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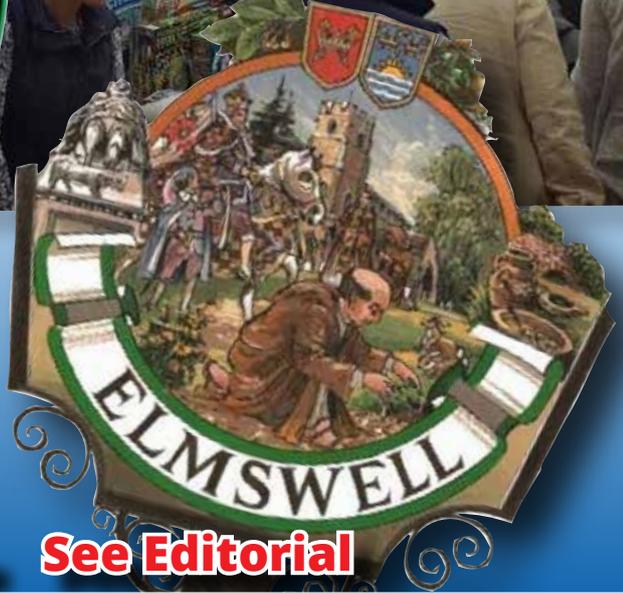
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The last of October's days marks the end of the old year. 1<sup>st</sup> November is New Year's Day. But only if you are Celtic and dead these 2,000 years or so. For you and the tribe, the end of summer and harvest...the beginning of a cold, dark, winter that brings death to the weak and the elderly. Hence 31<sup>st</sup> of October, Samhain, being generally bandied about as the night when the boundaries between the living and the dead are blurred.

How then to bridge the gap between...

*The very witching time of night,*

*When churchyards yawn, and hell itself breathes out*

*Contagion to this world...*

and hundreds of smirking pumpkins leering toothily like emoticons-made-flesh as they wait to be kicked to smithereens to be strewn about the streets as part of the modern day carnival of mirth?



Well, of course, the Romans had a hand in it. They hijacked the festival as 'Feralia' to honour their own dead and threw in a goddess of fruit, Pomona, whose symbol is the apple and whose legacy is the fun-packed, 'apple bobbing', which nowadays is sometimes confused with the religious dropping of the knee before the altar of the mobile telephone.

Then a couple of Popes joined in and invented the festival of All Saints, slotting it in at 1<sup>st</sup> November, and this caught on as an antidote to the nasty pagan Celtic original. Our reader will no doubt have made the connection with the Middle English word for All Saints Day as *Alholowmesse*...thence to All Hallowes, and to our own (or so we think) Hallowe'en.

In its usual sensitive and tasteful way, America has shaped the version of the festival we know today. Strong Native American and Irish immigrant influences popularised the annual bash and introduced Trick or Treat on the way to a far more secular event, stripped of its superstitious and religious overtones. The result is the second largest, 'retail opportunity event', in the shopping calendar, with only the 3 month Santa-spend-fest of Christmas beating it as a contributor to the all-important retail indices. The astute shopper can get very good deals on rubber spiders and fake blood whilst Starbucks (other overpriced lifestyle statements are available) are, this year, offering a, 'Zombie Frappuccino', comprising toffee apple iced coffee laced with blood-red chocolate syrup and a bright pink cream brain.

If there is a common thread through this history it can be identified as, 'mischief', in one form or another. There is an understandable reluctance to face the inevitability that, 'gone before', 'passed on', or, 'pushing up the daisies', really means, 'dead'. Difficult to grasp that the most important person in one's world will, parrot like, cease to be, will one day have, 'expired and gone to meet 'is maker, kicked the bucket, shuffled off 'is mortal coil, run down the curtain and joined the choir invisible'. This reticence allows for compensatory behaviours to lighten the prospect. It allows for the dressing up as witches / vampires / ghouls and ghosties. It prompts, inexplicably, the throwing of eggs and flour. It has created a pumpkin industry. And it gives us a chance to relate to our young people. We can, and do, join in.

Our young people are in danger of becoming a tribe apart. Seduced at too early an age into aspects of the adult world with no rite of passage they stand vulnerable, at risk and confused. In their bedroom annexe they have a glowing green window on a world of which many adults know little until the scandal breaks. Prey to a wider, 'mischief', they are subject to a lexicon of new social malaise - to sexting and self-harm and to the seductive draw of the dark web. There is no threshold to aim for and to achieve before being accorded grown-up rights. The rights are on permanent special offer, the responsibilities are not included and the terms and conditions are seldom read.

As with so many other aspects of social development we, the community-at-large, must think for and fend for ourselves if we are not to lose touch with our formative generations. From the demise of the County Council Youth Service through to the bombardment of propaganda urging social, 'identity fluidity', our children are at risk of toppling into the chasm that now separates them from the realities of adulthood. However, Elmswell is not, to borrow a, 'yoof', phrase, in a bad place. For the moment. But with an almost inevitable 50% increase in the number of residents over the next 15 years or so we can't take this for granted. We have good schools and pre-schools, we have playgroups and Little Signers and Clubhouse Kids and more. We have thriving youth groups, 13 youth football teams and green space. It can't be taken for granted that this is going to cater for the near-future demands. Already there is talk of having to bus Primary children out of the village, and the bussing to Secondary Schools is going to be chargeable unless we can persuade a change.

An opportunity is on the horizon. On 8<sup>th</sup> November Mid Suffolk discuss the application for housing near to White House Farm on Ashfield Road. The developer has a long standing relationship with the village and has previously provided facilities - such as Crown Mill - as part of their schemes. The Parish Council has supported this latest application because there is the offer of valuable infrastructure gains, including a site for a future Primary school and 8 acres of additional land at Blackbourne. Mid Suffolk officers have recommended approval.

Two opportunities, then, to future-proof our facilities for young people. Provision for primary schooling in the inevitably larger village, and space to make provision for the difficult-to-like 'older kids'. Not just more space for football, but kit and equipment for unstructured physical activities to help drain some of the energies of youth which might otherwise be channelled less productively. It is to be hoped that the recent ill-considered and inevitably doomed 'BMX track' silliness hasn't poisoned the thinking of the Great and the Good against, for example, a skateboard park on just half of one of those extra acres. Or a zip wire. Or a 6m. rope climbing pyramid.

Bewitching possibilities.

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## ELMSWELL ART CLUB



What is it that makes Elmswell Art Club so enjoyable, popular and relaxing? We are an Art Club, NOT an Art Class! We are not told what we should paint - an apple, a box of matches, or we'll only use one colour today! Of course, such classes are essential and useful but not for everyone. At Elmswell Art Club, each member decides what they want to create, whether it be a watercolour painting, a pencil portrait or something in oils. We can choose the materials we want to use, paper and brushes, etc. We have complete freedom to do whatever we want. During the course of the morning we individually decide when to have a break for tea or coffee and a couple of biscuits (more in my case!). During this time we will wander around and see what others are doing. It is when you hear, "how do you do that" or "how do you get that effect"? So we all learn and improve our techniques. It is very rewarding when these questions are asked of you! All very helpful, enjoyable and relaxing!

