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Just 4 (four) of us turned out on a Monday evening a couple of weeks ago to hear what our parish council has been up to over the past year. A chance to haul them over the coals, have their guts for garters, secure them uncompromisingly by the short & curlies, or praise them for a job well done.

It happens every year. It serves as a barometer of social pressure, a chance to let off steam or to simply indicate that all is calm. We know this from days in the not too distant past when all was far from calm. When the meeting was packed with 100+ angry, petulant, vocal residents, when a Police presence was necessary and the Press had us as, 'The Village From Hell'.

Such interesting times could have been, and were, predicted, when our parish council was injected with the poison of party politics. At District and County levels, party politics is the structural norm. For good or for ill, groups of individuals work together for their own common cause, arguing that it will serve the local community well. This is democracy, sometimes described as a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame, and confirmed by a Mr W. Churchill as, "the worst form of government... except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time." A difficult observation to take equably in a one-party county like Suffolk where much energy goes into the re-arranging of the deck chairs whilst the ship crumbles.

When, a dozen or so years ago, a political party machine was rolled out in Elmswell it effectively swept the board and created a council at war with the community and 4 years of a bitter limbo with no eye to the future and no acknowledgement of the achievements of the past. The ripples took a decade to disappear completely and, in that process, damaged the village's ability to re-group and face the advancing threats of all-consuming development. Which is where we find ourselves today. Or, rather, our Council does.

Our Council comprises 11 of our number. It bears little relation to the popular 'Dibley' model. Neither does it, nowadays, promise the excitements of the JK Rowling version in her book about a parish council, 'The Casual Vacancy', when the community has to deal with, 'an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations'.

However, it does, soon, have to deal with an election. On Thursday 2nd May 2019. If the 2015 turnout is repeated, 69% of us will bother to vote. We care more about the parish than we do about the EU, an average 34% poll, but a bit less than the EU Referendum at 72%. Our 69% will be drawn from a greater number of households than 4 years previously. A couple of hundred new houses will have been built out by then – just a taster of the hundreds yet to come.

What will we be voting for?

335 days is a long time in politics, so wetting the finger of fate and sticking it out of the wondering window of what might be, our community heroes could be pondering;

? Should the recently acquired extra space at Blackbourne be used for tennis courts, an all-weather pitch or more play equipment;

- ? Should we be inviting more jobs – another industrial estate or two;
- ? Should the village accept another few housing estates if it means that we have a Relief Road;
- ? Should we be trying to buy the Railway Tavern as Greene King consider options for the site;
- ? Should we forget the name, 'village', call ourselves a town and invest in a set of Mayor's regalia;
- ? Should we be looking for dedicated dog walking areas;
- ? Should we be bidding to fill our own potholes;
- ? Should we be installing average speed cameras on Ashfield Road and at Church Hill;
- ? Should we re-start the debate about having our own Health Centre;

...and so on...

Whatever is on the agenda, the community needs 11 good-persons-and-true to steer Elmswell in the right direction. Experience suggests that the excuses will vastly outnumber the candidates. People are too busy, not, 'committee people', or, 'don't like meetings'. People consider that there is no point fighting developers, District & County councils or Government diktat. Ordinary folk suggest that the only people willing to stand are those with a selfish interest and the whole system's bent anyway.

True, the system is set against us. Westminster pays but lip service to 'localism'. 'Sustainability' would seem to refer to the bank balances of the interested parties rather than the communities that those parties have in their sights. Certainly, meetings can be extremely tedious and unproductive. It is impossible to argue that there are not people in

local government, at all levels, who are there to feather their own nests. It can be thankless and dispiriting, especially when those who took a step back feel that they have the right to make ill-founded criticism on the basis that they could do better. Oh that they would try!

On the other hand, our local worthies have, over the years, delivered Blackbourne which is an exemplary community facility and growing ever more so. They have helped maintain the library in the village in a modern building designed for the purpose. They have fought to maintain facilities, including keeping our Post Office at the heart of the village, against the big guns of the developers. They have worked with others to encourage Kiln Meadow and Lukeswood integrated with the green cemetery and allotments. They have engaged in the long battle to produce a Neighbourhood Plan as some defence against the chaos created by the District Council's failures. They have consistently argued our corner in the Planning battles, although as a David against various Goliaths. They have secured Wesley for the growing community and seem to be on track to replicate the success of Blackbourne. They seem to get a clean bill of health from the multiple auditors who examine them each year – and perhaps a turnout of just 4 at their AGM suggests that there's not much to complain about?

It would be crassly inadequate to suggest that there is vastly much more to be done. It would be self-evidently fatuous to confirm that what has to be done needs people to come forward and do it. It would be spitting in the wind to appeal for serious consideration by ordinary people of the chance to help by standing up to be, literally, counted in May next year. It is facile to point out that elections are cross-making.

But it's what we do.



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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Birds and animals are popular subjects for our members and the two paintings shown this month are absolutely outstanding examples. Cats, dogs, chickens, owls, budgies, horses, plus a whole range of wild animals ranging from bears, lions, tigers, elephants (particularly popular), giraffes and zebras too. To my knowledge no-one has as yet painted a fish! I'm sure if they did it would be on a different scale and most certainly would be done in watercolour. Rex Edge's superbly crafted tiger was done with Inktense and water colour pencils, the inspiration having come from a travel magazine. What a dreadful crime that this magnificent creature is being squeezed out of existence by the encroachment and insensitivity of man. Maybe it will not be long before the only way of seeing these beasts is by looking at a moving or still picture or visiting a zoo. The 'Lab' was brilliantly portrayed by Malcolm Wallis in pastel pencils. This was a commission from CARGO's owner. Malcolm took several photos of CARGO himself



but eventually used a photo supplied by the owner. Clearly Malcolm is considerably more skilled at painting than photography. The owner was understandably over the moon. Several of our members are happy to undertake commissions whether it be a family pet or whatever. I did a painting for Dee, our friendly and helpful man behind the counter at the Post Office, of his family parrot CHICKO. I know of others who have painted locations such as favourite streets and family homes. So if you have a commission you would like to think about, why not simply drop in on a Tuesday morning and discuss what you might be looking for. There's bound to be someone who would rise to the challenge.

**Date for the diary: 27th and 28th October:
Art Show and Sale at the Wesley.**

John Welford 01359 240166

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FOOTPATH WALK

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

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) WI

We gathered for our May A.G.M. with a certain sadness. Where our old Meeting Room once stood was just a gravelled space. It held fond memories for us as we began life as a W.I. group in November 1999 (twenty years ago next year) in the Old Telephone Exchange. Fortunately, we have taken and will keep photographs of the old building so that it lives on in our own history. I wonder if there are any photos of the original inside of the building when used as the exchange. We would be interested to know.

Our meeting was mostly taken up by the AGM business. Our president, Mary Chown was re-elected for a further year as were all the other members of the Committee. Carol who keeps our finances in order reported that we were "holding our own" and has managed our books very well despite a new and confusing system brought in this year. Nothing in life gets simpler!

