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The Elmswell Newsletter

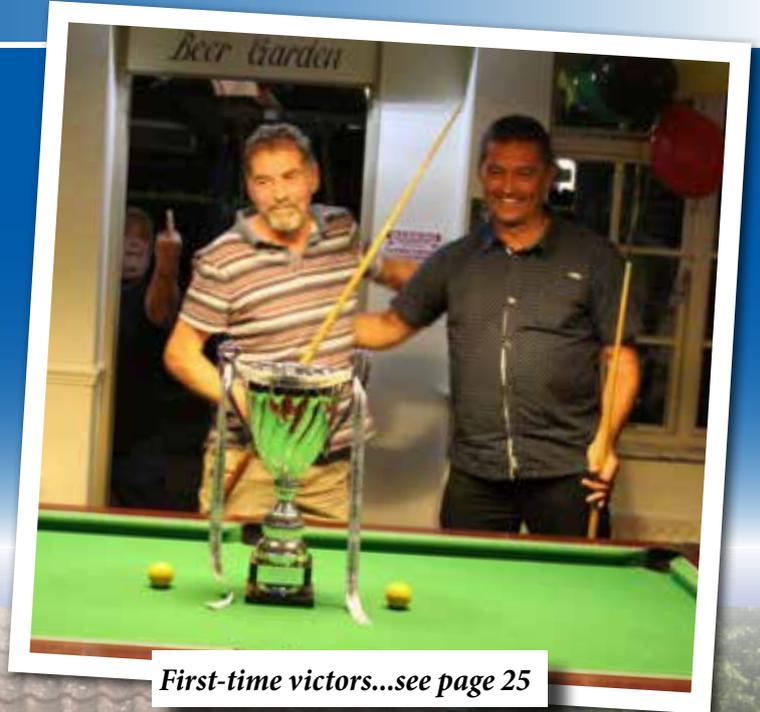


Thirty years of Parish Record... all the Community News...

October 2018



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ELMSWELL WINNERS ALL



Promotion in their first season, see page 24

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Either one, or possibly both, of our readers will know well our claim to chronicle the passing years fairly thoroughly. In 1983, the newly-elected Parish Council started the ball rolling with an 8-page typed A4 Roneo (google it?) 'NEWSLETTER' publication.

Here we were informed that a Solicitor was to be instructed towards acquiring land for a village playing field (as we didn't have one...long story...) and, do stop us if you've heard this one, there was an appeal because, 'cars are being parked on pavements', that we 'PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY'.

But some of what we read there suggests that, as one might have expected, things other than parking habits have changed in the intervening 35 years. Prompting a line of thought regarding the next 35 years and whether, in 2053, the community reflected in the Newsletter pages, if Newsletter pages there be, will bear much resemblance to October 2018.

In 1983, our village allotments cost £3.00 or £2.00 per year, depending on size. Today that's £26.00 or £19.00. In 2053? We suggest that a 3 bedroomed house on Allotment Close will cost some £942,000.00 and the total garden area across the whole estate will equate to one of today's larger allotments. There will, as compensation for the loss of our plots, be the Allotment App where virtual veg. can be cultivated using virtual tools and virtually no energy need be expended.

In 1983 the Newsletter carried a whole section devoted to, 'Ballroom Dances', in the Village Hall. The Cricket Club, Football Club and Playing Field Fund all held such events costing from £3.50 per ticket which bought you an evening with, 'The Doug Pitt Band,' (other bands were available) including a buffet made by the members' wives. The current edition of your magazine does contain a dance - see page 20 - but it is the first, and possibly last, such event this year. However, there is, they tell us, ballroom dancing on the television and in 2053 the thrill of swirling sequined splendour will be a virtual reality treat guaranteed to save all that effort spent turning the telly on.

In 1983 there was a youth club where, on 17th October, 80 young people enjoyed a disco which, in tandem with a sponsored walk, was held to raise money to buy a pool table. We now have 2 pool tables and no youth club, but pool thrives as seen on page 25, so there is hope that the game will survive to 2053, possibly to be played on line.

In our village 35 years ago there were opportunities to get together in the Village Hall, the Wesley Hall, the Library and the School. Getting-together opportunities were afforded by groups such as The Busy Bees, Dog Training Classes, the Playgroup, Upholstery Classes, Women's Own, The Slimming Club, Boys' Brigade and the Over 60's. Today we have a new library, the Wesley facilities awaiting radical refurbishment, the Church Room at St John's and Blackbourne. What all of these venues have in common is that they were not, in their present form, or in the case of Wesley in the form that's soon to come, around until recently. With drive and foresight the community has evolved, and continues to develop, venues and facilities to accommodate the population growth and the

very different community drivers that have allowed today's social infrastructure to blossom. The Village Index inside our front cover lists some 30 village organisations and there are many unlisted activity groups meeting regularly...the pressure has been visibly increasing year-on-year and doesn't look set to let up any time soon.

Unfortunately, a few well-meaning locals working to organise and enthuse and entertain us are a mere David against the Goliaths of population pressures and 'progress'. The Parish Council pages' narrative, both this month and for many months past, is one of a largely hopeless fight for recognition of the fact that people need places to go, things to do, shops to use, schools to attend, and a road network that can make it all do-able. On our behalf the questions are asked:

Q If an industrial estate is built at the end of Warren Lane (permission already granted) and 149 houses are to be built on Haughley Park ('consultation' begun), where will the traffic go to head towards Bury?

A Up Warren Lane and down Church Road to the roundabout

Q If Lawn Farm Quarry is given permission (application currently being considered) to expand its operations right up to the edge of the new 240-house development (permission granted) at Wetherden Road, will there be conflict between noisy, dusty industrial activity and the peaceful enjoyment of the neighbours?

A Yes, but only for the 30+ years of the 'Permission to extract'.

Q How many more houses can Elmswell be expected to take before it is accepted that the roads can't safely bear any more traffic?

A Depends on how clever the developers are at suggesting 'mitigation' measures (such as traffic light on Church Hill).

We have grown and prospered in the past. We are still lucky to have energetic, able, skilled and gifted individuals within our community driving things forward and fighting our corner. But it might be unreasonable to think that we can emerge from the current land-grabbing maelstrom as the Elmswell we have right now.

Note to future Editors:
Run this piece again in 2053.



Something Old into Something New

Two of the original Victorian single-ended pews from the Wesley chapel purchased by an Elmswell resident who has skilfully produced a fine new double-ended seat to last for many more years.