When Elizabeth Bennington first joined she would happily sit and draw tiny flowers in pencil. With encouragement and mentoring from Joan Andrache, she has produced this lovely country scene, her first watercolour. Well done, Elizabeth! Annette Blanshard's cats, done with pastel pencils, is a work commissioned by a neighbour. *John Welford 01359 240166*



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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI



Our October meeting was literally a magical experience. We welcomed our old friend Colin Hopper to what was a smaller than usual gathering. Unfortunately, this was due to the rather unpleasant cold/cough virus that was spreading among us and not down to Colin practicing his Vanishing Lady trick. **His presentation was called The History of Magic** and he did, indeed, go way back into the past. In fact, back to 2700 BC when the first conjuring trick was performed in Egypt by a man called Dedi. This was the famous cup and balls routine. This was repeated in Ancient Greece and is still a standard today. The Magic Circle was formed in 1905, the first President being David Devant. He was expelled twice for breaking the strict code of secrecy surrounding these magic tricks and divulging how they were done. The origins of magic were essentially based on fear. In fact, fear of the unknown and unexplained. Still one of our biggest fears today. People who are afraid tend to be pliant in the hands of the powerful who can perform this magic !!!

Not only was it a most interesting afternoon, but a very entertaining one with plenty of magic thrown in.

After refreshments we went through our business matters. **The old ones are the best !!**

**Next month, we welcome Martyn Taylor, a Blue Badge Guide**

**In Bury St. Edmunds. He is going to take us "Under Bury St. Edmunds" which should be quite an experience.** We welcome guests and new members. If you want to "test the water" please come along and join us. There will be no obligation. *Further details from Maureen on 241033 or email: modavis6@gmail.com*



## VOLUNTEER WANTED

**The Afternoon W.I. desperately need a strong man !!!!**

**We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. in The Wesley Hall**

**We need help with erecting tables & moving chairs before the meeting and clearing away afterwards (approx. 4 pm)**

**We would, of course, be equally happy to have help from "a strong woman"**

**We are finding it extremely difficult to do these jobs as we are an elderly group.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT MAUREEN DAVIS ON 241033 OR EMAIL**

**modavis6@gmail.com**

### ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 12 October we welcomed back Sarah Doig, who on this occasion was talking about her recent book, entitled "The A-Z of Curious Suffolk" which in her own words, "romps through the rolling countryside and along the shingled coastline of Suffolk, unearthing the curious along the way." Starting with A for Adultery, a story about one Thomas Peacock, a bigamist whose second wife was an Elmswell spinster named Mary Harnton and ending with Z for Zeppelin, the dreaded airborne weapon which caused damage in several parts of Suffolk. In between A

and Z she writes of strange happenings, curious buildings, odd occupations and dwile flonking, a Suffolk game which is apparently not as old as we all think it is!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9 November at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall when Lisa Harris will speak about the 50th Anniversary of the Museum of East Anglian Life. Situated in Stowmarket, the Museum specialises in the history of rural life in East Anglia through a mixture of exhibits and living history demonstrations.

Cost for the evening £2 for members or £4 for visitors - new members always welcome - joining fee £8.

Tickets for the special December meeting will also be available at £3 for members or £5 for non-members.

*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 EVENING WI

The October meeting was all about dancing, Line Dancing. We put on our shoes and stepped up onto the floor. We tried to learn some basis steps, during the laughter, curtsy of Louise, who had us travelling around the room, dancing in a line and getting us all to move 'those hips'. It was an exceptional evening of fun and fitness. We have discovered that Line Dancing is thirsty work and a well earned break was needed for food and tea.

Following our October meeting some members travelled to our WI friends in Drinkstone, where

we enjoyed an evening discovering the delights of Chocolate. There was a demonstration on how to make chocolate tart, with chocolate pastry and chocolate volcanoes, which when cut into oozed chocolate sauce. At the end of the evening everyone, thank goodness, got to eat it all, which can only be described as 'choc-tastic'. Luckily a copy of all the recipes are heading our way very shortly so we can make it all again at home. Thank you Drinkstone for hosting a very special night for all us chocolate lovers.

Our next meeting is on 14th November and will be 'Nothing Like a Dame'. The competition is a homemade Christmas Cracker.

We are a friendly group, meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 pm at the Blackbourne. Visitors are always welcome, first session is free. Check out our programme in the newsletter or follow us on Facebook to find out the latest events.

*Siobhan Holcombe, Committee Member*





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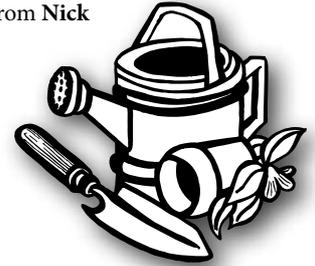
## ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

On a deceptively warm October evening, Sahara winds could not deter Gardening Club members from piling into the Blackbourne for another great evening. Nick welcomed us and said that as the magnificent summer flowers are fading, help is needed to change over the station flower boxes. We hope to plant a more subdued winter display of wallflowers and pansies. Volunteers (and trowels) should meet at Elmswell station on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.00am.**

Our speaker this month was gardener, Nigel Start, on self-sufficiency from the garden. The media is always warning about Brexit and the food catastrophes to come, so Nigel's talk could not have come at a more propitious time. He gave us a potted history of food production through the centuries including the mediaeval strip field system and crop rotation and the 1790 Enclosure Act where village fields were stolen and impoverished villagers denied their cultivation rights. The realisation, through the Industrial Revolution and two world wars, was that the UK had become dependent on imported food, hence the WW2

slogan 'Dig for Victory'. Renewed interest in self-sufficiency returned in the 1970's, especially with a number of 'End of the World' warnings (postponed apparently) and helped by the TV programme 'The Good Life'. John Seymour's book on Self-Sufficiency was a best seller, although his chapter on killing the garden pig might be a step too far. Currently, new houses usually have tiny gardens, so allotments are at a premium. Nigel said that whatever size your garden, one can be self-sufficient in vegetables throughout the year with careful planning. He uses a 5-step rotation of vegetables. 1st year, potatoes to break up the ground, 2nd, onions and carrots, 3rd, peas/beans to fix nitrogen in the soil, 4th, cut flowers and 5th, brassicas. This gives him flavoursome, convenient vegetables which are pest-free, encourage healthy exercise, plus home grown vegetables are cost saving and incur no food miles. Nigel told us all about hot and cold composting and how his hens break up the garden soil to provide him with valuable manure. Nigel's talk was inspirational and who knows next year Elmswell will be overflowing with home grown produce.

Our November meeting will be on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne.** It is time for our AGM when all help is welcomed. This will be followed by a dastardly quiz devised by Katherine and Margaret and a short slideshow on the Gardening Club visit to view the wonders of the Cambridge Botanical Garden. Also Katherine and Margaret will give us a preview of the exciting talks they have arranged for 2018: after which we will adjourn for Christmas nibbles. If you wish to find out more, do come along and join us for our last meeting of 2017. Visitors pay only £3.00. Further information may be obtained from **Nick Chamberlin on 242601.**



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Hosted by Jo Churchill MP  
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Last year's event at the John Peel Centre, Stowmarket.

