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How many elephants does it take to change a lightbulb?

Just 1, but you'll need to buy a new stepladder...

As frequenters of public and saloon bars will confirm, this is but one of many dozens of versions of the old classic. Unfortunately, most of the funny ones are banned by the Twitterati Thought Police, and we expect at any moment an angry response from # Proboscidea R Us seeking to defend the noble Eliphantidae family from this sort of demeaning treatment, 'not seen since Nellie the elephant packed her trunk and said goodbye to the circus'.

There is an entirely appropriate parallel question which we ask in all seriousness but in the strong expectation that the answer is a joke.

How many teams of workers does it take to mend a water leak?

The question arises because we have had, recently, a couple of water leaks. Many of our readers will have noticed because, it seems, the repair works herald a forest of road signs, cones, barriers and traffic lights. A forest which has outlying clusters in adjacent villages informing drivers of – well, very little, really.

In an attempt to dispel the confusion as to how the resulting chaos can happen time and time again, we offer the following Frequently Asked Questions and our either carefully researched or just blindingly obvious answers.

ROAD CLOSED Why do the signs/lights/cones etc have to be in place days before the work starts?

R&A Because the job is reported to Anglian Water who judge the severity of the situation and ask Suffolk County Council Highways to advise on how to deal with any resulting traffic problems. Highways instruct their agency, Keir Infrastructure Services working out of Norwich, to arrange to have the traffic dealt with and the hole dug. Kier instruct 2 of their sub-contractors to (a) put up signs and (b) dig the holes. These separate bodies usually manage to do their separate jobs in the right order, but that's as far as the co-ordination seems to go. So the signs are in place to suit the schedule of contractor A and the hole depends on the schedule of contractor B.

ROAD CLOSED Why does it seem that there is no work going on, although the diversions / lights etc stay in place?

R&A Because the job itself is split, once again, into separate tasks for separate gangs to tackle. There are hole diggers, water engineers who have a tool box and fix the problem, back-fillers who put the dirt back into the hole provided by the hole diggers and re-instaters who put the original surface back. Sometimes there are add-ons, such as a pressure washer team to clear away any mud and various inspectors who tick boxes. All of these teams travel from job to job, often on journeys taking several hours, to deal with their particular speciality. Only after this cross-country relay is run its course can the lights, cones, barriers and signs be removed. Whenever the signage contractor can schedule it in.

ROAD CLOSED Is this locally co-ordinated for minimum disruption?

R&A Anglian Water HQ is in Lincoln. They pass it to our 'local' control centre in Kings Lynn. It could be more locally guided from the AW depot in Ipswich, but this does not fit the business model.

ROAD CLOSED Couldn't one gang handle the whole job in one visit?

R&A Yes, but this would not fit the business model.

ROAD CLOSED Couldn't local contractors be used to save time, fuel and frustration?

R&A Yes, but this does not fit the business model.

ROAD CLOSED Couldn't informed local advice be sought regarding diversions / closures and scheduling of jobs?

R&A Yes, but this does not fit the business model.

ROAD CLOSED What is the business model?

R&A It is to make money for its shareholders. In June of this year it announced, through its excellent PR department, 'Strong financial performance', citing:

- Revenue for the year of £1,248.9 million, an increase of £21.9 million (1.8 per cent) on 2016/17
- Operating profit of £348.5 million
- Cash generated from operations £644.0 million, up 1.9 per cent on last year with 'strong working capital management'.

ROAD CLOSED Can we go anywhere else for our water?

R&A No.

ROAD CLOSED Can we persuade them to be a little more sensitive to the chaos they cause?

R&A Experience suggests, no.

ROAD CLOSED What about the frequent drop in water pressure...and what about 600+ new houses needing water over the next few years?

R&A The water pressure depends on the booster pumps at the water tower on Ashfield Road – they keep cutting out and no-one seems to know why. It is intended to have this sorted as the new houses mean more water pressure needed – in our faithful nine inch post-war iron water main which, see Warren Lane / Church Road junction, is beginning to fail at certain key infrastructure points.

ROAD CLOSED How will any such failures be dealt with?

R&A Please see above.

ROAD CLOSED Could we give the job to elephants – the trunk would be handy?

R&A You're being silly.

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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

The great appeal of Elmswell Art Club is the wonderfully informal and relaxed atmosphere where each member chooses what to paint, what paints to use, what to paint on and the style of painting they want to employ. We don't have a permanent instructor or teacher but everyone learns and improves simply by walking round and observing other people's techniques and discussing ideas and suggestions in order to improve their own skills. And it works! Everyone says their abilities have been enhanced and the quality of work is greater than when they started at the club. However, every now and again we get a professional artist in to give us a demonstration and/or workshop. Each demo covers a different subject or technique and all demos are eagerly anticipated. We recently invited Ken Kempley to show us his particular style of watercolour painting. Coming originally from the north his

fascination is with mountains, moors, wetlands and barren landscapes. He avoids people, animals and buildings in his paintings. For our demo Ken used very heavy watercolour paper (300lbs) - more like card than paper and he used just two colours, Payne's Gray and Potters Pink and large brushes including, new to me, a Sword brush. Most of us will draw an outline in pencil of what we intend to paint. Not so Ken, he goes straight to Potters Pink paint as in the example shown. This is followed by the Payne's Gray to lay in cloud shape and a basic skyline and foreground. The final picture shows more

emphasis on the gray and with the addition of grasses. Of course in such a short period a completed picture would not be possible but you get the idea. With an interesting technique combined with an insightful and informative running commentary, members will eagerly look forward to Ken's return. In early October we held our AGM. With the sad passing of our secretary, Annette Blanshard, the only change to the committee was the unanimous election of Linda Stephenson as secretary.

John Welford 01359 240166

Painting is easy when you don't know how. But difficult when you do. Edgar Degas

Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley



ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon) W.I.

Our guest speaker for the month of October was our old friend, Chris Parfitt. He has become a firm favourite and is an accomplished narrator. His very excellent photography took us on a scenic tour around **The Isle of Skye.** He always includes his journey to his destination and on this particular one, taken some years ago, he was accompanied by his late mother. We visited the ancestral homes of the McDonald's and the McCleod's which altered as time passed and their feuds dictated. The scenery was breathtaking, possibly more of an impact for us all living in a fairly level landscape, even though beautiful in its own way. We even went to a Highland Games which was a little like a Village Fete with extreme sports.

The competition was a Scottish souvenir. They were many and varied, although the most unusual was a wooden implement resembling a giant peg called a Spurtle. This is, apparently, for stirring your porridge. Most entertaining. First prize went to Mary, second to Lesley and third to Carol.

Next month, our speaker is Graham Higgins who will tell us all about The Real Robin Hood. Our competition is a "Robin Hood hat made from paper" !! That will certainly be worth seeing.