Your Newsletter Fact File

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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

We shall be holding another exhibition of art during the weekend of 27th and 28th October at the Wesley Hall. All works shown will be original pieces by local artists. The feedback we have had from previous shows was extremely positive with comments such as, "I am amazed at the extremely high standard achieved", and, "what a wonderful variety of paintings on show, truly magnificent and inspiring." This year's show will be of a similar high order with a fantastic range of subjects and materials used. Domestic and wild animals, landscapes, scenery, boats, buildings and abstract designs, in a variety of media. Only paintings created by our club members will be displayed, most of which can be purchased. Even where pictures have already been sold members are happy to take on commissions. As the Christmas season is almost upon us, an original unique painting would make a really interesting and unusual present for someone special. We shall have a range of cards and bookmarks together with unframed pictures at very attractive prices. Open from 10am until 4pm.



Admission is free and tea and coffee and light refreshments will be available, including gluten free. A raffle will be held with a variety of prizes. Our chosen charity is the British Heart Foundation. We look forward to seeing you there.

John Welford 01359 240166

Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley.



"It's not what you look at that matters it's what you see."

Henry David Thoreau

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club visited Southwold. We were fortunate to enjoy a sunny, warm but breezy day. Some members decided to alight in the town, and after coffee and some retail therapy found that someone had moved the pier as they walked towards it!

Others enjoyed choosing the beach hut they would purchase if they won the lottery and had a delicious lunch on the pier.

Our thanks to Anice for organising the trip.

Our speaker at the next meeting is Rob Parker speaking about butterflies.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

The display of our group's researches into Elmswell's WW1 Aerodrome at last month's ElmsFest gained lots of interest and comment from a wide variety of visitors, so many thanks are due to all who helped on our stall that afternoon. (See picture of stand at Elmsfest right)

There will be another opportunity to see the display about our research at an exhibition which is to be held in St John's Church on 6th – 10th November. The exhibition will be 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

Saturday 10th 11am-3pm and then on Sunday 11th the Remembrance service will be at 10.30am; the Church will remain open until 3pm that afternoon. Refreshments will be available.

At our **September** meeting we were pleased to once again welcome Mark Mitchels, whose subject was 'Edward Fitzgerald and the Woodbridge Wits'.

Apparently Edward Fitzgerald was 'eccentric and not likeable' being obsessed and selfish. He was one of eight siblings and was born on 31 March 1809. The family home was Bredfield House, just outside Woodbridge; his father was John Purcell, but Edward changed his name to Fitzgerald. He moved to Wherstead Lodge, where he spent his time boating on the River Orwell and later lived in Farlingaye Hall and for the last thirty years of his life at Boulge Hall.

Edward spent his student days at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he met Thackeray and Tennyson.

On his return to the Woodbridge area he became friends with three cultured men who lived locally – Revd George Crabbe (son of the poet of the same name), Thomas Churchyard, an artist and solicitor and Bernard Barton a Quaker poet and bank clerk.

These men were given the nick name 'The Woodbridge Wits' by Fitzgerald and they enjoyed huge meals and evenings of literary discussion. It was around this time that Fitzgerald learned Persian, which led to him translating the 15th Century poem 'The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam'. The 158 verses of 4 lines were about Omar, the Tent Maker. The verses were



translated into English style poetry and although not at first being popular it later became a best-seller around the world.

Edward Fitzgerald died suddenly and peacefully aged 74 on 14 June 1883.

He is buried in the graveyard at Boulge Church, but not in the family mausoleum.

On **11th October** we look forward to the visit of Mervyn Russen who will speak about 'The First Railway to Ipswich and Beyond.' The meeting will as usual be in the Wesley Hall at 7.30pm

December's tickets £3 for members and £5 for visitors will be on sale at the October and November meeting. Please note that this will be an advance-purchase ticket-only event, with *no tickets available on the night*. We shall be entertained by a trio of folk musicians 'The Penland Pheezants', telling in words and music the 'True story of Hereward the Wake of Ely'. Seasonal refreshments will be available.

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

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon) W.I.

A step back in time for all our members at our September get together.

We welcomed Linda Sexton from Ipswich who introduced us to **Miss Grimwade and The Girls of Hope House**. Harriet Grimwade was from a prominent Ipswich family who owned businesses in the town. Her father Edward and his brother were great philanthropists in the Borough. Harriet, like many spinsters of that era, concentrated on what was known as "good works". **She also supported the Ipswich Women's Suffrage Society**. Hope House was initially founded in Church Street, with support from her father and his colleagues. **This was principally for women living a "wicked and immoral life"**. It was based on strict Christian principles. Several years later it was decided to change the home to an orphanage for motherless girls. A new building was constructed in Foxhall Road, designed by William Eade. They employed a Matron and a School Teacher. The girls made all their own clothes and were taught all the skills necessary to "keep house". Essentially, they were trained for service. Harriet and her team of ladies formed the management group with Harriet raising all the funds, something she excelled at. The home ran successfully until the beginning of World War 11 when it was closed and used to house Land Army Girls. It is now residential apartments. Harriet herself died in 1893 so her dedication to Hope House did continue for quite some years afterwards. It is said that the girls were always treated kindly and not sent out to work until they were sixteen. Unusual then. An interesting journey into local Suffolk history. Linda was an interesting and articulate speaker who certainly knew her subject. Her husband joined her to help with all the equipment but I noticed she spent the afternoon in a quiet corner doing the crossword. Poor man has probably heard the talk hundreds of times.

Our competition was An Item of School Memorabilia. We had so many. Linda gave first place to Sylvia Walton with an excellent photo plus her school badge. Second was Dot with an interesting album and third Florence with her old school photo which, like many then, was about three feet long !!! Well done to them.

Next month, our friend Mr. Parfitt returns to us with a photographic journey through The Isle of Skye with a highland games included. We won't be wearing track suits, however.

Guests and new members are always welcome - contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033 for details.



Hope House Orphanage, Ipswich, early 1900s. © Peter Higginbotham



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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



For those who have not noticed the 'splendiferous' flower display on Elmswell railway station; have a look at how beautiful it has been this year. Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the tubs in tip-top condition throughout this difficult summer.



