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Despite the obvious pressures, we will not resort to using either the 'B' word or, heaven forefend, the 'F' word. In the first instance our political, cultural and trade connections with Europe need no further airing. In the second, our plucky youngsters lost to the better team, nobly failing to re-acquaint the nation with M. Jules Rimet's much lauded silverware. Sadly, even Pickles let us down this time.

Which leaves us with the 'H' word.

Hasn't it been Hot!

Not right now, of course, because the school holidays have started. But records have tumbled, and headline writers have perspired to aspire to new alliterative heights as we read of, 'Furnace Friday', that, 'Boiling Britain Beats Beirut', and, 'Suffolk Scores Sweltering Century' – the latter referring to an old-fashioned measurement of temperature when the mercury rocketed or plummeted whilst canals froze over and small boys fried eggs on the pavement. Inevitably this brings the incredulity which mirrors the derision we Brits heap upon ourselves when some snow falls, and we slither into chaos and confusion whilst Canada, Russia, et al enjoy business as usual during whole months of sub-zero temperatures and mountainous snow drifts.

Hot or cold, it remains the case that our famous middle-of-the road, no-fuss-please-we're-British approach does not fit us for extremes. Our weather does not masquerade as, 'climate'. We have hot days and cold days and wet days and windy days, but not to excess, please, just enough to serve as a conversational opener.

But, aware that we may be unpicking the community comfort blanket, we must suggest that Times Change. It could be that we must, however reluctantly, analyse how others can continue to function in scorching heat or at sub-zero temperatures. It could be that this summer is not a one-off, rather a warning of summers to come when the sight of a male knee no longer frightens the horses and when they sell parasols in the Mace.

Change does happen. Ronald Blythe's world-famous Suffolk snapshot-in-time, Akenfield, suggests times past:

'My father worked on the farm - and his father. They both got very near to ninety, I believe. They were hardy old sorts. They never had a thing amiss with them. They worked and lived, and then kind of toppled over at the end.'

The farm is, as likely as not, now a series of contractor-worked prairie fields and a couple of housing estates priced way beyond the local pocket.

Closer to home, in time and place, our own archive of just 20 years ago (see page 5) tells of village dances and our very own Amateur Dramatic Society. The dances happened almost once every month throughout the year, were packed-out and made hundreds of pounds of profit for the local clubs that staged them. The 'EADS' – formerly and, clearly in simpler times, the 'EGGS' - Elmswell Gaiety Group - involved dozens of folk treading the boards and back-stage over many years bringing pantomimes, plays and reviews to a pre-You Tube audience

with only 2 television channels as competition. We must learn from this past – principally that it is the past, that 'now' is different and that the future will be different again. Further on in this month's magazine, we read that the Parish Council is recommended by the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association towards the appointment of architects for the refurbishment of the Wesley chapel and facilities on School Road...the one-time home of the Amateur Dramatic Society and other significant community groups such as the Boys' Brigade. These, and many other such organisations have gone, but Elmswell today has a comprehensive social framework of community groups based both at Blackbourne and at Wesley. The current Wesley users have consulted with their members and debated long and hard the basics of the multi-user facilities that must be the aim of the re-shaping exercise soon to be in the hands of the Council's chosen architect. Councillors, having taken the not inconsiderable decision to buy the premises on the village's behalf, must now look to bring them up to the high standards already set at Blackbourne where success is self-evident. This must balance the needs of today's users with the unknown demands of the next several generations.

Which brings us, however circuitously, back to the weather. Blackbourne is in the unusual position as a community facility of making a small but significant excess of income over expenditure. Even allowing for the interest on the borrowing for the latest extension, it currently provides Elmswell with a comprehensive range of options and services allowing for an ever-growing range of activities

at no cost to the Council Tax payer. This would not be the case if the Council had not, over many years past, worked to anticipate the major cost and importance of heating. A ground source heat pump draws low grade heat from deep beneath the football pitches and processes it into a constant comfortable temperature far removed from the days of the freezing village halls of yesteryear. Solar panels take the edge off the electricity bill.

There is every hope, given the current team of well-qualified Councillors, that this forethought will be repeated at Wesley. Mundane as it may sound, top of the must-have list of any modern community hall are car parking and heating. The Blackbourne income is vastly augmented by outside lettings. Conferences and seminars and training sessions and exhibitions from all over Suffolk help subsidise the village activities. These people tend to come by car, and they tend to like it nice and warm.

But, As the Akenfield man might well have said, 'hold yew hard, bor'. For they like it nice and warm, not steaming hot. If the smaller premises at Wesley are to lose their notorious reputation for being freezing cold in the winter, might we not be bound to consider the possibility of equally uncomfortable summer months? If our recent 50 days of tropical temperatures are to become more the rule rather than the exception, should we not be learning from those in hotter climes and be considering air conditioning?

They call it, 'Future Proofing'.

It includes decisions such as the appropriate, 'non-discriminatory', labelling of the toilet doors. Any advance on, 'privy'?

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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Two contrasting paintings this month. Ken Guy's depiction of that most iconic of trees, the Baobab was done in acrylics and the texture of the road was enhanced by the addition of soft sand. The Baobab, the national tree of Madagascar where it is endemic, is also found in the grassland and savannah areas of Africa, some in India and one species in Australia. It has a number of popular names, one of which is the "upside down tree" because it is leafless for a large part of the year and the branches look like roots. Indigenous peoples know the tree as "the tree of life" as it has so many uses, food, shelter, fuel and medicinal. Sadly, this wonderful tree is going through a period of steep decline and trees of up to 1500 years old are mysteriously dying. Experts are generally coming round to the belief that the cause is global warming and climate change.

Linda Stephenson's acrylic and mixed media painting of the Robert Boby works in Bury is a celebration of two most important events in our history, the centenary of the ending of the first Great War and the passing of the Representation of the People Act in 1918 which enfranchised all women over the age of 30 who met strict minimum property qualifications.

During the First World War Vickers took over the St Andrews works and established a munitions factory on the site manned (if that is the right word) by women as nearly all the men were off fighting for king and country. It is little wonder then that after such stirring and vital work women were finally rewarded with the vote. However women had to wait another ten years before being given equal voting rights with men over the age of 21.

Linda's painting is part of a montage of 16 pictures featuring the war and women's vote being displayed outside the Guildhall from now until mid November. Linda has a completely unique and fascinating style of painting using principally the edge of a credit card to apply the paint instead of brushes or more conventional means. Linda will have several paintings on show during our art show at the Wesley on 27th and 28th October.

Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley.

John Welford 01359 240166



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"The Holy Grail is to spend less time making the picture than it takes people to look at it" Banksy

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.

At our July meeting we were visited by "A Mother" !! This is pronounced like moth, and not the hand that rocks the cradle. **Moths are one of Edward Jackson's passions and he has a few.** Originally the Field Conservation Officer at Flatford Mill and one of the favourite speakers for The Suffolk Wildlife Trust, his presentation was called **The Beauty of Moths.** How interesting he was. We learned that only the males have the long antennae and the longer and more embellished they are the more attractive he is.

Their colours were most striking and not just brown as most people think. **Pictured right is a privet hawk moth.** He had set his professional traps the night before and finished up in the morning with 73 different types. He brought a few of these along in little pots, carefully stored in a cool box. We were able to identify them by using Edwards books, set out for us. All of them would be let loose into the garden

on his return home. At the end of Edward's presentation we all liked moths far more than when he first started.

Our competition was a Wildlife Photograph.

First prize went to Margaret Hitchins with a picture of a Privet Hawk Moth. Second was Lesley with a splendid sparrowhawk and third Carol who entered a photo of a Kangaroo.

We celebrated two special Birthdays during the afternoon.

Florrie and Betty were both 90 this month.

We now have three nonogenarians, a big word for three splendid and very "with it" ladies. We have another coming up soon.