On September 12th we visited Wroxham Barns which was our annual outing. We enjoyed the day very much although we did finish up with some reservations about adequate access for our less mobile members.



THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, ELMSWELL AND THE FRIDAY LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

At St John the Divine Church, Elmswell, from Tuesday 6 November to Sunday 11 November there will be a Poppy Festival to commemorate the end of 1st World War.

The Festival has been arranged by the Friday Ladies Lunch Club and the Friends of St John's Church.

Last November the Church suffered at the hands of thieves who stripped the lead from the south aisle. This year it is hoped the repairs will have been completed. The village war memorial is within the church, attached to the wall of the south aisle and names those men who returned from the 1st World War and the twenty nine who lost their lives in that war, as well as those who died in the Second World War. There will be twenty nine individually named silhouette figures placed around the Church.

Elsewhere in the church there will be poppies draped from the balcony, surrounding the font and displays on the altar and windowsills.

There will also be displays featuring the 'lost aerodrome of Elmswell', women in wartime, animals at war, etc., there will also be a drumhead reflecting the drumhead services which were held after the 1st World War.

The Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard will be available as it is each year for people to place a cross in memory of their loved ones. (Details on village notice boards or from J Folkard tel:01359 242099) Refreshments will be available.

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 11 November when wreaths will be placed on the war memorial by representatives of village organisations.



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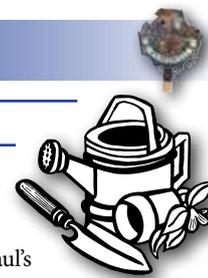
Wonderful achievement – well done to the Elmswell rain dance performers; although I am afraid more effort is required to get the deluge we need to fill water butts and soften the soil – so get those wellies clomping.

We had a great audience for Paul Herrington's talk on 'Gardening for Health'. Paul began his career as a psychiatric nurse and then in the mid-'90s he trained as a garden designer. These two attributes were ideal for his aim to create healing gardens for disabled people and mental patients. He went on to found 'Grow Places' an organisation which promotes the creation of high quality accessible outdoor spaces and encourages people to enjoy the social and health benefits of gardening. Paul told us about one of his projects. Cambridge council gave him a derelict bowling green site in Nightingale Park, Cambridge. The task of transforming it into a garden seemed formidable but with the help of a varied team and two liberal sprayings of Roundup, they dug up 4 inches of sand, clinker and clay and sowed a wild flower meadow which not only thrilled his helpers but all the neighbouring properties. After

the first year everyone grew more ambitious and Paul stood back, allowing his helpers to dictate how the garden should evolve. Gardening is good for both mental and physical wellbeing and as the garden took shape so Paul's helpers bloomed. His patients brought their forgotten skills to the garden. One patient mapped out the whole site to within a centimetre and passed on his expertise to others. Another with autism worked tirelessly with a scythe and bonded with the other gardeners. Paul told us an inspiring story of a helper who was made redundant and also cared for an elderly mother. Unable to cope with the stress of his situation he had a breakdown but found the garden a healing place with plenty of companions with whom he could bond. The former bowling green clubhouse became their garden shed but it could not accommodate the wheelchairs of certain helpers, so in a comradely way they all had their 'brew' outside whatever the weather. One wheelchair lady made others smile as she regularly over-reached herself and fell into the vegetable trenches but willing helpers hauled her out again. These patients found that through the excitement of helping plants grow and their

mutual companionship, like ripples in a pond, the joy of the garden spread out into the neighbourhood. Paul's talk was truly inspirational. He has commissions at Oxburgh and Coggeshall, so if you are in the area do go and admire them.

There was a great response to this year's challenge cup competition on the subject of 'The Feel-Good Factor'. Photos of grandchildren, poems, vegetables, plants in full bloom and gorgeous scrapbooks abounded. The winner was Brenda with her trusty pair of secateurs used to dead-head her way round the garden. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 20th November, 7.30pm, at the Blackbourne**. We will be having our AGM together with a quiz and Christmas nibbles. There are still a few places on the committee to be filled plus a new Newsletter writer so don't be shy, we would love to have you join the melée. If you require further information please contact **Nick Chamberlin** on **242601**.



ELMSWELL W.I.

Jenny Martin and a volunteer, two ladies from the Red Cross, came to tell us how the organisation started, as well as more about the many functions it performs. It is the largest humanist organisation in the world and is supported by many millions of volunteers.

In 1869, the Battle of Solferino was fought between Austria and France and this resulted in thirty thousand men being killed or wounded. It was impossible to cope with this tragedy.

A Swiss humanist, Henri Duriant, was on a journey in this area and was so appalled that he organised local women, children and tourists to help. He wrote "1862: A Memory of Solferino" and suggested that there should be an organisation to deal with humanitarian crises.

Henri was inspired by Florence Nightingale and through him, the International Red Cross was created and eventually, the first Geneva Convention. By 1863, twenty-two societies had been set up. Now, there are one hundred

and ninety worldwide. The cross symbol does not represent the Christian religion – it is the reverse of the Swiss flag - but Arab countries decided to have the Red Crescent as their symbol. Henri Duriant was jointly awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize and he donated all his prize money to the Red Cross.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in Geneva and organises help for people in conflict situations. The International Federation of the Red Cross deals with natural disasters, eg. rebuilding Nepal after the earthquakes. In 1870, the British Red Cross was founded and since then it has had an invaluable role, caring for people in many different ways. Red Cross nurses were very important in W.W.I, setting up hospitals in large private houses etc. Red Cross parcels were organised and sent to the troops, to make their lives more bearable at The Front.

Now, apart from natural disasters, volunteers from the Red Cross are present at many public events as well as national disasters such as the Grenfell Tower Fire, the Borough Market shooting, the Manchester Arena bombing and many more. They provide First Aid training, support at home, collecting prescriptions etc.; rest centres after floods, gas leaks or human trafficking; emergency response vehicles and the loan of mobility aids. What would we do without them? Only 5% of the money from fund-raising is spent on running the Red Cross. The other 95% is used to help people. It is a wonderful organisation, which we must not take for granted.

Next month, we shall be a lot more active - circle-dancing with Jen Lerner!

Rosie Collins 01359 241652



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Time just flies by another month has drawn to a close.

Our trip to the Hut at Felixstowe for customary Fish and Chips turned out to be a brilliant day, the weather being excellent which meant most of our party took in the sea air with a stroll through the gardens and for some of the more energetic a walk up to the town.

It is reported that two people were seen testing the water quality reporting back that it was ok for a paddle.

The visit by Stowmarket Concert Band was thoroughly enjoyed by those present

It is a pity that the village doesn't come along to support our Open events (only 4 visitors came) when we only charge a nominal entry fee and you get free tea/coffee and biscuits,

Our next Open Event is a Festive Concert by the Jubilee Singers on Thursday November 29th commencing at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall it only costs £3 so please put it in your diary and join us for this enjoyable evening.