The Resolution which lobbies government to treat Mental Health with equal parity to Physical Health was carried unanimously.

We then broke for refreshments and got deeply involved in a picture quiz. Barbara's table and Juliet's table both got them all correct and were presented with a small prize. Matt Monro was easybut Simon Dee a bit more difficult.

Next month we have Linda Shorbolt as our guest speaker. She has a collection of vintage baby feeding devices and will be telling us all about the History of Baby Feeding through time.

We are a friendly, informal group and guests and new members are always welcome. For further details contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 10 May we welcomed Mrs Joan Munden whose topic was 'Nadine's Story in the Special Operations Executive (SOE).'

The story started with an account of the surprise discovery that Lilian Rolfe – a relative of Mrs Munden – had been a member of the SOE, her code name being 'Nadine'.

The SOE, also known as 'Churchill's Secret Army' was formed on 22 July 1940 to conduct espionage, sabotage and reconnaissance in occupied Europe, also assisting local resistance movements. Few people were aware of the existence of the SOE, which was sometimes given fictitious names connected to the Air Ministry, Admiralty or War Office.

Our speaker introduced us to 'Nadine' who was a wireless operator, by wearing the type of uniform 'Nadine' would have worn.

Having grown up in Paris where her father worked, on leaving school she worked for the Canadian Embassy, then when her parents were in Brazil, at the start of the war, she transferred to the British Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. In 1943 she joined the WAAF (Women's Auxiliary Air Force) and because she spoke fluent French she was then recruited to the SOE.

She not only transmitted radio messages, reporting on German troop movements and organising arms and supply drops, but worked with the French Resistance, being at one time involved in a gun battle in a village near Orleans.

'Nadine' was arrested on 31 July 1944, being interrogated and tortured, then transferred to Ravensbruck Concentration Camp where on 5 February 1945 where she and at least three other SOE members was executed together with 92,000 other prisoners. The other girls were Denise Bloch, Cecily Lefort and Violette Szabo ('Odette'). There are several memorials to these brave girls, one unveiled by Prince Charles at RAF Tempsford, one in the National Arboretum and one at Audley End in Essex. They were all decorated for their valour, 'Nadine' was mentioned in dispatches and posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre.

Mrs Bunden was thanked for giving us such an interesting and fascinating talk.

The next meeting of the History group, when it will be the AGM will be held at the Wesley Hall at 7pm on 14 June. This will be followed by a talk by Bob Webb; his topic will be 'The History of the East Suffolk Railway'. Tickets for the July outing will again be on sale.

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 have enjoyed two outings.

Our first was to Felixstowe with 'The Hut' as our base. We were very fortunate to have a lovely sunny day and for most it was our first ice cream of the season. After a fish and chip lunch, some ventured into town, others sat and enjoyed the sunshine. Tea and cake was served and then back to Elmswell.

The next trip was to Sandringham and again we had good weather. Many of us went to look at the church with its impressive interior. Some people went in the grounds and others found plenty to see in the Visitor Centre. We all enjoyed our day and we thank Anice for organising both trips.

Our next meeting is on June 19th and we will be back at the Wesley Hall.

New members always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL W.I.

Before our A.G.M., Rachel introduced us to Sue Stubley from Hedgehog Rescue, who was our speaker for the evening. She spends a lot of her time rescuing and looking after injured hedgehogs. However, she did not originally set out to do this - it just sort of happened! Someone found an injured hedgehog, one day, and she cared for it. The next thing she knew, word spread and hedgehogs were arriving from all over the place!

Hedgehogs have been around for fifteen million years but their numbers are declining, rapidly – the population has halved, during the last ten to fifteen years. There are various reasons for this: changes in gardening habits, busier roads, the building of houses and badgers, eating them. Hedgehogs are very vulnerable, when they are hibernating, because they like sleeping in places like compost heaps and piles of vegetation stacked for a bonfire. There have also been some horrific accidents from strimmers. Sue brought in a very tame female hedgehog to show us. She arrived at her house with both a leg and an eye missing and the top of her head damaged by a strimmer. She is the only one which has not been released back into the wild, because

she would be unlikely to survive. She was very relaxed and tame, when Sue was holding her, which is unusual for a hedgehog.

Sue told us about the development of hedgehogs and how remarkably quickly they grow and change. They eat 40 – 60 slugs or snails per night and go into hibernation in October or November or when it is 5deg. or less. Here are some ways to help hedgehogs:-

Check before strimming.

Check bonfires before lighting.

Try to have some piles of leaves etc. and messy areas in your garden.

Make a hole in a fence, so that they may roam to other areas to find food.

Feed them dog food.

Use environmentally-friendly slug pellets.

We all found Sue's talk very interesting and there were lots of questions. Everyone loves hedgehogs!

Next, Lynette gave a report about the Federation A.G.M. and told everyone about Julie Summers' and Lady Carnarvon's fascinating talks. Siobhan reminded us to make poppies for the W.I. display in the Memorial Garden in November.

Rachel has stepped down from her role as President, after about six years of dedicated work. She mentioned that one of the main purposes of the W.I. is to create caring friendships and to support others, during difficult times. Rachel is a perfect exponent of these values. Countless people have benefitted from her thoughtfulness and kindness. We presented her with some special china, to thank her for all that she has achieved, during her presidency.

Janet Baker has also stepped down from the committee, after about twenty years! What an amazing lady! She is renowned for her delicious baking and jam-making. She has worked, tirelessly for our members during countless events, not only providing food but organising table decorations, cutlery, glasses, etc. etc. Janet always seems to be able to provide anything which is required in any number!

Many thanks go to both these lovely ladies for all that they have done to make our W.I. what it is today.

In June, we welcome back Linda Scoles for another of her very entertaining talks.

Rosie Collins
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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Whoopie! We have cast off our clouts although May is not yet out, which has been beneficial both for members and gardens. This might explain why station flower tubs are a riot of golden bloom; although Brenda and Nick are busily planning the summer plantings. Summer means help with tub watering and Nick is looking for volunteers to maintain the colourful displays. At the Gardening Club dozens of fledgling geraniums were donated and found new homes. Also, a plant swap table is planned for our June meeting, so all your spare plants are appreciated.

It was great to welcome Geoff Hodge. His talk this time was about garden colour throughout the year. Once again, he generously donated various garden tools for our raffle table. His slides were vibrant, although he mentioned that he was not over-keen on rhododendrons – even suggesting that petrol and flamethrowers were the best way to deal with them. His excuse was that rhododendrons only bloomed for about 3 weeks and sulked for the rest of the year. If we persisted in buying them, then

the variegated, red-flowered rhododendron 'President Roosevelt' was passable. Evergreens make a perfect foil for heathers such as Erica Carnea which has long-lasting pink bell flowers and a spreading habit. Geoff also suggested Ceanothus 'Zanzibar' with its yellow-splashed, evergreen leaves and blue flowers. Apparently the UK buys the most variegated bushes/trees in Europe. His mantra was cover all those garden brown patches. He suggested tall structural bushes/trees at the back of borders, small shrubs and perennials in the middle and ground cover annuals at the front, providing colour throughout the year. The humble Convolvulus Cneorum (shrubby bindweed), a silver-leafed flowering shrub with white cone-shaped flowers and bushy habit, makes a striking mid-level bush especially when surrounded by fuchsias or penstemons. If a shrub needs a pollinator, then Geoff warned us not always to believe labels. Variegated Ilex 'Golden King' is female, so no chance of berries unless a male is nearby – why not mate it with male Ilex 'Silver Queen' – another misnomer. Geoff gave us an enjoyable

evening full of laughs and invaluable garden tips.