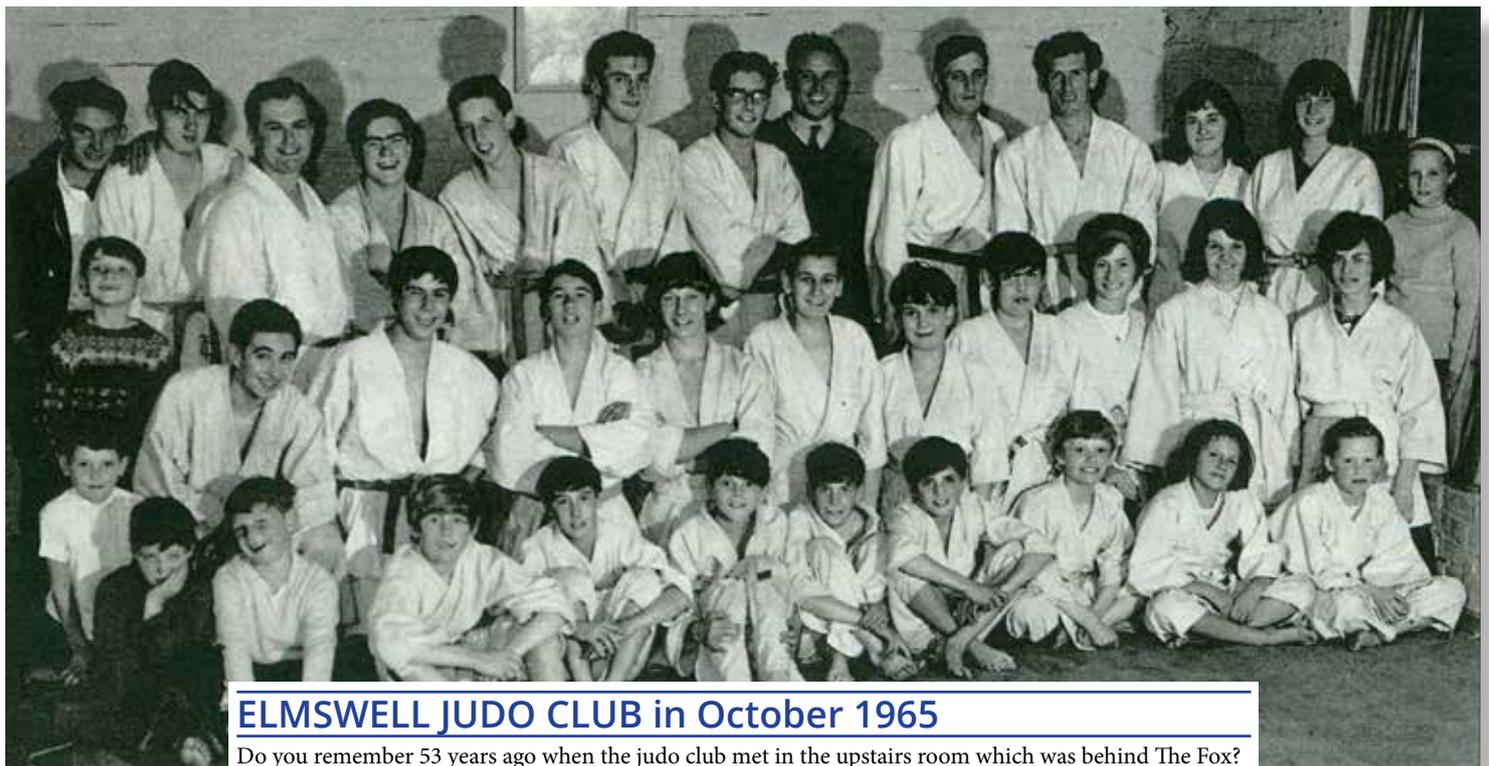
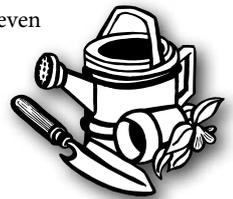
Also we had lots of interest in our stall at *Elmsfest* with prizes and plants galore flying off our table. Well done everyone, both Gardening Club helpers and also visitors who made our stall such a success.



It was lovely to see so many members at our first meeting of the autumn season and were delighted to welcome the return of Matthew Tanton-Brown from 'The Place for Plants' Centre. This is a specialist garden centre with many unusual plants and trees not available in other nurseries. As Matthew staggered into the Blackbourne with numerous pots it seemed that half his nursery was piled on our tables. His talk was about getting autumn colour into our gardens this September. He divided the plants into two groups – those which thrived best in moist, shady conditions and those which preferred dry and sunny spots. In the first category he held up the tall bush, '*Aronia*', also known as the choke berry bush, which, although deciduous, has good autumn colour with red/black berries. Apparently, choke berries are the new superfood. More traditional was the evergreen '*Mahonia - Cabaret*', a compact shrub with bright orange-red flower buds, opening to yellow flowers – a must to brighten winter gardens. Matthew reminded

us of the winter beauty of cornuses. He held up '*Cornus - Midwinter Fire*' which shines out in autumn/winter with 2m tall, bright red/orange stems. Even Moses would have approved of this thick fiery bush. Matthew whirled through an abundance of plants and warned that the common '*Cyclamen - Alba*' with its heart-shaped leaves, originates from Turkey and, therefore, is best in dry shade preferring not to have damp roots. After showing over 30 plants he held up a semi-evergreen shrub '*Abelia - Grandiflora*' covered in fragrant, pink-flushed trumpet-like flowers. Popped into a sunny dry spot *Abelia* will flower from June into late autumn. As Matthew finished his run-through of plants there was a rush by members to check them out in more detail.

Brenda, our Chair, warned that the AGM was in November, and that she, and other committee members were thinking of standing down, so the time has come to '*refresh*' the committee. Our Gardening Club is friendly and inclusive so it would be great to have more volunteers: Brenda would love to hear from you. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 16th October, 7.30pm, at the Blackbourne**, when garden designer and garden consultant to the National Trust, Paul Herrington, will give a talk on **Therapeutic and Healing Gardens**. To coincide with this, the Gardening Club is having our annual competition on the theme '*The Feel-Good Factor*'. So lots of thoughts on what generates happy feelings – even if it's only eating that last piece of chocolate. If you require further information please contact **Nick Chamberlin** on **242601**.



ELMSWELL JUDO CLUB in October 1965

Do you remember 53 years ago when the judo club met in the upstairs room which was behind The Fox? Was it run, as was the Youth Club, by PC Sheppard? 34 members in the photo – were you one of them?

Do, please, share any memories or fill in the details via the Newsletter – eea@elmswell.org.uk

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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

Earlier this week, I woke rather abruptly, and recalled that I had been dreaming about work. I am fortunate in that I rather enjoy my work, but as I then had to go into work that same morning, it did mean that mentally I was working a double shift. I pondered for a while whether I should log the dream sequence as volunteer hours. Ultimately I didn't, but do be assured that my commitment to finding good books for library visitors extends to the subconscious.

