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July 2018



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A pincer movement is an attack by an army or other group in which they stage assaults on their enemies in two places at once with the aim of surrounding them.

We offer this small insight into military tactical terminology in the sincere hope that our reader will not need to have recourse to the knowledge in any blood-and-guts battlefield context but rather to illustrate the point that we, and communities throughout the country, are in fact facing an enemy. Further, that the enemy is, indeed, a two-pronged threat which could leave us no way out.

On one side, please see, the battalions of landowners, developers and the building industry. They have vast resources stemming from unregulated land values. They have energy and incentive as the rewards flow through tax-friendly initiatives to add to those resources, creating an apparently unstoppable force. And they have the ear of Big Business and Government.

On the other side, observe if you will, the People's Army, its vital supply chain of community funding and resource dwindling to a sad trickle with no apparent hope of replenishment in prospect.

Just this week that trickle slowed a little further. We managed, back in 2015, to ward off the ill-considered cost-saving proposal to move our Post Office from its iconic home into premises immediately across the level crossing. Against a business case of declining community use, excessive fixed overheads and easily accessible alternative services, we pointed out that there was a strong possibility that inviting much more frequent traffic across the railway line to turn right into a Post Office car park would exacerbate the problem of cars being stuck across the line. We suggested that someone would soon be killed by a train and that the-powers-that-be should abandon the current 'desk-top' exercise and make a site visit. They did. They actually came and looked. The idea was immediately dropped.

Now we have, without consultation or warning, an abrupt and impersonal note in the Post Office window informing us that it will, forthwith, only open 3 days a week. One arm of the pincer movement closes just a little tighter.

We need only go back a couple of weeks to detect a similar squeeze on our other flank. The final, and inevitable, decision to grant Planning Permission for yet another 38 dwellings at Warren Lane. Bringing the total of certain such additions since May 2017 to 338, with 120 just awaiting the rubbers stamp. And not forgetting what the system calls, 'windfall' sites - odd ones & twos...in our case currently including 6 (granted) and 9 (applied for). The base line was already boosted by 190 at the Bacon Factory, a couple of dozen already built, and we hold our breath as consideration is given to a further 105 at School Road. To save multiple calculator batteries, that's 768 dwellings.

Our embattled state is better realised if we substitute the word, 'homes', for 'dwellings'. Homes with people. Taking the rule-of-thumb 2.4 people per house that the Office for National Statistics uses we can look to welcome some 1843 new neighbours in the next 10

years. The population of Haughley is, at the moment, 1631. We are having another village grafted on to Elmswell.

The other attack, the pincer movement, is from 'diminishing resources'. In 10 years' time we will be a community of some 6,000 souls. We have managed to keep our Memorial Library, but the national picture suggests this might well be another battle ground in the near future. The number crunchers at Concertus (a sort of County Council spin-off) tell us that our embattled school site, already having to cope with older children than the original design intended, can be expanded from 315 pupils to 420 before a new school is built. Current NHS theories put the Woolpit Health Centre at about 50% capacity and the Highways boffins assure us that our roads are, 'within acceptable capacity parameters.' Throughout England, carefully considered local planning guidelines that once required a little thought be given to the consequences of housing expansion across individual communities have been largely set aside by central government in a box-ticking exercise related to 5 year forward-planning of housing land supply. They are replaced by an overarching diktat, The National Planning Policy Framework, that requires, 'granting (Planning) permission unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits...' The key words, 'significantly and demonstrably', have been tested, yielding a fresh set of unwritten, key words, 'build, build, build'.

The get-out-of-jail card is the Neighbourhood Plan. Last week in Devon, just such a Plan has put a stop to their particular development curse - second homes sucking the life from their communities. See also Southwold. Their Plan allows only housing that meets clearly identified local needs and such housing will be subject to a 'principal residence requirement'. Common sense, driven by local need and experience, has replaced a one-size-fits-all recipe for disaster.

The Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan is months away. Like so many neighbouring towns and parishes we wasted many months in the very earliest days as a consequence of the government's constant tinkering with the Planning system and our District Council failing, in the early days, to realise the essential nature of their task of informing and advising communities on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan system. But, even with a Plan in place, the Post Office would follow a commercial route rather than a community path. We have to grasp essential forces for change. We have to deal with the problems of accessing our pension cash and acknowledge that few of us buy stamps any more. We have to come to terms with having our parcels collected by a white van man. And we have to accept that we are gradually losing another place for the chat, the news, the gossip that provides the cohesion we know as community.

Residents of long standing know what we have lost in terms of 'the village' over the past 50 years. It is clear that, even over the 10 years since we famously won the Suffolk Village of the Year award, there are fewer common threads binding us together. Our dedicated and hard working community champions continue to run their excellent clubs and societies, detailed month after month in our pages, but seldom do the paths of the groups cross.

One of the best chances of an occasional, impromptu chance meeting and chat is in the Post Office queue. No longer an option on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. We're losing more than the chance to buy stamps 6 days a week. The stamp we're losing is the stamp of belonging here in our own village.

In the face of the pincer movement - more houses at the same time as fewer resources - we need a rear-guard action. Suggestions welcome...possibly on a postcard, if you're quick.

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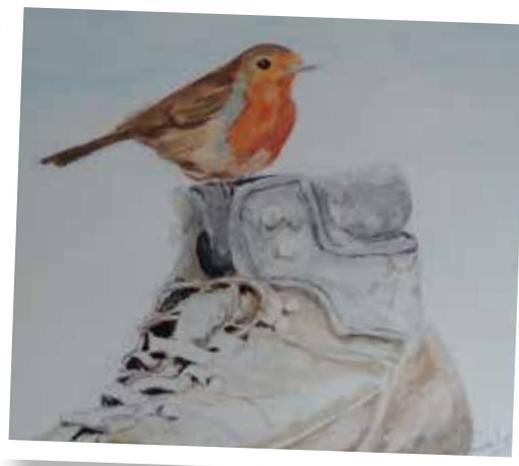


In early June, Linda Stephenson organised an awayday coach trip to the Historic Naval Dockyard at Chatham for members and one or two spouses to view an exhibition called "Powerful Tides - 400 years of Chatham and the Sea". Artists such as John Constable, JMW Turner, Norman Wilkinson and William Wyllie and many more were on display. We were blessed with very pleasant weather and a bonus was that all the traffic congestion was on the opposite carriageway so we had a comfortable journey there and back.

Chatham Naval Dockyard was for many centuries our most important naval establishment and is today the most complete dockyard in the age of wooden ships and sail in the world. HMS Victory, still a commissioned ship in the British Navy, was built here as was HMS Temeraire, made famous by Turner's depiction entitled the Fighting Temeraire. Both fought with distinction at Trafalgar, the most important naval victory in British history.

There are many fascinating things to do and see including the Victorian Ropery, the RNLI lifeboat collection, a steam railway exhibition, the Smithery, a depiction and display of how wooden warships were constructed, and many more. They have three warships from different eras, the Gannet, a 3 masted sloop from the Victorian era which amazingly could travel faster under sail than under steam power, a Cold War destroyer called HMS Cavalier, and the last warship built at Chatham, a submarine, HMS Ocelot, all open to visitors. The dockyard closed in 1984. During our visit sketchbooks were being used and many photos were taken, so we can look forward to some interesting pictures recalling a very enjoyable day. I even saw our coach driver sitting quietly doing a watercolour of the Cavalier.

Last month we showed two animal paintings. This month we are featuring two feathered friends. The owl is by Bob Coleman who makes great efforts to show the trees and branches and leaves surrounding his owl. The cheeky Robin is by Maureen Lazarus and is also in watercolour and was inspired by a Christmas card. Why is it that robins feature so much on Christmas cards?



Don't forget: Our art show and sale on 27/28th October.

John Welford 01359 240166

I don't say everything but I paint everything. Pablo Picasso

Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley.



FOOTPATH WALK

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

SUNDAY 15th JULY 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

OUR MISTAKE...

In the June magazine the Exchange (Afternoon) WI report gave a splendid account of their AGM held in May.

Unfortunately, the Over 55's Club report also gave a splendid account of the WI AGM rather than their own report which appeared nowhere.

To ensure that no-one missed the finer details of the WI AGM report, it was also published, still splendid, if a little jaded by now and totally inappropriate, under the banner of the West Suffolk Sewing Bee.

Clearly the printer's error, and he apologised profusely. But we should have proof read more carefully rather than swanning around on Bank Holiday jollies.

Must do better. In the case of an error in triplicate, tri-harder perhaps?

Our apologies, *Editors*

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 14 June we welcomed Bob Webb whose topic was 'The History of the East Suffolk Railway'

Mr Webb's talk was illustrated with several photographs of station buildings along the line of the ES Railway, several of them being of similar style, designed by Francis Thompson. Some of them are still in use, others adapted to various businesses but some inevitably demolished at the time of Dr Beeching's closures of small branch lines in 1963. Other work by Thompson includes Cambridge Station and the complete railway complex (including the Round House) in Derby. He resided in Canada for several years and designed many fine buildings there too. Thompson was born in Woodbridge in 1808 and is buried in Bredfield churchyard.

