examine and report on the finances, processes and procedures which have maintained for the previous financial year. The 2016/17 audit was carried out by Mr Trevor Brown CPFA. The Auditor's report was received by Council. It was formally noted and minuted that the accounts and other documentation were well presented for audit purposes with no comments or recommendations made which required other than minor procedural action on the part of either the Council or the Council's Responsible Finance Officer.

Officers

The Council has a number of advisory roles and other representative appointments, often filled by volunteers who are not councillors which, good practice suggests, benefits community liaison and brings fresh insights. These were filled by agreement of the Meeting and the posts held by Councillors will be published as part of the schedule of contact details.

Committee memberships

The Council has 2 standing committees. The Planning Committee exists to allow for the consideration of planning applications when the timetable required by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, cannot be met within the framework of Council meetings. The Committee met twice last year. The Complaints Committee meets when required to deal with complaints about the Council from members of the public. This committee has not met since 2008.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel, in addition to her Annual Report, tabled a written report on the past month's activities which included:

- New Constitution - Following the

decision to use the leader cabinet model of governance, the Council's constitution has been revised and was adopted at last week's Council meeting. The new model will come into force following our Annual Meeting at the end of this month. The Leader, Nick Gowrley has offered cabinet posts without portfolio to both the leader of the Green Group, Andrew Stringer and the leader of the Liberal Democrats, Penny Otton.

- Move to New Headquarters - The formal consultation period for the staff is now underway and goes on until 22nd July. It is hoped that staff will be able to work flexibly and there will be the opportunity to work at other council sites, as well as a network of 'touchdown' locations. The locations of these is still to be finalised; some of the common rooms at the 'de-sheltered' housing complexes are likely to be used, but will have to gain planning permission.
- Planning portal upgrade - The planning portal for viewing planning applications on line via the MSDC website is being upgraded to a new system. During the 3 week change over period from 12th May, there will still be access to view all 'old' applications but it will not be possible to add new comments. If you wish to send comments please email them to planning@babergmidsuffolk.gov.uk ensuring that the application number is included. All 'new' applications from 12th May will be put onto the new system which can be accessed via <https://planning.babergmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>. After the 3 week transition period all applications should be accessible on the new system.
- New Housing Development partner - Following the agreement of the adoption of the Joint Affordable Homes Strategy last month, the Executive Committee have agreed a policy for the appointment of a development partner at next week's meeting.
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment - As part of the evidence gathering phase of the New Joint Local Plan, Babergh and Mid Suffolk, along with Ipswich



Borough, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney, commissioned Peter Brett Associates in September 2016 is to produce a SHMA covering all five local planning authority areas. Initial reports indicate that there is a need for approximately 450 new homes per year in Mid Suffolk. This will affect the 5 year land supply in the district and has implications in the determination of planning applications.

and attempts by the Parish Council to persuade action towards appropriate control have had no effect.

Planning results

The Meeting noted that Permission has been granted for an extension replacing a flat roof at The Willows, Warren Lane, which application had been supported by the Parish Council together with the granting of Permission for the erection of a one and a half storey detached dwelling at Spinnakers, Ashfield Road, to which the Council had objected.

Planning Application

The Clerk agreed to raise serious concerns regarding the failure of Mid Suffolk, as the Planning Authority, to publish supporting papers for an Application at 26 Eastern Way for the change of use of a log cabin in the garden to allow a nail art & design business to operate. A request will be made for deferment of the matter until proper details are furnished.

Wesley purchase

The due process whereby the Council is purchasing the Wesley chapel and halls for community use continues. Confidence

remains high amongst those working towards this end on the village's behalf, although no firm commitment to a Completion date can be confidently yet made.

Administration

A Task and Finish Panel is to meet and discuss measures required to better equip the Clerk's office to deal with an ever increasing workload. The pressures of recent and on-going applications for large housing developments, together with the expanding management role as Blackbourne becomes ever-busier and the extra responsibilities as Wesley becomes a Council responsibility suggest that a review of the situation is necessary.

Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 19th June 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.

Burger Van

The Clerk reported that the mobile catering facility which has recently re-emerged at Station Road near to the recycling centre, is promised to be a temporary arrangement lasting a few weeks only. Previous burger vans in this location have caused considerable nuisance by obstructing traffic to and from the industrial estate as well as taking up parking spaces intended for rail passengers. The last incumbent was successfully prosecuted for offences under Environmental Health legislation and banned from trading but has expressed his intention to resume his operations in the near future. There is currently no legislation within Mid Suffolk for the regulation of street trading activity

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

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As an alternative you can email them directly through the following link: Email: stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

FOOTPATH WALK

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

SUNDAY 11th JUNE beginning at 11.00 am from the village sign.

Open to all comers & led by Footpath Officer Dick Burch

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

Dogs on leads welcome – stout shoes recommended



Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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.

Future Council Meetings

June	July	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan
19th	17th	18th	16th	20th	18th	15th

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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 - it might help you in planning dates for your events.

June 2017

- 1 Over 55's Club Harbour Lights Trio (former Shipshape) Open Evening
- 3 19:00 Quiz Night at St John's
- 5 Meet at chapel at 6pm to go for a Fish & Chip Supper at The Hut, Felixstowe with the Ladies Friendship Group from Elmswell Baptist Church - phone Margaret on 241541 to order your meal - men welcome as well
- 7 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I. 2 pm, Wesley Community Centre
Jenny Steer - "Burnt In"
Demo and Story of Encaustic Art
Competition - A decorated wooden item
- 8 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 8 Elmswell History Group meeting, St John's Church. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Paul Peachey: "Elmswell's historical Postcards"
July tickets on sale
- 9 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 10 AGM Friends of St John's Church, in the Church at 9.30am followed by Coffee Morning
- 13 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30 pm. Turkish Cuisine and Pashminas.
Speaker Jenny Gibbs.
- 15 Over 55's Club Strawberry Supper and Bingo
- 16 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 17 Summer Fair (Wesley Hall)
- 18 9:00 CPAS Sunday (Breakfast Church & 11am Communion)
- 20 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Blackbourne
Talk: Horticultural Forum - Houseplant Jungle
- 20 Elmswell Exchange Social Club
Speaker Mr. Newman Prison Officer. Raffle
- 23 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 29 Over 55's Club Sing a long with Hank
- 30 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30
- 30 9.30 a.m. - Lukeswood BioBlitz, plus evening Bat Walk.

July 2017

- 1 9.30 a.m. - Lukeswood Bioblitz
- 1 16:00 Church BBQ (The Rectory)
- 5 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I. 2 pm, Wesley Community Centre
Jean Wright, Goldwork Display & Talk
Competition - An example of embroidery
- 7 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 9 Friends of St John's Church Annual Service in the Church at 10.30am
- 11 Summer Social Event
- 13 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 Over 55's Club Welcome to the Jubilee Singers Open Evening
- 14 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 15 **10am - Elmswell History Group's Annual Outing, to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, please note this is a SATURDAY morning. Two-hour guided tour of museum and village. Advance-purchase ticket required, £3 for members or £5 for non-members, for sale on 11th May and 8th June. Own transport (please share if possible) - on-site parking is £2 per car. Tel: 01359-242601 for tickets and more information about venue, lunch, etc.**

- 18 Gardening Club - Summer Activity
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club A.G.M. Strawberry Tea. Raffle
- 19 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Outing T.B.A.
- 21 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 27 Over 55's Club Visit to the Chelsea Pensioners includes Lunch and Tour
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne, doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30

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)
- 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
- 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 **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
- 6 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - A visit to Corn Craft, Monks Eligh with a meal. Time TBC
- 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

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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, usually every 3rd Sunday. All welcome. www.sozohomechurch.com

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