On a more serious note, the value of volunteers cannot be overstated. Elmswell library, and Suffolk libraries as a whole, is dependent on volunteers to maintain and extend our services, and be able to respond to the needs of the community. Our activities are run by volunteers, and our Friends of the Library group are volunteers, and their role in raising funds for the library is invaluable.

The Summer Reading Challenge was only possible due to the generous and enthusiastic contribution of so many volunteers. The Ancestry group, the Keep in Touch group, and Baby Bounce is all dependent on volunteer efforts. Clare, our regular Thursday volunteer, helps us keep on top of our shelves and is able to assist people with using their I pads and I phones. We also have secondary students fulfilling their Duke of Edinburgh voluntary commitments through assisting us at the library in various forms.

In short, we continue to flourish because of engagement both in terms of those who use library services, and those who seek to contribute to them. They make the difference between the library as a building with books in it, and the library as a meaningful part of the community.

What's On

The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in the village. Come along to the Fox pub at 10:30am – Wednesday 24th October.

Ancestry Group

Returning from Thursday 13th of September, between 3 – 5pm. Trace your family history.

Baby Bounce / Tot Rock (Fridays 9:45)

Singing for little ones, with their Mums, Dads or Grandparents, loads of adorableness and songs about frogs and bunnies.

Lego Club (11:00 – 12:00 on Sundays)

Come along and build with other children. Loads of bricks. It's a bit crazy, but in a good way.

Knit and Knatter

Once a month group for knitting. Will be meeting on Wednesday 17th of October at 10:00am. Bring your knit and crochet projects!

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.

Elmswell Friends of the Library (The ELF's) are also looking for new members. Occasional meetings and co-ordination of social fundraising events.

Books for Sale

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

Water Bottles

If you have a water bottle and need a top up, just ask library staff and we will be happy to refill it for you.



ELF (Elmswell Library Friends)

Fundraiser – WINE EVENING

Portuguese Themed Wine Evening, Friday the 30th November from 7:30 pm. £12.50 a ticket. Learn about different wines with the expert guidance of Bob Stopp. Tickets from the Library.

ELF (Elmswell Library Friends)

Fundraiser – LONDON COACH TRIP

Saturday 17th November, for £18 per ticket and leaving at 8:15 from the Library. Tickets from the Library.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St John's!

Recently, you might have heard people talking about ...and our advertisements for... Messy Church. But...



What exactly is Messy Church?

Messy Church takes place about once a month at St John's (and was weekly during August!)

It's not limited to Elmswell, you'll find "Messianic Church" in towns, cities and villages all around the world!!!

It's all-age. It's fun. It typically includes songs, jokes, games, crafts, storytelling and eating food together. Every time is different and there's always a chance to enjoy or learn something new. It's a way of celebrating God and being together in a way that is much more informal than a traditional church service.

Will I get messy?

That's up to you! There are always several bible-themed crafts available and always refreshments, so if you happy to get gluey fingers and jam-covered smiles, you'll fit right in :)

Am I too old, or too young, for Messy Church?

No! Not at all. Messy Church is for everybody, not just children. Adults are welcome to enjoy a chat over cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake in the café whilst the craft activities take place. Or why not join in the mess with the rest of us? There is ample pushchair/wheelchair parking. Please note children do need to be accompanied by an adult - children cannot just be dropped off. Thanks!

During the songs, we often have actions and instruments for those who want to get into it or make a joyful noise. If that doesn't appeal, just listen and soak up the atmosphere and enjoy some time to reflect on whatever matters to you.

When can I join in?

The Next Messy Church will be: Friday 26 October 10:30am - 12:30pm (includes light lunch). We hope to also have a Messy Church after school on Friday 16 November. And then at the end of the year, we will be celebrating Christmas Eve in our usual way with Messy Nativity (formerly "I Can't Wait for Christmas") - Monday 24 December 3:30pm.

What else is coming up at St John's?

We have a selection of traditional and familiar services taking place at St John's. All the details of our Sunday services are shown below and why not come along to one of our other upcoming events?

Saturday 6th October 7:00pm

Variety and Spice - an evening of music, comedy, poetry, and refreshments. We suggested a donation of £7 per adult on the night and children are free. There will be refreshments served and lots of laughs!!

Friday 12th October 11.00am to 1.00pm

in the Wesley Hall, School Road. Ladies Lunch Macmillan Coffee Morning. Cakes, raffle, bring and buy. Come support this excellent cause if you can.

Saturday 13th October 10:00am

Ladies Brunch and Beads at St John's. Come join Alison to hear about how she is helping women in Africa sell their hand-made beads and bracelets in Suffolk. There will be delicious refreshments and a chance to purchase some jewellery so please bring your purse :)

Saturday 3rd November 3:00pm

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Saturday 24th November 2:00pm

St John's Christmas Fair at the Blackbourne. This brilliant annual event is a fun few hours for all the family. Please do stop by and support our Christmas Fair!

Sunday 16th December 6:30pm

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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 :)

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Here are our upcoming Sunday services:

Sunday 7th October

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

Sunday 14th October

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Service with speaker from Tearfund

Sunday 21st October

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

Sunday 28th October

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th November

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

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- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 7 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 21 in memory of Ron Comber's Birthday.
- 21 remembering my Mum, Olive Rose Dalton, on her Birthday.
- 24 in loving memory of our Dad, Bernard Booth, born 1914, died 1997.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
- 27 cherished memories of Mary Eveline Skinner on her Birthday. "Remembered with love". Tony & Margaret.
- 27 remembering a very dear aunt on her Birthday, Mary Eveline Skinner. "Cherished Memories".
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Many parts of the world have recently suffered storms and floods or have long been affected by drought so there won't be an abundance of food around. We in this country have once again been blessed with a good harvest even if yields are down in some cases.

We had our Harvest service early this year to fit in with the Scout Group's programme but on Saturday October 13th we are holding another Family Harvest Barn Dance at the Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne at 7pm. This was much enjoyed by those who came last year. Tickets for the Barn Dance are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for under 18's. Please phone Tony or Margaret on 01359 241541, email cockant2@btinternet.com or text on 07784095225. Any surplus funds will be given to Tools with a Mission.

The Ladies Friendship Group meeting for October will have passed by the time you read this, the November meeting is on November 5th when Rolfe of Elmswell will be giving a talk and demonstration of Butchering. Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more. All ladies are welcome

The next Food 'n' Friends is on Thursday October 11th at Midday. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food at a nominal cost. Join the at least couple of dozen men and women who come regularly. Everyone is welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

On Saturday October 20th we have a wedding at the chapel, quite a rare event for us which we are very much looking forward to.