Just a reminder to members that your final payment for Thursday is now due.

Diann (241002)

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club welcomed Rob Parker as our speaker. He is a member of the Suffolk branch of butterfly conservation. Rob was very enthusiastic about his subject and certainly did his best to enthuse members with his knowledge. We were taken through the life cycles of various butterflies and shown many pictures of butterflies spotted in Suffolk.

We learnt the best habitat for spotting butterflies are grasslands and cultivated land the least likely to see any butterflies. Our thanks to Rob for an informative talk.

After refreshments and the raffle, members were told the club will be visiting Scotsdale on November 28th. Enquiries to Anice.

On the 4th December we will be holding our Christmas lunch. Enquiries to Carol.

At our next meeting we welcome Mr. Parfitt to speak about the Scilly Isles.

New members are always welcome. **Enquiries to Carol 242 884**



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Elmswell's 'lost' World War 1 Aerodrome – there will be an opportunity to hear the story of the local Aerodrome, where the Royal Flying Corps was stationed, on 6 November at St Andrew's Church, Tostock (IP30 9PG) and 21 November at Mendlesham History Group, URC Chapel, Old Market Street, (IP14 5SA). Both meetings start at 7.30pm. This four year project is nearing its closure date.

There will be a *Poppy Festival of Remembrance in St John's Church, Elmswell* on 6th – 10th November; this will include a small exhibit about the 29 men from Elmswell whose lives were lost in WW1. Opening times will be:

Tuesday 6th 2pm-4pm Wednesday 7th 10am-12noon
 Thursday 8th 2pm – 4pm, with the Church remaining open until 3pm.

The WW1 Art Trail in Bury St Edmunds continues until 11 November. 18 pieces of art commemorating the end of WW1 are situated around the town centre. More information from www.ourburystedmunds.com/ww1trail.

Please remember that tickets for our 13 December meeting will be available at the meeting on 8 November (or from 01359 242601). The tickets are priced at £3 for members and £5 for non-members. Entry will be by ticket only and will include a seasonal buffet. The entertainment will be by a trio

of folk musicians – 'The Penland Phezzants' telling the 'True story of Hereward the Wake of Ely' in words and music.

At our meeting on **11th October** we welcomed Mervyn Russen who came to speak about 'The First Railway to Ipswich and Beyond.'

The first line in the Eastern Counties was laid in 1843, from Shoreditch to Colchester, followed in 1844 as far as the first station at Croft Street, Ipswich, with the current station being built a year later. The engineer responsible for this line was Peter Bruff who was also responsible for the building of Clacton on Sea as a resort.

Following the general history of the railway Mervyn told us about all the stations between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds – Bramford was built in 1846; there was a fire in 1911 and eventually the line closed in 1955 and there is no trace of it today.

Claydon station also opened in 1846 and was closed in 1963, with no trace left.

Needham Market, a handsome Grade 2 listed building, was closed for a while but has now re-opened.

The building of the line at Stowmarket was held up when 40 yards of line disappeared; the track was built to float on faggots of brushwood.

Stowmarket station was built by Frederick Barnes in 1846 and restored in 1987. It is built in Jacobean style with Dutch gables and is Grade2 listed.

Haughley Junction is where the lines divide, one going to Norwich and the other to Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge.

Haughley Road closed in 1849, being taken over by Haughley Junction which was closed in 1966.

Elmswell was opened in 1849 and threatened with closure in 1974, but it is still a busy station with regular passenger services and many freight trains passing through.

Thurston is still open as is Bury St Edmunds (built in 1846).

Bury St Edmunds Station and the arch bridge over Northgate Street are both Grade2 listed buildings; the architect was Sancton Wood.

There were several questions following Mervyn's talk; he certainly knew his subject and he was thanked for a very interesting evening.

Next month (8 November) our speaker will be Kelvin Dakin and his topic will be 'The History of Fisons – A local company'

New members are welcome to our meetings on the second Thursday of every month at the Wesley Hall. More information from Stella on 01359-242601 or from our website: www.elmswell-history.org.uk.

ELMSWELL BROWNIES

This term Elmswell Brownies are completing the 'Be an Elf Yourself Challenge Badge', the brownies are thinking of others before themselves.

We were invited by the ladies at St John's Church, Elmswell to decorate the church for Harvest Festival, the brownies had a fantastic evening creating floral displays and making woven hearts, thank you ladies for a fantastic evening.

Last month Elmswell Brownies went for a little walk around the village!

They split up into small groups and randomly chose nearly 60 random doorsteps to leave some 'random acts of kindness' on, which contained a planted winter pansy and lovey message!

Here's a little flower
 With love from us to you
 It will keep you smiling all Autumn and
 Winter too
 It will need a little water and likes a little sun,
 We hope you will accept it and see a good turn done



All of the girls seemed to love selecting a door step, and the excitement of not being caught made it even better!

Well done girls! We received several emails and messages sent to us saying Thank you!

One message read:

Hello, I just wanted to email and say thank you very much for the lovely plant that I came home to tonight. It made my evening and put a smile on my face! I have never had anything like this before. Such a lovely act of kindness that is very much appreciated.

We haven't lived in the village long, and things like this are making us enjoy living in this village even more.

Thank you again



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Little Signers classes have now been running in Elmswell for over a year and have become an established Blackbourne feature. One of the wonderful things about Babysigning is that parents get to learn too, in an informative and fun way. Once you start signing together the benefits soon become apparent - you can often witness very quickly the transition from squalling infant to a confident communicating baby. Other benefits include that Babysigning...



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- Strengthens the bond between you and your baby, helping to develop secure attachment;
- Better and more complex language development;
- When speech begins, signing can help you to distinguish what your baby actually means, resulting in less frustration and anger - it helps in the development of language and literacy skills which are at the heart of a young child's learning as children need to communicate effectively to learn and develop other skills.

To discover more about Babysigning, there is an opportunity to sign up for a term of classes which start on 7th November. There are 2 classes, a **Baby Signing Basics™** course, covering key topics and signs which guides you gently through your baby's development and is suitable for ages 5 months to 18 months. Also there is the **Sing, Sign and Rhyme™** class based around an engaging theme each week, with plenty of singing, signing and popular rhymes to engage your baby or toddler. Both classes have social time for parents.

For more information contact alison@littlesignersclub.co.uk
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ELMSWELL SPORT



The scarifier pulling out the debris which was strangling the turf

The 2018 season is done and dusted now and we have turned our attention to the green, not that it hasn't always been a priority but now it is the one and only issue taking our attention. The season went remarkably well for a first effort and, as Barry Hayward, in a masterly piece of understatement, put it 'Good season, no disasters and the green looks good!' We assumed that we would be working in tandem with the old bowls club but they took themselves off to Stowupland for reason or reasons I have yet to fathom and, instead of having access to Nick Chamberlain's vast knowledge and experience, we had to tap around in the dark, lightened only by pieces of information/ opinion gleaned for the internet. It would seem that however many experts on any one subject you ask, you will get

exactly the same number of opinions. Trust me, it works for all subjects under the sun! Anyway, the green looks good and next year will be better. It was unattended last winter so we will start next year further ahead than we were last Spring and if the weather isn't so freaky next year, we will have the green that we want.