The ES Railway was started during the time of 'Railway Mania', around 1859 and was used for conveying animals to market, distribution of grain, agricultural equipment, etc., as well as carrying passengers. The line was used to transport troops during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Campsea Ashe is still in use today and is actually the station for Wickham Market. Other stations still open include Woodbridge, Melton, Darsham, Saxmundham, Halesworth, Brampton and Beccles

The East Suffolk Travellers' Association is active in trying to keep the remaining stations and lines open, as well as preserving what still exists. Mr Webb and his wife are active members of this group.

The acquisition of land for building the railway lines was dependent on several landowners, eg Lord Stradbroke (Darsham to Lowestoft), Sir Morton Peto (Lowestoft to Ipswich and thence to London - who subsequently built the line), Newson Garrett of Leiston, (Snape and Marlesford Maltings) and so on.

These men invested a lot of their money, and could see the advantage of the railway for furthering their own businesses.

Mr Webb was thanked for his talk by Tony Chaplin, our Chairman.

We now have our Summer break and are looking forward to our outing to Hadleigh Guildhall and Church on 14 July. Our next meeting will be on 13 September, when everyone will be welcome. Elmswell History Group meetings are held at the Wesley Hall at 7.30pm. For more information about the group, visit our website www.elmswell-history.org.uk or telephone Stella Chamberlin on 01359 242601.

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club welcomed Robert Leader to the meeting. His talk was "In search of secret Norfolk".

He took us on a tour which included castles such as Norwich and Castle Rising. We were shown Norwich Cathedral and learnt about its history as well as Walsingham Abbey.

One of Norfolk's famous sons is Thomas Payne, a philosopher who went to America. A statue to commemorate him stands in Thetford. Another famous person is George Vancouver, born in Kings Lyn who was an explorer who discovered part of the Canadian coast line.

We were shown stately homes such as Holkham Hall, Felbrigg, Houghton and Sandringham.

The coastal towns such as Sheringham, Cromer and Great Yarmouth were visited as well as the Norfolk Broads.

Robert made us aware of the variety of places to visit in our neighbouring county and we thank him for an interesting talk.

Our next meeting on July 17th is our A.G.M. and Strawberry Tea. Members were reminded that a new treasurer would be needed if we are to continue.

Our meeting on August 21st will be a Fish and Chip lunch followed by a Beetle Drive. Please let Anice know if you are coming to the meeting to place your order.

On September 18th we are going to Southwold. Once again please let Anice know if you would like to come.

New members always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL W.I.

Our June meeting found our members enjoying a lighthearted evening of entertainment, laughter and singing with the wonderful Linda Scoles and 'Name That Tune'. After an opening of a few sing-along songs she kept us extremely amused with stories from her youth about what influenced the music in her life, this started with her Grandmother. Linda stood on a stool so we could all see her and entertained us with the American 'Mother's Day' song. Tales about her early youth, growing up on a farm in America and how her grandmother both taught and encouraged her to read, sing and write music.

She described how she learnt at school to make a 'real' cup of tea for a Mother's Day event by

dunking a tea bag 5 times into warm water, not hot water and this was served with Walnut with Cream Cheese sandwiches! As you can imagine this caused a few gasps of shock and laughter as her talk was drawn to a close. Linda kept us riveted throughout the evening and we would like to say that we have been privileged as a WI group to share parts of the interesting life she has lead.

Following coffee our new President, Val Rogerson presided over WI business and any matters arising that needed discussing before the meeting closed at around 9.30 pm

Our next meeting is an outing to the Woolpit Swan, so we will be back at the Blackborne on Tuesday 14th August 2018 at 7.30 pm when our speaking is Brian Thurlow on 'Mr Potter, the venerable old gardener'. The competition will be a Mr Potato Head.

Please come along and support your local WI, your first visit is free. Everyone is welcome

*Siobhan Holcombe,
Vice President*



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

As most readers of last months issue will have spotted there was a disastrous printers error in so much that the Exchange W I report was repeated twice more under our heading and the Sewing Bees .

To put everyone in the "Picture" it featured Diann welcoming our entertainer Jackie Raven to our meeting on May 17th. I am sure she will return again at a later date.

June 14th saw the return of Gwyn Pritchard and on June 28th we welcomed Dennis Maisey

On July 12th we welcome the StEdmundsbury Male Voice Choir this event will be held in the Jubilee Hall when we hope a large number of people will come along and join us.

Admission is £8 (Members£2) .The concert will Start at 7 30pm (Doors open 7 00pm) with a Raffle and Refreshment during the interval and a licensed bar is available from 7 00pm and again at the interval.

On July 26th will have our annual Strawberry Supper with entertainment later by Ian Vickery.

At the end of the month a group of members and friends are off to the Isle of Wight for a short break.

Our meeting on August 9th will feature Malcolm Steward.

All Wesley and Blackbourne booking enquiries are now handled from the Parish Council office at Blackbourne – right next to the car park:

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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



Our last meeting for the first half of the year was well attended. Members managed to bring along a large selection of plants for the plant table.

Brenda confirmed that the station tubs are decked out in their summer finery of scarlet geraniums, red and white begonias complimented by blue salvias and trailing lobelias. Now all we need is lots of volunteers to keep them watered into the autumn.

We were lucky to welcome Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nursery, who came laden down with an unusual selection of plants for us to admire and buy. He amused and informed in equal measure with his talk about garden thugs. As we know garden thugs appear from all directions and in all forms. Some are pests, some weeds and worst of all, some are people. It's amazing any flowers or vegetables manage to survive in this hostile environment. His advice was if you see a problem, deal with it immediately. Don't wait to see what that unknown cute plant may be - it might be the precursor of all its babies and relatives out to colonise your garden. It's bad enough having to deal with your neighbours' mistakes such as Japanese Knotweed or bamboos. The thug runners gallop under any boundary and must be ruthlessly chopped down and treated with Roundup. No mercy must be shown. Joe shared his problem with moles. When his rare and very expensive snowdrops disappeared down mole runs then he had to act. Apparently moles are active for only 15 minutes in every 4 hours - which 15 minutes we know not. Best to use a trap or even a member's suggestion of holly down their run. Do not pick up any offending mole as they have very sharp teeth. To control many pests including whitefly, aphids, mealybugs, mildew, etc. Joe recommended SB Plant Invigorator which acts as a pesticide and even provides a foliar feed to promote healthy plants. Strulch organic straw mulch kills off weed growth and retains moisture around plants. Of course, there is the basic 'Bob

Flowerdew' method of dowsing weeds with urine - anyone with dogs can vouch for that. Joe finished by saying that it is often best to learn to live with our weeds, but if they prove intransigent, then hack them down to about a foot from the ground and dowse with Roundup.

The Gardening Club outing is on Tuesday, 17th July to Angelsey Abbey; coach leaving Blackbourne Community Centre at 10.00am. Catherine Reynolds has a couple of spare seats if you would like to join the group. You may contact her on email: Elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com.

A second visit has been arranged to visit the gardens at Ickworth House on Tuesday, 24th July, meeting at the West Wing door of Ickworth House at 10.45am. David Beer, an Ickworth House garden guide, will be leading the group. If you require further information, Margaret Randall has details, again on Elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com

The Gardening Club is taking its summer break. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 18th September, 7.30pm, at the Blackbourne.** Matthew Tanton-Brown will give us a timely talk on **Seasonal Interest in the Autumn Garden.** I am sure there will be a lot to catch up with after an extremely busy summer so why not come and join us. If you require further information please contact **Nick Chamberlin** on 242601.

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon W.I.)

What an entertaining and interesting afternoon we had at our June get together. **Our speaker, Linda Shotbolt,** arrived with a large collection of antique baby feeding bottles, one or two going back to the 16th century. She was also accompanied by her baby grand daughter, cosily wrapped in blankets and in a wicker basket. She assured us that she was a good baby and promptly passed her around for all to nurse. She took some of us by surprise !! She was very heavy just like a real baby. It was great fun watching all the different reactions as she was gently shared among us. Sylvia obviously felt that she needed a change

of hairstyle but every single person, opened the blanket and peeped inside. I can assure you all that she was wearing a "babygro". Who can remember when they first came out? I think the mid sixties. Linda went through each bottle from her collection and explained about infant feeding from the 1700's. Some of it would make your hair curl. Small wonder so many babies died. This was a most enjoyable afternoon and a trip down memory lane for some of us although not as far back as the 1700's. !!

Next month our guest is Edward Jackson who is a Suffolk Wildlife Trust speaker. He will be giving an illustrated presentation on "The Beauty of Moths". The competition is a Wildlife photograph.

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

Further details from Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033

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WEST SUFFOLK SEWING BEE

For those with a keen eye for detail, you may have found that last month's picture did not align with the news around our Sewing Bee. So this month will be a double update.

For our May Sewing Bee we had a guest presenter – Judith Johnson, who introduced us to the Sure-Fit designs pattern system. We had an excellent turnout with a few new faces among us.

Patterns are an essential tool in dressmaking. A commercial pattern is based on a 'standard' figure, much like a shop-bought item of clothing. Of course, while clothing and patterns come in regular sizes, human bodies don't. So for many of us, we find our shapes are at odds with the clothing available, whether that is being different sizes top and bottom, or having trouser legs come up too short, or finding the shoulders too narrow or too wide even when the rest of the garment fits – we all have our quirks.