We are grateful to all those who come to preach in our worship each Sunday. Our preachers for the next few weeks are as follows:-

October 7th Stephen Spurgeon - Communion

October 14th Stephen Spurgeon - All-Age

October 21st Rev. Barbara Challis

October 28th Stephen Horrex

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It's best to try to resolve problems by speaking with your neighbour, if it's safe to do so. Explain the effect their behaviour is having and ask them to stop. If the problem continues, keep a record of incidents, which will come in handy if you decide to take the matter further.

A mediator may help you and your neighbour find a solution. If you're a council or housing association tenant, they may have their own mediator you can use. If not, you'll need to find one yourself and pay a fee.

Ask your neighbour's landlord to speak to them on your behalf. If your neighbour lives in social housing, their landlord should have a policy for dealing with antisocial behaviour.

If the landlord can't help, or you don't know who it is, your council might be able to. Visit its website for information on the types of complaint it deals with.

If you've tried everything but the problem persists, ask for a Community Trigger. The council might work with the police and others to create an action plan. As a last resort, you can go to an ombudsman if you're unhappy with how your council or social landlord has handled it.

If your neighbour becomes threatening or violent, you should tell the police.

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ELMSWHEELIANS 2018

Friday 7th September was not the best of days weather-wise cloudy, very windy, and always the threat of rain. And this was the day we had chosen for our last evening ride of the year.

Our ride that took us out of the village via Church Hill, and on to Tostock Green, Norton, Thurston Great Green, and our turn-around point, Pakenham Street. Then it was home via Thurston, Beyton Green, Drinkstone Park, Woolpit Street, Kiln Lane, and back into the village along Warren Lane. The ride ended in time-honoured tradition at "The Fox" for some well-earned refreshment.

All in all, a really enjoyable ride - the wind was not as troublesome as feared, the rain stayed away, and we were all home safely before the shortening evening light started to fade.

In total we cycled 15.5 miles.

Future Rides :

Sunday 21st October (starting at 11.00 a.m. - 15 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.

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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Apple Day

For the first time ever it rained on Apple Day! So we were very pleased that so many people braved the weather and came to enjoy the activities and stalls anyway. There was plenty to see and do: the treasure hunt and poetry walk in the orchard, a variety of challenging games (Splat the Rat and Chicken Chucking, of course) and more stalls than ever before. Local crafts were well represented, with mosaics, stained glass, and lots of hand carved wooden products on offer. We also had bric-a-brac, books, sweets, and several tombolas, while the children were kept busy making things with Messy Church and Street Farm Nursery. There was food, too – lovely local honey, chutneys and jams. The unseasonal cold meant that hot drinks were much in demand – very ably supplied by the ladies from Trefoil Guild, along with a delicious range of cakes and savouries.

There was a steady stream of visitors to our Apple Information stall, many with samples of fruit from their own trees. By the end of the afternoon we had no less than 40 samples to send off to the experts at the Suffolk Traditional

Orchards Group for further investigation and Identification. We'll pass on the results as soon as they are to hand. It's great to see such interest in local orchards and fruit trees.

A huge thank you to everyone who put on the waterproofs and came to Lukeswood (thereby proving the wise adage that there's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing...). Also to all our loyal stall-holders and to the hard-working Trefoil Guild for keeping everyone well-supplied with refreshments. It was a lovely day, despite the showers, and everyone had a great time. Come back next September – it will be our tenth Apple Day at Lukeswood! – when no doubt normal service will resume and it will be a lovely sunny day. While we can't guarantee good weather, we can guarantee a good time!

Fungi Foray, Saturday 13 October, 10.00-12.00

Our first ever Fungi Foray will take place at Lukeswood on Saturday 13 October. If you're always spotting some interesting looking toadstools and wonder what they might be, this is the event for you. We're very pleased that the County Recorder for fungi will be joining us to lead this walk around Lukeswood to lend us his expertise. What will we find? Last year underneath the birch trees there were some splendid Fly Agaric – the one that looks like a toadstool out of a Disney animation – but the weather has been so strange this year that we don't know what to expect. Come and join us – everyone welcome! There will be refreshments, too.

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Val welcomed our speaker, Mandy Wild, whose talk for the evening had the intriguing title: "How to Look Good in a Bin Bag!" Some us thought that it could be about ways of making cheap fancy dress outfits. However, Mandy proceeded to explain how to look your best, according to your body shape.

She described all the main body types by relating them to simple shapes: round, hourglass, rectangle, square, triangle and inverted triangle. Then she told us how to work out which shape we each have, according to the proportions of the body. Of course, very few of us had a perfect hourglass figure, except for Di, who very bravely stood up in front of everyone, whilst her shape was discussed! Other members with different shapes also stood up and Mandy advised them how "to draw attention to their best features and disguise their worst." This may be done by the strategic use of scarves, belts or necklaces, which direct the gaze of the onlooker. The colours and patterns of fabrics and where they are worn, also have an effect.

Afterwards, Val told everyone about our Elmsfest stall, which was very successful. Due to the many generous donations of jars, we decided to run another stall at Lukeswood Apple Day, 22.9. Anna is now feeling well enough to hold one of her Scrabble afternoons, which will be 25.9. Sylvia Walton won the Dennis Rose Bowl competition for her flower arrangement with a book theme. Well done Sylvia!

Our speaker for October is Jane Martin from the Red Cross, who will tell us all about old medicinal remedies, which should be very interesting...

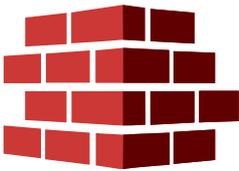
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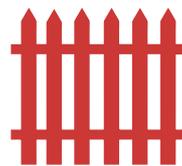
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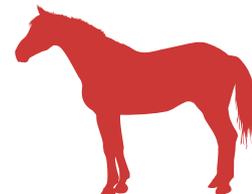
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What a busy month we have had at toddlers! During our sessions this month craft activities have been decorating many walls and fridge's across the village! Our highlight of September was an outing to Lukeswood where we were busy nature crown decorating and had a colour treasure hunt. After a snack under the shelter it was off to find the tractor we could hear and we couldn't resist picking some blackberries, most of which disappeared from tubs before we had even left! If you've never visited Lukeswood it's a lovely little gem hiding on the left of Church Road, as you head out of the village towards the A14.



After weeks (months!) of organising, meetings and many cups of tea! The Nearly New Sale was another huge success, which is a big part of our funding towards the running costs of the group, the outings we go on and the parties we hold. We thank all those that dedicate their time to help with the sale both on the day and behind the scenes. We especially thank Pennie, who after setting up and running the sale for 6 years feels it is time for her to step down and Nicki is stepping up to take the helm to continue the running of the Nearly New Sale.