We have had to hire a scarifier for a couple of days and, to maximise the outlay, did the Green twice each day, which was pretty exhausting, I can tell you. This gave rise to more debris than the wheelie bins could hold so we were compelled to heap it in the corner just outside the green. We do apologise for this unsightly mound of vegetation but we will clear it as the bins become available. The bins will stand idle during the winter so it is not really worth investing in more, it is just in times of high demand, three bins cannot cope. This time we had all the surrounding hedges to cut, too, and the clippings took us well over the three-bin capacity

Vitaly important as the green is, some of our attention is also going to next season when we plan to introduce some new teams. We are going to field a Monday afternoon team in the Bury League, to serve as a 'feeder' team to the Thursday evening squad, and Tuesday evening team in the Suffolk County League. To my enormous personal delight, we are entering the Stowmarket League Tuesday Afternoon competition and some of my former team-mates are returning to us so we will be able to launch a serious attack on Division Three and hope to repeat our 2016 victory. We will certainly be good enough but time will tell. Some completely unknown team may pop up from nowhere a 'do a Fox' on us and walk off with it!

With these new teams we will be able to offer our members a greater choice of playing opportunities and accommodate some more new members as well. We have some players returning, as I said, and some newcomers, too, but there is always room for more so if you wish to give it a try just contact Ann Richards on 01359 240279 or ann23richards@gmail.com47. plus

Membership is only £15 per annum and gives you access to all teams, all club competitions and informal roll-ups. Match fees are £2.50 and roll-ups £2 and the green is always open to non-members during roll-up times for £2.50 and other times via the Parish Council and subject to maintenance work

Peter Edmonds
07860 395720



The scarifier with a small mountain of debris collected

ST JOHN'S CHURCH



Hello from St Johns,

Yes! It's that time of year again....
Our Christmas Fair!!!

When? 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday 24th November

Where? The Blackbourne, Elmswell

What? A fabulous event with craft stalls, cake sales, cafe and one very special man in his grotto! It's a fun few hours for all the family and our annual fairs raise much-needed funds to keep our church being a church! Please consider stopping by, supporting this event and spending a pound or two. Thank you.

How was your October?

We had "Tearfund Sunday" and Julia Rees spoke about some of the amazing charity work Tearfund does. It's an excellent charity and one St John's is very proud to support; during the service we raised £300 for Tearfund and people took information about becoming a regular giver. If you want more information about Tearfund, please visit www.tearfund.org.

We enjoyed Messy Church during October half term – lots of fun, craft, games, music and a Bible story finishing with lunch. Since Messy Church kicked off earlier this summer, we have welcomed lots of families and individuals to St Johns, we've had a lot of fun and we've shared the good news of Jesus Christ. Praise God!



The St John's ladies lunch raised a staggering £500 for Macmillan at their coffee morning and the ladies "brunch and beads" raised over £200 for work in Uganda.

What else is going on?

We are starting a community choir! Community choir rehearsal dates will be 3rd and 10th Dec 7.30pm at the church. Everyone is welcome to join and we'll be singing at the carol service in December. Spread the word :)

"Time to Remember" is on Saturday 3 November at 3pm. This is a short service held to mark the passing of loved ones and to honour their memory. It consists of readings, three hymns, the reading out of the names of those we are remembering, and the lighting of candles. The service will be followed by some refreshments. All are welcome.

The Friends of St John's are putting together an Armistice Exhibition in church in early November. This will be well worth a visit – the exhibition is open on Tuesday 6th (2pm to 4pm), Wednesday 7th (10am to noon), Thursday 8th (2pm to 4pm), Saturday 10th (11am to 3pm) and Sunday 11th (noon to 3pm).

We're hosting another film night - Saturday 17th November at 7pm we're showing "The Shack" Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, The Shack takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy and a crisis of faith, we follow the lead character on his adventure.

Have we got a roof yet?

It is almost a year since the lead was stolen from the South aisle roof. We have had a temporary roof for serval months, however, we hope a new steel roof will be finished in November! Then, internal decorating will take place after Christmas. Again, another reason to praise God!

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

Details of our Services and Events are here:

Saturday 3rd November

3:00pm Time to Remember

Sunday 4th November

9:30am Family Church

11:00am BCP Morning Prayer with Communion

Sunday 11th November

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Remembrance Sunday (all age)

Friday 16th November

3:50pm Messy Church

(snacks served from 3:30pm)

Saturday 17th November

7pm Film Night: "The Shack"

Sunday 18th November

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

11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th November

10:30am Holy Communion ~

Bishop Mike visiting

Sunday 2nd December

9:30am Family Church

11:00am BCP Holy Communion

...and dates for your diary:

Sunday 16th December 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December 3:30pm Messy Nativity (previously known as "I can't wait for Christmas!") and 11:30pm Late Night Communion

Tuesday 25th December 8:00am BCP Communion and 10:00am Christmas Day Service

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

You are invited to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's to help with the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. You can choose to commemorate an anniversary, a personal event, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can simply make a donation. For the winter months the lights will be on between 5.30 p.m. and midnight. One night's floodlighting costs £5.

Cheques payable to
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Thank you for your support.

OCTOBER 2018 SPONSORSHIP NOT PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED

28 in loving memory of a dear Nana, Rene Stiff. "Miss you. God Bless". Louise and Brian. x.

NOVEMBER 2018 SPONSORSHIPS

- 1 in memory of Jim Baker (1933-2009), on the anniversary of his death.
- 3 as the leaves fall this Autumn, precious memories of a dear Mum and Dad, Rene and George Stiff. Monica, Philip and family.
- 4 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 5 treasured memories of Matthew J. Pollen, our much loved son, 22.10.1977 - 05.11.2015. Always in our thoughts. "GOD BLESS". xxx.
- 6 in loving memory of Dorothy May Nunn.
- 6 in loving memory of Derek Bloomfield.
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 11 in loving memory of Ena May Clover.
- 12 in loving memory of Thomas Henry Manning.
- 13 in loving memory of Natasha Smith on her Birthday.
- 13 in loving memory of Betty Hart on her Birthday. Love from all the family.
- 20 in memory of Hector Francis who died 20th November 1988. Love, wife Ruth & family.
- 26 in loving memory of Margery Rose Cammell, loved and remembered every day. From all the family.
- 28 in memory of Evelyn Clark.