Having hosted a similar event last year in Stowmarket, Jo Churchill, Member of Parliament for Bury St. Edmunds, is hosting an Older Persons' Information Fair in Bury.

The event will bring together over thirty organisations operating in and around the town to inform and advise on services. Jo's particularly concerned with the issue of loneliness, which the event will help highlight.

**Come and meet with local organisations and community groups.**

**Mingle around the interesting and fun stalls.**

**Enjoy a cuppa with friends.**

**Learn more about what's on offer locally:** how to access services, participate in community groups and unearth opportunities.

Support - Advice - Services - Arts - Health - Gardening - Tech advice

**Get information around well-being:** health, fitness, technology, safety, volunteering, crime prevention, gardening and the arts.

**You can expect a warm welcome and free tea and refreshment.**

## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the Club welcomed Mr. Ray Chaplin and his wife Sandra and Dice the dog to the meeting. Ray and Dice visit hospitals and care homes as Dice is a registered PAT dog. Dice is 9 years old and has an ideal temperament for this type of work. He is very happy to be stroked and is very gentle with people. Ray told us that Dice is just as popular with the staff as he is with patients and residents. The people find it very comforting and staff notice an improvement in the more withdrawn patients and residents.

Ray was a successful farmer who exhibited cattle in the Suffolk show. After some health issues, he began writing poetry. Ray shared some of his poetry with us and there was an opportunity for members to buy one of his books. We thank Ray for an interesting talk.

After refreshments and the raffle, members were reminded our Christmas lunch is on the 5th of December and will cost £12.

Our next meeting is on 21st November and Mr. Parfitt will be speaking to us about his latest travels.

New members are always welcome.

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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We are looking ahead to December at Elmswell Library and especially our place in the community.

We have teamed up with the East of England Co-Op and would like to invite you to come and join us for a cup of tea, coffee and a mince pie or biscuit whenever we are open throughout the festive month. It can be a busy and lonely time for some people and we believe we are well-placed to help, just a little – a little oasis of calm and company at a hectic and occasionally sad time. So pop in whenever we are open and we will make you a drink for free, you are more than welcome to relax, bring a friend or have a chat with the staff, we will have mince pies and biscuits for you to enjoy. We always have the EADT and Bury Free Press as well as many local publications for you to peruse, and obviously a whole library full of books and the Suffolk Libraries catalogue at your disposal – all for free!

We will also have something for the youngsters taking part in our Sunday craft sessions – every week we have a craft activity in the library between 11am-12pm and during December our clever crafters will receive a chocolate coin. Everything is free to take part so just pop along to see Hannah or Summer throughout December (please note the early closing time on Christmas Eve).

We have also teamed up with Gatehouse Foodbank in Bury St Edmunds and throughout December we will be a collection point for any donations you would like to make. We can accept any unopened non-perishable goods, ideally with three months date left and also any toiletries. All the items will be taken to the foodbank where they will be distributed to families in need in Bury and the surrounding area over the festive period.

We had the most wonderful time holding our first ever Fun Palace. Library and Information Advisor Lisa Vincent had put together a lovely array of activities which combined art with science. She had fabulous help from Claire Keefe who shared her knowledge of knitting and crochet with many enthusiastic ladies, Brontë

Yarrow, who showed people how to make music and had quite a few youngsters playing Twinkle Twinkle and Claire Last who demonstrated the calming effect of colouring beautiful geometric patterns. Thank you to all our Fun Palace volunteers, the feedback we have had has been wonderful. The picture shows a gorgeous nature mandala our visitors created.

Claire has also been regularly volunteering at Elmswell Library for some time and we discovered her knack for knowing how to solve computer, tablet and phone conundrums. She is willing to show people who perhaps aren't as tech-savvy how to get started or solve problems they have encountered if she is able. She is here most Thursdays between 2-4pm, but it's best to call and check if she is available or book some time in advance. our number is at the bottom of this article.

We are also, perhaps as you read this, enjoying our next fundraiser - An Evening of Eastern European Wine and Food is on November 3rd at 7:30pm. Just in case you find yourself free and have received this early, tickets are £12.50 per person, available from the library, and for that you will be guided through six to eight wines by local expert Bob Stopp. There will be traditional Eastern European food, all provided by our wonderful Elmswell Library Friends team. All profits will go the ELF coffers and ultimately to supporting your library.

And our Baby Bounce and Tot Rock is back and in full swing. Every term time Friday at 9:45am there is a song and rhyme session with our brilliant volunteer Alison aimed at babies and toddlers. It's free to join in and a great way to meet other parents. Just come along, there's no need to book.

Looking forward to Christmas, our opening hours will be reduced. On Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24th) we will be open from 10am-12:30pm, we will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Wednesday, December 27th. We will be open as usual on all other days.

Elmswell Library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm and 2-7pm,



Wednesdays and Fridays 2-5pm, Saturdays 10am-1pm and Sundays 10am-3pm. You can contact us on 01359 240974. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Emma Yarrow*  
Elmswell Library manager  
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### CONSULTATION

### Minerals & Waste Local plan

The policies for the planning of the potential development of these sites will include the proposed expansion at Lawn Farm Quarry down Warren Lane. The consultation sessions include one at

#### Blackbourne

on Friday 10th November  
between 2.00pm – 8.00pm.

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We have an impressive collection of events in November. Although we try put everything in this newsletter, please check our notice sheets, website and facebook page for more information

### A time to reflect.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm, we're holding our Time to Remember Service – an opportunity to remember a loved one by lighting a candle. All welcome.

If you're looking for more opportunities to reflect, we also have regular prayer meetings and small fellowship-focused groups – if you'd like to know more, please get in touch.

### A time to have fun!

Our Annual Church Christmas Fair is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00-4:00pm at the Blackbourne. It's always a happy community event. This year you can look forward to our famous teddy tombola, children's games, craft stalls, meat raffle, book stall, main raffle, bric-a-brac, cakes, cards, Father Christmas in his grotto, messy church & café!

**St John's Annual Christmas Fair**  
Craft stalls, teddy tombola, raffle, children's games, bric-a-brac, meat raffle, book stall, cakes, cards, Father Christmas in his grotto, messy church & café!

The Blackbourne  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
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And then on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00pm, it's our 'Variety and Spice' concert. Everyone is invited to St John's to enjoy the acts: songs, poems, sketches, instrumentals, jokes... and of course drinks and nibbles!

### Breakfast events!

Men's breakfast is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – a fabulous opportunity for the chaps to catch up with one another, hear from a guest speaker and enjoy a full English.

Breakfast church – our popular, relaxed service, which starts with coffee & croissants, is on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

### Lunch events!

Our Ladies Lunch is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This monthly event is held at the Wesley Hall and is enjoyed by the ladies of Elmswell.

### ...and on Sundays.

Details of Sunday services are below, but to coming up we have:

- All Age services including Christingle
- Remembrance Sunday
- Breakfast Church
- Holy Communion

Something for everyone in our beautiful community! God Bless.

### What's happening?

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

3:00pm Time to Remember Service

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age "Shoe Box Sunday" Service

11:00am Traditional Service (BCP)

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November –

##### Remembrance Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Morning Service

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

9:30 Breakfast Church

(breakfast served from 9:00am)

11:00am Service of Holy Communion

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

10:30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

9:30am All Age Christingle Service

11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

### ...and looking further ahead?

6:30pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Nine Lessons and Carols

3:30pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – I can't wait for Christmas!