After 4 crazy, craft filled, memory making years

me and Eloise have left Elmswell Baby & Toddler Group as she is now a "grown-up school girl" (her words).

I can still remember my first session at the group and the nerves that I felt walking to Wesley Hall. It took me 9 months to pluck up the courage to go with all the usual worries that new parents are concerned about. What if no one talks to me? What if Eloise screams the whole time? What if everyone is cliquy? All my fears were quickly dispersed before I reached the door when Louise realised I was heading to the group and was obviously new. She took me in and introduced me to everyone and held Eloise while I filled in the starter forms. That was that and I was a member.

It was so easy to integrate into the group everyone was so warm and welcoming and soon Eloise was crawling off being independent allowing me to get to know other Mums. Friendships soon bloomed for both of us and I can honestly say we have both made some friends for life!

After a few months I noticed that people were mucking in to clear the table after snack, putting the chairs and tables away and sweeping the floor so my offer of help was snapped up straight away. Claire soon realised that I was getting involved and pounced at an opportune moment to ask me to join the committee. An opportunity I readily accepted and so I became more involved with the group helping to set up, pack up and help with behind the scenes things that needed organising to keep the group running.

We have had so many adventures with the group from days out locally such as Needham Lakes and further afield such as Roar Dinosaur Adventure, Spooky Halloween parties, amazing glittery (but messy) crafts, sensory play, learning new songs, Christmas Parties with a visit from Santa, Easter Egg hunts. Such wonderful memories I shall cherish forever.

I have watched so many children grow up in front of me, said goodbye to many as they moved on to school and watched just as many Mums return with second and third children. I was even involved in a group chat that made a pregnant Mum laugh so much it brought on labour!

All I can say is that if you are sitting at home wanting to go but a little bit afraid don't be! you will have the same mad capped, adventures that we have had.

Thank you so much to all my friends at Elmswell Baby & Toddler Group for sharing our journey with us and I hope the group continues to flourish and grow.

Donna Hughes has now taken over the position of Chair and I am sure she will make a wonderful job of it but she will always need help running the group so don't be shy grab the broom and sweep the floor or put a table away!

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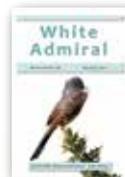


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Since our last report we have been entertained by "The Old Codgers" who are a group of three gents who enjoy playing their accordions with plenty of sing along music to join in with.

This was followed on September 20th by our "Harvest Supper" when we enjoyed a splendid meal prepared and served by the committee supervised by Diann

Our special thanks must go to Charlotte who after the meal spent the rest of the evening in the kitchen doing the washing up.

Our entertainment took the form of "A piece of cake" (Ukulele Band) when 15 musicians entertained the audience for over an hour.

By the time the October Newsletter lands on your mat we will have been to Felixstowe for our visit to "The Hut" for fish and chips etc (more news next time).

On October 18th we welcome Stowmarket Concert Band which is an OPEN EVENING being held in the Jubilee Hall commencing at 7 30pm

The meeting on Nov 1st will no longer feature Ian Vickery there will be a short talk on Alzheimer and Dementia Care followed by "Hot Dogs"

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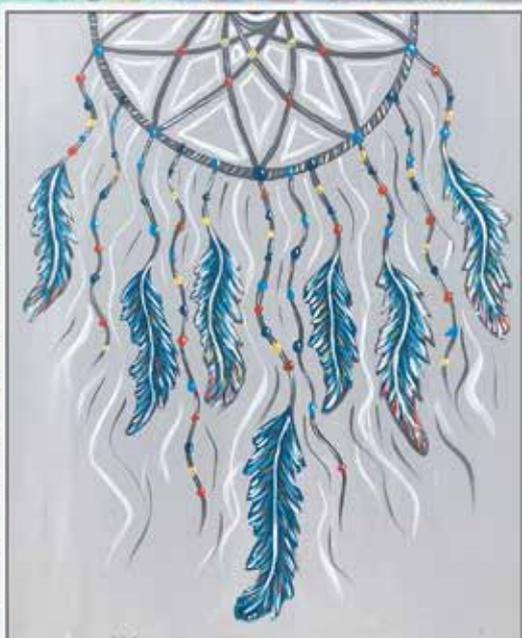
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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Early in the season we were surprised and rather pleased to find ourselves sitting at the top of the league. We hadn't given it much thought, really, as we were pre-occupied with just getting the club up and running and, anyway, we realised that it didn't mean too much, nice as it was. Then results continued to go our way and, slowly, the realisation that we might, possibly, be Division Champions began to take hold. We built up quite a substantial lead which was slowly whittled away as the season drew to a close but we remained in top spot. We finished our fixtures a week before the season ended and held our club dinner on the final day of the season while our only Championship rival, St Botolphs, played their final fixture. This they duly won to pip us at the narrowest of margins, exactly one half of a point, and knock us off our perch for the first time, just

when it mattered most! Had we been offered second spot and promotion at the start of the season I am sure we would have grabbed it with indecent haste but, as it was, we were actually a little disappointed. Division 2 for us next year, then, when I think it will be a case of survival rather than the dominance of this year. Our games won to games lost ratio will be turned on its head and there will be more of those muted drives home from away matches than we have become used to. The brilliant team spirit that we have developed this year will be invaluable next season and I am certain that we will give a good account of ourselves.

We thoroughly enjoyed our day at Elmfest and would like to thank and congratulate Mike and Chris, the organisers and their band of helpers.

Our target game was busy all afternoon and we managed to make many friends and a little money and to provide an entertainment that many enjoyed. The adults competition unearthed some rare talent – Bill, an Elmswell man, scored with all his first 4 woods to register 110 points and the Kerry took it to 125 which was then equalled by Paul and then finally surpassed by Pauline for Old Newton, who scored 160. The youngsters competition was lead initially by Theo, with 75, then Harrison rattled up 100 points, Toby upped it to a creditable 120 only to be edged out by Charlie with 125, for which he will receive a crisp, new £5 note. I will be in touch, Charlie, well done.

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ELMSWELL'S GOLF CHAMPION 2018

A long-standing annual event at Stowmarket Golf Club is the competition for the best golfer living in Elmswell. This year's winner was James O'Doherty, from a field of 31, seen here being presented with the trophy by last year's winner, Stuart Harland. Irene Overman was the 'first lady'.