One of our members is opening her lovely garden at Spring Cottage, New Road, Elmswell on the weekend of 30th June and 1st July, 2.00-5.00pm. Entry is only £2.50 and all proceeds will go to 'The Blossom Charity' and 'Beanstalk'.

Don't forget the Gardening Club outing is on Tuesday, 17th July to Angelsey Abbey; the coach leaves Blackbourne Community Centre at 10.00am. Catherine will have tickets at our June meeting or contact her on email: Elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 19th June, 7.30pm at the Blackbourne**. Our speaker is renowned plantsman, **Joe Sharman**, who will give us advice on **Garden Thugs**. We are a friendly inclusive group and would love to welcome more members. Check us out as it's only £4.00 for visitors. If you require further information about the Gardening Club, please contact **Nick Chamberlin on 242601**.



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

At our last meeting on May 17th our chairman welcomed Jackie Raven as our entertainer and sure she did us proud by presenting a fabulous evenings entertainment with songs from the 40,s 50,s 60,s and 70,s, she surely is a talented lady, who we will welcome back again at some time. (See Photo)

On May 31st it was time to fire up the Bingo Machine for a few games of cash bingo.

Our first meeting in June is not until the 14th when we feature Gwyn Pritchard and then on June 28th a new face to the club will feature Dennise Maisey who will entertain us.

Our next big event is on July 12th when the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir will be performing in the Jubilee Hall which provides plenty of space for a choir of up to 50 and hopefully treble that number in the audience. Admission is £8 to non members pay on the door there will be a Raffle with tickets on sale in the foyer. Tea & Coffee will be available during the interval and the Bar will be open from 7 00pm.

Doors open at 7 00pm for a 7 30pm start. See advert in newsletter.

Grant (240943)



WEST SUFFOLK SEWING BEE

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 turn out 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!

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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The countdown is on... there's just three months to go until ElmsFest!

You'll start to see posters and banners being put up around various villages in the coming weeks, as we aim to promote the fair as far and wide as possible, as we know that there's still many local people who have never heard of ElmsFest – an event you won't want to miss, trust us!

If you've been reading the past few Newsletters, you'll have read about our exciting attractions lined up for this year, which includes a Spitfire flypast, bird of prey and dog displays, fantastic live artists performing a wide variety of music, plus many other attractions, craft stalls and food...we have everything covered. Whether you're 1 or 100, we're sure you'll have a great day out at ElmsFest.

Taking place at The Blackbourne on Sunday 02 September, ElmsFest is open from 12:00 to 17:00. No booking necessary, just turn up on the day...there is plenty of parking available on site.

Our aim is to promote all the clubs, charities and organisations that make Elmswell one of the most active villages in Suffolk. So, if you or your group would like to participate in this year's fair, please contact Mike or Chris, via the details below. We have indoor and outdoor pitches available for crafts, fundraisers and general promotion of local groups.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St John's Elmswell!

Saturday 16th June is our annual summer fair! It will be 12:00-4:00pm at the Wesley Hall. With barbecue, stalls, crafts, café, face painting and games, there will be something for everyone! Please come along and support our event. It promises to be a fun afternoon and the money raised helps enormously us in our work.

What's the best news you've ever heard? We're running the world famous "Christianity Explored" series. 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. This brilliant course will run on Sunday evenings 7pm to 9pm - June 3 to July 15. Each evening starts with chat, a drink and a selection of desserts. This is followed by a short video and the opportunity to look at what the Bible says about Jesus. You are free to ask any question you like or just simply listen. If you're interested, please get in touch.

May 2018 was a really busy month at St John's. We ran a series of extra events for the "Thy Kingdom Come" global wave of prayer. Some were calm and reflective (such as Celtic Prayer and our service of Healing & Wholeness), while others were more lively celebrations (our Prayer & Praise evening)! We were thrilled to join this movement and be part of something amazing.

We also held our OMF mission Sunday, followed by a delicious buffet lunch. This was a chance to hear all about the country of Myanmar (Burma) and what's happening there. We also enjoyed a Men's Breakfast, which raised £100 for Mercy Ships (a floating hospital bringing medical treatment to the developing world). Food continued to be a major theme at the regular Ladies Lunch and we had a Family Tea (which preceded the Christians Together In Elmswell Pentecost celebration).

Recently, we have been welcoming some newcomers and visitors to St John's on Sunday mornings. If you fancy coming along, you will be made to feel very welcome! There's no dress code, no need to prepare anything before you come and no complicated processes! Please just pick from below whatever sounds good to you and come as you are :)

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 :)

What's on in June

- 10 Annual Service for The Friends of St John's Church 10.30 am
Speaker: Catherine Joughin
- 23 St John's Church - AGM (9.45am) and Coffee Morning (10am) -
The Friends of St John's Church

Christians Together in Elmswell

A united service was held in St John's Church on Sunday 20 May, to celebrate the Day of Pentecost. The service was well attended and was preceded by afternoon tea. The service was led by Revd Peter Goodridge and the speaker was Revd Barbara Challis.

The Friends of St John's Church

Our first event of the year was held in the Wesley Hall on 18 May when we had a Beetle Drive followed by Afternoon Tea.

The next event will be the Annual Service in the Church at 10.30am on 10 June when the speaker will be Catherine Joughin. A buffet lunch will be served after the service. Everyone is invited, especially if you were once a member of St John's congregation.

Then on Saturday 23 June we will hold our AGM at 9.45, followed by a Coffee Morning at 10am. There will be the usual stalls- cakes, books, bric a brac, etc. Everyone is welcome.

Contact:

Rev Peter Goodridge 01359 240512
www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/
www.facebook.com/stjohnselmswell/

Sunday 3rd June

9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 10th June Friends Sunday
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Parish Praise

Sunday 17th June

9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast 9am)
11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th June

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st July

9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

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- 9 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 17 in loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Robertson.
- 17 Our Dad, John Bennington. "Remembering you on Father's Day". With love from us all. xxxx.
- 18 anon.
- 19 in memory of Dorothy May Bloomfield.
- 27 in loving memory of Jill Denny on her Birthday, the 27th June. From Brian, Kimberly and Sarah.
- 28 remembering our lovely Mum, Zena Booth. Always in our hearts and thoughts, and sadly missed by all." Love Pat, Julia, Warren, Susan and families. xxx.