11:30pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Late Night Communion (BCP)

10:00am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas All Age Celebration!



## ST JOHN'S FLOODLIGHTING

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### NOVEMBER 2017 SPONSORSHIPS

- 1 in memory of Jim Baker (1933-2009), on the anniversary of his death.
- 5 Special memories of Matthew J. Pollen, our much loved son, who passed away two years ago, Always in our thoughts. "God Bless". xxx.
- 6 in loving memory of Dorothy May Nunn.
- 6 in loving memory of Derek Bloomfield.
- 11 in loving memory of Ena May Clover.
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 in loving memory of Thomas Henry Manning.
- 12 remembering Trevor & Fay Borley. "Always in our thoughts". From all the family.
- 13 in loving memory of Natasha Smith on her Birthday.
- 15 in loving memory of my father Wally Fraser.
- 19 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 26 in loving memory of Margery Cammell, loved and remembered always. Love from all the family.
- 28 in memory of Evelyn Clark.

**All bookings & payments please to :- Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell (Tel: 240908)**

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET

**Parish Priest:** Father David Finegan, The Presbytery, 29 Lockington Road, Stowmarket IP14 1BQ  
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### MASS TIMES: Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday)

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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

Contrary to last month's issue of the newsletter we have not converted to become the local branch of the Catholic Church, we've changed the colour of our building but not our style of worship. Having said that we welcome anyone who wishes to worship with us because all Christians whatever their title C of E Catholic, Methodist, Baptist Union, Grace Baptist, Salvation Army, URC, worship the same God. Our speaker on Sunday last spoke on that very same theme that there is one God who all Christians worship.

Over the last month we've had a busy time with our Harvest Barn Dance and Harvest Parade Service, we were pleased to be able to support the Stowmarket Food Bank, Pilgrims Homes at Gt Finborough and Operation Agri, with the donations of cash and harvest gifts we received over that week end.

Our activities continue in November with:-

6<sup>th</sup> November our Ladies Friendship Group visit to Corn Craft at Monks Eleigh contact Margaret on 241541 for more information about the group's activities.

9<sup>th</sup> November Food and Friends Lunch for our older residents takes place at the church at midday contact Jackie on 245918 if you would like to join us (transport can be arranged if needed)

Our services for November will be led by:-

**5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Rev Barbara Challis Inc. Communion

**12<sup>th</sup> November**  
Stephen Spurgeon (All age service)

**19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Hazel Hunting

**26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Stephen Spurgeon

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Paul Kemp

As always we offer a warm and friendly welcome to anyone and everyone who wishes to join us for any of our services or activities, contact Tony our secretary on 01359 241541 for any information you require.

Dave

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**Our Regular Activities:**  
**Sunday Worship: 11am & 6pm**

**\*1st Sunday in month 10.45am Family Service & Breakfast – Relaxed, informal family worship with refreshments.**

**'Tea and Toast' (coffee available too!) community fellowship Monday and Wednesday 8.45am. All welcome**

**Toddlesong: Mondays 9.30-11.30am** Music, refreshments, play for Toddlers (and parents and carers!) - **Term Time Only**

**'610 Club' Tuesday 6-7pm** (term time only) Games, fun, craft and much more for ages 6-10ish -- **Term Time Only**

**'Cameo' 'come and meet each other' Lunches: Thursdays 11.30am -1pm** Everyone welcome Enjoy fellowship over a meal.

**Bible Study: Tuesdays 7.45pm** fortnightly, enjoy God's word in a relaxed way. *At SA Hall or 37 Blackbourne Road Elmswell.*

**Band (Thursdays 8pm) and Songster practices (Tuesdays 7.45pm fortnightly):** Our Brass Band and Choir.

**Games Night: 7.30pm 1st Friday** in each month, Carpet Bowls, board games and more

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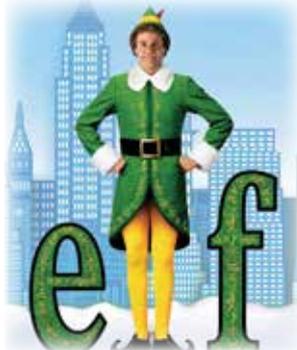


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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Charity has traditionally issued Christmas Vouchers to elderly residents but due to an increase in the population of Elmswell over the years the age limits and period of residence for qualification have been increased.

The Trustees at their recent meeting once again expressed concern that the issue of vouchers to pensioners is being taken as a right rather than the Charity helping the poorest residents in Elmswell. The Trustees have therefore decided with immediate effect to change the criteria for qualification for any new or existing beneficiaries. No vouchers will automatically be issued to residents who received a voucher in 2016 and they will need to reapply if they are eligible under the new criteria listed below.

To be eligible to receive a voucher any Elmswell resident must meet the following criteria:

- Be aged 75 or over
- Have lived in Elmswell continuously for the last 10 years
- Be in receipt of Pension Credit or eligible to receive Pension Credit
- Only one voucher will be issued per household

Should anyone require further details regarding their eligibility for Pension Credit it is suggested they contact Citizens Advice at The Blackbourne, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month 9.30am – 12.30pm, no appointment necessary.

Full details of Pension Credit eligibility may also be obtained from HM Government Website [www.gov.uk/pension-credit/print](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/print) Telephone no. 0345 606 0265 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

If you are eligible please complete the application form below and return it to me by 25 November 2017.

Graham Newman, Clerk to the Trustees



## **ELMSWELL POOR'S LAND CHARITY - APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT 2017**

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Have you lived in Elmswell continuously for the last 10 years?.....

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Signed.....

Date.....

**Please return the completed form to the Clerk to the Trustees:  
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by 25 November 2017**



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# THE MARDLE QUILTERS



## THE MARDLE QUILTERS

On the last Friday of the month, the sound of happy chatter can be heard coming from one of the rooms at The Blackburne Community Centre, Elmswell. The chatter or mardle (*a local word for chatter, gossip*) is the happy sound of a group of quilters discussing life and loves, especially patchwork quilting. The Mardle Quilters' are a patchwork and quilting group who celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. They are a group of ladies of various ages and interests who enjoy each others company and share a love of making beautiful patchwork quilts. The group has a variety

of experience and although they are not a teaching group, will assist beginners to proceed. Due to the experience in the group we can run workshops with internal tutors although external tutors may also be engaged. These workshops which cover a variety of techniques are interspersed with days when members can pursue their own work. The group has been involved for some time with Woolpit Church's Craft Show and offers them a quilt every other year, to raffle, to help raise funds for the church. They also display their quilts and other stitched items in the lovely church.

The Mardle Quilters enjoy sharing ideas, techniques and all things quilting. The group is affiliated

to the Quilters' Guild and is looking forward to supporting the region in the forthcoming exhibition at Blackthorpe Barns. We welcome any newcomers to our group and are very happy to have them come and join us for a day if they are interested, we love meeting new people, so why not give the Mardle Quilters a try?