Next month we have a

Members Meeting which means we create our own entertainment. Many of our members will be dipping their toes in the ocean on the Isle of Wight so we will be a bit thin on the ground.

Guests and new members are always welcome. Further details from Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

July is the month for our annual summer outing, and this year it was to Hadleigh for a guided tour of the magnificent Guildhall and adjoining church. After a pleasant scenic drive through the Suffolk countryside (paid for by Elmswell's generous firemen), we were welcomed into the Guildhall itself by two informative guides who gave us a short history of the town. Sir John Betjeman described Hadleigh as "one of the most perfect small towns in England", and 600 years ago it was among the most important woollen cloth manufacturing towns in the area - only Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds were wealthier.



The Guildhall-Town Hall Complex (Grade 1 listed) is a wonderful example of medieval architecture and has always been a working building, as it remains today. Our party were split into two groups to tour the whole complex and see the timber-framed 15th century Market Hall, the original Guildhall with its two upper chambers, as well as the more modern high-ceilinged Civic Hall, a rival to Bury's Athenaeum. The buildings were used over the years as a parish workhouse (1573-1834), two schools (one closing in 1776, and the other Victorian), as well as shops, almshouses and an early 20th century corset factory!



We were also shown around the impressive St Mary's Church, which dates back to circa 1240. It is one of the largest parish churches in East Anglia, the oldest part being the early

13th century flint tower. The timber-framed, lead-covered spire is 135 feet high, the only one of its type in Suffolk, its eastern side carrying the oldest bell in East Anglia, which has been in its present position since at least 1584 - and it still works!

Next to the church is the remarkable Deanery Tower (also Grade 1), built in 1495, being a fine example of Tudor brickwork with diapering, trefoil arches, turrets and battlements as the gatehouse vanity folly to a new rectory for Archdeacon William Pykenham. Unfortunately, it was not open to view inside but we understand it will be during the forthcoming Heritage Open Days event, now over two weekends - 6-9th and 13-16th September (details in next month's newsletter). From there, we could also glimpse Hadleigh Hall (Grade 2), one of the town's medieval former manor houses, although the present appearance is of a late 19th century mansion.

Although a very hot morning, we were provided with refreshments as well as plenty of seating and frequent stops to view these amazing buildings. Several of us vowed to return soon to spend a whole day in Hadleigh, to see more of its historic buildings throughout the town (many of which are Grade 1 or 2) and to visit Partridges which is a traditional, independent, hardware store trading from its original premises established in 1823, to delight in the old-world charm of the shop and where one can apparently still buy a single nail, screw or washer - and, no doubt, four candles or even fork handles! Finally, we were back in Elmswell before all the various important sporting fixtures "kicked off" that afternoon.

We do not meet in August, but our new 2018-19 programme and membership form should be dropping through members' doors by the end of the month, in time for our first meeting mid-Sept, when annual subs will be due.

We will be putting on an exhibition of our researches into Elmswell's WW1 Aerodrome at this year's ElmsFest on 2nd Sept at The Blackbourne, 12noon-5pm, so do come and visit us there then.

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ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB



On behalf of myself and all the committee I would like to thank everybody who came along to listen to the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir on July 12th, a splendid programme was enjoyed by all present with thanks to Mark their musical director and Calvin at the Piano.

On August 9th we welcome Malcolm Steward back to entertain us.

An extra date on August 16th we take to the road with a trip to Cambridge where we board the Riverboat Georgina for a two hour cruise which includes a Fish & Chip lunch, regrettably all seats are sold out.

August 23rd it's time to get the Bingo Dabbers out for an evening of Cash Bingo", Good Luck everyone. On to September 6th we welcome a new group of entertainers the Old Codgers", it will be interesting to meet them.

Any information regarding the club I am contactable on 01359 241002

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month was the Club's A.G.M. Apologies were received and then the election of officers took place. The committee has remained the same and Carol is the new Chair. We thank Juliet for her hard work during the last year. Our thanks to Pam for looking after the raffle for some years and our thanks to Lesley and Mary for taking on this job. Sheila has offered to help Betty with refreshments and our thanks to all who help the meeting run smoothly.

We then enjoyed a Strawberry tea and tested our grey matter with a quiz.

Our next meeting on August 21st is a fish and chip lunch followed by a Beetle Drive. Please let Anice know if you would like to come.

September 18th we are off to Southwold, so once again please let Anice know if you would like to come.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL EVENING W.I.



This month we had a group meeting meal when about 20 of our members ate at The Swan in Woolpit. The food was delicious and we were all made very welcome. The evening gave us all the chance to chat, catch up, enjoy company and friendship.

We are back to usual next month, when we will be meeting on Tuesday, 14th August at The Blackbourne, starting at 7.30pm with Brian Thurlow as our speaker on Mr Potter, the venerable old gardener. The competition is a 'Mr Potato Head'.

If you are interested in joining your local WI we meet at the Blackbourne on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm, your first visit is free. Everyone is welcome. You can find us on Facebook. *Siobhan Holcombe, Vice President*



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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



Our summer outing to Angelsey Abbey took place on the 17th July. Eighteen members of the Gardening Club climbed on board a coach in good time to make the journey down the A14. Members had been keeping a close eye on the weather temperatures in the days prior to our outing hoping that we would not be overwhelmed by excessive heat. Angelsey Abbey provided enough shade to enable us to enjoy a great day out.

We could not miss the sweet fragrance of 'something in the air' as we walked out of the reception area and into the garden. Desperately sniffing leaves and flowers to identify the source, we made our way through the winter walk but we could not identify the heady perfume. It was as mysterious as the circle of tall silver birches that rose out of the ground leaving us with a sense of majesty and complete stillness.

The beauty of Angelsey Abbey is that you never know what you are going to come across next. Walking on we came to the East Lawn here we found a large circle of twelve massive oak structures surrounded by hazel bushes, silver leaved pleached lime blocks and ornamental grasses. It is called the Skylight Garden, created to mark the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1st Lord Fairhaven, and the National Trust's ownership of Angelsey Abbey in 1966. The oak structures support visitors as they lean back to take in the vast Fenland skies marking this as an innovative space. We took time to lean back and look up watching the ever-changing shapes and images of the clouds as they slowly passed across the sky. What a wonderful way to spend an idle few minutes - but what was that smell?

We had been told that it was the best time of the year to view the herbaceous border at its very best and we were not disappointed. As we walked into the space our eyes were assaulted by the presence

of large clumps of plants chosen for their shape and form, rather than colour.

You could clearly see five plantings of repeated blocks circling the area with the vibrant orange of Crocosmia Lucifer vying for a prominent place at the front and great spires of deep blue to almost white delphinium rising grandly at the back.

Grasses interspersed the planting to give the border fluidity amongst the spikey Eryngium that were also proudly staking its claim.

It is impossible to describe the 230 varieties of plants that the seven gardeners nurture. Work starts in early March and the gardeners can regularly be seen throughout spring and early summer staking the plants to ensure they have adequate support and are at their peak in June and July. In late autumn the plants are cut down and the tops composted, to be used as mulch at a later date.

The last area we explored was the Rose Garden built on the site of some dilapidated greenhouses, weed-ridden paths and abandoned vegetable borders. In 1939, forty beds were dug and each planted with a different variety of rose - some 1,000 bushes in all. Today two or three beds are dug up and replanted each year to keep the soil in perfect condition and the flower displays fresh and interesting. The weather this year had not been as kind to the roses although we did see some perfect blooms. The Abbey has its own irrigation system that keeps the key seasonal areas fresh and as green as possible during the extreme heat.

Angelsey Abbey is not unknown to Elmswell folk, being so near to Cambridge but however many times you visit there will always be something



more to learn, something new to admire and an opportunity to appreciate a different season in a beautiful garden. It had been a very successful day out. If you visit soon, you will also smell the strong scent produced by the blossom of the lime tree. Heavenly!