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

We live in times of great uncertainty. As I write, death and violence is rife between Israel and the Palestinians following the moving of the US embassy, the situation with Iran is in the melting pot following President Trump pulling out of the nuclear deal and the seemingly improved relationship between North and South Korea seems very fragile as North Korea seeks assurances that there will be meaningful benefits to them if they give up their nuclear programme. (Is it only me who feels that we in the West are quite hypocritical in maintaining our nuclear arsenals whilst expecting anyone we don't like to give up theirs?!) The Christian Church has no pat answers to these problems or the many injustices in our world. As Christians however we do believe that God is ultimately in control and that his purposes will be fulfilled in his time. We have to remember that God's time is set in eternity and not within our limited lifespan. As I write this we have recently celebrated Ascension Day when Jesus went back to heaven and when it was promised that he will return in the same way to rule over the world. This could happen today or not for many years, God is graciously giving as many people as possible the opportunity to recognise Jesus as their Saviour and thus be assured of an eternity with God rather than without him. If you'd like to explore this more do come and join us on a Sunday morning or at our midweek gatherings on Thursdays (telephone 241541 to check the venue).

We've had two folk asking about getting baptised. It will probably be a few months before this happens, if you've never witnessed a service

POPPY APPEAL

As I am sure that everyone knows, in November we will be commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War. A number of events are planned for this centenary both locally and further afield. Also there will be the usual remembrance time Poppy Collection.

Last year's collection in the village totalled just over £4,400. Hopefully, this centenary year, we can improve on this.

The welfare work of the Royal British Legion Poppy Support continues. Although in recent months the men and women of our Armed Forces have been in the news more for their ceremonial duties and some of the defects in the new Royal Navy ships, the problems caused by previous combat situation remain. Those service personnel who were maimed, injured or gave their lives were young, many have young families, so the welfare requirements of these people will continue for many years yet.

Volunteers are required to help with the Poppy Appeal collection in late October and early November. Anyone who would like to help with the very worthwhile work please get in touch with me. Also a volunteer is sought to take on the task of Poppy appeal organiser. This requires some work and organisation weeks before the actual time and the means to store the necessary equipment. I am quite willing to explain the job and help anyone who is prepared to undertake this task.

of Believers Baptism by full immersion keep a look out for when we announce the date.

Our activities in the next few weeks are:-

The Ladies Friendship Group finish their programme before the summer break with a talk by Phil Bevan on "Children with needs in Burma" on Monday June 4th at 7.45pm.

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

Food & Friends on Thursday June 14th at midday - for the older folk - a chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. New diners are always welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

We are planning another Family Harvest Barn Dance on Saturday October 13th with dancing to "Clutching at Straws" and a picnic style supper. This isn't actually our Harvest weekend but it was the only week both the band and the hall were available! Put it on your calendar/ in your diaries now and watch out for when tickets go on sale (probably in August). Our Harvest celebrations will actually be on September 23rd when the Elmswell Scout Group will be on parade, the service will be followed by a BBQ.

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

- June 3rd Rev. Barbara Challis (inc Communion)
- June 10th Stephen Spurgeon - All-Age
- June 17th John Sargeant
- June 24th Stephen Spurgeon
- July 1st Rev. Paul Hills (inc Communion)

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

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Your friend is right to raise the possibility that it might be a scam and you should do some research on the company before making a purchase.

Insurance is a financial product and the seller must be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Check they're listed on the financial watchdog's register which can be viewed at <https://register.fca.org.uk>. If they're not named, take your business to a different provider as the seller will not be legitimate. If they are listed, it's still worth doing further checks on them.

A good starting point is comparing the price of the insurance deal with similar offers from competitors. Big discounts are often a tell-tale sign of a scam, but it could also be that the policy is cheap because it doesn't provide adequate cover.

Ask for a copy of the full policy so you can check it against where you're going and what you're doing. If the seller won't provide one or says they will only give it to you after you've paid, don't give them your business.

Once you know the seller is legitimate use a secure payment method, such as a money transfer service like PayPal, to pay for the insurance. Don't pay with a bank transfer, and don't go ahead with the deal if they ask you to.

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Mid Suffolk

OPEN GARDEN

We are planning to open our small partly walled garden at Spring Cottage New Rd Elmswell IP30 9BT on Sat June 30th and Sunday July 1st between the hours of 2 – 5pm to support two charities, namely Beanstalk a children's literacy charity and The Blossom Foundation which aims to help women improve themselves.

The garden is only three years old, has no lawns, just paths and border jammed with plants! The admission price is £2.50, why not come and take a look? There will be ice creams for sale. We pray for some fine weather!!'





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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



The saplings will survive, having played their vital part in the life-cycle of the butterflies, and will come into leaf again next year to start the process all over again.

If you're interested in butterflies, or would like to find out more about these beautiful insects, please come to our **Lukeswood Butterfly Walk on Saturday 21 July, 11.00-12.30**. Our walk will be led by an expert from Suffolk Butterfly Conservation, so we should make some interesting discoveries – perhaps we'll even see some of this year's newly hatched Brimstones on the wing! This event is free, but please contact us in advance to book your place. Refreshments after the walk – everyone welcome!

On the map

If you've been to Lukeswood recently we hope you've seen our new map on our recently refurbished noticeboard. The map indicates the paths around the site along with some of the highlights of what you may see on your visit.

The north-east corner has been re-named Brimstone Corner, as this is where many of our Buckthorns have been planted, but you are likely to see a variety of butterflies over most of the site. We've reproduced the map here in your Newsletter, so if you haven't visited recently we hope this will whet your appetite to go and have a look.

Wildflower Walk

Don't forget our **Lukeswood Wildflower Walk on Sunday 10 June, 2.00-4.00**. The wildflowers are just beginning to come out and by this date there may be orchids on show, too. Everyone is welcome to attend – the event is free, just get in touch to book your place.

Mary Feeney - info@elmswild.org.uk

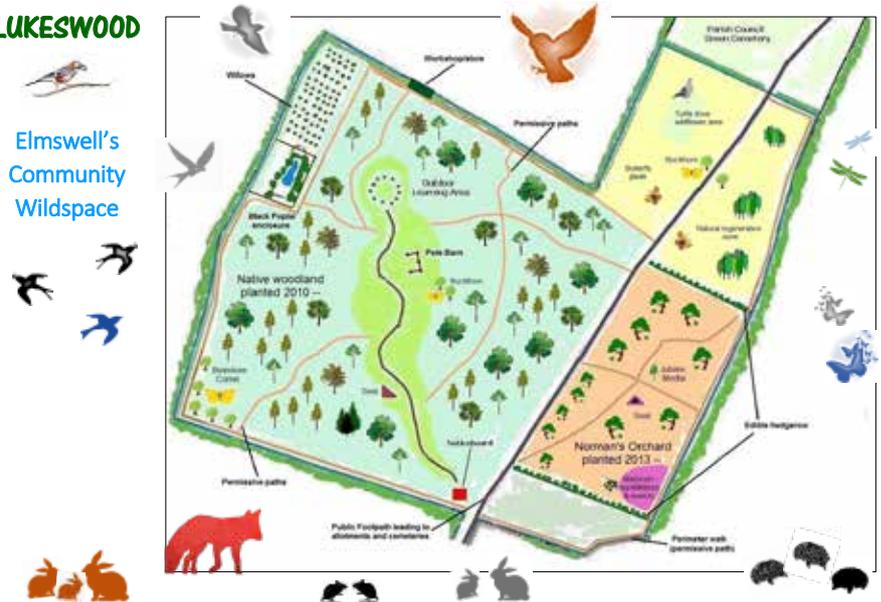
To book your place at one of our events please give us a ring – 241901 (Mary), 240171 (Bob) or 241086 (John).