Meeting at Blackburne Community Centre on the last Friday of the month 10.00am to 4.00pm

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# NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

## Thank you, East of England Co-op!

A huge thank you to the Co-op for including ElmsWild in their Green Token scheme. And, of course, to all the Elmswild shoppers who supported us and kept the green tokens flowing. The tokens were almost over flowing at times! We're delighted to tell you that we have been awarded £500 – a huge help for all the work that we do at Lukeswood and Kiln Meadow. So thank you, everyone, and don't forget to keep topping up the green tokens – this time for the Companions who are now in the scheme until the end of December, and who do such wonderful work for carers in the village.



## Thank you, BT!

Another huge thank you goes to Gary and his team from BT, who once again helped us out at Kiln Meadow for the annual cut and rake. Every year we cut all the vegetation over the whole of the wildlife site, and it all has to be raked off and piled into heaps. The aim is to cut back the rank growth (nettles, docks, willowherb, brambles) so that the green sward and wildflowers can come through in spring and summer. It then has to be raked off so that it doesn't rot down and add nutrients to the soil – wildflowers thrive best in poor soils. It also helps a diversity of plants to grow so that the site is not taken over by more rampant species – especially bramble which grows metres every year if not kept in check. It's hard work, so we're really grateful for the extra muscle power provided by the BT team – thank you once again for your help! The reward will be a wonderful display of summer flowers – especially the orchids which grew prolifically this year – providing food for a huge range of insects, bees and butterflies.



## Funky fungi

Lukeswood is looking very colourful right now, with all the trees dressed in their autumn hues. We've also had some fantastic fungi this year, adding to the colourful scene. Sharp-eyed visitors may have spotted large numbers of Fly Agaric which, with its red and white spots, is what everyone thinks of when they picture a toadstool. It's right out of Walt Disney, and you almost expect to find an elf or pixie sheltering underneath its gills.... Admire at a distance, though, as the Fly Agaric may look tempting but is actually poisonous, and definitely not one for the cooking pot. On the other hand, we've also found a few examples of Boletus edulis, commonly known as Penny Ben, which is an edible mushroom. Unless you are very knowledgeable, though, and good at fungi identification, don't go foraging for mushrooms

– there are lots of lookalikes and it's all too easy to pick the wrong thing. Leave them all for the wildlife, and let them spread their spores so that we get even more next year!

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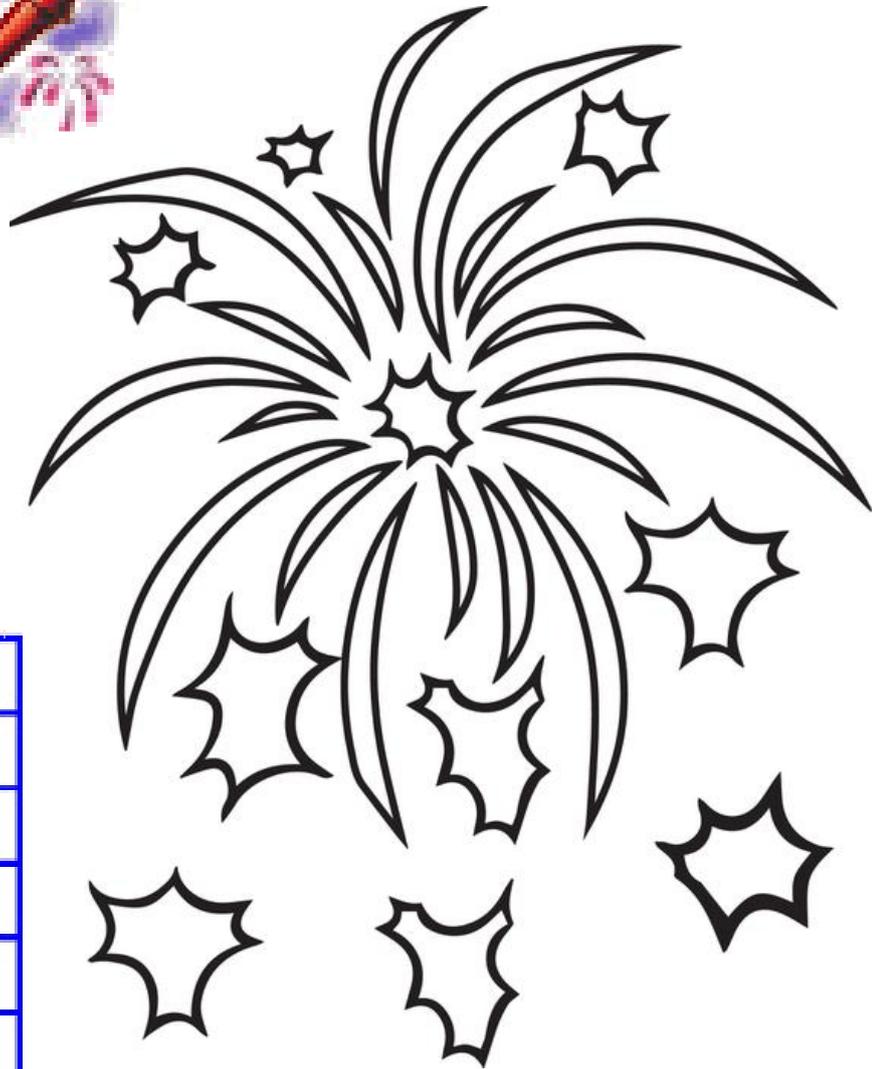
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- Apples
- Sprinkles
- Kebab stick



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 Karate 7.15 – 8.15

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## ELMSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a fantastic start to the new 2017-18 academic year. Our children have settled well into their new classes and the rhythm of each day's learning. We were also pleased to welcome several new members of staff to the school in September – Miss Jones, Miss Crooks and Miss Martinez.



The school has been awarded the School Games Silver Mark Award for our successful participation in Inter School Competition – we have been successful in many competitions including football, netball, basketball and hockey. This success has continued with both team and individual success the Cross Country Competition this term.

In addition, we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark for our approach to and teaching of science throughout the school.

Many of our children take up the various opportunities to participate in extra-curricular clubs which include multi-sports, gym, netball, gardening and Zumba. Some of our older children also choose to learn a musical instrument under tuition from the County Music Department; many of them go on to take exams in either the flute, saxophone or clarinet.

Our popular and well received SHARE sessions which take place each term have been very well

attended. These sessions allow parents and carers an opportunity to come and enjoy a mornings learning with their child. Our topics this term have included Living Things and Me and My world.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we hosted a Macmillan Coffee morning in the school hall and with support from many parents and carers were very pleased to raise over £500 for this great cause.

Our Key Stage 2 children attended St John's Church to celebrate harvest and we are pleased to have good links with the church as we welcome Rev. Goodridge and the Open The Book team in to take regular assemblies.

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, they may be able to join our school nursery. Our Nursery children (Rabbit Class) have opportunities to join in with many parts of school life including assemblies, school lunches, school performances and trips. For further details or to apply for a place please ring the school office on 01359 240261.

The school currently has a vacancy for a Governor. This is a voluntary position and if you are interested in supporting your village school in this way, please do contact us to find out more about what is involved. Another way we like to welcome volunteers into school is to listen to our children read. All volunteers need to have a current DBS check which the school can organise. Again, if you are interested please contact the school office.