An open invitation to members to a coffee morning on the 15th August, 10.00am at 16 Little Green to prepare for Elmswell Gardening Club contribution to Elmsfest on Sunday 2nd September. If you are not able to join us on the 15th but want to help on the day or have tombola prizes to donate please email Elmswell_gardenclub@aol.com.

Our next Gardening Club meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne. Matthew Tanton -Brown will be giving us a timely talk on Seasonal Interest in the Autumn Garden. I am sure that here will be lots to catch up with after a busy summer so why not put the date in your diary and join us for some tips on how to continue to be successful in our gardens. If you require further information about the Gardening Club please contact Nick Chamberlin on 242601.



IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO TODAY SGT PEPPER EAT YOUR HEART OUT...

Occasionally the Editorial office becomes so clogged, we have to move a box or two to find the keyboard. An archive file falls open at your Newsletter from August 1998.. We read that...

The Elmswell Amateur Dramatic Society presents Alan Ayckbourn's, ' Bedroom Farce' in the Methodist Church Hall, 10th - 12th September.

Elmswell Cricket Club broke a host of Club records on 2nd August at Risby when they scored 316 for the loss of just 1 wicket in 40 overs... Nigel Greatehead, Steve Jordan & Andy Brown did the damage.

RFP (Roy Finch Promotions, but with attitude) advertised 'Top Reggae Soul Band' TRIPLE X at Blackbourne on 5th September.

Trailblazers Holiday Club invited all children from 5 - 12 for an hour on Sunday mornings in August at the Baptist Church.

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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Captain Dick Burch checks the winning scores



We stopped the rot, however, with a 7-0 home league victory (our first maximum score) over British Sugar, which gave us our first 'double' of the season having beaten them 5-2 away. It is possible, and not unheard of, that some teams are strengthening up for the second half of the season as other competitions come to their final stages and players are eliminated and look for games elsewhere. There are rules governing playing for different teams in the same club but it is perfectly possible should a team want to make a push for promotion and some do exactly that. We couldn't, of course, because we are already playing our 'senior' players, having only one team at this stage, but it does rather go against the spirit of the game and risks alienating those loyal players who find themselves no longer required as the competition heats up.

Whoops! There I go, crowing about being top of the league at the halfway stage and what happens? Two crushing defeats in a row, that's what happens! We lost heavily at home to St Botolphs, who we defeated 5 - 2 at Botesdale in our opening match, and then even heavier away at Risbygate, who had chalked up only one victory in their first eight matches. We really didn't see either of those coming. It really does prove that you can't believe everything that you read, doesn't it? (you definitely CAN believe that!) We are still top but our once- handsome lead has been drastically cut.

We also lost our two knock-out matches against Division 2 side Mildenhall, who put us out of the Shield by 10 shots, and to Tuddenham, who ensured our exit from the Bullen Cup, by a mere 6 shots in spite of being top of Division 1, so we were quite heartened by that result. Knock-out matches are decided by shots scored regardless of how many individual rinks you win whereas in league matches both rinks and shots are taken into consideration.

Tactics discussion in The Fox where the Club started 100 years ago



Olive and Keith await their turn



With a view to extending our player base, we are holding a 'Newcomers Day' on Sunday, September 9th at the Blackbourne at 2pm for anyone interested in joining us next season when we hope to add Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening teams to our current Thursday evening side. If you are new to the village, always had a hankering to play or want to support your local team, just pop along on the 9th and we will do the rest. If that day is not convenient, you can attend

any roll-up session or call me on the number below to arrange another time. Our catchment area has no limits and you can come from as far as you are prepared to travel

More next month when we will see whether teams have 'beefed up' or field the same side that we played in the first half of the season. Either way, the pressure will be on and I can feel the tension mounting already!

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**Sunday,
September 9th,
2pm at the
Blackbourne**

A new ramp addresses the need to transport the new mower safely on to the green.



On this month's cover is Pauline who tends the garden area around the green, seen here doing just that



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello again from St Johns!

We can't wait for August!!! Why? Because St John's will be running Messy Church on Friday mornings from 10:30am to 12:30pm throughout August. We are excited about this initiative and know it will be a lot of fun. It will have some similar elements to holiday club, such as craft, songs and some games. It will also include a light lunch at the end of the morning. It will be held at St John's and you're welcome to attend one, or all five, of the sessions. Please note that Messy Church is for all ages and that children need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information please get in touch! 01359 240512 and elmswellrector@gmail.com.

What else is happening in August? Our Sunday Services will continue as normal throughout August, however the "Explorers" teachers will be having a well-earned rest, and the services will have an all-age element. Details of Sunday

Services are below. Also, on Sunday 5th August at 2:30pm it's our Annual Summer Walk, starting at 2:30pm from The Rectory.

In July, we kicked off the month with the Ordination of Ernest (our Curate) at the Cathedral and our annual Church Family BBQ. There are photos of these joyful celebrations on our Facebook page – do take a look! The following week at Men's Breakfast, Tom Fifield brilliantly shared his experiences of family, school, church, and serving in mission in Ethiopia. As always, it was an interesting talk and a fantastic job in the church kitchen by Derek and Tony (cooking 18 full English breakfasts especially in the heat!) The next Men's Breakfast will be in September and we'll hear about the awesome, compassionate work of Christians Against Poverty.

You might have seen the vehicles and skips outside St John's, you might have also seen the BBC coverage about our chancel ceiling repairs finally being finished! It truly is looking fantastic. If you want to pop in and see for yourself, St John's will be open on Sunday afternoons throughout August from 2pm-4pm.

St John's continues to be a popular location for weddings, baptisms and funerals, and, if you're thinking about arranging one, we would love to hear from you. God Bless :)

Contact:

Rev Peter Goodridge, 01359 240512, elmswellrector@gmail.com

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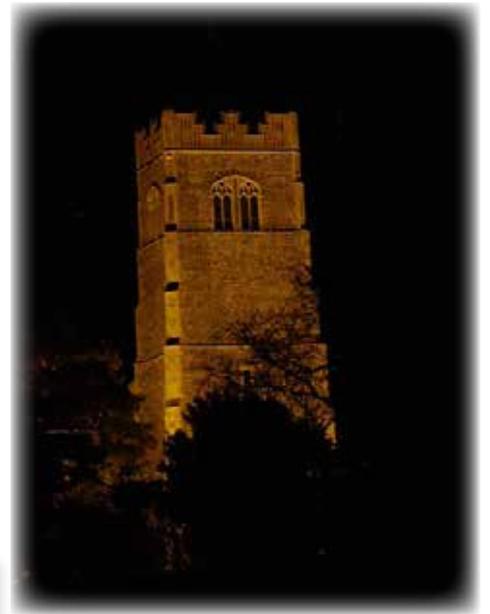
Sunday 5th August
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Communion

Sunday 12th August
8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Service (All Age)

Sunday 19th August
9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast 9am)
11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th August
10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd September
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion
12:00 St John's does Messy Church at Elmsfest at the Blackbourne



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

You are invited to sponsor the floodlighting of the tower at St. John's to help with the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. You can choose to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can simply make a donation.

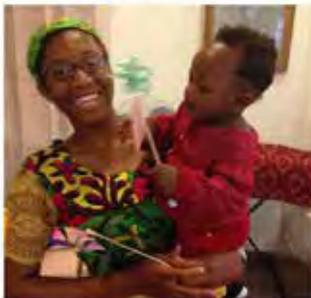
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Father David Finegan



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wasn't it great to have some good news in the
headlines a few weeks ago when the 12 young
footballers and their coach were rescued from
the flooded caves in Thailand? We've been
remembering in our prayers the family of
the diver who lost his life during the rescue

preparations. This, of course, reminds us of
the sacrifice Jesus made for us all when he
willingly submitted to being crucified on the
cross to pay the price for all our wrongdoing
and save us from paying the price of that sin
and then, wonderfully, he rose again after 3 days
to conquer the power of death meaning that
all those that repent of their sin, acknowledge
Jesus as their Saviour and seek to serve Him
as Lord can look forward to eternity in God's
presence. This is the best news ever, why not take
advantage of Jesus' sacrifice? Come along on a
Sunday morning to find out more.