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET

Parish Priest: Father David Finegan, The Presbytery, 29 Lockington Road, Stowmarket IP14 1BQ
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E-mail: ourlady.stowmarket@btinternet.com

MASS TIMES: Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday)

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

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

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

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

Father David Finegan



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

On Saturday 13th October we held our Harvest Barn Dance at the Blackbourne, where close on 70 people enjoyed a great evening of fun and laughter dancing to the music of "Clutching at Straws". Profits from the evening along with some donations received will be sent to the Christian Charity "Tools with a Mission". Special thanks to our church secretary Tony for organising the evening and to all those friends and acquaintances who came and supported our efforts, some coming from as far away as Norfolk

Thanks to the hard work of some of the Ladies Friendship Group and other friends of the church, our church will have a cascade of knitted Poppies over the entrance for the period leading up to Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate a hundred years since the end of the First World War. A war to end all wars it was heralded as, a forecast that proved to be wrong, so many lives were affected and changed by that conflict not least the change of attitude to women's rights and their eventual emancipation.

Monday 5th November Ladies Friendship Group meet at the Church at 7.45pm to hear a talk given by our local butcher Gareth; Ladies you don't have to be a regular attender at our church to be made most welcome at these meetings they are what the title suggests a Ladies Friendship Group. Contact Margaret on 01359241541 if you

would like to join the Ladies.

Thursday 8th November at Midday our Food and Friends lunch takes place at the church, this lunch is offered for our older residents to meet for a home cooked lunch with friends and others, again you do not have to be a regular church attendee to join us contact Jackie on 01359245918 if you would like to join us, local transport can be arranged.

Thursday 15th November at 11am we welcome one of our BMS World Mission partners Ashleigh Gibb who is coming to tell us about her work in South East Asia.

Our services in November will be led by:-

4th November

Paul Kemp (includes Communion)

11th November

Stephen Spurgeon (All age Remembrance Service)

18th November

David Wilson

25th November

Stephen Spurgeon (10am Welcome Breakfast)

2nd December

Rev Barbara Challis

Dates for your December diary:-

19th December at 7PM we are joining with our friends from the Parish Church for carol singing at Crown Mill Green accompanied by musicians from the local Salvation Army Band. Why not wrap warm and come and join us (bring a torch) refreshments at the Baptist Church afterwards.

24th December (Christmas Eve) we hold our Carols by Candlelight service at 5PM at our church, so why not join us and start your Christmas celebrations off in a traditional way. Mince pies and hot drinks afterwards.

As always we guarantee a warm and friendly welcome to all who join us for any of our activities and services. Contact Tony on 01359241541 or go to our website www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk for any information you

might need. *Dave Hollings*

NORTON SALVATION ARMY



'Thank you'

The Salvation Army's annual appeal has taken place throughout September. The church and charity's 'Big Collection' raises vital funds for its diverse programme of life-changing social and community services.

We at Norton Salvation Army were out collecting in the local community knocking on doors asking for donations, and we would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you for all the donations and good wishes we received 'at the door'. All donations to the Big Collection directly support The Salvation Army's work with 100 per cent of money raised being used to care for people who are vulnerable or in need.

Norton Salvation Army church and community centre is part of a network of over 800 centres delivering services to people and communities day-in, day-out. Without public support we could not do what we do.

At Norton we have Tea & Toast Mon 8.45am a chance to meet over Breakfast, a toddler group; Mon 9.30 - 11.30am, a young people's club Tuesday 6-7pm, and on Thursday from 11.30am a weekly Community lunch, where people are able to come and meet each other and have a meal. We also have a monthly Craft Club on the 3rd Friday of each month 7pm at our Hall.

Funds raised through the Big Collection will help The Salvation Army continue transforming lives throughout the UK. This includes supporting men, women and families who are experiencing homelessness; running care homes and day centres for older people; reuniting families through our Family Tracing Service; training and advising people looking for sustained employment; as well as providing a place of safety for victims of modern slavery.

Again thank you very much for thinking of the Salvation Army. **Andrew and Jackie Jarrold**

ELMSWHEELIANS 2018

Autumn days rarely come as nice as Sunday 21st October, and that was the date of our most recent bike ride. On a most beautiful sunny morning 18 riders set off down Warren Lane towards Borley Green, then on to Woolpit Green, Clopton Green, Rattlesden, Gedding and Upper Green Felsham. From there we turned back towards Hessett, Smallwood Green, Drinkstone Park, Woolpit Street, and home into Elmswell via Kiln Lane and Warren Lane.

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

A really enjoyable ride - much enhanced by the weather and the glorious autumn colours, not to mention coinciding with the birthday of our stalwart Back Marker, which we were able to celebrate in style in glorious sunshine in the garden of "The Fox".

In total we cycled 15.5 miles.

Next Ride :

Unfortunately there will be no rides in November, so our final outing of the year will be our annual pre-Christmas one on **Sunday 23rd December (starting at 11.00 a.m. - 10 miles approx.)**

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.

All rides start from Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell.

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

The Trustees at a recent meeting once again expressed concern that the issue of vouchers to pensioners is being taken as a right rather than the Charity helping the poorest residents in Elmswell. The Trustees have therefore decided with immediate effect to change the criteria for qualification for any new or existing beneficiaries. No vouchers will automatically be issued to residents who received a voucher in 2016 or 2017 and they will need to reapply if they are eligible under the new criteria listed below.

Eligible applicants received £60.00 in 2017

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

- Be aged 75 or over
- Have lived in Elmswell continuously for the last 10 years
- **Be in receipt of Pension Credit or eligible to receive Pension Credit**

Should anyone require further details regarding their eligibility for Pension Credit it is suggested they contact the Citizens' Advice Bureau at 5 Milton Road, Stowmarket on 01449 676060 or visit midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

Full details of Pension Credit eligibility may also be obtained from HM Government Website www.gov.uk/pension-credit/print Telephone no. 0800 731 0469 Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

If you are eligible please complete the application form below and return it, by 25 November 2018, to either:

Roger Collins, Clerk to the Trustees (as below) or
David Hawes, Chairman of Trustees, Dunelm, Cooks Road



ELMSWELL POOR'S LAND CHARITY - APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT 2018

Please note only one application per household is allowed.

Name Mr/Mrs/Miss

Address

Are you SINGLE / MARRIED / WIDOW / WIDOWER

Age.....

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

Are you in receipt of Pension Credit or eligible to receive Pension Credit

Currently this is payable, subject to certain guidelines, by HM Government where the weekly income for a single person is below £163.00 or for couples is below £248.80.

Signed.....

Date.....

**Please return the completed form to the Clerk to the Trustees:
Roger Collins, 2 Oxer Close, Elmswell, IP30 9UE
by 25 November 2018**

NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

The Great ElmsWild Rake Off!