The Sure-Fit system which Judith introduced us to, enables the creation of patterns (and thus garments) to fit a specific person, with all their uniqueness and quirks! She stepped us through the process of taking accurate measurements and mapping those measurements on a basic pattern.

Judith then showed us how a basic pattern can be used to create different styles, using dart manipulation.

Leslie kindly volunteered as a model, and was delighted to take her pattern home with her.

It was certainly a busy few hours, as there was more to learn than time to do it. Such is the nature of an introductory session.

For June, we had a social sew, where we all bring our own projects to work on. There is always a lot of diversity in our work, and it's good to get feedback and inspiration from others. Some of our members had already started their first fitting from the Sure Fit system. We plotted out some of our future meet topics - we have decided to run an 'Upcycle Challenge' in September, and we will be looking at making your own knickers in October. So plenty to look forward to. On a personal note, I am pleased to report that I have finally completed the hand-stitched hem that I was thoroughly sick of stitching.

We run groups in the afternoons on the Second Saturday of every month. You can find us on Facebook – "Sewing in the UK – Suffolk" or contact Zoe on 07580 297140



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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St Johns!

June has been another lovely month at St John's. Our fabulous summer fair at the Wesley Hall took place in the middle of the month. There was a BBQ, café and lots of stalls! People were winning bottles of wine and tombola prizes and generally having a nice time :) The children enjoyed "messy church" craft activities, such as seed planting and finger painting. On the stage, the band performed a mixture of classic oldies, modern worship and everything in between! Thanks to everyone who supported this brilliant event.

At the end of June, our Curate, Ernest, was ordained at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. We are thrilled for him - what a memorable celebration occasion for all his friends & family from across the globe! Celebrations continue as on the first of July we will have Family Church, Traditional Church and then celebrate Ernest's ordination with the St John's annual BBQ. Happy times :)

We also began the popular "Christianity Explored" course. Over several sessions, it provides time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. The course is continuing into July... If you missed the start, but have questions about what we're all so passionate about, please get in touch. It's never too late.

Unfortunately Christians Together In Elmswell are unable to run a Holiday Club this year (2018). We know this will come as a disappointment, especially as last year was so

successful. St John's will instead 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. Please note that Messy Church is for all ages and that children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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

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Sunday 8th July

8:00am Holy Communion

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Sunday 15th July

9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9am)

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Sunday 22nd July

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Sunday 29th July

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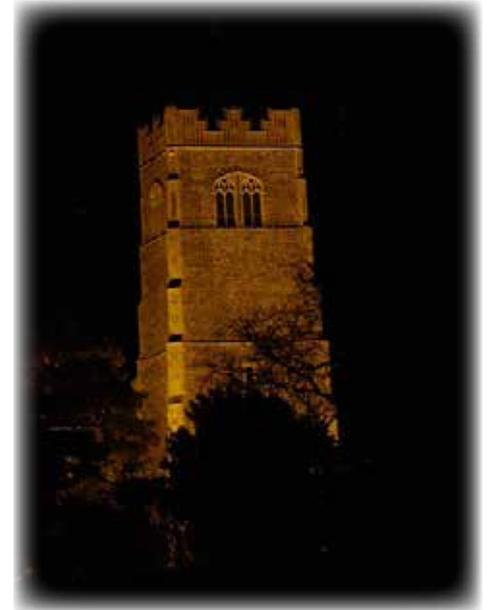
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- 21 in loving memory of my husband William Clark (Bill), on his Birthday.
- 22 in loving memory of Kathleen Holland on the second anniversary of her passing. Keith and Jane.
- 23 in loving memory of Thomas Clover.
- 27 Kathleen Holland. Treasured memories of our dear Mum on her Birthday. "Always in our thoughts". Love Keith and Jane.
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St John's 2018 Summer Fair

Father David Finegan



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Over the last few weeks three stabbings have occurred in the Ipswich area and several more around the country, young men and boys maimed and killed in gang related violence.

The media tell us that the illegal drug trade is the reason this violence is occurring as rival gangs of dealers try to take over the trade in drugs from local dealers, the average person living in the area never sees or hears anything about these goings on and have no understanding of this trade.

We at the Baptist Church have been praying for an end to this violence and for the families affected by the violence and for our fellow Christians in Ipswich trying to reach out to the communities whose young people are involved. If you pray please join with us in praying for an end to this violence.



Following inclusion of this 1955 photograph in May's newsletter, reader Graham McNeil has kindly provided some of the names of these boys shown. From left to right, Graham remembers them as follows:-

Unknown, Keith Armstrong, Graham McNeil, Colin Eustace, Unknown, and ??? Brown (whose mother was a schoolteacher).

If any other readers can fill in the missing blanks, we'd love to hear from them. Also, as we understand that Graham has more information about this, we'd be very grateful if he could contact us again as the telephone number which was noted doesn't appear to be the correct one for him. Many thanks. *Stella, Elmswell History Group 01359-242601*

Editors' note

We have also heard from Dick Burch that the lad 2nd from right is Mac Lambourne. The boy Brown was called Roger and his mother, the schoolteacher, taught Dick and used to live in the house he now lives in at Wetherden Road.

Over the last few weeks at our midweek home groups we have been looking at the Acts of the Apostles and the beginnings of the early Christian Church and how the numbers swelled when Peter and co performed acts of healing in the name of Jesus, oh that the church would grow to that extent today.

Our activities in July are:-

Ladies Group do not meet again until September.

12th July at mid-day Food and Friends Lunch at the church for our older residents join us for a sumptuous home cooked three course lunch, contact Jackie if you haven't been before on 01359245918 to book a place.

Our Services in July will be led by:-

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July 22nd Christine Myers

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DONATION FOR CONNOR

Phoenix Lodge of Freemasons, which meets in Stowmarket, we're pleased to present scout Connor Yarrow with a cheque for £500 towards his fund to take him to the World Scout Jamboree in Virginia, USA. Pictured are residents of Elmswell, who are members of the Lodge, and joined Connor as he received a cheque from the Charity Steward, W Bro Colin Davies and the Worshipful Master, W Bro Jim King.

Also pictured are Roger Florey, Jimmy Jewell, Martin Roots, Gary Riches, Les King, Bob Stopp and Bob Goodall.

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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.

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VILLAGE GREEN

NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



Wildflowers at Lukeswood

Our first Wildflower Walk took place at Lukeswood on 10 June and it turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion for everyone. Pottering about in the sunshine with wildflower ID book in one hand and magnifying glass in the other, trying to see how many different species you can find – a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon! All in all we found 43 different flowers and flowering shrubs, from the humble Daisy to beautiful and elusive orchids.

As well as enjoying ourselves, there was a scientific purpose behind the afternoon's activity. Following on from last year's Bioblitz, we aim to carry out regular surveys of all the wildlife at Lukeswood. We want to find out as much as we can about the wildlife and its habitats and to monitor how these change over the years. In the case of wildflowers, seeds can lie dormant in the soil for years, waiting for the right conditions to germinate, flower, set seed and spread. So every now and then there can be a surprise when a new species pops up unexpectedly – as with the

patch of Heath Speedwell which we discovered this year. Or sometimes little patches of wildflowers find that conditions are favourable and begin to spread – as in the case of the wild Marjoram which now covers a large area in the orchard and attracts many butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects.

Thank you to everyone who took part – do keep visiting and looking at the flowers as they change over the seasons – there's always something to see and enjoy!

Pyramids, Bees and a variety of Spots

It's orchid season again! There has been a lovely show both at Kiln Meadow and Lukeswood, with three or four different types appearing at both sites. We've had Bee, Marsh, Common-Spotted and Pyramidal orchids all flowering in good numbers this year. The Pyramidal orchids continue to increase at Kiln Meadow, north of the pond, and we discovered one at Lukeswood this year, which we hope will spread out from this toehold and produce greater numbers in years to come. They are always a joy to look at. Even within the same species, there are great varieties in colour – amongst the bright pink Pyramidals at Kiln Meadow there was one very

pale, almost white variant, as shown in our photo. If you missed them this year put in a note in the diary for next year – start looking from late May to mid-June. At Kiln Meadow you don't have to look hard – most of the orchids can be seen from the path.

Lukeswood Butterfly Walk – Saturday 21 July, 11.00-12.30

Don't forget our Butterfly Walk later this month! The hot weather has brought out a variety of butterflies in good numbers. So if you would like to find out more about the butterflies at Lukeswood with the help of an expert from Suffolk Butterfly Conservation, this is for you! It's free, and everyone is very welcome to join in. Just let us know (phone or email) if you would like to come, so we know the numbers. Refreshments after the event.

Mary Feeney

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Our new poster is out now and starting to make its way onto notice boards and shop windows. If you're a business and would like to help spread the word, please be in touch via the details below and we would be delighted to hear from you.

We can offer craft stands at £15.00 per table, trade stands at £25.00 and car boots at £10.00 per pitch. If you are a village organisation or group and would like a stand, please be in touch and we can arrange a fee, based on your requirements.

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 compe`re 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.