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

The Ladies Friendship Group resume meetings
on Monday September 3rd at 7.45pm when
Bridget Reavie will be talking about her trip
"Sailing round the world". Phone Margaret on
241541 for more information.

Food & Friends have a month off in August,
the next meal will be at midday on Thursday
September 13th. A chance to meet other people
and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This
is run in conjunction with Age UK. New diners
are always welcome, you are assured of a warm
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We are grateful to all those who come to preach
each week. Our preachers at our 10.30am
services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

- August 5th Ann Rudland (inc Communion)
August 12th Stephen Spurgeon
(All-Age Service)
August 19th Eileen Warner
August 26th Stephen Spurgeon
September 2nd Songs of Praise
(inc Communion)

Our Harvest Parade Service is on September
23rd at 10.30am when the Elmswell Scout Group
will be joining us again and we will be having a
Harvest BBQ to which all are invited after the
service, please telephone 241541 to book your
place for this. We will be holding a Harvest
Barn Dance again on October 13th at 7pm in the
Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne. Tickets
are £10 for adults and £5 for under 18's which
includes a picnic style supper, any profits will be
going to charity. Again phone 241541 to book
your place.

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to
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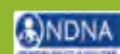
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The old swing basket would suit a private user very well. Designed for heavy use it cost some £600.00 to replace.

A bid of £50.00 has been made for the swing. Higher bids welcome via the Council office at Blackbourne - tel.244134, email clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk. Free delivery within the village.

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Your holiday was lower in value than what you booked. This means you should be able to get compensation for your inconvenience and any extra costs incurred.

Contact the customer services department of the company you booked your holiday with by email, letter or via the company website. Make sure to keep a copy of what you send.

Explain fully what went wrong and how much compensation you want. This should be the difference in cost between the luxury room and the standard room, any costs incurred from staying in the standard room, and what you feel is reasonable compensation for your inconvenience. Make sure you keep receipts for any extra expenses.

If the company refuses to pay compensation, or you don't think its offer is good enough, check whether the company is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). ABTA should be able to mediate between you and the company.

If the company is not a member of ABTA, look for an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). This is an independent third party who can help you reach a resolution without going to court. Alternatively, if you paid by credit or debit card, contact the Financial Ombudsman who can mediate.

If you need any more information, or are unsure of your next steps, you can contact Citizens Advice for help. The Citizens Advice Consumer Service can give you practical advice over the phone on how to resolve your consumer problem. You can call them on 03454 04 05 06.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk will be available to provide advice on this or any other issue including employment, housing, benefits and family law at the Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell on 7th and 21st August 2018 between 09.30 and 12.30- no appointment necessary.



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Thanks to Peter Baker for photos and information
 Team photograph courtesy of...

In our July edition we published this picture of Elmswell footballers. Several residents have been in touch to confirm the names, amongst them, Peter Baker whose father is sitting behind the ball. He still has his dad's watch chain which has some of his football medals attached. They bear the initials, S&DL - Stowmarket and District League.





Haughley Hoofers Morris Dancers

Why not have a Go at something different? It's free!!

Haughley Hoofers are offering a free 8 week course in North West Morris dancing starting 30th September. Come along to the first taster session and have a go

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BT lend a hand at Lukeswood

It's been a busy month for us at Lukeswood. First off, we were very pleased to welcome back a team of volunteers from BT, who came to spend a day with us working on a variety of essential projects in our community woodland. All the volunteers are enthusiastic and very hard-working – they certainly enjoyed their day out of the office! Among other tasks, they helped us lay hardcore all along the entrance which will improve access during the winter months when the ground is wet and soggy, and we also rebuilt the fire pit, making it much safer and easier to use. All carried out in very hot conditions. We really appreciate their hard work, which allows us to undertake jobs that would normally take our small band of volunteers many weeks to complete. So, many thanks to all the BT team for their help – I think they must enjoy coming to Lukeswood because they are always keen for a return visit!



Ladies Lunch Club picnic

After hearing about Lukeswood and the various activities that go on there during one of their lunchtime talks, the Ladies decided to take us up on our invitation to visit – and brought their lunch with them! The idea for the picnic came about during the spring when the weather was cold and grey, so everyone was hoping for a sunny day. And the weather didn't disappoint – bright and sunny, if anything a bit *too* warm. The picnic tables and chairs just fitted into the pole barn and gazebo, affording everyone a little shade. There was a fabulous spread of fish and chips, delivered to the door by the Elmswell Chip Shop, along with teas, coffees and cold drinks dispensed by the ElmsWild volunteers. After lunch, some of the Ladies ventured forth to stretch their legs and explore the woodland, while others tried out some of the games on offer, including such challenges as Splat the Rat and Chicken Chucking. It was a lovely occasion

and everyone had a good time, some ladies making plans to come back during the summer holidays with the grandchildren for more fun and games.



Butterfly Walk

The very next day after the Ladies' visit we were back at Lukeswood for a different sort of event. The same scorching weather that had us searching for shade has certainly encouraged the butterflies out. The morning of our first ever Butterfly Walk dawned hot and dry, without a cloud in the sky, and the butterflies responded in good numbers. We were delighted to welcome Kevin Ling of Suffolk Butterfly Conservation to Lukeswood to lead the walk and share his expertise with our visitors. Butterfly enthusiasts are a hardy lot, undeterred by the high temperatures, and some of our visitors came quite a distance to explore the Lukeswood butterflies. Everyone was impressed with the range of habitats we have developed at the site, and with the diversity of butterflies to be seen. The roll call for the morning included Peacock, Red Admiral, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Common Blue, Holly Blue, Brown Argus, Small White, Large White, Green-veined White, Painted Lady, Small Skipper, Small Copper and Speckled Wood. Using his specialist knowledge, Kevin was also able to point out several of the elusive Purple Hairstreak, which spend most of their time high in the canopy of oak trees feeding on honeydew, and are notoriously hard to spot – inducing many a crick in the neck. Of the day-flying moths we spotted a Six-spot Burnet and the caterpillars of the Cinnabar feeding on Ragwort. Our younger visitors also enjoyed chasing the butterflies and seeing how many

they could spot. After all the activities everyone was glad to sit down in the shade, enjoy some refreshments and have a look at the photographic display. A huge thank you to everyone who came, particularly those who came from far afield, and a special thank you to Kevin for helping to make it a very successful event.

Big Butterfly Count

Our Butterfly Walk took place at the beginning of the Big Butterfly Count, a nationwide survey which runs from 20 July to 12 August. It's very easy to take part, and you can count the butterflies in your own back garden or anywhere else. Why not have a look round Lukeswood or Kiln Meadow and see how many butterflies you can spot in 15 minutes? For full information go to www.bigbutterflycount.org. There's a free app you can download to help identify and record the butterflies you see.

Apple Day

Our next event is **Apple Day on Saturday 22 September**. Let's hope we have a lovely sunny day for that too (but perhaps not quite so hot!). If you would like to have a stall at Apple Day, please get in touch – all stalls are free, and it's a good opportunity to make some money for your club or organisation, and have some fun at the same time.



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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

School holidays are here, which means the Summer Reading Challenge is now under way. We have a character treasure hunt set up around the library, so don't be surprised if Banana Man pops out at you, seemingly from nowhere as you browse for cookbooks. It makes some sense that he would be somewhere near the 641's. There are ten characters posted about, and library staff may move them from time to time. Our Lovely Volunteers are easier to find, as long as you check the timetable on the window. If you haven't signed up yet, you still can.