Brimstone success!

In March we planted 20 Buckthorn saplings provided by Suffolk Butterfly Conservation as part of their Brimstones & Buckthorn project which aims to increase the numbers of this lovely butterfly across the county. The Brimstone lays its eggs on just two plants – the Common and the Purging Buckthorn, so the more of these shrubs there are, the better the butterflies' chance of breeding success will be. We weren't expecting to find eggs this year – our plants are still quite tiny – so we were surprised and delighted to spot several female Brimstones fluttering around our saplings at Lukeswood. And even more delighted to capture this photo of one Brimstone in the act of laying eggs – ovipositing, as it is known by the butterfly experts. Proof positive of the success of the project! The eggs are still tiny, but we're hoping that in a few weeks' time the caterpillars will hatch. They will probably strip our saplings of most of their foliage – they spend about six weeks voraciously eating before forming a chrysalis and eventually emerging as adults.

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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

I've been musing about supermarket shelves this month. It's well understood that within a supermarket, not all shelves are equal.

Those at eye level are prime real estate, and shops will place their premium (or 'more expensive') products there to encourage people to purchase them. And those displays at the end of the aisle sell a disproportionate amount of stock.

I've been reflecting on how that applies to a library too. In a library context, we don't have the same flexibility as a supermarket to rearrange the 'products' as it were. Books on display are always picked up quickly, but for the most part placement is effectively assigned, and not very negotiable.

When removing 'non issuing' books, a rather interesting pattern appears. Most books on the top shelf have seen a lot of rotation. The next shelf down presents a few quiet ones, the third shelf is even quieter, and the bottom shelf only gets half as much rotation as the top shelf.

This pattern repeats on almost every shelf, and once the quiet books are removed from the shelf, an 'inverted triangle' arrangement appears, representational of the use of those books.

Of course, there are some authors whose books will be popular regardless. Danielle Steele sits on the fourth shelf and does not care at all. James Patterson and Peter May could be hidden under a table and would still get their fair share of attention. But for books by lesser known authors, shelf placement makes a lot of difference in terms of whether they reach members of the local community.

So next time you are in, have a think about choosing a book from a lower shelf. There might be an absolute gem that just had the misfortune of sitting below eye level.

Hope to see you soon! Zoe

What's On

Ancestry Group

Will shut down over summer. We 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

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Lego Club

(11:00 – 12:00 on Sundays)

are still running well, if slightly quieter on the sunniest of days! See our makes on the shelves at the library. Our lovely new Lego books are very popular, and haven't sat on the shelf for very long between loans!

ELF Fundraising Events

Just to be aware, the ELF Race Night that was to be taking place on the 8th of June has now been postponed until September. Watch this space for new dates.

The Wine and Food night will be held on the 15th of June, tickets available at the library.

Summer Reading Challenge 2018: Mischief Makers

We are looking for volunteers to listen to children reading during the Summer Reading Challenge. It would involve around an hour and half in the library, once a week over the school summer holidays. If you are able to assist, please contact Zoe.

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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ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

It is an exciting time of year for Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group as the sun has been out! Which can mean only one thing.....lots of garden fun. The children have been enjoying our wide range of garden toys as well as messy sensory play which some of the children got really stuck into (see photo)!

We have recently purchased a new adorable toy kitchen, complete with washing machine, which is great for role play, and are currently on the hunt for some more good quality wooden toy food. The toddlers absolutely love cooking us (pretend) delicious meals and making us cups of tea! Encouraging our children in role play stimulates their imagination and promotes social skills, and so we always include some form of this at our sessions.

The craft list this month has included St George's Day flags, sun dials and paper plate whales, all of which the children get to take home at the end of the session.

Events for your diary this month.....

11th June - Fire station visit, followed by a picnic (looking forward to seeing Brian and co!) 25th June - Highway Rat Trail Check out our Facebook page or ask at one of our sessions if you would like any further information.

Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group are a friendly bunch of Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers who will always welcome you and your little ones to a session. We run from Wesley Hall every Monday and Wednesday, 10-11.30, with your first session free! Thereafter, it is only £1 plus 50p for siblings, up to a total of £2.

- Ria, Florence's Mum



NEWS FROM CONNOR

Hello again. I just wanted to say a big thank you for the tremendous support I've received since my appeal for help appeared here two months ago.

You might remember my goal is to raise £4,000 to allow me and a Scout from a Third World country to attend the World Scout Jamboree in the USA in summer 2019.

Many people have been in touch with offers of clothes and linen, which I can sell to a charity to be recycled and reused. But I would really like some more.

I WANT... all kinds of adult and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts and handbags, including school uniform. Clothes can be well-worn, but shouldn't be ripped or stained. They are for re-use so need to be in a wearable condition.

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Please contact me via my dad on richard@richardyarow.co.uk or 07966 507759.

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Thanks for reading, Connor



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MORE MEMORIES OF ELMSWELL SCHOOL

Our March magazine featured a class photo from Elmswell school in 1928.
This brought several enquiries and prompted memories, including of
another class at that time.



Here we see, from Left to Right:

Back Row: Dick Armstrong, Joan Mulley, May Nicholls, Doris Cooper, Lily Redit, Francis Bowles, Norah Scase, Kathy Fenton, Eileen Armstrong.

Middle Row: Fred Mulley, Fred Rush, Hector Barnes, Tom Hood, Harry Abbott (nicknamed 'Whitby'), Reg Porter, Alec Buckle, Eddie Bruce, Ron Cardy.