James O' Doherty (right) receiving the trophy from 2017 Champion Stuart Harland

First Lady
Irene
Overman



ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL September Report

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The Ordinary September meeting took place on 17th at The Blackbourne with 10 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Mrs Sarah Mansel and 9 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 meeting on 16th July, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

District Council

Cllrs Mrs Sarah Mansel confirmed that Mid Suffolk have recently announced that they currently have a 6+ year housing land supply. However, at the recent planning appeal hearing for development on Green Road Woolpit the applicant gave a figure of 3.4 years and the planning consultant for MSDC was giving a figure of about 5.5 years. The decision on this appeal is expected to be made in October. Full Council received the annual report from CIFCO Capital Ltd. which is a borrow-to-invest financial vehicle much criticised including by Elmswell Parish Council. Part of the report is commercially sensitive and hence private but the public part is available on the MSDC website <https://babergmidssuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s11215/MC1814.pdf>. To date 6 purchases have been made in the 'core' and 'core-plus' categories and about half the funds have now been invested. The reserved matters application for 240 houses either side of Wetherden Road was considered at planning committee on 1st August. The committee decided to defer the application for improved road layout and parking arrangements. It was then due to be determined on 29th August but was deferred again as the applicant had submitted new information a few days earlier and the officers need time to respond.

BWMA

The Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association manages these major community resources on Council's behalf. Secretary Peter Edmonds reported that Alan Wilkinson of KLH Architects is appointed to take forward the Wesley refurbishment following the exhaustive assessment process undertaken by the Parish Councillors asked to make the decision. Members comments and observations have been well noted and they will receive regular progress reports with the opportunity to make further comments and suggestions throughout the process. Meanwhile, possible alternative venues, as necessary, are being assessed for use by Wesley user groups during the probable 6-month + minimum build time. All hirers, including those at the Blackbourne, will be involved in these adjustments and asked to co-operate with any such necessary temporary arrangements. Peter Hancock's detailed and professional costing of the planned expansion of storage and office space at Blackbourne is now to hand and the Parish Council is soon to determine the way forward.

Responsibility for the re-instatement of the storm-damaged Jubilee roof remains as a matter of negotiation between Council and the Loss Adjuster.

As feared, the Police response to the recent theft & criminal damage at Blackbourne, caught on CCTV, has been slow and resulted in no action against the perpetrators.

Respective turn-over figures to-date for the Blackbourne and the Wesley stand at £20,622.80 & £3,510.40 respectively. The current bank balance was £62,998.97 and the meeting agreed to transfer £60K to the Council in the hope that they may utilise it to begin the storage expansion / Wesley schemes as soon as is practicable. Ashley Seaborne has, once again and entirely independently from the Committee, spent time at the office with access to all records relating to the Blackbourne / Wesley booking process and confirmed that, over a range of randomly-selected bookings, he had been able to track each record from the point of booking through to the payment appearing on the bank statement. No cause for concern was found. The Chairman confirmed that any Member was welcome to have full and free access to all of the booking and banking records.

Policing

Scheduled correspondence at the meeting included letters from the Deputy Chief Constable and from the Suffolk Police Branch of Unison regarding the widely reported changes recently made to the, 'policing model', including the reduction in PCSOs from 107 to 48 and offering the chance to fund our own PCSO for £34,000.00 (£37,300.00 with vehicle). The working hours of 8.00am – 6.00pm with no weekend working was, as when last discussed by Councillors, something which made such an offer untenable. Meanwhile, the youths caught on camera and by a witness recently stealing from Blackbourne and carrying out criminal damage there have been identified and their offences linked to further ASB locally. As the main protagonist is currently on bail for the other offences and has moved from the area Council is advised that pursuit of the Elmswell complaint would be fruitless as it would be subservient to other crimes and attract no further punishment. The cost of the damage at Blackbourne (some £200.00) is foregone as the CCTV did not picture the damage being perpetrated, only the results as flaunted by the individual concerned. The investigating officer agrees that this might not have been the outcome some years ago when local

policing was the backbone of just such low level crime in the community.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that The Neighbourhood Plan remains mired in process which itself is blighted by statutory developments, including the revised NPPF and Mid Suffolk's subsequent need to provide a revised Housing Need Figure across the District. This latter number would be key to the basis of the element of the Elmswell Plan as it moves towards a proposed public consultation on the number of dwellings that the community at large would consider reasonable over the Plan period. The data provided by the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment, itself at a final stage of refinement before publication, will need to take account of the new Mid Suffolk targets. This also applies to the proposed aspirational density of the housing which, clearly, then dictates the area of designated sites. Another overarching factor is the decision from the Planning Inspector who sat at Blackbourne for 2 days in August to hear submissions regarding an appeal on a Woolpit proposal which could hinge on the validity of the MSDC claim of having a 5 year+ housing land supply. Should this decision hinge on a rejection of Mid Suffolk's case, the allocation of substantial sites for housing development will continue to be regulated only by the broad-brush constraints of the revised NPPF. Given these very significant moving targets, there can be no quick-fix way forward.

Planning Applications:

Council supported an application ref DC/18/04083 for extensions and a cart lodge at **Kykko** in Warren Lane.

They reiterated their earlier objections to the erection of a dwelling at **The Pastures, Ashfield Road**, ref DC/18/03885 as a second application seemed not to have addressed their original concerns detailed as:

1 The site is situated within the countryside outside of the defined Settlement Boundary without any justification for exception.

Local Plan & Core Strategy policies at H10, CS1 & CS2, together with NPPF (July 2018) para 79 refer.

2 The proposal requires the demolition of what is described as a garage on the block plan. This represents a single storey element of The Pastures, integral with the main dwelling. Councillors consider that demolition of this part of the house to allow the access drive to the new dwelling presents a serious loss of amenity to the host dwelling. By routing all access traffic to the proposed new dwelling between the boundary with



Foxhollies and the South elevation of The Pastures, this proposal would seriously diminish the amenity enjoyed by The Pastures. The front door and adjacent first floor window would be within less than a metre of the traffic path. The first floor window would allow noise and fumes from traffic immediately adjacent.

3 In seeking to achieve a development opportunity, scant regard has been paid to the result in terms of the amenity of The Pastures and that the application should, on these grounds alone, be refused with reference to Local Plan policies GP1, H16, H13, SB2, Core Strategy Policy SB5 and NPPF (July 2018) para. 79.