COMPETITION

As we're feeling really generous, we are also giving away a Family Pass + Ice Cream vouchers for one lucky family! Simply head over to our Facebook page and find the competition post for your chance to win – entries close 22nd July at 23:59 and the winner will be announced online and in August's edition of the Elmswell Newsletter. Good luck!

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This year we have a new trophy to play for because after many years the old one has seen better days.

**The photo above is of Will from Park Garage with the new Trophy for this years winner.
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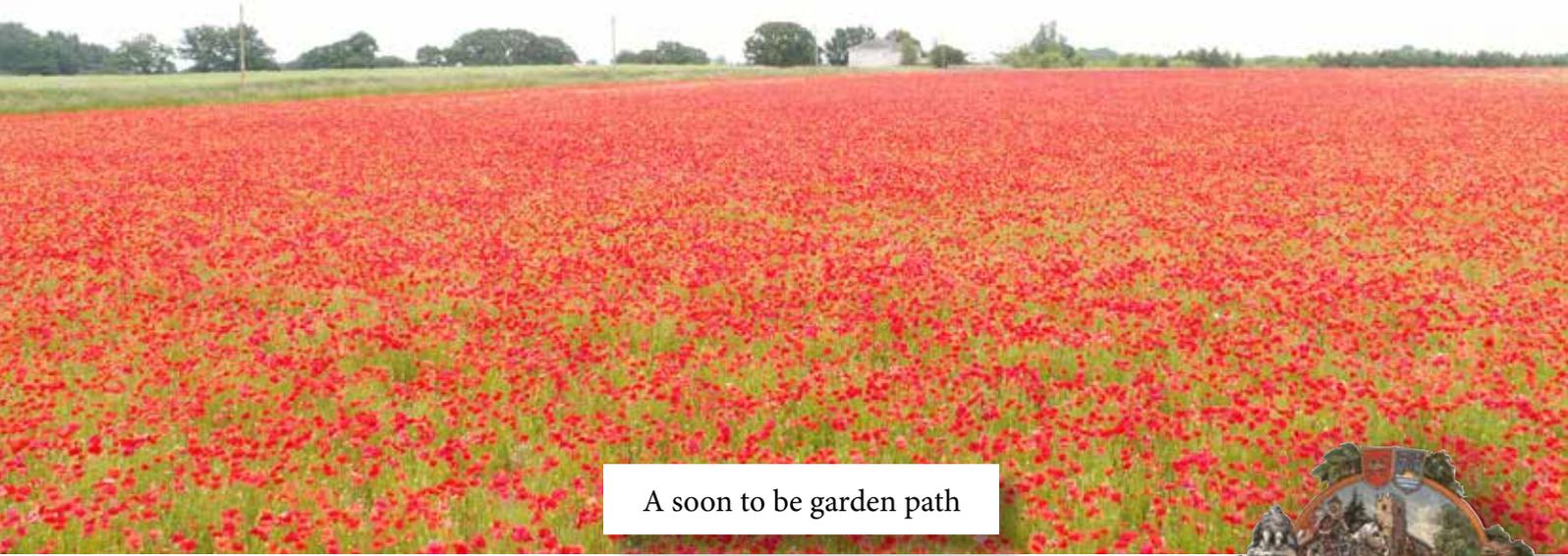
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RED MISSED...

Our cover picture features Dickie Burch's Footpath Walking group standing in someone's garden.

It's not yet, quite, up to our Gardening Club standard, but they are pictured as part of a sight often linked with remembrance on a site that, as we see it now, is soon to be forgotten. After many decades yielding agricultural crops it is destined to yield the best part of the 240 houses for which Planning permission is granted on both sides of Wetherden Road here on some 22 acres of land abutting the parish boundary. As part of the preparation for the Planning application, an archaeological survey made exploratory excavations, wrote their report, detailing Roman and Anglo Saxon kilns together with other evidence of earlier occupation, and left.

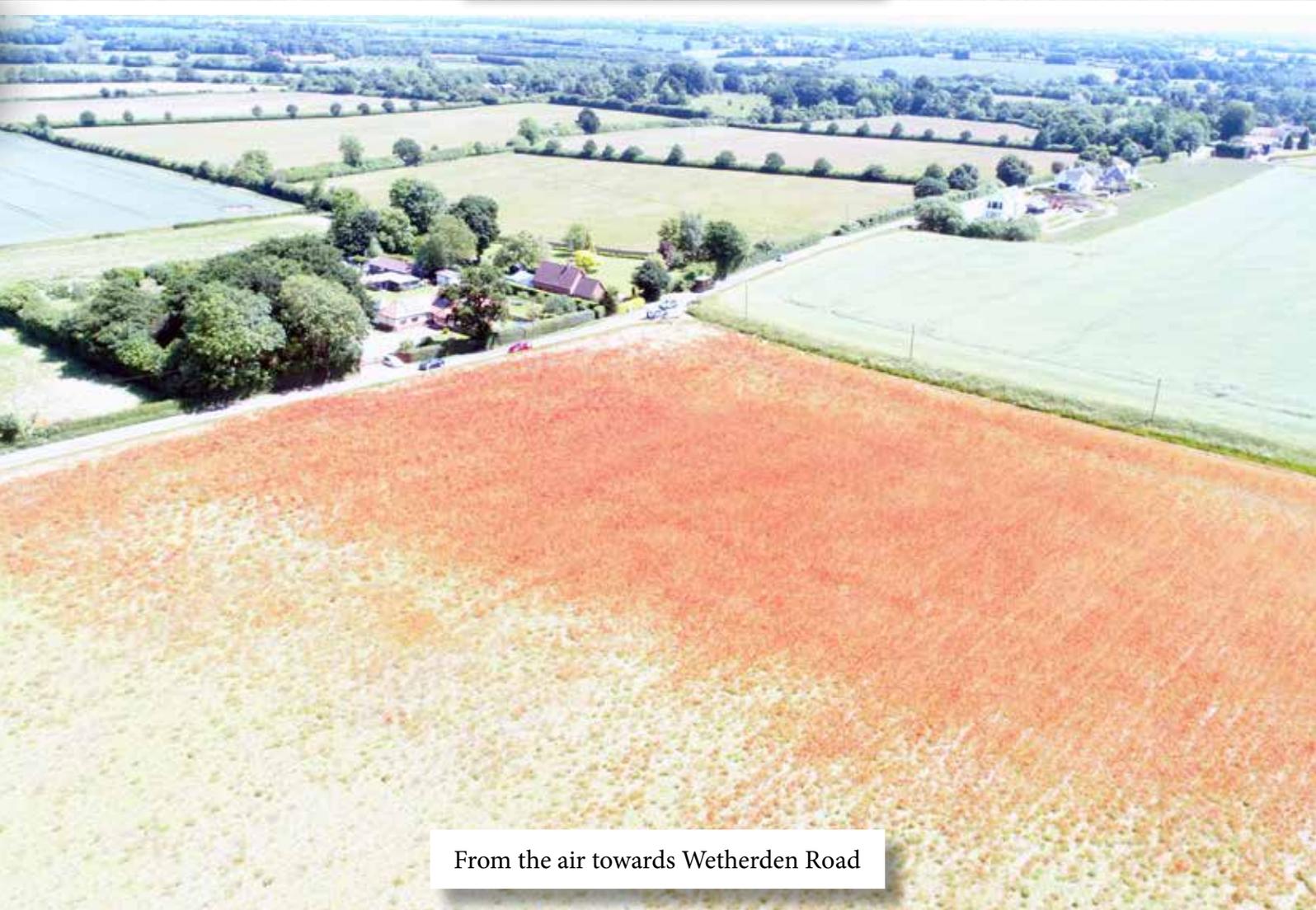
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Towards Mill Garden



To Mill House from Wetherden Road



From the air towards Wetherden Road



ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP – INTERVIEW WITH RAY BENNETT, 17TH APRIL 2018

AROUND & ABOUT



WW2 MEMORIES FROM A LONDON EVACUEE

I want to write a small passage about my dad, Daniel Houghton, who passed away over Christmas 2017, aged 86. He died of a lung disease which had him home-bound and depending on oxygen for the last year of his life. During that year, we did some internet research together of Elmswell, where he was evacuated to during World War 2. We found various pages from the village web archive, which temporarily transported him away from his illness and ignited such vivid memories of his time there. He was evacuated from Bethnal Green in East London, which had experienced more than its fair share of the tragedies on the Home Front. He specifically recalls the V1 bombs, one in particular landing on Hughes Mansions and obliterating many people. He was billeted with the Nicholls family in Elmswell (in Hawk End Lane) - Ted was the head of the family, with his wife and two daughters also at home, but their son was away in the Navy. His first recollection was of the peculiar taste of food at the Nicholls' dinner table, taking a few days to find that the "peculiarly" was that the food was fresh, having only previously sampled canned food in the East End. Ted worked as a blacksmith (and horse fitter) at the blacksmiths in the village. We found the picture of Ted at work in the factory on the Manor website which truly astounded my dad. He hadn't seen him in over 70 years, and I recall him stating at that time: "over and over every detail, like he had just been given a cheque for a million pounds." [A few more details from Elmswell History Group website - www.elmswell-history.org.uk - Charles Nunn, although not knowingly related to the Frank Nunn family, joined Nunn's in 1947, and remembers that "Ted Nicholls was still there, very skilled in what he did - he could do such jobs as the iron ones

of cartwheels, etc. Sometimes Charles helped him Ted taught him how to use a hammer properly, and more of him one day for jolting the hammer part way up the handle". Long time village, Stan King also remembers "that the Nicholls had one of the first televisions in the village, so Stan used to visit them to watch". Dad attended a separate school for the evacuees in the village, but later "commuted" to school in Bury St Edmunds towards the end of his stay. As with all the kids, his fondest memories were the "boys' own" adventures outside of school. He told of his little gang and their car, a dog, marching behind the Home Guard as they patrolled through the village, plus various adventures around the quarry, the Bacon Factory and, of course, the airfield.