Front Row: Edward Nunn, Olive Fox (Ainsworth), unknown, Molly Oxorouh, Olive Borley, Beattie Miles, Daphne Goymer, Denny Farrow

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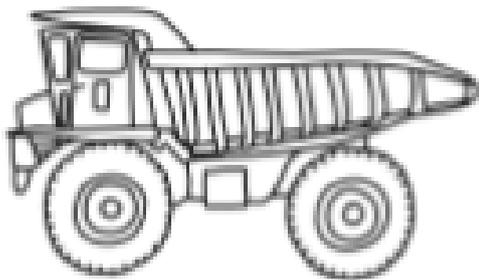
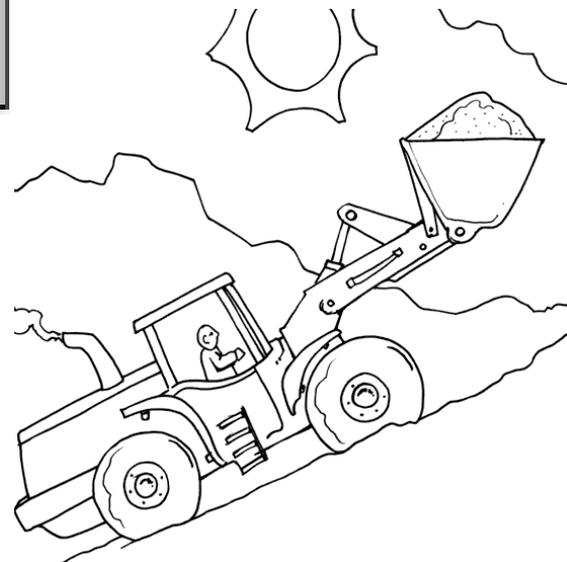
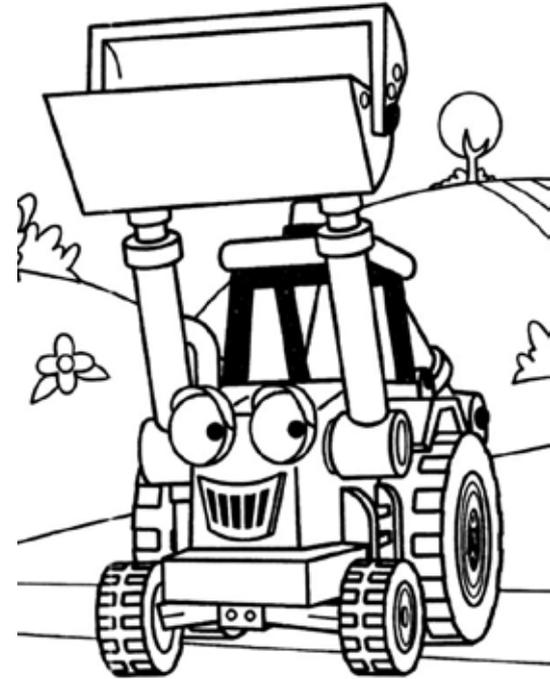
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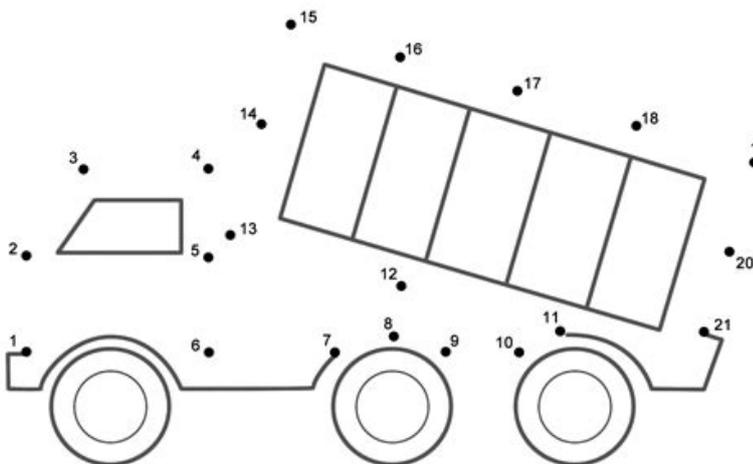
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The Parish Council bought the Wesley chapel and halls site for the village in June 2017 in anticipation of the growing need for community facilities and the ever-increasing pressure on Blackbourne. It is administered on the Council's behalf by the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association which includes a representative from all of the community user groups at both facilities.

The chapel has not been used for some years and a period of poor management had allowed dry rot to set in. Nevertheless, the Victorian building is substantially sound and, as an important heritage asset, is to be refurbished as the centrepiece of a new facility up to the high standards set at Blackbourne. Accordingly, the chapel floor and wood panelling have been stripped out as directed by the professional advisers who will direct a full programme of dry rot eradication.

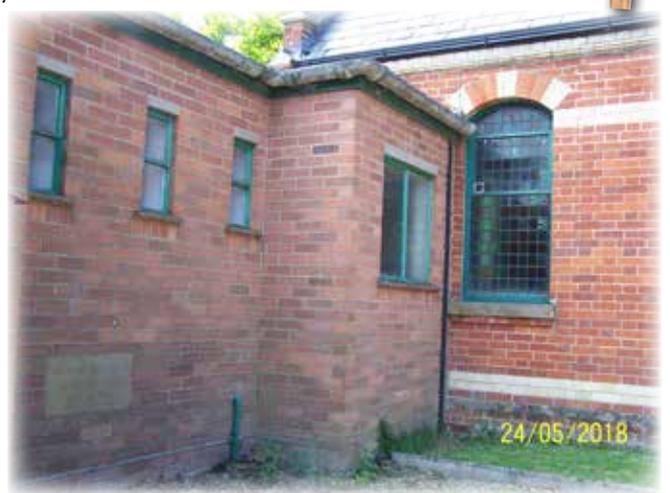


Meanwhile, the small Exchange Hall, once the village telephone exchange, which had fallen into disuse, was demolished to allow for the creation of much needed extra parking.

Advertisements were published inviting Expressions of Interest from architects towards the adoption of a scheme, based on the chapel building, for a new, 'community hub'. 4 selected practices are to produce concept plans for consideration by the BWMA and recommendation to Council. The brief to the architects came from the user group members of both the Blackbourne and Wesley facilities and was extremely wide in the hope that it allowed for imaginative thinking. Features suggested included the provision of a coffee shop, a mezzanine floor to create another space, 24/7 underfloor heating powered by a ground source heat pump, as at Blackbourne, high spec kitchen & toilet facilities and the possibility of offering the Library a new home at the heart of the village.

The BWMA hopes to be making a recommendation as to a preferred architect to Council at the June meeting.

Our pictures show the foundation stone for the Wesley Hall being laid when the Methodist church decided it needed to provide a separate meeting space. The gentleman with the stick is Frank J Nunn representing the builders, Brands of Haughley. The modern picture is taken from the same spot today. The hall's very basic construction with a corrugated asbestos roof has served well over 62 years but might prove difficult to bring up to the standard expected by users and hirers today. No doubt the architects will have a view.





ELMSWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

The Elmswell Youth Football Club season has drawn to a close. The Under 11's team finished top of their league – they are pictured here as, 'Champions!'.

Our teams range from Under 7's to Under 21's and we are always on the lookout for boys and girls who enjoy playing football to come and join the Club.

If your child is interested, do be in touch with our Chairman, Julian on 07443 433510 or by email: juliantuz@hotmail.co.uk



BOWLS IN ELMSWELL

After some of Elmswell's bowls players chose to relocate to the "superior space and facilities" a few miles away at Stowupland, members of the Elmswell Fox Bowls Club (EFox) have greatly enjoyed the end of April and the month of May. Out of four league games played, two were won, and a friendly match against Coney Weston, on a glorious sunny afternoon at the Blackbourne, was also won. Refreshments provided at the Fox after our home matches have been much appreciated by our various opponents, not to mention our own members.