We have purchased a complete set of David Walliams books, and a complete set of Jacqueline Wilson books, and some new Lego books, exclusively for Elmswell Library from the money kindly and generously donated by the family of Joan Davidson. Between these and the other new stock coming in, there is no shortage of brand new books to explore.

New stock continues to roll in for the grown ups too, so check out the front shelf or pop online and make a reservation. Then you can be sure to have something good to read while you sit in the garden with your feet in the paddling pool, or a bucket, if it comes to that. I'd also recommend strategic placement of ice lollies as a cooling system. Make sure they are the unopened, plastic tube wrapped, water based type. Magnums just get messy. I have been keeping the front and back door of the library opened, and sometimes I even let the fan oscillate, so that library visitors can enjoy it too.

Although many places see a change of program over the Summer break, Baby bounce will continue to run over the Summer - Fridays at 9:45, by popular demand. Lego Club will run as usual on a Sunday from 11:00 as well. Check out the Suffolk Libraries website for activities at other libraries. And if it all gets too much, and you run out of things to keep the family occupied, don't forget that we also loan DVDs!

Hope to see you soon! Zoe

What's On

The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in the village. They will be taking a bit of a break over the Summer, but will be back at the Fox pub at 10:30am - Wednesday 12th September.

Baby Bounce / Tot Rock (Fridays 9:45)

Singing for little ones, with their Mums, Dads or Grandparents, loads of adorableness and songs about frogs and bunnies. We will be running over the Summer by popular demand.

Lego Club (11:00 - 12:00 on Sundays)

Come along and build with other children. We now have even more Lego, so bigger and better builds are possible.

Volunteers

We are looking to get some new groups up and running. If you would like to volunteer a small amount of time to run a special interest group, we'd love to hear from you.

Books for Sale

We have received some fabulous donations from the Elmswell community so don't forget to check our sales rack out the front when you pass by.

ELF Fundraising Events

A coach trip to London is planned for November. It will be a very cost effective way to get some Christmas shopping done.



Summer Reading Challenge 2018:

Mischief Makers

Now up and running! This is a challenge for children to read 6 books over the Summer. There are awards to be earned and a certificate and medal for those who complete the challenge.

Summer Activities for Kids

You can find a list of activities for kids at libraries around Suffolk by checking out the Suffolk Libraries website: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk, and following the links to 'Events and Activities'.

Volunteers

We are looking to get some new groups up and running. If you would like to volunteer a small amount of time to run a special interest group, we'd love to hear from you.

Water Bottles

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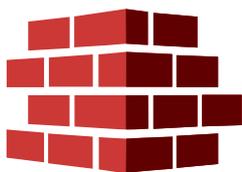
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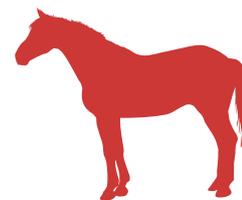
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ELMSWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

With the marvellous weather we've been having, much of our time has been spent outside playing with our huge array of garden toys. We had a week where both our Monday and Wednesday sessions enjoyed a bouncy castle, with our annual toddler BBQ in the evening. Our chair Helen has continued to treat us to some lovely crafts, including making weather dials, hungry caterpillars and butterflies.

We've welcomed a few new families to our group this month, as well as a new addition, Emily, who is Jake's baby sister! Miller's Mummy, Natalie, wrote on our Facebook page "Thankyou all for making me feel so welcome today and the hot cup of tea! I look forward to coming again on Wednesday x" which we were delighted to read!

I remember joining almost 3 years ago with a tiny baby, and I still bring her along today. It is always such a joy to watch the children grow and develop over the years and beautiful to watch our children begin to make relationships that (we all hope) could last a lifetime.

For those of you who haven't visited us before, you may wonder what happens during a regular session. At around 10am people start arriving (although with the unpredictability of children, people turn up throughout the entire session). Everyone pays the committee member sitting at the door (£1 for your first child, 50p for the rest up to a maximum of £2) and then you can play with whatever takes the children's fancy. We have such an array of toys there is something for everyone! We have a craft activity out until 10.30am when it's snack time. The children sit around the tables together and munch on fruit, toast, wraps etc. while the adults have a well deserved cuppa and biscuit. We strive to make snack time as inclusive as possible, choosing foods that are typically non-allergenic. The tables are tidied away and once again it is play time until 11.15 when we begin to pack away

and prepare for song time. We sit in a circle and encourage the children to tell us songs they'd like to sing whilst playing musical instruments. Our grand finale is always the Grand Old Duke of York and the Hokey Cokey! The group runs throughout the holidays and we have toys suitable for older children during the school holidays (toy and craft ideas always welcomed).

For our toddler group to continue, we run a Nearly New Sale twice a year. People bring their good condition toys and clothes, labelled with a price to us and we do the hard work of selling it for you! The next one is on the 22nd September at the Blackbourne so maybe use the holidays to have a sort out? For more information see the Elmswell Nearly New Sale Facebook page.

If you would like to find out more about our group please join our Facebook group and come along to a Monday or Wednesday session, 10-11.30- we love to welcome all families.

Ria, Florence's Mummy



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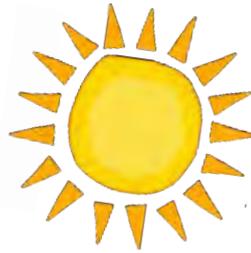
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- 75g Self raising Flour (Sieved)
- 110g Caster Sugar
- Vanilla extract
- Cake Cases

For the topping:

- 75g Unsalted Butter
- 175g Icing Sugar
- Vanilla Extract

Method:

- Pre heat the oven to 180 / Gas Mark 4
- Using a mixing bowl add the butter and sugar and mix until light and fluffy, gradually beat in the eggs and the 2 to 3 drops of vanilla extract. Using a spoon fold in the flour.
- Place the mixture into the cake cases and bake for 15 to 20 minutes until they have risen. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.
- Once cool cut a circle out of the top of each cake, cut each circle in half and leave to one side.
- To make the butter icing place the butter in a bowl and beat until soft. Gradually sift and beat in the icing sugar.
- Mix in 2 drops of vanilla essence and some milk/water to make the icing fluffy and place in the centre of the cake.
- Pop the 2 half circles of cake on top to resemble the wings and dust each cake with icing sugar.



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On Saturday 14th July 2018, 23 children attended the Street Farm Graduation Ceremony held in the Jubilee Hall at the Blackbourne Community Centre.

The Graduation is a momentous occasion where the children and their families celebrate all of their accomplishments during their time at nursery. It gives us the opportunity to say goodbye, as the children embark on their new adventure to primary school.

The ceremony begins with the children receiving a certificate from their Keyperson. The children all join to sing a very special song using their Makaton signs, this is then followed by food and a super party.

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Graduation and for all the lovely comments we have received they were truly over whelming. Your comments demonstrate to us that the strong bonds we have formed, have such a positive impact on each child's learning and development.





ELMSWELL F.C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pre-season training has started already, with some good turnouts up Grove Lane on Tuesdays at 18:30 (new and old players very welcome). We have home friendlies at Grove Lane every Saturday in August, for anyone wanting to come cheer the lads on. The season kicks off September 1st and there'll be regular games at Blackbourne Community Centre and Grove Lane pitches throughout the year.

This year we expect to be pushing for promotion after both our teams in the Suffolk and Ipswich League had decent seasons, finishing towards the top of Divisions 3 and 4 respectively. We have a new Coach and Reserve Team Manager in Terry House. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome him to the club as well as to thank outgoing manager Steven Reid for all his hard work over the years. Jack Macdonald also deserves a mention for his sterling work as last season's Club Secretary as does Danny Bullock for his efforts over the summer to get Grove Lane Pavilion smartened up, inside and out.