He built a rapport with some of the US airmen, patiently waiting outside the fire on the garden wall for them to come by trying to pick up some small errands they may need in return for some chewing gum. He had one specific tale - a suit-tanned, blond Californian - whom he identified and often ran errands for him over the perimeter fence when the airmen were confined to base. Dad inherited the unusual nickname of "Kid" - the Californian nicknamed "Kid" with a bomber pilot's badge which made him the envy of the village kids.

One of his favourite things to do was to lay in the grass and count the bombers back in from their overnight raids. He witnessed many aerial dogfights in the area and even one time miss with a Flying Fortress limping home short of the runway right by him. There was the inevitable return to Bethnal Green, where Dad lived until retirement from his job as retirement in the Post Office. He has long term career with the Shipley, Kent, sewer leasing that true love of the countryside that Elmswell gave him. He leaves behind a wife, two children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild (and one more on the way).

My parents did briefly pass through Elmswell a few years ago and, whilst some of it was not recognizable, many parts of it were. Dad got recognized in knocking on a few doors at the time and probably regretted it, judging by the sheer joy on his face when we started to find the images and recollections of the village. I can truly tell how much he must have loved his time there. I think he would be very honoured for this passage to be added to the village record in some form, as part of his and Elmswell's legacy, and I hope that perhaps this may contribute to igniting similar happy memories in others around at the time.

[Written by Mark Houghton (of Backhurst Hill, Essex) and sent to Elmswell History Group. Photos of Daniel Houghton kindly provided by Mark, who has given permission for these and his words to be published in the Elmswell newsletter. © WW2 aircraft photo from EHGS website.]

Text in square brackets and italics has been added by Stella Chamberlin of Elmswell History Group.



Following the publication of Mark Houghton's article in April's village newsletter about his father, Daniel, who had been in the village as a London evacuee during WW2, long-time villager Ray Bennett wanted to add to this information, as well as to his own village wartime memories given to Maggie Bushell in 2014 (also in the newsletter and on the History Group's website – www.elmswell-history.org.uk).

Ray remembers that the Houghton family originally lived in Ashfield Road, not Hawk End Lane. The evacuees were educated in the old school site's church hall, and had their own teachers from London. Therefore, Elmswell children and the evacuees did not really mix very much, although Ray does remember Danny Houghton and his family (Ray thought Danny had a younger brother). The Houghtons stayed with Mr & Mrs Ted Nicholls in Ashfield Rd, which was quite a task for them as, according to Ray, the Nicholls were "getting on in years", i.e. about 60's which was "getting on" then, due to the very hard physical work everyone did in those days.

Describing the evacuees' very different city life to that which they experienced in the Suffolk countryside, Ray said that there used to be regular sugar-beet trains passing through Elmswell Station

and, never having seen sugar-beet, the city evacuees thought these were parsnips! Some of the Londoners did not stay for very long as they found the countryside too quiet, i.e. very few cars or other motorised vehicles then.

The route which Ray and his friends took to school used to be up the Bacon Factory lane, past the pens of pigs awaiting their fate, over the railway into Hawk End Lane, then across the then meadow (where the Fire Station is now) into School Road. Like many of his contemporaries, he stayed at that school until aged 14.

On the subject of war-time food, Ray agreed that country dwellers certainly fared better than their city cousins because everyone kept their own chickens, grew vegetables, managed to get fresh pork from the bacon factory, and milk from the local dairyman although the milk was not pasteurised.

Ray's family moved from Ashfield Rd to Hawk End Lane, and they too had evacuees staying with them – a girl and a boy (not related) at different times. They were both younger than Ray, and the girl was fine but the boy was a little "rascal". To illustrate this point, Ray remembers that where the Fire Station is now used to be a meadow with a pond and ducks. The

evacuee boy took Ray's family dog out of their yard and set the dog onto the ducks, killing at least three of them. Ray's father was not best pleased as he had to pay the owner of the ducks for their loss. Another incident was when the boy turned on the tap of the milk float while no-one was looking, so leaving all that precious milk streaming down the road.

Ray doesn't remember specifically how the evacuee children were allocated, except that he believes the Sanitary Inspector, Mr Wyatt, met the children at the station and he then allocated them to different village families. Mr & Mrs Wyatt had a big house in Ashfield Rd (on the right going out of the village and before White House Farm), but they never took in any evacuees even though they would have had plenty of room, so this was a little frowned upon by some villagers.

When young, Ray was in the Air Training Corps (ATC) and, bearing in mind his obvious love of all things to do with aviation, he now spends his spare time constructing intricate model aeroplanes and

tanks (of various nationalities) which are lovingly and impressively displayed all round his sitting room, with explanatory notes for each one. Of particular local and East Anglian interest, he has two models of the Flying Fortresses, both decorated with the Ashfield Airfield's markings, a Lightning from Honington, Mustang from Leiston, Thunderbolt from Boxted (on the Suffolk/Essex border), Westland Lysander from Bedford's RAF Tempsford (which was used to fly members of the SOE to and from Europe – these were used because they could land and take off from a small field or meadow). With this knowledge, Ray thinks that the picture of the WW2 aeroplanes on the History Group's website and in the recent newsletter is probably at Rougham (not Ashfield) because the front aeroplane's tail-fin shows the letter "A" which was for Rougham whereas, paradoxically, Ashfield's letter would have been "G".

[Written by Stella Chamberlin of EHG, with Ray's proof-reading and approval.]

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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

June has slipped past quickly, and there have been ample opportunities to break out the hats and sunscreen. The highlight of this month's social calendar was the Elmswell Library Friend's wine tasting night. It was a lovely occasion, with a good turnout. Guests sampled 7 different wines from Australia and New Zealand, and I quite liked number 3. Great big thank you to Bob Stopp and the ELF's for making it happen. It seems entirely appropriate that when there is wine in a library, you don't just drink it - you learn about it *properly*.

We also had Paul Peachy's presentation of £1,200 to the ELF's from the sale of his book 'Elmswell Through a Black and White Postcard'. You have most likely seen this book around Elmswell over the last couple of years, if not in the library in the Mace shop, Elmswell Post Office or Elmswell Pharmacy. If you haven't got a copy yet, we still have a handful available - it's an interesting and thorough bit of insight into the development of Elmswell over the last 100 years. These funds will help the Elmswell Friends Group continue to support the library and its services for our community, and we are very grateful to those who have purchased a copy.

The Summer Reading Challenge posters are now up on the walls in preparation - the theme is 'Mischief Makers' and features the characters from Beano. I stopped by the school to say hello to all of the Elmswell Primary School students (what a fabulous bunch!) as well as meet Bruce the resident bearded dragon. He wasn't openly enthusiastic about the Summer Reading Challenge, but at least the children are keen. I hope to see many young readers through the doors to earn their stickers and funky paper glasses. Please be assured that Emma has already explained to me the importance of cake at the certificate ceremony.

We are delighted to have had a number of volunteers step forward to listen to the children read and discuss their books - although there is still room for another volunteer if you're willing. Certificates and other treasures have arrived ready to hand out to participants, and are all

sorted in the store room. Children can sign up from the 17th of July (last full week of school).

Hope to see you soon!

Zoe

What's On

Ancestry Group

Will be back in the Autumn.

The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in the village, find them at the Fox pub at 10:30am - Wednesday 11th July.

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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2018:

Mischief Makers

Sign up from the 17th of July. We have volunteers ready from the first day of school holidays.

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.

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Chairman Jimmy Jewell was delighted to receive this wonderful donation on behalf of the ELF. It is good to know that so many people bought the book which will prove a memorable keep sake of Elmswell in days gone by. Grateful thanks are extended to all those outlets who sold the book especially the Mace and the Elmswell Post Office and to those who purchased the book

A big thank you to the people of Elmswell for not only purchasing a copy of the book, but the reward in giving something back to Elmswell Library Friends. Copies went as far as Australia and various parts of America. For those of you who did not purchase a copy, we only have 50 left.



ELMSWHEELIANS 2018

On Sunday 24th June we enjoyed our first evening ride of the year, on a glorious summer evening. This, at the end of a day when many of us had watched and celebrated our national football team score a record 6 goals against Panama in the 2018 World Cup.

Following on from these celebrations, just 11 cyclists turned out to tackle a ride that saw us leave the village via Church Road and Bunkers Hill, and on to Tostock Green, Drinkstone Park, and Drinkstone Green. From there it was down into Rattlesden, and on to Felsham Upper Green, where we stopped briefly to enjoy the tranquillity of this lovely village spot.