Results of the Thursday League matches:-

- v RisbygateB (home) won by 96 to 62 shots (EFox 6 points, opponents1)
- v Old NewtonRed (home) lost by 60 to 74 shots (EFox 1.5 points, opponents5.5)
- v Hopton (home) won by 78 to 70 shots (EFox 6 points, opponents1)
- (and the sweetest of victories)
- v BritishSugar (away) won by 77 to 74 shots (EFox 5 points, opponents2)

The new club is settling in nicely, and we are happy to accept new members, whether beginners, experienced players or in-betweens. Roll-ups are usually every Tuesday and Saturday, starting at 2pm (£2.50 persession), and are ideal for anyone wanting to try his or her hand at bowls. There is a warm welcome waiting for you at the Blackbourne!

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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held in May each year, invites reports from various officers & bodies who have Council links. These are the reports tabled on 21st May.

Elmswell Village Recorder Report

Working with the Elmswell History Group I remain keen to pass on the Recorder role and to encourage new blood into the important process of ensuring that the future has adequate points of reference to the past. The post is advertised, but I shall continue in a holding capacity as necessary.

In a digital age there are fewer sources of record that need to be physically captured and stored – particularly in Elmswell where the Newsletter does an exemplary job in chronicling the month by month activities and events. I continue to ensure that the magazines are lodged with the County Records Office.

I am keen to have the records, both those which are held and those which will be subsequently generated, digitised and would suggest that this might be one of the new directions taken by my eventual successor.

I was pleased to be able to make a contribution to the naming of the roads on the new Bacon Factory estate where the 'history' is relatively recent but very significant in the shaping of our community. The agreement of the developer to incorporate the original foundation stone, which I had retained and stored when the factory was demolished, is to be welcomed.

I commend the Council for continuing to support the formal 'recording' process. Not all communities are similarly supported.

Maureen Dow

Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association Report

Following the acquisition of the Wesley, we were pleased to welcome the representatives of its user groups to the renamed Blackbourne and Wesley Management Association. All user groups were offered representation and every one of them accepted. Our first tasks were to ensure the continuation of an effective cleaning schedule and to devise a fair charging regime which reflected the historic fees levied by the previous management and bore a fair relation to the Blackbourne fee structure. That done, we then had to set about deciding what we, collectively, thought about the way the Wesley facility should be refurbished. It was decided that we should recommend to the Council that the Chapel should be retained as a priority and refurbished, the provision of facilities other than in the core chapel space to be the subject of professional advice from architects. It was agreed that the Exchange Hall should be demolished to increase parking space given that its use was somewhat limited in scope.

At Blackbourne, the successful CCTV installation was conceived, developed and implemented in the course of the year and it is hoped that extra outside coverage will follow. Feedback from hirers continues to suggest that we are on the right track in most regards. Wesley is providing a useful overflow facility as Blackbourne becomes busier and we were delighted to achieve another record year grossing £48,873.95 in letting fees which, next year, will have increased income from the Wesley as grows under the new management.

Peter Edmonds Secretary

Elmswell Footpath Officer Report

My monthly walks continue come rain or shine and the weather seems not to have too much of an effect on numbers – a poor day can often bring out more walkers than a pleasant one. Generally speaking, attendance is up and we continue to make new friends attracted by word of mouth and by the regular advertisement in the Newsletter.

I was pleased that the Elmswell Amenities Association has continued with the payment of the fee allowing us, with the agreement and co-operation of the owner, access to the former set-aside land at Mutton Hall where the change in Government policy meant that the walks there could no longer be made available to the general public free of charge. This allows us to retain some of our most interesting circular routes to the East of the village. The walks continue to be open to all comers and have proved time and time again to be a 'way in' to the community for new residents. I think Elmswell Parish Council deserves praise for continuing to support them.

Cllr Dick Burch



Community Transport Officer Report

In my capacity of 'Station Adopter' I continue to monitor the state of the station and clear rubbish if and when needed, although contractors still do this. I have reported a few minor niggles which have been dealt with.

The state of the roads in Elmswell continues to degenerate, although Suffolk County Council 'borrowed' £21 Million to 'patch' the worst holes, so far we have had some small benefit but as will be seen a 'patch' lasts a few months- I wonder how much a 'repair' would be? The Clerk and Chairman managed to get the Warren lane/Church Rd/New road junction lines repainted as this was a danger hot spot – although a few months later they have all but faded again. The level crossing outside the co-op was also re-painted and this has also faded. I have reported the apparent lack of obeying the law with the crossing as motorists feel it is OK to overtake the stationary traffic while it is stopped for the level crossing to dash up School Road or for some emergency shopping that really cannot wait 4 minutes.– I have personally witnessed 3 near misses recently – unfortunately my dash cam was not in the right direction.

IT IS important that members of the public report potholes as soon as they see them, in this way as the action takes longer, the hole gets bigger and the underlying damage to vehicles and cyclists may be able to attract compensation. No compensation is paid if the hole is unreported . report here - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

The results of the recent traffic survey proved interesting as do the speed signs. Seems we have thousands of movements each week and a huge amount of those are over speed!!!!. I see the Community speed watch is asking for help again, really this is for the benefit of all of us, with more houses, more building there will be a huge rise in traffic – time for the village to stamp its authority on it NOW! Just a couple of hours a month people PLEASE!

The recent closing on two occasions of the Elmswell to Wetherden road has caused major problems, and I fear there is more to come – seems each service connects one of the three houses at a time- it is called co-ordinated confusion!

Mike – 01359 241699

Tree Wardens Report

It has been a busy year for tree wardens in Suffolk, particularly those of us forming Suffolk Tree Warden Network. The network has held its first AGM at the Red Feather Club at Redlingfield on the 14th of April, with all the acting members elected to hold office for the following year. We are still finding our feet, and it is not fully clear how the network will function without locked in links to the local councils, but we are working on it.

Locally a number of actions regarding TPO's have been dealt with, some with good results, some not so good, but that's the way things go. A main problem into the future will be the effects of Ash Die Back. To date the effect in the parish has been limited, there are some dead ash trees, most notably down on Kiln Meadow, but else where there is as yet little to show. However, if the predictions prove anything like correct then things will become much more serious in the next few years, and the parish council will need to take action with regard to ash trees growing on its land. I am currently looking at these sites, with a view to providing listings of where action may be needed, but I can already say, that there are some large ash's which may need serious action, including obtaining felling licences from the Forestry Commission, as and when they scum.

John Ibbetson

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The May meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting – effectively the AGM with annual reports etc together with the ordinary monthly business. This took place on 21st at The Blackbourne with 9 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel and 4 members of the public.