Just as much fun as the original TV programme – and much better for your waistline! We may not be much good at the baking, but competitive raking is definitely our thing. Every autumn we cut all the vegetation at Kiln Meadow and rake the entire site to remove the cuttings. It's a huge job, but it does pay off the following year when all the orchids and wildflowers appear. The aim is to cut back the rank vegetation (nettles, willowherb, docks, etc.) which would otherwise dominate, in order to allow the more diverse flowers to germinate and thrive. Raking off the cuttings means that they don't rot down and add nutrients to the soil; wildflowers do best in poor soils, so we're doing the opposite to what you do in your own garden when you add compost.

This year we were joined by a volunteer team from Anglian Water who brought a bit of muscle to aid the proceedings. The lads did a great job, spurred on by a little competitive rivalry! This is the first time that volunteers from Anglian Water have helped us out at Kiln Meadow so we were delighted that they were able to come. Anglian Water own the land that we manage as the Kiln Meadow wildlife site, so it's great that we can show them at first hand exactly what we're doing to encourage wildlife right next to their water treatment works. We plan to invite them back for a return visit next year.

Kiln Meadow is now in autumn mode, looking quite bare, but with the colourful backdrop of the turning leaves and all the hedgerow berries – worth a walk down the footpath from Spong Lane on a sunny day. Take a look before winter arrives!



A feast of fungi at Lukeswood

Our first ever fungi foray at Lukeswood took place on a hot, dry Sunday – 24 degrees in mid October! The conditions were not conducive to finding fungi, which generally like it cool and damp. So we were amazed at the amount we did find. Our success was mainly due to the presence of Neil, our County Recorder for fungi, who knew just where to look and, more importantly, what they were when we found them! We tracked down 24 different species in all, in just a couple of hours poking about under the trees, in the grassland and amongst the decaying logs. Some of the highlights were Amanita muscaria (Fly agaric), Laetiporus sulphureus (Chicken of the woods), Pluteus umbrosus (Velvet shield), Stropharia aeruginosa (Verdigris agaric), Agaricus xanthoderma (Yellow stainer), Clitocybe (Funnel cap) and Stropharia caerulea (Blue roundhead). We learned an amazing amount from Neil – I don't know how he keeps all those scientific names in his head! As well



as the familiar toadstool and bracket types of fungus, we found jellies, speckles and rust. One fungus – one of the Lactarius (Milk cap) species – is sometimes parasitised by another type. One fungus growing on another – how cool is that? Some of the species we found need further investigation for a definitive ID so Neil has taken samples to look at under the microscope. A huge thank you to Neil for a fascinating morning – we'll definitely be repeating it next season.

There are more photos of all our events on Facebook. If you see something interesting at either Lukeswood or Kiln Meadow, please share it with us!

Mary Feeney info@elmswild.org.uk 241901



ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

Important Date

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 14th November at 7pm at Elmswell Fire Station. If you are interested in being part of Elmswell Cricket Club then this is an ideal opportunity to come and meet club members and find out more.

Next Season

Are you interested in being part of a friendly, well run club? We are always on the look out for new players. Perhaps you have not played for a few years but want to get back into the game. Then Elmswell Cricket Club is the place for you. We can offer competitive matches played in a friendly atmosphere. If you are interested then please get in touch by one of the methods below.

Contact Us

Email: elmswellcricketclub@gmail.com

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AUTUMN TERM 2018 NEWS FROM ELMSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our children and staff have had a busy and exciting start to the new academic year as the autumn term gets underway. At the beginning of the term we were very pleased to welcome new staff into the school including Mrs Miles who has joined the admin team and Miss Reed who joins us teaching in key stage 1. Welcome also to all the new parents and children who have joined our school community this term – we look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months.

What's happening this term?

There is always much to look forward to in the autumn term at school – not least our December Pantomime visit, Nativity productions, Christmas lunch and Carol services.

Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed Harvest Festival celebrations at St Johns church on 24th September and Rev Goodridge visited the school to present a harvest assembly to our younger pupils later in the week. Thank you to all those who contributed harvest food items which were passed on to the church for distribution in the local community.

Our Lower Key stage 2 pupils have been learning about the Romans and enjoyed a visit to Colchester Castle in September. During the visit they enjoyed an interactive story in the Roman Vaults and had the opportunity to handle real Roman artefacts.

Throughout the term, each class will be hosting their own Curiosity Café. Café stands for Community Assets For Education and these events enable us, as a school, to work alongside parents and carers to support pupils' learning and development. Parents and carers learn with their child and can be inspired to create something together. Ideas can then be taken away and used at home.

We are pleased to have been awarded a Silver School Games Mark Award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport. Our year 6 pupils excelled at a cross country event in September and three pupils received Gold, Silver and

Bronze for their performances – a big well done to them all!

Our supportive Fresh team (Friends of Elmswell School) are also busy this term – Bags to School is a scheme whereby bags are filled with unwanted clothing, bedding, toys and shoes to raise money for the school and parents, carers and staff have all very kindly been clearing out their cupboards in support of this fundraising event. We look forward to more news from Fresh as the school year progresses and appreciate their efforts to generate funds for helping to fund things that the pupils can enjoy.

We held a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of September and with the help of staff, parents and carers raised nearly £300 for this very good cause. The school also takes part in Children in Need during November and our house leaders will be deciding which charity they would like the school to support this academic year. Last year we were pleased to present the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group with a cheque for £843.31 as a result of our fundraising efforts.

Nursery Admissions

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, they are eligible for a place at our school nursery during the academic year 2018/19. Our Nursery children (Rabbit Class) have opportunities to join in with many parts of school life including assemblies, school lunches, school performances and trips. They also get to know other children in their age group who will be joining them in full time Reception classes in September 2019. For further details or to apply for a place please ring the school office on 01359 240261.

For further information about the school, links for making payments, learning resources and to see what events are coming up please keep an eye on our website which is updated regularly at www.elmswell.suffolk.sch.



*Jane Ash, Headteacher
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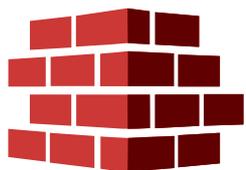
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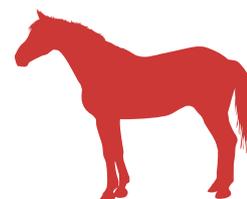
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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL October Report

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The Ordinary October meeting took place on 15th at The Blackbourne with 7 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Members Mrs Sarah Mansel & John Levantis and 6 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 Elmswell.suffolk.cloud, 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 meeting on 17th September, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Planning legislation

The Clerk reported back from a recent liaison meeting with Mid Suffolk District Council where it was confirmed that a recent Planning Inspectorate ruling had, with reference to the Government's recent revisions to their all-powerful National Planning Policy Framework, effectively annulled MSDC's claim to having identified a 5 year housing land supply. The imposition of more stringent tests as to what is, 'deliverable', have apparently brought the figure back down to 3.4 years. The calculations are queried by MSDC officers and the Clerks and Councillors attending were told that the status quo will be achieved within 4 weeks and that this will be tested at the next major relevant Appeal hearing in December. Policy in this regard was relevant to one of the Planning applications on the current Meeting agenda and the Clerk advised that the assumption of a 5 year supply was a safe basis for a reasoned judgement in this case.