The route home was via Gedding, back to Drinkstone Green, then Woolpit Street, and into the village along Kiln Lane and Warren Lane.

The ride ended in time-honoured tradition at "The Fox" for some well-earned refreshment.

All in all, a really satisfying ride through some beautiful Suffolk countryside. And notable during the ride was the attraction of our "back-marker" to hundreds of black beetles, due entirely to his bright yellow Elmswheelian t-shirt!

In total we cycled 15.5 miles.

Next Ride :

Friday 27th July (evening ride - starting at 6.00 p.m. - 15 miles approx.)

More dates to follow for the autumn / winter months.

If you enjoy cycling, do come and join us. We welcome new faces. There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people. We do ask, however, that you are aged 16+. You will be very welcome.

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ELMSWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Wow, what a busy month it's been for Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group! We kicked things off with our annual trip to the Elmswell firestation, where children and adults alike got stuck in trying on the uniforms, "driving" the fire engine, and running through the hose. It's fair to say that most of us ended the morning considerably soggy than we started! This is always such a popular trip for our group and it's easy to see why. A big thank you to the crew for giving up their morning to show us around and for everything they do for the village.



We've also had a fantastic morning out to Highlodge where we searched for the Highway Rat, from the popular children's book by Julia Donaldson. On our travels along the trail we found the Gruffalo, created some treasure sticks, made spiders from twigs and pinecones and played on every single park we came across.



Back at Wesley Hall we have been loving all this sunny weather lately (long may it last!) and have been taking every opportunity to get out into the garden with our little ones. They love tearing round on the grass and racing each other down the slide before getting suitably messy in the sandbox. Meanwhile inside the hall the summer theme continues at craft time when the children have been making us the most adorable "suns" out of cupcake cases, messy work but definitely worth it for those precious keepsakes- thank goodness for washable paint!



With summer now well and truly upon us I'm excited to clear out some of our less loved toys, and outgrown winter clothes to make way for the inevitable wave of summer dresses the will ensue. If you (like me) find that your child's wardrobe is bursting at the seams and that once neat corner of toys has started taking over your entire living room, feel free to earmark some of those items for our nearly new sale. You can make yourself a few pennies and help support the toddler group. It's a win win!

As we come ever closer to the end of the school year (seriously, how did that happen?) you may find yourself musing about ways to keep your children entertained during those long six weeks. Fear not! Our sessions continue all throughout the summer and we would love to see you! You can find us at Wesley Hall every Monday and Wednesday from 10-11:30am (excluding Bank Holidays). Sessions cost £1 plus 50p for siblings up to £2, your first session is completely free and we'll even give you a cup of tea and a biscuit. We hope to see you soon.

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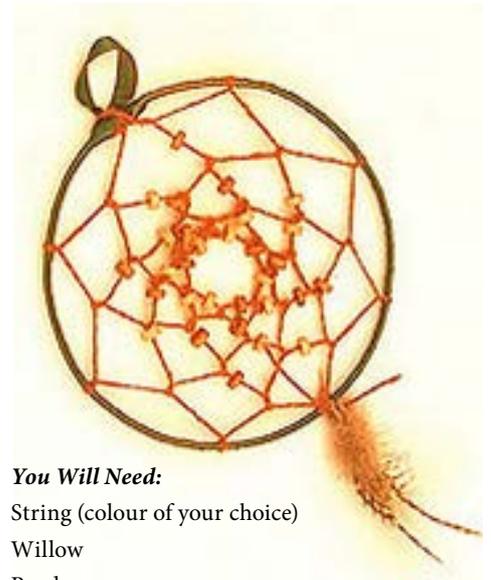
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- Leaves
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- Crayons
- Hard Book

Method:

- Collect lots of different sizes and shapes of leaves
- Place your leaf on the hard book, ensure the veins on the bottom of the leaf are facing upwards
- Place a sheet of white paper over the leaf
- Using your crayons rub them over the paper until the leaf shape comes through

Making Dream Catchers



You Will Need:

- String (colour of your choice)
- Willow
- Beads
- Feathers
- Ribbon

Method:

Place the willow into a bowl of warm water and allow to soak for at least half an hour. You need to soak it so it is flexible and bendy.

Now bend your willow making a circle - make several loops in and out of the circle to create a strong structure.

For the web. Tie one end of the string in a knot at the base of the hanging loop. Working clockwise, stretch the string to a spot a few inches down the hoop and loop it around the hoop. Stretch the string a few inches to the right and loop it around the hoop again.

If you want to add beads to your dreamcatcher place it around certain parts of the web as you are tying it around the loop.

To end your dream catcher wrap it around the loop again and create a double knot to keep it secure.

The feather can be placed on using more string hanging off the bottom of the loop or you can use more beads.

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LAWN FARM QUARRY EXTENSION - HAVE YOUR SAY

Suffolk County Council must, by law, have a plan in place governing the extraction of minerals - basically sand & gravel etc for housebuilding & road building - in the county.

They are currently reviewing this plan and are considering an application to extend the site down at Warren Farm - accessed off the old A45.

The Parish Council has site meetings at the existing quarry every 6 months including with Wetherden PC representatives, County & District Councillors and Council officers, together with the site management.

There are problems of out-of-hours working, noise and dust and an overriding problem of mud left on the road to the extent that it is hazardous.

Enforcement has not proved to be effective.

Elmswell Parish Council has objected to the extension which would bring the workings very close to the new housing estates on Wetherden Road and off Warren lane.

The proposal would also require the loss of the ancient Sandy Lane footpath around the boundary of the new industrial activity.

The proposals are open for public consultation until 23rd July.

The consultation forms are available on line by searching

SCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan

Consultation.

The form is not easy as it is in a format which suits the Inspector heading the formal Examination. If you wish to comment, it is probably not on the Legal Compliance or the Duty to Co-operate - your concerns may well regard the operational problems including noise, dust and access, particularly given the proximity of the new housing. Such observations would belong in the 'Soundness' category and the reference would be to paragraph 15 re the Policies Map, 'Wetherden'.



The Parish Clerk will supply a paper form if preferred and advise further if necessary if you want to comment via 01359 244134 or by emailing; clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk.

The sketch map above might help.



LOCAL LADS – IN THE DAYS OF THE LEATHER BALL

Sylvia Bacon has been in touch with the Newsletter keen to pass on some photographs for the archives. They come from her mother, Elmswell born and bred, Bessie Mulley, who died last December aged 99. Bessie was born to Frank and Bessie Kerridge and lived with her twin and 3 other siblings opposite The Fox on Station Road. Her grandfather was signalman at the old signal box, as featured in the Lovejoy TV series.

If you can put any names to this 1919 – 1929 football team, pictured with Rev. Sayer, do let us know.



ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Having battled through the pre-season rain, which made it difficult to get the Green ready for match-play, we are now facing a prolonged dry spell which brings with it a different set of problems. Greensman Dick Burch has done wonders preparing the green under adverse conditions, luckily with an excellent new mower to work with. We are extremely grateful to the Cricket Club for the loan of their scarifier and to the club members who have rallied round to help produce the splendid playing surface we are enjoying now.

This article was written a little early for editorial reasons, but we have delayed it until the result from last night's match was in as it marks the halfway point of our season. We came away from Hengrave with a 5-2 victory and have cemented our position at the top of the league. St Botolph's, the second placed team, cannot catch us even if they scored a maximum 7-point win last night. We have only suffered one defeat and we have beaten teams that beat the team against which we lost but I am not sure how significant that is as, like us, clubs put different teams out from match to match. It must be said, of course, that this is only the halfway point and it is the final position that counts, and this is Division 3, the lowest, where all new clubs have to start. Because of the change of name we are, effectively, newcomers, whereas the EBC retained the village's club name and their Division 2 status but they are not fielding a team in our League this year. We have some knock-out competitions coming up which will pit us against teams from other Divisions providing excellent practice as we gel together as a team and a Club. The spirit is excellent, the games enjoyable, and current top-of-the-league status an enjoyable bonus.

As part of the Club's Agreement with the Parish Council, we are happy to keep the Green in good condition and available to all Elmswell residents, and we look forward to working towards attracting more members. Bowls has something of an unfortunate image seen as being mainly played by the elderly under a strict dress code. We have relaxed the dress code for non-league



Leaping down steps: Mark tests the new H&S compliant access steps



Stepping down steps: Don uses the steps healthily and safely

games as we don't feel that the old image helps to inspire new and younger beginners. Our hope is, as we settle in, to fulfil our aim and widen the awareness of the game we love. We look pick up new members to fill the new teams we are looking to run next season. Bowls is both enjoyable and challenging and can be adapted to almost any number of players. You might, for example, pit your family against your neighbours or one side of your family against the other (do make sure your relationship is strong enough to withstand a little friendly rivalry, though). We have a team on hand to set things up and provide guidance and basic training and to do the all-important adjudication, recorded on an official score card. If you have run a local company, a Bowls Afternoon would make a great

Corporate staff-bonding event and arranging catering and even a mini-bar, would be a simple matter. Do contact us if you would like to discuss any such event or one of your own design.