The photos show some winners from Elmswell Football Club's end of season award night, which took place last month at The Fox. Pictured is First Team Manager 'Gaffa' Bullock with *Manager's Player* Ryan Norman and *Golden Boot winner* Jed Hughes. Dillon Pesky won *Players' Player* and *Young Player* went to Ryan Jolly. The *Young Player of The Year Award* (also pictured), goes back some 30 years to the 1987-88 season and makes interesting reading; see how many names you recognise or have even watched or played with! I'm proud to say I've played with over 20 of them.

Lastly, I'd like to give a mention to Elmswell based cleaning company ServiceMaster Clean, who are the First Team shirt sponsors this year.

Anyone who might be interested in sponsoring the Reserve's kit, please get in touch.

'Ed' Edmonds, Club Secretary.
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1996-97	DEAN THOMAS
1997-98	JOHN CLEMENCE
1998-99	S.FINCH & S.WARBY
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2002-03	L.STIFF
2003-04	L.WALLER & JREILLY
2004-05	L.WALLER & JREILLY
2005-06	S.ANDERSON
2006-07	S.ANDERSON
2007-08	S.ANDERSON
2008-09	D.DRUMMOND
2009-10	D.DRUMMOND & B.HALL
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No booking necessary, just turn up on the day and pay at the gate. Entry costs just £3.00 per adult and children under 16 go free. Plus, if it's too far to walk, on-site parking is also free!

There's still time to book a pitch at the fair, with craft stands priced at £15.00 per table, trade stands at £25.00 and car boots at £10.00 per pitch. Village organisations that would like to promote their work or raise funds for their club or group are asked to make a donation based on their takings. Please be in touch via the details below if you'd like a pitch.

Our main attraction is a dog and bird display, which will take place several times throughout the afternoon – plus, bring your own dogs and feel free to participate – we are a dog friendly event, as long as you keep the field clear of any mess! We are also very excited to welcome an RAF Spitfire flypast and fantastic live artists who we know you'll enjoy...all back by popular demand! There's so much more to shout about, but you'll just have to get yourself down on 2nd

September and see for yourself – we know you're tempted!

We are delighted to welcome back Wayne Bavin from BBC Radio Suffolk, who will compère the event from start to finish!

For bookings or general enquiries, please email bookings@elmsfest.info or contact Mike on 01359 241699 or Chris on 07544 762448.

CONGRATULATIONS

In last month's Newsletter, we promoted our Facebook competition to win a Family Pass + ice cream vouchers for ElmsFest. Entries closed at 2359 on 22nd July and one lucky winner was drawn at random from all eligible entries...so, we'd like to say a massive congratulations to Zoe De Ath – a new resident of Elmswell – we look forward to welcoming you to ElmsFest!

Many thanks to our sponsors and supporters:

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(All timings are approximate and may vary slightly)

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Main Stage: True Fable

1230-1330

(time not confirmed)

Spitfire Flypast

1300

Arena: Static Bird of Prey Display

1330

Arena: Kuk Sool Won Display

1400

Main Stage: Kate McCabe

1430

Arena: Dog Display

1500

Main Stage: Harry Cambridge

1540

Arena: Judo Display

1610

Arena: Flying Bird Display

1640

Main Stage: True Fable

1700

Gates Close

Please listen for announcements. ElmsFest is compèred by Wayne Bavin from

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MSDC LOCALITY AWARD 2018-19.

Mid Suffolk District Council has launched their third locality award scheme. Each Councillor has £6,250 to allocate to groups within their ward.

We welcome applications for funding from any eligible group in Elmswell, Norton and Tostock. The closing date for applications is 31st December 2018. The minimum award is £250, the maximum £6,250.

All applications should meet at least one of MSDC's strategic priorities – Economy and Environment, Housing or Strong and Healthy Communities.

Awards may be made for a wide range of activities including BUT NOT LIMITED to: contribution towards installation of WIFI in rural areas; sports tournaments; sports equipment; play equipment; pavilion updates;

hearing loops; defibrillators; start up lunch club; pop up cafes; coffee mornings; energy efficiency projects; promotion of exercise and outdoor activities in rural areas; walking leaflets; walking festivals; dance classes; exercise classes; older peoples exercise; one off celebratory events recognising national or regional events; training for volunteers; first aid; H&S safeguarding; fire safety training; group leader training; speed watch campaigns; anti-social behaviour and associated prevention activities; enhancement of local nature sites; history projects resulting in a lasting benefit for the community.

Applications from Not-for-profit groups must have: a current constitution, their own bank account with two unrelated signatories who reside at different addresses. These include parish and community councils, uniformed youth groups, sports groups or clubs.

Applications will be considered from Churches only where the Church can demonstrate good wider community benefit and not simply congregational use.

Applications must come from the organisation that will be the ultimate owner of the asset.

Payments will be made via BACS. If the applicants bank does not accept BACS payments the award cannot be made.

If your group is interested in applying for funding from the MSDC Locality Award, please contact either of your district councillors for further information and an application form.

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The BWMA advises the Parish Council on the management of the Blackbourne and the newly acquired Wesley facilities. At the AGM on 12th July, the membership was confirmed as follows:

User group representatives:

Afternoon WI	Barbara Yeates
Art Club	John Welford
Baby & Toddlers	Jen Tooke-Marchant
Carpet Bowls	Michael North
Companions	Linda Waspe
Crickets Club	Terry Garner
Evening WI	Val Rogerson
Exchange Club	Carol Blissett
Football Club	Shaun Pratt
Fox Bowls Club	Peter Edmonds
Friends of St Johns	Jean Folkard
Guides	Gemma Sutton
History Group	Stella Chamberlin
Ladies Lunch Club	Brenda Begg
Over 55's	Diann Armstrong
Scouts	Ruth Court
Youth Footballers	Julian Tuzinkiewicz

Parish Council Appointees: Cllrs Dick Burch, Julia Taber & Chris Wiley plus Parish Clerk *ex officio*.

Non-affiliated elected members:

Michael Bizley, Nick Brooks, Peter Hancock, Philip Shaw * co-optee Marian Abbott

The sitting Chairman, Peter Dow, tabled the following report:

The Committee has met on 10 occasions since our inaugural AGM in July 2017. Fears of an ungainly body, being 25 members strong, have been unfounded and real progress has been made across several fronts in an atmosphere of enquiry and learning. The Wesley user groups have been quick to seize the chance of a real say in their affairs without the sometimes unproductive constraints of a third-party management dominant. The Blackbourne users have put behind them the slurs and suspicions generated during the protracted purchase of the chapel and halls site and have willingly shared their experience in the matter of establishing and running a community-led facility. The

workmanlike results have reassured the Parish Council which has been entirely supportive and shown confidence in the Association's approach. Within the year we have, through Council and on the village's behalf, therefore, ensured the following progress:

- Established a workable fee scale for Wesley which bears a relationship to what Blackbourne offers
- Seen the first stage CCTV set-up at Blackbourne established as a useful management tool
- Dealt with the inherited dry rot in the Wesley chapel by initial chemical treatment and stripping out of all woodwork ready for refurbishment works
- Undertaken an independent review of the BWMA / EPC business relationship demonstrating proper practice in taking & costing bookings, receiving & banking income
- Established a caretaking regime at Wesley in collaboration with EPC and the newly appointed Village Warden
- Worked with EPC to have plans drawn up to Building Regs. submission level for extra storage and office space at Blackbourne
- Advised EPC towards the successful demolition of the Exchange Hall and provision of extra car parking spaces
- Maintained and improved the facilities including the provision of tables and chairs for younger children, re-marking and varnishing of the Jubilee Hall, adaptations to Wesley toilet facilities in anticipation of the loss of the Exchange Hall, fitting of a large drop-down projection screen in the Chamberlayne Hall, the review of and adjustment to letting fees throughout and several attempts to overcome the long-standing inadequacies of the heating at Wesley
- Drawn together the views of Wesley user-groups and the management experience of the Blackbourne representatives towards advising Council in the appointment of an architect to produce a scheme for the

refurbishment of the Wesley chapel and provision of ancillary facilities there.