Finally, we do have current vacancies for midday supervisors who work during lunch-times to help and supervise meals and playtimes. This is a paid post and is again subject to a satisfactory DBS checks. Application forms and further information are available from the school office.

For any further information about the school and to see what events are coming up this term, please visit our website at [www.elmswell.suffolk.sch](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.sch). With Christmas carol concerts, school plays, pantomime visits, parties, Christmas dinner and much more besides we are very much looking forward to the remainder of our Autumn Term.

*Jane Ash, Headteacher*  
**Elmswell CP School - 01359 240261**



## ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

It's been another busy month at Elmswell Baby and Toddler group, with lots to tell you about!

The Nearly New Sale was a great success, raising money for our group so that we can continue to run our twice weekly sessions and organise extra events for our families to enjoy, like our summer outing, spooky Halloween session and Christmas party. We'd like to thank every single person who helped to make the day run smoothly. We couldn't run such a big sale without our volunteers to set out the items at the start of the day, man the tills and café during the sale and tidy everything away afterwards. Obviously, we would also like to thank

our sellers and bargain hunters, without whom it really wouldn't be a sale! Thank you.

We are pleased to welcome our new joint chair people; Helen and Lesley. Helen has been coming to the group with her daughter for over three years and has plenty of experience on the committee and Lesley, Helen's Mum, recently took over from our beloved Evelyn in the kitchen, ensuring that we have hot tea and healthy snacks for all.

During our sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings at Wesley Hall, we have been getting to grips with some Autumn crafts, using beautiful

leaves and shiny conkers to create works of art. We've also decorated animal masks, made sparkly paper plate jellyfish and lollipop people. We're always on the lookout for craft ideas that our small people can enjoy, so if you spy a good idea, do let us know!

Coming up at the end of the month, we will be having our special Halloween session, with spooky activities and crafts, some party games and a new dark sensory tent to enjoy and a lunch provided for the children. If you plan to come, please sign up at the desk next time you come along so we can ensure we take dietary requirements into account.





## LITTLE SIGNERS CLUB SUFFOLK COMES TO ELMSWELL

I have been enjoying running classes at our lovely new venue, The Blackbourne. Venues are important for my signing sessions and The Blackbourne has everything we need including underfloor heating for when it gets chilly!



Being a Mummy is for me the best job in the world but it comes with unique challenges! Signing can really help you on your parenting journey as it did for me. Once you start using signing to communicate, the benefits soon become apparent and you witness the transition of a squalling infant to a confident communicating baby. Here are just a few of the proven benefits of signing with babies

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- When speech begins, signing can help you to distinguish what your baby actually means leading to less frustration and anger.
- Helps in the development of language and literacy skills which is at the heart of young children's learning; children need to communicate effectively to learn and develop other skills.

I am running 2 classes in Elmswell, a **Baby Signing Basics™** course covering key topics and signs. This course gently guides you through

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## ELMSWELL YOUTH UNDER 14' TEAM REQUIRES NEW PLAYERS

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## NEW TO BLACKBOURNE – WEST SUFFOLK NADFAS



Blackbourne is pleased to welcome the West Suffolk Decorative and Fine arts Society as a new regular feature of the varied events on offer.

The Arts Society of West Suffolk was founded in 1972 and is a Registered Charity. The Duchess of Grafton is their President and they currently they some 300 members. There is a short waiting list, but they always warmly welcome visitors and prospective members and provide a Welcome Desk for this very purpose at each meeting in the Chamberlayne Hall.

The aim is to give members the opportunity to make friends with people with similar artistic interests, as well as providing the opportunity for members to enjoy stimulating and interesting lectures, study days and outings which will increase their knowledge and understanding of the decorative and fine arts. In addition, they organise visits to art galleries, museums and places of special historic, architectural, cultural or topical interest.



The Society's involvement is also extensive in activities such as Church Trails, Church Recording, Heritage Volunteers & Young Arts and they also arrange short tours in the United Kingdom.

The next lecture, on 7th November, starting with coffee at 10.00am is entitled, 'Vlad the Impaler & the legend of Dracula'. It is given by Patsy Erskine Hill as an amusing talk discussing Bram Stoker's novel and its times, including the sources of his inspiration from historical figures and his extremely realistic description of the dramatic Romanian countryside – bearing in mind that he had never visited the country. The finale is an irresistible look at the many film incarnations of Dracula...invariably more comic than terrifying.





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This report is compiled from the meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which comprises the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr Shaun Pratt and Cllr Mike Friend, nominated 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 meetings by external bodies such as Ward Members or as raised at the meeting by members of the public. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

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## County Council

Cllr Mrs Jane Storey tabled a written report which included the following details for reporting Highways issues to the recently reorganised department.

1. Initial faults/repairs/reporting - The first point of contact for standard defect reports should be the Suffolk Highway reporting tool via <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> or over the telephone on 0345 606 6171. A log reference number will be given. (Using these methods ensures that reports are recorded, managed and tracked. The operational performance of our service cannot be audited without accurate reporting and tracking of reports and casework.)
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## BMA

A report tabled by the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, which administers the Council's facilities at both sites, confirmed that the degree of adaptation to the main hall toilets required for regulatory compliance when the Exchange Hall is demolished and its disabled toilet facility lost is to be confirmed by reference to the Mid Suffolk Disability Access Group.

The Committee welcomed the fact that the Blackbourne storage extension is the subject of a Proposal before EPC at their next meeting and that it will incorporate Mrs Abbott's suggestion to extend along the full length of the east elevation from car park to the Chamberlayne entrance vestibule.

Junior tables and chairs have been purchased to serve both facilities and giving Wesley hirers access to them as part of their booking package at no extra cost..

Members welcomed the news that the CCTV at the Blackbourne is wired-in and had been successfully tested. The final stage

of installation, the siting of the individual cameras, is imminent. The new bird's nest swing is installed and is as popular as ever. The first examination by Ash Seaborne of the BWMA lettings process from initial booking through to banking is to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October.

A lapel microphone has been purchased and the purchase of a second digital projector is pending. The current pressure of bookings has highlighted the need for a continuing review of facilities available to hirers and stressed the usefulness of interchangeable facilities as Wesley bookings grow, particularly given the imminent availability of more parking where the Exchange Hall currently stands. This will go some way to removing the parking problems at Wesley, a serious bar to expanding the user base.

Various goods and chattels stored in the Wesley, some of unknown ownership and little value, were discussed and disposal agreed for most items on the stage other than the sound system. Some storage units are now installed on the stage in anticipation of there being clearer access so that the property of user-groups which is currently housed in the Exchange Hall can be safely transferred.

## District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation that the administration groups of both Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils are considering a full merger of the two councils as they believe that this is the next step following the integrated workforce and single headquarters. The proposal is to dissolve both councils and to create a new joint council and includes using some 'Transformation Funding' to conduct stakeholder, public and staff engagement during Autumn 2017.

The report also confirmed that The consultation on the Joint Local Plan for Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils is now open until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The responses from this consultation will be incorporated into a draft plan which will then be available for consultation in Spring 2018. At this point it begins to have some weight with regards to planning decisions. It is hoped that the Plan will be adopted by

Spring 2019.