Look out next month for details of our Newcomers Open Day, which we will be holding in August, when you can come along, totally free of charge, be given all that you need, except for flat-soled shoes which you must provide, and see if the Bowls Bug gets under your skin. Maybe you are an existing player who has moved from another area?

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3 at table: Dick Burch, Team Captain, with Nan and Jenna at The Fox where the after-game refreshments are excellent.



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PARISH COUNCIL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council has a Standing Committee to deal quickly with any formal Complaint made against it. A report goes to each Ordinary Meeting, although the Committee has not been called upon to convene for several years. A meeting was required in the 2017/2018 Council year and this gave rise to the following Annual Report.

- 1 The Committee met once, on 21st February, to consider a Complaint from 7 members of the Elmswell Bowls Club and dated 04.01.2018 that the actions taken (by Council) and the proposed amendments to the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association Agreement amounted to bullying and harassment. No detail or explanation was offered from the Complainants who were formally apprised of the due process and of the meeting date but did not attend the meeting.
- 2 The findings of the meeting were, referenced as Minuted:

- 11.1 *The behaviours which make for the commonly accepted definitions of the offences of bullying and harassment had in no way been met on the evidence presented which relied upon one single stated factor rather than repetitive actions and which demonstrated no evidence of disturbing or threatening behaviour intended to hurt or to cause distress.*
- 11.2 *Evidence presented by way of correspondence confirmed that meetings had been held with Club representatives, although it is clear from subsequent developments that these individuals had no authority to speak for or to bind the Club. Council's good faith in hosting these meetings stands as a clear indication of willingness to co-operate towards a renewal of the Club's tenure at Blackbourne.*

- 11.3 *The Club members concerned are to be informed that their Complaint is not found and that Council is, once again, open to discussion regarding an Agreement with the Club to use the bowls facilities at Blackbourne for the 2018 season.*
- 11.4 *The Club members concerned are to be informed that Council is aware of the urgency of action towards beginning a programme of green maintenance and appropriate deadlines for any meetings are to be set.*
- 11.5 *The above determinations were agreed unanimously.*
3. The Minutes of the meeting were tabled and accepted at the Ordinary meeting of council on 19th March as a true record, ref 19.03.09.

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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL JUNE MEETING



Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. Between these Ordinary Meetings, Extraordinary Meetings may be called to deal with urgent business. One such was called at Blackbourne for 5th June when 27 members of the public attended along with District Councillor Sarah Mansel and 6 Parish Councillors. The Ordinary June meeting took place on 18th at The Blackbourne with 6 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel and a member of the public.

This report is compiled from those meetings 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.

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

District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation that the Mid Suffolk District Council Annual Performance Report for 2017/18 was discussed at Cabinet on 4th June. The council's performance is compared to targets on a number of indicators 5 different themes – Housing delivery, Community Capacity, Enabled and Efficient Organisation, Assets and Investment and Environment. The report glosses over some of the less favourable results, but these are within an appendix and make interesting reading. <http://babergghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=522&MIId=1220&Ver=4>

At that meeting, Cabinet also decided to set up an investment fund of £3M in order to react quickly in the market for purchasing property and land within Mid Suffolk for development potential and to help regenerate derelict areas. This is completely separate to the CIFCO investment fund to which Elmswell Parish Council has raised serious concerns and is awaiting quarterly performance figures in the face of very uncertain market conditions given the investment sectors targeted by CIFCO.

Full Council is to meet to agree the proposals for the development of the old headquarters site in Needham Market. It looks likely that it will be a mixed development with both housing and retail. The next step will be the formal Planning application.

BWMA

The Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association manages these major community resources on Council's behalf. Secretary Peter Edmonds reported that the Exchange Hall demolition is complete and £1K has been spent on surface dressing to make the area suitable for parking. The remaining chapel fixtures were scrapped as the building was stripped out, there having been no interest in disposal otherwise. Meanwhile, The Building Regulations Application for the forthcoming Blackbourne office and storage expansion have been submitted. The assessor appointed to deal with the Jubilee Roof storm damage insurance claim requires some roofing sheets to be removed in order to examine the fixings and so the process continues. This is in hand through the

contractor who carried out the emergency repairs. Total lettings to-date are £8,011.30 and this projects as £50k+ for the year. Bookings remain vibrant with the addition of Spin Bike sessions at Blackbourne. Members discussed the submissions received from four firms of architects who were chosen from those who responded to the EPC's call for expressions of interest in a scheme to refurbish the chapel and related facilities and who had viewed the site armed with an outline of the requirements from User Groups together with Philip Shaw's comprehensive summary. All four were accepted to be competent and professional and their outline schemes were discussed in turn and measured against the features which the Committee thought most important. After considerable debate, it was decided to refine the brief in light of the discussions for re-presentation to 3 of the Practices who had submitted plans, being: KLH Architects, Let's design Architects, and Patrick Allen Associates, inviting a second submission from each.

Planning results:

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

- DC/18/01446** Application for Variation of Condition 2 at Street Farm Day Nursery, Station Road
- DC/18/00819** Re-roofing with terne coated stainless steel roof covering at St John The Divine Church
- DC/18/01382** Application for Listed Building Consent at Dagwood farm. Ashfield Road
- DC/18/02143** Discharge of conditions... materials / insulation at Street Farm, Station Road
- DC/18/01301** Listed Building Consent – replacement windows...Street farm, Station Road

Planning Applications:

Council supported the following Planning applications notified for comment by Mid Suffolk:

DC/18/01444 Erection of first floor side extension at 17, Oxer Close.

DC/18/02323 Works to trees protected under a Tree Preservation Order at 18 Oxer Close

DC/18/02138 Listed Building Consent for repairs & renovations at Street Farm, Ashfield Road

Council objected to the following Planning applications for the following reasons:

DC/18/02147 Erection of one and a half storey side extension and rear single storey extension at 36 Thedwastre Close.

- 1 The reduction of the available space for parking at the side of the house removes any possibility of vehicles being able to enter and leave the site in a forward gear. The cars generated by the proposed larger family house would all have to reverse into or off the site presenting a traffic hazard on Thedwastre Close in the proximity of the access roads leading to Nos. 7-17 lying North of the junction with Thedwastre Close and opposite to the road feeding the 14 houses to the south.
- 2 The street scene of which the application site forms part is one comprising a cohesive group of small bungalows designed to offer affordable and manageable accommodation for older residents. There are some 40 houses in this setting offering a pleasing pattern of development and affording a valuable housing resource which is not currently being replicated in current developer approaches. It would be retrograde to remove one such valuable unit to create a 4 bed-roomed family home and detrimental to the otherwise harmonious street scene to allow the imposition of a second storey unit in the middle of the neighbouring bungalows.

In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies GP1, H16, SB2, T9 & T10 and NPPF para. 58.

DC/18/02259 Erection of 9 dwellings, carports and improvement to existing access including reconfiguration of public

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL JUNE MEETING

house car parking (re-submission of withdrawn application DC/17/03876) at the Railway Tavern, School Road

- 1 School Road is an extremely busy feeder road both in and out of the village. It serves as part of the essential advisory HGV lorry one-way route which is in place because the road is too narrow to allow to opposing HGV lorries pass. At the point of access to the proposal site there is considerable on-street parking pressure created by the local traffic using the hairdresser, chip shop takeaway shop and the increasingly busy Wesley community facility adjacent to the site. On-street parking is further constrained by the immediate proximity of the Elmswell Fire & Police station which requires clear access at all times across its whole frontage. To narrow School Road, as proposed by the installation of a pavement, would further restrict the free and safe flow of traffic and pose a serious hazard when, as is frequently the case, HGV passage is required. The Government advice on road width where, as here, there is frequent use of the highway by HGVs and buses, is for a minimum 6.8m kerb to kerb. For less frequent use, the figure is 6m. This proposal seeks to reduce the width to 5.5m which would pose a serious traffic hazard.
- 2 The revised application designates 5 staff car parking spaces on previously unallocated land. The number of car parking spaces for the public house remains at 11 with 2 disabled bays. This reduction from the current space available means that there will be frequent occasions when customers will have to park off site. Again, as previously stated, this is impractical and dangerous. Local knowledge suggests that the Applicant's assessment of the parking requirement to service the business falls short of reality and should be discounted. SCC Highways have previously confirmed that no assessment has been carried out on the parking requirement as related to the size and scale of the business. The 3 spaces designated on the plan as general parking for use of visitors to the adjacent retail outlets will, therefore, be used by residents, by their visitors or by public house customers.
- 3 The frequent deliveries to the public house, often by rigid HGV, will serve to block the access road to the proposed development causing difficulties for other traffic both in and out.
- 4 The proposed visibility splay can only be provided if the junction with School Road is brought forward by the creation of the proposed pavement. The danger posed by the creation of the pavement has been highlighted and it should not be provided. The sight lines thus afforded

from the existing interface between the car park and the highway will not allow visibility adequate to provide safe egress from the proposal site.

- 5 In making their objections, Councillors had regard to Structure Plan policies H3, H13, SB2, T9, T10 and NPPF paragraph 32.