I have been pleased, but not surprised, at the positive and supportive attitudes of members at a time of seismic change when some had predicted major upsets. We are, undoubtedly, in a strong position to take things forward..

Which is fortuitous, because we face massive challenges. There are both threats and opportunities in the prospect of providing for a rapidly expanding population with, as yet, unknown demands on community facilities. Matters such as the storm damaged Jubilee roof, the need to continue the swift and positive start already made on bringing Wesley up to a standard which addresses community expectations and the possibility of more outdoor space and facilities at Blackbourne will make demands on members already busy organising and running their own community groups to great effect.

The balance between the need for community facilities and the cost to the community of providing them is important. How much the Council Tax payer should subsidise the hobbies, needs and individual interests of minority groups is a matter for endlessly recurring debate. By the fairest accounting methods we have easily to hand, I am extremely pleased to say that Blackbourne produced a surplus of income over expenditure of some £2,781.00 for the year to March. Wesley figures are by no means discouraging: the facility cost some £640.00 to run over that period if loan interest is stripped out. We must go forward on the basis that we have 2 sites offering, between them, what we consider to be essential village facilities. This year's figures suggest that Elmswell is getting a very good deal.

My thanks for the understanding and support from so many members and my hopes that the energy and commitment levels can be maintained into another challenging year.

PLANNING

On 11th July, Mid Suffolk published figures which show that they have sufficient housebuilding planned for the Government to remove its blanket ban on local planning policies having effect and replacing them with an overriding one-size-fits-all Planning Framework which gave carte blanche to landowners to build virtually anywhere.

For the moment, then, all Planning Applications are considered in light of the District's own Planning policies which would have cast a serious doubt on the success of applications which have recently dumped some 458 new houses on Elmswell to add to the 190 already started at the Bacon Factory.

Looking forward, we should have a Neighbourhood Plan in place as extra protection before the Government moves the goal posts again.

Looking back – we see from the Press headline on 24th June 2005:

Villagers angered by planning system

Villagers in Elmswell have expressed their anger at being let down by an ineffectual and dated planning system. Of 200 homes built Elmswell none are for affordable housing and the parish council also claims that developers have ignored council guidelines for provision of civic amenities like green spaces in the village. The Parish Clerk said, "It is a very frustrating situation because the developers hold all the cards...there is a feeling of helplessness in the village because there is no way of stopping it."

Just to confirm...24th June 2005...

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL JULY MEETING

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The Ordinary July meeting took place on 16th at The Blackbourne with 10 councillors present, along with Suffolk County Council Ward Member Mrs Jane Storey and 7 members of the public.

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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District Council

Cllrs Mrs Sarah Mansel and John Levantis tabled written reports which included confirmation that the Mid Suffolk District Council has agreed on the proposals for the development of the old Headquarters site in Needham Market. The development will include housing and a retail premises. There are assurances that the quality and energy efficiency will be over and above the minimum requirements. Now that Cabinet have agreed to go ahead with the project a planning application will be submitted for the site.

In addition to the Council Office site, MSDC have plans to re-develop the old Middle School site in Needham Market, and over the two sites there will be 35% affordable housing.

Following the success of the previous locality awards the scheme has been rolled out again. Each Councillor has £6,250 to allocate to groups within their ward. The minimum award is £250 and the deadline for applications is 31st December 2018. Any group who wishes to apply should discuss the application with Ward Members. A recommendation from the independent remuneration panel regarding allowances to councillors was discussed at a recent Council meeting. The basic allowance has gone up to £5,000pa and the responsibility allowances also went up. It was a close vote of 16 for to 12 against for the recommendations and there was a recorded vote.

BWMA

The Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association manages these major community resources on Council's behalf. Secretary Peter Edmonds reported that the July meeting had been preceded by the Annual General Meeting. The necessary procedural matters were dealt with satisfactorily and the Chairman's Report will be published in the Newsletter.

In the Committee meeting following the AGM, the current Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-appointed, Mr Philip Shaw was appointed Vice Chair.

In discussing management matters, it was agreed that it be recommended to Council that exit via the new emergency gate from the garden area might be made easier with

the installation of a flagstone step.

Meanwhile, final details regarding the requirements for Building Regulations on the proposed storage / office extension to the Chamberlayne Hall are expected imminently and work can then be commenced. The drop-down screen in the Chamberlayne is very successful and is saving time and effort required for managing the previous demountable screen. The ceiling mounted projector is pending and is expected to bring similar benefits.

Treasurer Nick Brooks announced a turnover to date of £12,375 for the Blackbourne and £2,052 for the Wesley which puts the facilities on track for a projected annual income of £55,293.

Blackbourne bookings continue to grow with the addition of a weekly Spin Bike class, already heavily booked, and the continued growth of hirers such as the NHS making Blackbourne their frequent venue of choice for conference and training events. The continued decline in vandalism has avoided unnecessary expenditure.

The second round of submissions from the three chosen architects, KLH Architects, Patrick Allen Associates and Let's Design Architects, for the development of the Wesley were examined in depth with a view to recommending the two most favoured to the EPC. All aspects of the latest plans were examined and compared. Messrs Patrick Allen & Associates and Let's Design Architects are to be recommended to Council for their decision as to an appointment.

County Council

Ward member Cllr Jane Storey reported on consultations, all accessible via the SCC website, on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education services for children and young people, on bringing affordable solar power to Suffolk and on updated proposals for sand and gravel sites. There was also notice of a major review of highways maintenance and of the launch of a forthcoming SCC Public Health and One Life Suffolk's diabetes awareness campaign.

An update of Highways works reveals:

25 June – 8 July Number of reactive carriageway repairs achieved across Suffolk:

- Potholes – **958** repaired at 664 locations, with 92% of these being permanent repairs
- Pavements – **388** repaired at 257 locations, with 81% of these being permanent repairs

9 – 24 June Number of reactive carriageway repairs achieved across Suffolk:

- Potholes – 1,084 repaired at 674 locations, with 94% of these being permanent repairs
- Pavements – 312 repaired at 203 locations, with 81% of these being permanent repairs

Areas of surface dressing completed

The recent allocation of an additional £21m for highways is to achieve the target of 1,000 miles of treated road surfaces over a four-year period. With 229 miles treated last financial year, good progress is being this year to complete a further 250 miles. At this point in the summer programme, **93 miles** of surface dressing have been completed at **144 locations** around the county.

Planning results:

The Meetings noted the following Approvals from Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, all as supported by Elmswell Parish Council:

DC/18/02323

Notification of works to trees at 18 Oxer Close

0210/17 Outline Planning application for up to 106 residential units on land east of Ashfield Road

DC/18/01444

1st floor side extension at 17, Oxer Close.

Permission has been granted, despite objections from the Parish Council, ref. 4909/16, being

Outline Planning Permission for up to 38 dwellings on land east of Warren Lane and west of Cresmedow Way.

Planning Applications:

Council supported an application for Reserved Matters, ie the details applying to an existing permission, ref. DC/18/02792, regarding the appearance, scale, layout & landscaping of 5 dwellings at Grove Lane.

The meeting objected to 4 applications for development in the countryside, outside of the Development Envelope defined in Mid Suffolk's Local Plan, which constraint is now valid given the confirmation that the Authority can, from 11th July, demonstrate that it has a 5 year housing land supply.

The Applications were:

DC/18/02553 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) – erection of 2 No. detached bungalows and vehicular access at Hedgerows, Grove Lane, IP30 9HN

DC/18/02826 Erection of 2no. detached dwellings, new vehicular access and off-street parking Orchard House and Woodstock, Ashfield Road IP30 9HJ

DC/18/02830 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) – erection of up to 9no. dwellings and creation of access Land adjacent to Oak Lane IP30 9HH

DC/18/03087 Erection of 1 No dwelling (following removal of caravan and brick building) re-submission of DC/18/00730 1 Royston Park, Kiln Lane IP30 9QR

There were some specific additional clauses to certain of the objections, but the basic case is that:

The site is in the countryside outside of the Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly take place.