The Meeting also raised serious objection to a proposal for 149 dwellings to be built at **Haughley Park**, Ref DC/18/03592, citing the following reasons, all referred properly to relevant Policy:

- 1 It is disingenuous to present this proposal as, 'a new rural village'. The application avoids any mention of the infrastructure that a village community needs. Rather it relies entirely upon the surrounding villages to furnish these needs by way of retail access, entertainment, community facilities, educational and medical provision. These resources are overstretched and further threatened by similar off-plan opportunistic developments already permitted, requiring, for example, a new primary school in Elmswell before an influx such as is threatened here can be accommodated.
- 2 Despite this reliance on the already stretched adjacent communities the statement that there are, 'limited benefits in undertaking a public consultation exercise', runs counter to common sense and to the justice that these host villages deserve in light of the considerable imposition upon their stretched resources as is buried within this proposal.
- 3 The site is in the countryside outside of any Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly take place. Exceptions which would support the local economy do not include the opportunistic development of an isolated large housing estate rather than the retention of the employment opportunities which the site offers if redeveloped as a business park or similar, as is happening in the adjacent Warren Farm development.
- 4 The supporting road network will not accommodate the traffic generated by this proposal. Preferred access to A14 Westward will, clearly, be along the old A45 to Warren Lane at Elmswell and thence via Church Road to the roundabout. This requires the use of 2 junctions in Elmswell already identified in the Parish Council's recent independently commissioned professional traffic survey as close to

capacity. The School Road / Church Road junction is already at capacity given the recent granting of permissions in the village for large ad hoc housing estates, just such as proposed here.

The implications for Wetherden and Haughley New Street, already suffering the blight of the expansion of the Lawn Farm Quarry workings, are equally dire.

- 5 NPPF clearly requires that the Planning system should be genuinely Plan led. This proposal is not part of any plan and simply seeks to impose a large, isolated housing estate in the countryside on the basis that this is preferable to empty factory buildings. The emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan is the vehicle which will provide the framework for sustainable rural development. It states that, 'The location of development is a critical determinant on its sustainability and has a significant effect on the extent to which it contributes socially, economically and environmentally.' This chimes perfectly with the strictures of the NPPF. This proposal fails entirely to satisfy any one of the contributory factors listed. It should be referred to a Strategic Planning exercise where the true effects and implications on the hinterland on which it seeks to impose itself can be evaluated and mitigated appropriately.

Borley Crescent

The Meeting considered the recent publicity circulated as public consultation on the proposals for 60 dwellings accessed from Borley Crescent off Blackbourne Road. In advance of a formal consultation opportunity, the Meeting agreed to write to the developer expressing considerable disappointment that the scheme now offers just 4 bungalows rather than the 16 which were shown on the earlier indicative plans. It was considered a significant factor in the consideration given to the original application both on the part of Councillors and of the public at large that the need for single storey accommodation was apparently being addressed and this serious abrogation, although technically proper, removes a crucial element of the proposal. The number of bungalows was a significant factor in the support for what was otherwise seen as an off-plan opportunistic application for housing the need for which the village sees as being difficult to justify in local terms. Councillors sought a reconsideration of this element of the scheme.

Lawn Farm Quarry

In response to 3 applications for variations of the conditions governing this site at the village boundary, it was agreed that strong objections be made in light of the unacceptable breaches of the current operating rules, with specific reference to out of hours working and to the lack of proper wheel washing facilities allowing the deposit of extremely hazardous levels of mud on the access road.

Wesley refurbishment

Councillors Barker, Hawes, Schofield and Mrs Taber were asked to join the Chairman and Clerk and continue as a Task & Finish Panel to work with the recently appointed architect, Alan Wilkinson of KLH Architects, Sproughton, to take the design of the proposed Wesley facilities through to full Planning Application and Building Regs. approval stages.

Post Office

The Chairman confirmed that he had met with Jo Churchill MP and pressed her to pursue the business case which is said to underpin the recent decision to reduce the opening hours at Elmswell Post Office. He has since spoken to the MP's office and will continue to pursue the matter until the facts are published as the basis for a serious debate on the propriety of a move that is causing considerable and growing inconvenience.

Grounds Maintenance equipment

Councillors agreed to buy a heavy-duty ground aerator for use at Blackbourne at a net cost not to exceed £4,900.00. The machine will be used on the football goal mouths and by the Cricket Club as required, but its main benefit will be to the village bowls green which lost the previous machine when the incumbent bowls club opted to play out of the village and took all of their maintenance equipment to Stowupland. By building up a full range of such essential kit, Council looks to avoid any future occasion when the whim of the users can deprive the village of the means to keep its facilities in good condition.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net, on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.



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What's On in Elmswell ?



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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.

October 2018

- 1 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church, Fishermen's Mission with Andy Malcolm
- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Chris Parfitt An Illustrated Visit to The Isle Of Skye (Highland Games Included)
- 4 Over 55's club Felixstowe "The Hut"
- 5 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 6 7:00pm "Variety and Spice" Concert at St John's
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Speaker Jenny Martin British Red Cross
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Mervyn Russen: "The First Railway to Ipswich & Beyond" *December tickets on sale*
- 11 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 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 Staws". Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for under 18's which includes a picnic style supper and unlimited soft drinks. Any profits to Tools with a Mission. Phone 241541 to book your place. All welcome.
- 16 Gardening Club 7.30pm. Blackbourne Talk: Therapeutic and Healing Gardens
- 16 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Speaker Rob Parker - Butterflies
- 18 Over 55's club Stowmarket Concert Band OPEN EVENING
- 19 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 24 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 27/28 Elmswell Art Club exhibition and sale of art by local artists. Admission free.

November 2018

- 1 Over 55's club "Hot Dogs" with entertainment by Ian Vickery
- 5 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church at 7.45pm. A talk and demonstration by Rolofs of Elmswell Butchers.
- 7 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. Graham Higgins The Real Robin Hood
- 8 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Kelvin Dakin: "The History of local company, FISON'S" *December tickets on sale*
- 8 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 St. John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am

- 10 Elmswell Sewing Bee (1:30 - 5:00, Blackbourne) Social sewing group.
- 13 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Jen Larner Circle dancing
- 15 Over 55's club Bingo
- 16 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 17 ELF coach trip to London from Memorial Library 8.15am leave London 6.00pm
- 20 Exchange Club Mr Parfitt plus raffle
- 20 Gardening Club 7.30pm Blackbourne AGM + club event
- 21 Keep In Touch Community Cafe (at the Fox Pub, 10:30am) Social meet for new and established residents of Elmswell
- 29 Over 55's club Festive Concert by Jubilee Singers Open Evening
- 30 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 30 ELF wine tasting Portuguese wines with Bob Stopp

December 2018

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

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January 2019

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

February 2019

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

March 2019

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April 2019

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

May 2019

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

June 2019

- 13 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

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

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.

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