As previously reported, there was to be a phased move of all Mid Suffolk staff to Endeavour House during September. This process has suffered a delay due to a lack of agreement with the unions. It now looks like the move will occur in November, but staff can now work in Endeavour House if they prefer. It appears that all future council meetings are to be held at Endeavour House. There will be space for public in the King Edmund Chamber, but if large numbers are expected the proceedings will be broadcast live in a ground floor room.

Again, following a previous report, The proposals from the Boundary Commission have now been published. The consultation phase runs until 11<sup>th</sup> December. The report can be found via the Mid Suffolk website or direct from the Boundary Commission <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9230>. The proposals have put Elmswell and Woolpit together in a 2 member ward, and both Tostock and Norton have been put in a Thurston Ward with Beyton and Stowlangtoft.

Proposals for a review of leisure facilities across the district is to be discussed by the Cabinet in the near future. Plans are underway to transfer some land from SCC to MSDC to allow for extension and improvement works at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre.

## Bacon Factory foundation stone

The Clerk reported that, at the instigation of the Village Recorder, Taylor Wimpey have agreed to incorporate into a hard landscaping feature at the entrance to their Ashfield Road development the original foundation stone laid at the bacon factory some 106 years ago. The archive holds a picture of the original laying ceremony and this will be installed at Blackbourne.



## Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that, with the help of Cllrs Pallett and Barker, he had reached a working arrangement with Messrs Planning Direct whereby they will bring the Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan to the important pre-consultation stage within the next 3 months. Their work will be closely monitored by the Neighbourhood Plan Strategy Group which includes The Clerk, Council Chairman and 3 other Councillors together with the professional advisor seconded by Mid Suffolk District Council.

## Appeal to Secretary of State

The Meeting noted the decision by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid MP, in response to Council seeking his agreement to, 'call in', one of the recent Planning applications for large housing estates around the edge of the village, for 38 dwellings off Warren Lane. This would mean consideration beyond the usual process of a decision by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority. Planning authorities are subject to recent Planning legislation which requires that they have a schedule of deliverable houses to fulfil a need which is assessed along strict guidelines and Government approved. If they do not have this '5 year housing land allocation supply', then their Local Plan is neutered. The Planning guidelines that they have set for development in their District become, therefore, redundant. Everything is then dependent on the Government's own, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which, effectively, says that any applications for new housing need only be 'sustainable' to be granted. The definition of 'sustainable' in the NPPF is viewed by Council as being liberal in the extreme and not precisely defined. This removes all of the locally assessed checks and balances and allows developers a very free hand, as witness the flurry of new permissions in Elmswell. Woolpit and Thurston which will increase the number of houses in our area by 50%+ with very few concessions to the strain that this puts on our key infrastructure, particularly roads, education and health care provision. The Secretary of State is not bound as closely by NPPF and the request was for him to take a sensible overview of the broader picture which local opinion suggests is one which threatens a very poor outcome. However, the Secretary of State has decided not to act with regard to this application, citing his Government's commitment to giving more powers to councils and communities to make their own decisions on Planning issues following the principle that Planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible. Jo Churchill MP had responded by confirming that she had made the Housing Minister, Alok Sharma, aware of the situation we are facing in Suffolk with multiple planning developments.

## Planning Results noted:

DC/17/04223 Single storey rear extension at Devoran, Warren Lane  
Granted EPC made no comment

DC/17/04244 Approval of reserved Matters Dwelling adjacent to The Barn, Grove Lane

## Planning Application

The meeting made no objection to an application ref DC/17/04812 which was for the erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 21 Wetherden Road

## Grant aid

Each year Council considers applications which have been made over the past 12 months from external charitable bodies for grant aid. The Meeting agreed to give £100.00 to each of: The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Children With Cancer UK, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Fresh Start, Lighthouse, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Suffolk Age UK.

## Exchange Hall

It was agreed that Council should apply for Planning Permission and Building Regulations Approval for the demolition of the Exchange Hall adjacent to the Wesley chapel on School Road which has recently been acquired for refurbishment as a community and lettings venue. This is in tandem with the first works on the chapel addressing the dry rot infestation which will mean the removal of all floor timbers and the wooden cladding to the walls. The Exchange Hall is unused and its removal will begin to address one of the overriding problems in developing the facility, the lack of parking and the difficulty of any consequential on-street parking at this pinch point on the village road network.

## School bus service

The Meeting discussed correspondence relating to the recent proposals from SCC to change the basis on which free transport to school is provided. It was agreed that the letter drafted by the Clerk following consultation with Councillors and concerned residents should go forward as a formal objection to the proposals.

## External Audit

Council is audited or examined by 3 separate bodies each year. This culminates in an external audit by Government appointed accountants, currently Messrs BDO LLP. The Meeting formally approved and accepted the report appended to the statutory Annual return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 which is available to view on the Council's website.

## Railway crossing site - rubbish

The Chairman and Clerk undertook to follow up previous failed attempts to begin the process of tidying the crossing area at the heart of the village by pursuing Network Rail urging removal of the many bags of saturated ballast which have lain there presenting a dilapidated and derelict appearance for many months.

## Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in The Blackbourne. The public are,

as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at [www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net](http://www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net), on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.



## HEDGES V THE PEOPLE

Inside our back cover we print a useful article regarding overgrown hedges. Put simply, it re-states the case made often in the Newsletter for householders to take a look at any hedges they have which are next to the pavement.

Often unknowingly these have been allowed to grow out over the footway causing inconvenience and often real danger as people are forced to walk in the road.

These people may be parents with baby buggies or prams. They may be elderly and not good at hopping out of the way if traffic approaches.

They may be in a wheelchair or a mobility scooter.

Every year complaints come to the Council regarding just such problems. Every year letters go to householders alerting them to the problem. Every year the letters have some effect - but not always.

There is a suggestion that pressure should be put on Suffolk County Council to come and trim problem hedges if polite requests are not having the desired effect. If this work is done, the Council has legal recourse to re-charge the householder, including legal costs.

Please take a look if this might apply to you and, if there is an obstruction, have it removed.

It could, literally, save a life.



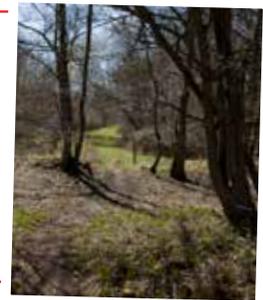
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**FOOTPATH WALK** Our next walk starts, as usual, from Crown Mill, on **SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER** beginning at 11.00 am from the village sign.