With regard to the strong policy imperatives aimed at protecting the existing character and appearance of the countryside, this proposal offers no justification for exceptional treatment

and does not present a case for special consideration under categories identified and defined in the Local Plan, the Core Strategy or the National Planning Policy Framework. In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies SB1 & H7, Core Strategy Policies CS1 & CS2 and National Planning Policy Framework para.55.

All of the Council's comments are to be found in full on the Mid Suffolk Planning Pages website under the application reference number.

ElmsFest

It was agreed that a grant of £300.00 be made to the family fun day planned for Sunday 2nd September at Blackbourne.

Wesley refurbishment

Councillors Barker, Hawes, Schofield and Mrs Taber were asked to join the Chairman and Clerk as a Task & Finish Panel to assess the 2 architects recommended by the BWMA and with delegated powers, through the Clerk, to appoint one of them to take on the design of the refurbished Wesley facilities, survey of the site, production of planning drawings through to full Planning Application and Building Regs. approval stages together with other work as appropriate.

Post Office

The Clerk confirmed that he was in correspondence with Jo Churchill MP towards securing from the agency which has the contract to run Elmswell Post Office details of the business case behind their recent decision to restrict opening hours.

Councillors agreed with the many residents who have expressed concern that the Post Office is extremely busy, getting busier and likely to become busier still as the population mushrooms. There remain strong concerns that the factors leading to the decision to reduce the operating ability have not been properly assessed. Once the full and detailed case for the reductions is available, Council will make the community's claim for a full and appropriate service to be restored.

Seat at Crown Mill

Councillors agreed with the suggestion from the Elmswell Gardening Club that a public seat should be sited at Crown Mill where it might prove particularly useful for pedestrians waiting for the crossing gates to open. The Clerk was asked to continue to liaise with the Club which has offered to grant aid the project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at 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 online 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.



Our local Trading Standards champion is Ken Coulling – always keen to hear of suspicious approaches or practices.

**Contact him at Kenneth.
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01359 242797**

FOOTPATH WALK

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

**SUNDAY 12th AUGUST
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*



A reminder... Alcohol at Blackbourne

Blackbourne is a licensed premises.

The controls on the supply of alcohol are the same as a pub. Any and all alcohol supplied must be done through our Dedicated Premises Supervisor, Val Burch.

Whether it is a full bar (always at prices pegged to those charged in the local pubs), a specialist bar - you can have just wine or champagne...anything to suit your occasion - or simply wine to toast the happy couple or wet the baby's head, it all must come via Val.

The license is subject to Council and Police regulation and the BWMA Committee is liable to ensure that the strict statutory rules are followed.



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.

August 2018

- 1 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Members Meeting - To be Confirmed
- 5 2:30pm St John's Summer Walk (meet at the Rectory)
- 9 Over 55's Club Malcolm Steward entertains
- 10 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 11 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Speaker Brian Thurlow Mr Potter venerable old gardener
- 21 Exchange Club meets at 2.30 at Wesley - shared lunch plus raffle
- 23 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 31 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

September 2018

- 2 ElmsFest Family Fun Day at Blackbourne from 12.00noon
- 3 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church, Sailing around the world with Bridget Reavie at 7.45pm
- 5 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Linda Sexton - Miss Grimwade And The Girls Of Hope House
- 6 Over 55's Club Old Codgers Entertain
- 7 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 8 St John's quiz night
- 8 7:00pm Quiz night (This is in the date section, but missing the start time)
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Speaker Mandy Wild How to look good in a bin bag
- 12 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 13 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Mark Mitchels: "Edward Fitzgerald & The Woodbridge Wits". *Annual SUBS due*
- 14 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 18 Gardening Club 7.30pm. Blackbourne Talk: Seasonal Interest for autumn garden
- 18 Exchange Club outing
- 20 Over 55's Club Harvest Supper
- 21 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 23 St John's Harvest Festival
- 28 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 29 8:30am Men's Breakfast at St John's. Speaker: Darren Bullen from Christians Against Poverty

October 2018

- 1 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church, Fishermen's Mission with Andy Malcolm
- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Chris Parfitt An Illustrated Visit to The Isle Of Skye (Highland Games Included)
- 4 Over 55's club Felixstowe "The Hut"
- 5 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 6 7:00pm "Variety and Spice" Concert at St John's
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Speaker Jenny Martin British Red Cross
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Mervyn Russen: "The First Railway to Ipswich & Beyond" *December tickets on sale*
- 12 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 13 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 13 Barn Dance organised by Elmswell Baptist Church at the Chamberlayne Hall, dancing to "Clutching at Straws". Watch out for tickets going on sale, probably in late August. Any profits will be given to charity.
- 16 Gardening Club 7.30pm. Blackbourne Talk: Therapeutic and Healing Gardens
- 16 Exchange Club To be arranged plus raffle
- 18 Over 55's club Stowmarket Concert Band OPEN EVENING
- 19 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 24 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 27/28 Elmswell Art Club exhibition and sale of art by local artists. Admission free.

November 2018

- 1 Over 55's club "Hot Dogs" with entertainment by Ian Vickery
- 5 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm. A talk and demonstration by Rolofs of Elmswell Butchers.
- 7 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Graham Higgins The Real Robin Hood
- 8 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Kelvin Dakin: "The History of local company, FISON'S" *December tickets on sale*
- 9 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 10 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 13 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Jen Larner Circle dancing
- 15 Over 55's club Bingo
- 16 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 17 ELF coach trip to London from Memorial Library 8.15am leave London 6.00pm
- 20 Exchange Club Mr Parfitt plus raffle

- 20 Gardening Club 7.30pm Blackbourne AGM + club event
- 21 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 29 Over 55's club Festive Concert by Jubilee Singers Open Evening
- 30 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 30 ELF wine tasting Portuguese wines with Bob Stopp

December 2018

- 3 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church, Nosh & Natter, entertainment to be confirmed 7.30pm
- 4 Exchange Club Christmas lunch
- 5 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 6 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Christmas Celebrations - To Be Confirmed
- 6 Over 55's club Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- 7 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm. Christmas Party
- 13 Over 55's club Music & Carols with Norton Salvation Army OPEN EVENING
- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, The Penland Phezzants (folk group): "The True Story of Hereward the Wake of Ely", also featuring local king, saint and martyr St Edmund - told in words & traditional folk music. Light seasonal refreshments will be served. *This event is ADVANCE TICKETS only, none on the door. Tel. 01359-242601 for details.
- 14 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 15 Over 55's Club Xmas Party with Jim Bob Duo .

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January 2019

- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker John Orbell: "Bury's Corn Exchange, past and present"

February 2019

- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Sarah Doig: "The Story of East Anglian Almshouses"

March 2019

- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Miriam Stead: "Tea for the British, with a little twist of Suffolk"

April 2019

- 11 Elmswell History Group's 19th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall 7.30pm, Speaker John Morris: "Constable at Flatford Mill"

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PLUS>>>> regular bookings at Blackbourne & Wesley include, Art Club, Baby & Toddler Group, BATS table tennis & badminton, Boot Camp, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Circuit training, Companions, Exchange Club, Gardening Club, History Group, Ju Jutsu, Karate, Ladies Lunch, Mardle Quilters, Pilates, Sewing Bee, Slimming World, WI (afternoon and evening groups), Zumba.

Ring 244134 for details or email clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk

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Future Council Meetings

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Sept 17th Oct 15th Nov 19th Dec 17th Jan

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

Enquiries on any Parish Council matter are invited to the Clerk, Peter Dow, at The Council Office, Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH – right next to the car park and with wheelchair access. Staffed Mondays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 4pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 12 noon and at other times by arrangement. clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk Tel. 244134



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