New website

Cllr Chris Wiley was thanked for having managed the Council's website for the past few years. He has now left the village and will be stepping down as a Councillor after the elections in May 2019. This coincides with a deterioration in the service provided by the current hosts and provided the opportunity to go across to new providers by way of Suffolk Cloud which has excellent provenance. The site is now much more manageable and day-to-day site input is now with the Clerk's office. The new address is elmswell.suffolk.cloud

Wesley

The Wesley Task & Finish Working Party met on 8th October with Alan Wilkinson, the architect steering the refurbishment programme. The external design concept is agreed as being very acceptable and the internal layout has all of the requisite spaces which now await sizing and shaping towards the practical requirements of present and future users. Councillors have brought new elements to the brief originally drafted by the user groups on the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association towards the creation of an adaptable community hub providing quality facilities which accommodate current use, tie into and extend that offered at Blackbourne and stand ready for the pressures to come from the expanded population. The next meeting towards the end of this month will firm-up on the proposals to a stage where they can be brought to Council for appraisal. This will also allow for a preliminary costing of the scheme which will indicate whether or not

the initial proposals are feasible as a basis for going forward. A proposed topographical survey is the first stage towards drawing-up plans of sufficient detail to enable a pre-application consultation with Mid Suffolk towards ironing out any technical issues which might stand in the way of approval when a full application is made.

Road closures & diversions

The Chairman, councillors and the Clerk have all been involved in the recent farcical situation regarding the unnecessary closure of Church Hill, the unnecessary length of the closure and the misleading and inadequate signage which caused distress and serious hazard. The protocols surrounding this process are clearly inadequate and the lack of local knowledge an obvious factor in the chaos. The Clerk confirmed that he will continue to press for Town & Parish Council involvement at the strategic planning stage of works requiring road closure, particularly with regard to fuller, more helpful, text on signage and the reduction of the constraints to the bare minimum required by the actual works taking place. A promised review at Suffolk County Council might provide an opportunity, he suggested, for a hint of common sense to be introduced.

Planning Results

The meeting noted the results of 2 Planning applications, both of which they had supported and both of which were granted Permission, being for tree works at 20 Oxer Close and for the replacement of a garden room roof at Church Hill Cottage, School Road.

Planning Applications

It was agreed that Council would support 5 Applications for Planning permission as referred to them for comment by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority. These were:

DC/18/04015

Change of use of land and siting of 2 glamping pods at Kiln Farm Guest House, Kin Lane:

DC/18/04301

Erection of single-storey rear extension at Houghton House, Ashfield Road

DC/18/04331

Erection of...extensions at 24, Little Green

DC/18/04399

Conversion of & extension to garage to provide additional living accommodation at The Millstones, Station Road

DC/18/04437

Application for permission without compliance with conditions (boundary treatment) at South View, Spong Lane

Planning – The Railway Tavern

Objections were raised to an Application for the erection of 8 new dwellings (following the withdrawal of a previous Application) for the following reasons:

- 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 HGV's 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 application designates 5 staff car parking spaces together with 11 parking spaces for the public house augmented by 2 disabled bays. There will clearly 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 4 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.

Planning – 10 Wetherden Road

Objections were raised to an Application for the retention of a caravan and workshop buildings in the rear garden for the following reasons:

- 1 At the time of a site inspection in 2014 related to the siting of a mobile home in the back garden of this dwelling, it was concluded that it was being legitimately used ancillary to the dwellinghouse in that it housed members of the householder's immediate family and therefore was Permitted Development under Class E of the relevant Order. However, officers informed the householder during the inspection that an adjacent wooden structure serving as an extension to the house would need retrospective Planning permission and would have to be removed if no relevant Application were made. Removal was observed to have happened at a subsequent Enforcement inspection in November 2016. Since that date the structure would seem to have been reinstated as an extension to the main house.
- 2 In December 2016 Enforcement officers were made aware of a second mobile home delivered into the front yard. A site visit in February 2017 led to the conclusion that this was also legitimately sited as it served as accommodation for family members and was, therefore, permitted Development.
- 3 In June 2017 a visit by Enforcement officers conclude that the works carried out in the rear garden as preparation for footings of a building did not constitute an engineering operation and that the nuisance complained of by neighbours caused by the works and by the fly tipping of the arisings was insufficient to require action.
 - 4 In May 2018 the construction of a large timber building on those footings was allocated for investigation by the Planning Enforcement team. This has led to the current application.
- 5 It is clear that the gradual expansion of structures claimed necessary to provide further family accommodation on this site has produced a situation which is in substantive breach of the Class E rules on Permitted Development. The total area of ground covered by the aggregated footprint of a wooden rear extension to the main house, plus 2 full sized mobile homes, one of which has a wooden extension attached, together with a substantial building ostensibly intended as a workshop, is well in excess of the 50% of the curtilage, net of the footprint of the host dwelling, which

is the legal limit under the Order. In consideration of the neighbours who have suffered and who continue to suffer the considerable loss of amenity resulting from the activities on this overcrowded site, not least the hazardous on-street parking required for the multiple households, Councillors urge that the ancillary living accommodation is removed by virtue of the refusal of this application.

Planning – 5 Prescott Drive

Objections were raised to the Application for Erection of 1 dwelling for the following reasons:

- 1 The application seeks to impose on a well-established and pleasing coherent development pattern a cramped and overcrowded site at odds with the neighbouring dwellings.
- 2 The congested nature of the proposal site leaves no option for parking or turning once the minimal provision of two car parking spaces is taken up. Consequently, access and egress from the proposal site could not both be made in a forward gear, posing highway risk. The parking constraint on the host dwelling would be equally constrained, with multiple vehicles having to park in line and unable to enter and leave the site in a forward gear.
 - 3 The proposed new access is over the turning hammerhead at the end of this single-track road. Given the barely adequate parking provision as proposed, this access will serve to cause frequent loss of the turning facility as vehicles park there. Subsequent reversing down Prescott Drive and back to the busy junction with Wetherden Road is a dangerous manoeuvre.
 - 4 The suggestion from the Fire Service that a sprinkler system be fitted to compensate for the fact that inadequate access provision would make their attendance at the site problematic highlights the serious shortcomings in the highway approach to the proposed dwelling.
- 5 The proximity of the proposed new driveway to the SW corner and to the South elevation of No 5 Prescott Drive reduces the amenity of the existing dwelling to an unacceptable extent. Further, the reduction in rear garden allocated to No 5 under this proposal is unacceptably detrimental to the enjoyment of the host dwelling.