DC/18/02146 Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered) Erection of up to 105 dwellings including car parking, open space provision with associated infrastructure and vehicular access on land to the North and West of School Road

The objections are summarised here and referenced to more detailed text below.

- 1 The proposal is unsustainable in terms of highways infrastructure.
- 2 The proposal is unsustainable in terms of education provision.
- 3 The proposal would effectively sterilise the opportunity for the community to work towards the aspiration of a relief road taking traffic over the railway line and directly to A14.
- 4 The proposal is for a housing density which is out of keeping with the local norm.
- 5 The proposal should, properly, be subject to a Strategic Planning assessment and time allowed for the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan to be brought forward.
 - 1 Highways provision
 - 1.1 It is accepted by all parties, including the Applicant, that the School Road / Church Road junction would be over capacity should this development go ahead allowing for the impact of the other recent permissions for large housing developments in the village. The design solution, of traffic lights, suggested by the Applicant would create an extremely hazardous solution given the level of two-way HGV traffic on the narrow carriageway and with the difficulties of moving off in slow crawler gear from a stationary position when stopped by the lights.
 - 1.2 6 months' data from the Elmswell Community Speed Watch Group, as lodged with Suffolk Police, shows 4,000 vehicles per day travelling into the village up Church Hill. Over half (51.8%) are exceeding the speed limit at the point where traffic lights are proposed. Half of these vehicles, 26.78% of the total, are travelling above 40mph at this point. There is a clear risk to road safety in requiring vehicles to stop at these speeds, often well in advance of the junction given the inevitable build-up of traffic at peak times.

- 1.3 The effect of traffic lights creating vehicle convoys will make for hazard at subsequent pinch points through the bend on School Road and at Shop Corner. The substantial cohort of traffic created by the railway crossing gates will inevitably clash with the grouped mass of vehicles released by the traffic lights causing serious congestion and hazard.
- 1.4 The siting of traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing will create an inappropriately urban result in the immediate built context of the Listed buildings at the Almshouses and St John's Church. Similarly, the nuisance, including the effect on air quality, of queueing traffic for worshippers and residents alike makes this an unacceptable imposition.
- 1.5 Access to and egress from the dwellings served by the private driveway off Church Road will be in a no-man's land between the traffic lights, presenting uncertainty as to priorities and subsequent confusion which can only result in a more dangerous situation.
- 1.6 The suggestion of widening School Road is not detailed. Unless School Road is widened along its length, the extra burden suggested by this application would be untenable, given the problems currently encountered and, further, that it serves as part of the advisory one-way HGV route, as a two-way route for the hourly bus service and for school buses.
- 1.7 The single access point into the estate in the proximity of the sharp bend and almost opposite the access to the Old Schools Court development poses a significant traffic hazard.
- 2 Education provision
 - 2.1 The proposal would, as confirmed by the SCC Strategic Development submission, produce demand for primary school places in excess of the capacity of Elmswell Primary School, even allowing that the school is expanded in the meantime to a 420-place site. Similarly, the existing deficit in pre-school places in the Elmswell / Norton Ward has not been addressed.
- 3 Relief Road

The clearly expressed and widely supported community aspiration for a relief road has every chance of being embedded in the emerging Joint Local Plan. This application, if successful, would remove any chance of negotiating the preferred route making the project infeasible. Parish councillors entirely support the SCC view that "it is essential that detailed consideration be given to... the delivery of a relief road, including the identification and protection of a 'corridor' ". Unless and until this matter is addressed, the application is premature.
- 4 Density



There are 105 dwellings proposed at a density of 35 per hectare. The village's emerging Neighbourhood Plan is seeking to require an upper limit of 25dph. The recently granted development at Wetherden Road allowed 240 dwellings at under 21 dph. Similarly the sites at Warren Lane and White House Farm are set at 20 and 26 dph respectively. This proposal would result in an uncharacteristically crowded site in a prominent location, clearly at odds with the housing density across the village street scene.

5 **Strategic Planning**

Councillors did not have the benefit of a Design & Access Statement on this Proposal. The lack of any information regarding the site context and / or the Planning context as seen by the Developer makes a proper assessment of the proposals impossible. In the absence of the perspective that might thus be offered, Councillors are at one with the County Council view that a development such as this should be part of a plan-led approach identifying the infrastructure requirements based on cumulative growth. There is no pressing need for the houses proposed here. Some 648 dwellings have recently been granted Planning Permission or are in the latter stages of that process in the village of Elmswell. Of these, some 30+ are already built-out on the redundant Grampian Harris site and are occupied with 4 more added each month. There is time to stop and consider the wider picture, and in particular the proposed Relief Road which is deliverable and which would remove the overriding problem of traffic which is blighting the community and which decisively counts against this particular proposal. Contrary to the Developer's contention that the Relief Road is not being progressed, the access to the Grampian Harris estate which is currently under construction was required, under Planning permission ref. 0846/13 – plan ref 947-02, to be designed and built to a specification which would satisfy the requirements of the future Relief Road. The dominant and central theme to the NPPF is sustainability. Piecemeal proposals such as this which seek to

ameliorate the serious problems, stresses and strains that they create by patching in unrealistic infrastructure solutions – such as traffic lights on Church Hill – should be refused pending the imminent delivery of an Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan which will provide a community-led overview of reasonable and sustainable development to 2033.

In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to; NPPF paragraphs 109, 110, 132 ,134

Local Plan policies GP1, H13, H15, T10 Core Strategy policy CS5

DC/18/02375 Application for the erection of 1 No. dwelling, creation of new vehicular access and relocation of existing cart lodge at The Pastures, Ashfield Road.

The proposal requires the demolition of what is described as a garage on the block plan. There is no mention of this elsewhere. Councillors consider that this omission serves to minimise the serious loss of amenity to the host dwelling at The Pastures.

There seems little visual evidence that this aspect of The Pastures serves as a garage, rather it would appear to be integral to the dwelling space.

By routing all access traffic to the proposed new dwelling between the boundary with Foxhollies and the South elevation of The Pastures, this proposal would seriously diminish the amenity enjoyed by The Pastures. The front door and adjacent first floor window would be within less than a metre of the traffic path. The first floor window would allow noise and fumes from traffic immediately adjacent.

Councillors consider that, in seeking to achieve a development opportunity, scant regard has been paid to the result in terms of the amenity of The Pastures and that the application should, therefore, be refused. In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies GP1, H16, H13, SB2, Core Strategy Policy SB5 and NPPF para. 56.

Churchyard maintenance grant

Since 2005 the Council has grant-aided the maintenance of the closed churchyard at St John's in the sum of £100.00 pa. This is to be increased to £150.00.

Recycling Centre maintenance

The Over 55's Club is one of the village-based organisations which take advantage of the opportunity to help keep the Council's recycling facility at Station Road clean and tidy so that it consistently ranks as one of the best in the District. In recognition of their excellent stewardship over the past 3 months, a grant of £150.00 was agreed towards the Club's funds. Other organisations are invited to apply for a place on the scheme and the Elmswell Fox Bowls Club have immediately done so to begin after the current Gardening Club duties finish at the end of August.

Traffic lights at Church Hill

The latest of the recent spate of off-Plan speculative housing development Planning applications is for 105 dwellings accessed from School Road. This proposal would impose considerable further stresses on the village's stretched infrastructure, including at the School Road – Church Road junction which would be deemed 'over capacity' in terms of acceptable road safety parameters. The Developer's proposal for mitigation of this problem is for a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing at the junction. Councillors felt that their stated view, that this is a dangerous and unworkable suggestion, should be backed up by professional advice. Accordingly, they agreed to instruct Messrs Waterman Infrastructure & Environment, to extend their recent traffic analysis work for the Council and specifically assess the findings in the Applicant's submission that traffic lights at Church Hill make the new housing estate viable. The cost of £1,550.00 net of VAT is to be drawn from the Relief Road budget given that the proposed new housing poses a serious risk to the viability of the Relief Road scheme.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 16th July 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 on line at www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net, on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.



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July 2018

- 4 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I.
Edward Jackson - The Beauty Of Moths
- 7 10am - SATURDAY - Elmswell History Group's Summer Outing. Guided Tour of Hadleigh Guildhall and St Mary's Church. Details and Tickets available at our meetings in May and June, or from 01359-242601.
- 7 8:30am Men's Breakfast at St John's.
Speaker: Tom Fifield back from Ethiopia
- 10 Social evening - Elmswell Evening WI
- 11 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 12 Over 55's Club Return of St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir OPEN EVENING
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 14 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 17 Gardening Club Outing - Anglesey Abbey
- 17 Exchange Club meets at 2.30 at Wesley - AGM, strawberry tea plus raffle
- 20 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 26 Oer 55's Club Strawberry Supper /Bingo
- 27 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 27 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 30 Over 55's Holiday to Isle of Wight

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

- 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 Rolfes 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, FISONS"
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
- 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

December 2018

- 5 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, The Penland Phezants (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.
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2019

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"

To be included in our events diary, please send us a separate notification of your announcement.

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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Useful contacts for community groups & others...feedback is essential.

Do be in touch to correct or add details or to suggest someone else deserving of listing.

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Future Council Meetings

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

July 16th Sept 17th Oct 15th Nov 19th Dec 17th

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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