This report is compiled from the meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which comprises the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr Shaun Pratt and Cllr Mike Friend, nominated by his peers to join them. It seeks to cover some of the more interesting or significant items thought to deserve wider public attention. Included, where appropriate, are matters reported to the meetings by external bodies such as Ward Members or as raised at the meeting by members of the public. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

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

Audits

The Council is subject to 3 different audits each year. Councillors noted the findings of an Internal Audit conducted by Trevor Brown CPFA, a specialist in the field of local government procedures and finance. The process takes up to a day when the Auditor has full and free access to all Council documents, both paper and electronic. The examination covers not only the detailed finances but also the governance of the Council in terms of statutory obligations and a fair and open system of management across all of the Council's activities. His report noted that Council continues to maintain effective governance arrangements, including a robust framework of financial administration and internal controls and that there were no comments or recommendations made which require action on the part of either the Council or the Council's Responsible Finance Officer. This Report now accompanies various other financial documents, also noted and formally approved by this Meeting, as part of the submissions to the annual External Audit, this year conducted by the Government appointed practice of PKF Littlejohn LLP. The formal notice advertising the availability of the year's accounts for public scrutiny was posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill on 16th May and the Inspection Period runs until 13th July. At all other times, public scrutiny is invited by arrangement.

Officers and representatives

The Meeting decided that no change was needed to the Committee membership, Council Officers or Council's representatives on external bodies. Cllr Fred Pallett remains as Chairman of Council with Cllr Shaun Pratt as Vice chairman.

District Council

Cllr Mrs Sarah Mansel tabled a written report which included confirmation of the arrival of Universal Credit at the Stowmarket job Centre this month. Mid Suffolk has 4,400 claiming tax credits, which included 7,800 children. It can be expected that a similar number will claim under the new system. Mid Suffolk Citizens' Advice Bureau, who hold an outreach session on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at The Blackbourne, are geared-up to deal with queries and problems over the transition period. It was also noted that Mid Suffolk have secured grant funding of £475,000.00 to

provide some 180 air source heat pumps in Council housing.

Wesley refurbishment

The Clerk reported that there are 4 separate architectural practices currently working on their different sketch-plan schemes for refurbishment of the Wesley chapel and facilities. Their suggestions will be before the BWMA in June and it is anticipated that a report will come back to Council at the June meeting towards appointing a professional partner to take a scheme forward to the Planning Application stage. Meanwhile, the demolition of the Exchange Hall on the site was effected quickly and with minimal disruption to users. The works included the stripping out of the flooring and wall panels in the chapel as recommended by the consultants advising on the dry rot problem. Meanwhile the vacant plot area has been resurfaced with aggregate and chippings, presenting a uniform, neat appearance and a safe extra parking surface.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan, as produced by Messrs Planning Direct, is being actively reviewed by the Steering Group guided by the 'Critical Friend' appointed by Mid Suffolk, Ian Poole. The revised document will be with Mid Suffolk in June for informal examination and advice before the next stage, a 6-week pre-submission public consultation. When revisions have been made in light of the consultation feedback, a formal submission is made to MSDC who consult with the community again for a further 6 weeks prior to the appointment of a plan Inspector who produces a Report. Once amendments required by the Report are incorporated, the Plan goes to formal Referendum, run by Mid Suffolk like an election. With a 51%+ favourable result from the Referendum, the Plan has legal status and power.

Infrastructure & Planning complaints

The Clerk reported that national coverage of the backlog in road repairs, specifically potholes, suggests that Suffolk is not alone in suffering frustrating and dangerous shortcomings with regard to County Council infrastructure maintenance and delivery. Similarly, the shortage of officers at District Planning level is causing significant problems, of particular concern in the field of Planning Enforcement where Elmswell's

request for attention to one case of what would seem to be unauthorised development has taken 3 months before an officer is allocated to visit the site where building work is, consequently, well advanced. Councillors were made aware of this in the hope that they can convey to residents raising such issues that the Parish Council can only make the request for attention to such problems. Action is not in their gift, and a complaint from EPC carries no more weight than the same complaint from an individual via the increasingly user-friendly web sites.

Planning results

The Meeting noted the following Approvals from Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority:

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| DC/18/00735 | Erection of single storey front and side extensions...
4 Pye's Meadow
GRANTED EPC objected |
| DC/18/00930 | Erection of replacement roof to existing conservatory
26 Eastern way
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| DC/18/00367 | Erection of 3 no. dwellings and associated garages...
St Johns House, Church Road
GRANTED EPC objected |

Planning Applications

- DC/18/01497** Council supported an application for a Lawful Development Certificate at Kiln Farm Guest House seeking to rationalise certain occupation constraints imposed in 1992 which had not been complied with as more recent and overriding Permissions had been granted in the interim.
- DC/18/01279** Council had, at their April meeting, objected at length to the application for extensive commercial and factory development at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane, Woolpit. The Meeting agreed to make no change to those objections despite the presentation of further information by the developer.
- DC/17/02349** Council had, when consulted in July 2017, made detailed objections to the application for the development of a petrol station and 2 catering outlets at the A14 roundabout adjacent to the DVSA HGV monitoring facility. The Meeting agreed that there was no modification to be made to those objections despite additional information supplied by the Applicant.

Station facilities

Cllr Mike Friend undertook, in response to questions from the public, to chase Abellio East Anglia regarding the provision of a passenger shelter on the south side platform and the possibility of real time information screens.

Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 18th June at 7.30 pm 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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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

In order to comply with the Planning Authority's timetable, the Council will meet on

Tuesday 5th June

at 7.30 pm at The Blackbourne to discuss Planning Applications including:

**DC/18/01444
Erection of 1st floor side extension at 17, Oxer Close**

**DC/18/02147
Erection of 1½ storey side extension and rear single storey extension at 36, Thedwastre Close**

**DC/18/02146
Outline Planning Application (access to be considered) 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.**

**DC/18/ 02259
Erection of 9 dwellings, carports & improvements to existing access including reconfiguration of public house car parking (re-submission of withdrawn application DC/17/03876) at Railway Tavern, School Road**

The public are entitled and welcome to attend and comment will be invited.

Further details of applications can be found on the Mid Suffolk website; search 'Mid Suffolk Planning Pages'. Other enquiries to the Parish Office;

clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk
01359 244134

What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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

June 2018

- 1 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
- 4 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church, Children with needs in Burma with Phil Bevan
- 6 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Linda Shorbolt - Tales Of Baby Feeding With Vintage Treasures
- 10 Annual Service for The Friends of St John's Church 10.30am Speaker: Catherine Joughin
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Speaker Linda Scoles Name that tune
- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Bob Webb: "History of the East Suffolk Railway" *July tickets on sale*
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 Over 55's Club Return of Gwyn Pritchard
- 15 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
- 15 ELF wine tasting of Australia and New Zealand wines with local wine expert Bob Stopp. Tickets £12.50 each available from the Library.
- 16 St John's summer fair
- 19 Gardening Club 7.30pm. Blackbourne Talk: Garden Thugs
- 19 Exchange Club meets at 2.30 at Wesley - to be arranged plus raffle
- 22 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 23 St John's Church - AGM (9.45am) and Coffee Morning (10am) - The Friends of St John's Church
- 28 Over 55's club Entertainment by Dennis Maisey
- 29 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
- 29 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 30 St John's summer BBQ

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.
- 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
- 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
- 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

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
- 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, speaker TBC 7.45pm
- 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

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

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

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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.

June July Sept Oct Nov
18th 16th 17th 15th 19th

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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