Planning – Spinnakers, Ashfield Road

Objections were raised to the Application for a dwelling on this site for the following reasons:

In its original iteration, Councillors counselled refusal on the grounds that the proposal sought to create a dwelling of a height and orientation that, given the fenestration to the eastern elevation, would seriously impinge on the amenity of the adjacent dwellings at Hedgehogs and Treeview by way of overlooking. In this rural context it was considered that the overbearing

nature of the proposed dwelling and the intrusion into the privacy of neighbours was unacceptable. The revised application quite clearly makes the situation much worse in all of these regards. The blatant re-design from a large 1½ storey dwelling to a substantially taller 3 floored dwelling reinforces the original objections and Councillors urge that the original plans and elevations, as permitted, should maintain.

Planning- land east of Borley Crescent

Objections were raised to the approval of Reserved Matters on the Permission already granted for 60 dwellings for the following reasons:

The consultations prior to the Outline Permission being granted found considerable favour in light of the overall pattern of house types which sought to accommodate the needs of a neglected demographic in the community by including 16 bungalows. Despite other reservations, the Parish Council and the community at large were supportive of this element of the proposal. It was profoundly shocking to many residents when, in consultation on the Reserved Matters application, the allocation of plots for bungalows had been reduced to just 2. In discussion with the Parish Council there was a grudging concession that the number of bungalows be increased to 4.

This submission has reverted, once again, to just 2 bungalows. Apart from the clearly identified need for bungalow accommodation in the community, it was always considered that the strain on the highways infrastructure, given an access which spurs off from an existing large housing estate, would be reduced by the pattern of occupancy that the prevalence of bungalows would present. Resiling on this clear promise to the host community is an unacceptable and arguably disingenuous tactic. Elmswell Parish Council urges rejection of the application for approval of Reserved Matters unless and until this glaring mis-match is addressed.

Planning-land south of Field View,

Ashfield Road Objections were raised to the application for 6 dwellings for the following reasons:

- 1 The site is significantly beyond the Settlement Boundary of Elmswell which is set to restrict unnecessary encroachment into the surrounding countryside.
- 2 As such it fails to meet any of the exceptions criteria as defined in the Local Plan and which relate to the needs of the countryside.
- 3 It similarly fails to fulfil any of the 3 main objectives for sustainable development as defined in the NPPF, being:
 - 3.1 Economic - recently granted Permissions promise some 458 new dwellings in Elmswell which will not only satisfy the economic viability of existing facilities and services but may well stretch



them unreasonably;

3.2 Social – similarly, with 450+ new family homes at various advanced stages of the Planning process or being built-out, there is no imperative to invite further growth as sustainability is ensured;

3.3 Environmental – the proposal seeks to obliterate a key green buffer between the main body of the village and the very separate and clearly defined small clusters of development to the North along Ashfield Road.

4 This application is for strip development along a rural road into Elmswell. On both sides there are trees, mature hedges, fields and, to the East, grazing animals. It clearly cannot make a claim that it does not extend into the open countryside, neither is it within an existing settlement pattern. It is out of place in a rural context which has great value for Elmswell 'as-is' and Elmswell as it is set to become under current development pressures. It represents an unwelcome and brutal incursion on an attractive

street scene in the open countryside.

5 In summary, Councillors consider this to be a most unwelcome and unnecessary intrusion into the countryside with no redeeming features which might make it sustainable in Planning terms.

Grant Aid Once a year, in October, Council considers applications made by external charitable bodies for grant aid. The Meeting agreed that £100.00 be granted to each of the British Legion Poppy Appeal, East Anglian Children's Hospices, Headway Suffolk, Suffolk Accident Rescue service, Suffolk Age UK and the Mid Suffolk Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Village map
For some time the project to create a street & footpath map of the village has struggled to keep up with the increasing numbers of new developments which continue to change the streetscape and Rights of Way routing. The meeting agreed to engage Messrs Imagesbyhand of Diss to produce a hand-drawn digitised map which they undertake to update for the next 3 years as part of a £500.00 package. This can then be used to create print-outs in various sizes and formats,

including one for public display at Crown Mill, smaller versions for reference in the Post Office, Library and local shops as well as leaflet versions with the emphasis on the footpaths.

Post Office
The Chairman confirmed that he will continue to pursue the matter of the recent drastic reduction in opening hours at the Elmswell Post Office including through Jo Churchill MP, with the company which holds the licence to operate as Sub Postmaster and with other local communities who have dealt with the same problem in the past.

Next Meeting
The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 19th November 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 elmswell.suffolk.cloud, 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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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.

November 2018

- Over 55's club "Hot Dogs" with entertainment by Ian Vickery
- Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm. A talk and demonstration by Rolles of Elmswell Butchers.
- Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Graham Higgins The Real Robin Hood
- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Kelvin Dakin: "The History of local company, FISON'S" *December tickets on sale*
- Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Jen Larner Circle dancing
- Over 55's club Bingo
- "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- ELF coach trip to London from Memorial Library 8.15am leave London 6.00pm
- Exchange Club Mr Parfitt plus raffle
- Gardening Club 7.30pm Blackbourne AGM + club event
- Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- Over 55's club Festive Concert by Jubilee Singers Open Evening
- "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- ELF wine tasting Portuguese wines with Bob Stopp
- Elmswell Bingo, doors open 6.30 pm eyes down 7.30 pm

December 2018

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

2019

January 2019

- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker John Orbell: "Bury's Corn Exchange, past and present"
- Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday

February 2019

- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Sarah Doig: "The Story of East Anglian Almshouses"
- Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday

March 2019

- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Miriam Stead: "Tea for the British, with a little twist of Suffolk"
- Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday

April 2019

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

May 2019

- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Richard Young: "Bury's Victorian Observatory" *July tickets on sale*

June 2019

- Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Claire Gapper: "Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk" *July tickets on sale*

July 2019

- Elmswell History Group - 7pm Annual Outing to Suffolk Police Museum, Martlesham Tickets from 01359-242601

FOOTPATH WALK

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

SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER
beginning at 11.00 am from
the village sign.

Open to all comers & led by
Footpath Officer Dick Burch

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

*Dogs on leads welcome -
stout shoes recommended*

And don't forget at the Library...

- Baby Bounce / Tot Rock Fridays at 9.45
- Lego Club Sundays 11.00 - 12.00
- Knit & Natter Wednesday 21st Nov. at 10.00am

Plus...

- Ancestry Group is back trace family histories...ring for dates
- Books for sale as donated from the community
- Our ELF (Elmswell Library Friends) events as listed on 17th & 30th this month
- Our on-line resources - all free, with help & advice from staff.

...and we're open

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 - 1 & 2 - 7
Wednesdays & Fridays 2 - 5
Saturday 10 - 1
Sunday 10 - 3

Tel: 240974



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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