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*



**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.

Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
20th	18th	15th	19th	19th

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.  
**The Parish Council's office has moved to Blackbourne...**  
**The address is: Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH**  
**Email and telephone unchanged: clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk. 01359 244134 ...voicemail regularly monitored**  
**We're right next to the car park and with full wheelchair access.**  
**The office is staffed:**  
**Monday & Wednesday 9.00am – 4.00pm**  
**Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 12.00 noon**  
**...and at other times by arrangement**



# What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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

## November 2017

- 1 Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I. 2 pm, Wesley Community Centre  
Marty 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:  
"50<sup>th</sup> 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
- 18 2:00pm St John's Christmas Fair
- 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
- 25 7:00pm Variety and Spice - an evening of music,  
comedy, poetry, refreshments and mulled wine  
at St John's.
- 30 Over 55's Club Concert by Norton Salvation  
Army OPEN EVENING starting 7 30pm

## December 2017

- 3 9:30am Christingle Service at St John's.
- 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
- 10 Toddlers Group Christmas Party
- 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.  
Tel. 01359-242601 for details.**
- 15 Elmswell Bingo at the Blackbourne,  
doors open at 6.45, eyes down 7.30pm
- 15 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch  
@ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 17 Nine Lessons and Carols  
at St John's Church 6:30pm
- 24 I can't wait for Christmas  
at St John's Church 3:30pm
- 24 Late Night Communion (BCP)  
at St John's Church 11:30pm
- 25 Christmas All Age Celebration  
at St John's Church 10:00am

## 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 Marty 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"
- 17 Toddlers Group Nearly New Sale

## 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

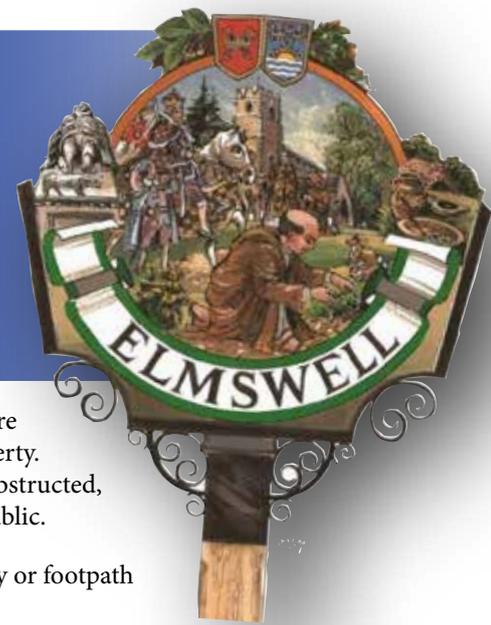
- tbc Elmswell History Group -  
Annual Outing: Date & Venue to be arranged

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**PLUS>>>>** regular bookings at Blackbourne & Wesley include, Art Club, Baby & Toddler Group, BATS table tennis & badminton, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Children's dance classes, Companions, Exchange Club, Gardening Club, History Group, Ju Jutsu, Karate, Pilates, Mardle Quilters, Slimming World & WI (afternoon and evening groups).

**Ring 244134 for details or email [clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk)**

# HEDGES V THE PEOPLE



The owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. Local Authorities also have a legal duty to ensure that public highways and street lights are unobstructed, so usually inspect roads regularly and often receive complaints from members of the general public.

The public highway, is defined by law as consisting of any verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway or footpath that is maintained at public expense and over which the public has a right of way.

When Local Authorities become aware of such obstructions, they will usually advise the property owner or occupier of the problem. They may sometimes raise the issue with an owner/occupier even if the vegetation only overhang the pavement/roadway by a small amount - this may seem 'small minded' but where should they draw the line? It is easier for all concerned to use the specified rules.

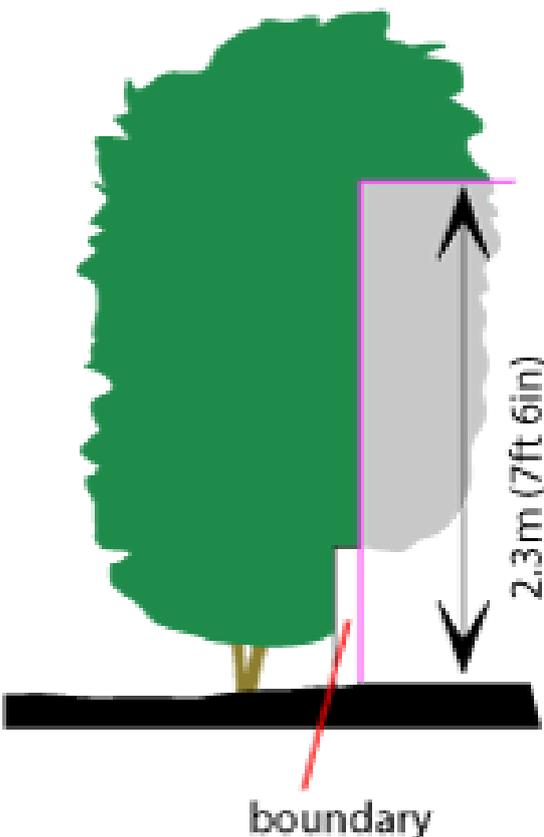
If the owner/occupier does not take corrective action within a reasonable time (the Local Authority will normally specify a time limit for the work to be completed), the Local Authority can issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

## The requirements

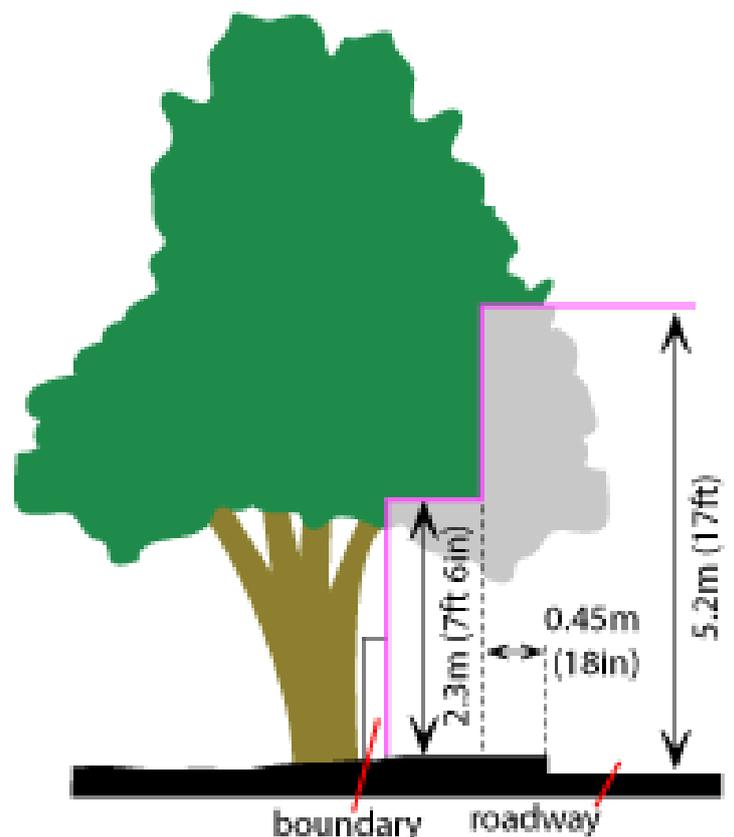
Although the Highways Act 1980 doesn't specify any actual measurements for overhanging vegetation, the requirement should be met by:

- For pedestrian areas, minimum headroom of 2.3m (7ft 6 inches).
- For carriageway and an area immediately adjacent to it (for a distance of 0.45m (1ft 6 inches)) minimum headroom of 5.2m (17ft).

In both cases, all the vegetation should be cut back vertically. See the diagrams below.



**Trimming over footpath**



**Trimming over footpath and roadway**

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