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# The Elmswell Newsletter



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April 2019

## Planning for the future -

## another 75 'much needed' homes



...see centre pages

## Planning for the future 100+ years of bowls in the village and a new season begins

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## It becomes easier by the month to find a suitable picture for our front cover. Or a topic to gently draw to the community's attention on this page. We simply have to wait for the next development proposal to come along.



**Sure enough, this month's featured dish from the menu of Developers' delights takes us back North of the railway line to a site featured and fought over many times since the Bacon Factory closed in 2006. Here, currently in full swing, is the building and selling of 190 homes at 'Kingsbrook Place', a name suggested for its 'feelgood factor and non-aggressive neutrality', by Justin from the Marketing Department. We are now consulted on the idea of tacking another 75 houses on the back end of where the factory stood – near the old settlement tanks where water and pig-processing unspeakables were dealt with. That's 40% more people driving 40% more cars over the crossing and beyond.**

The consultation documents are on our centre pages.

Our keener reader will, no doubt, flick back through their bound bedside companion volumes of Newsletters-through-the-ages and turn up, in July 2016, a very similar document. (*Everyone else can just search, 'Elmswell Newsletter' on line – Ed*) This was the same Planning consultancy presenting equally tempting-looking pictures for a similar proposal at Borley Crescent. A major factor in the 2016 presentation was the, 'housing mix'. Of the 60 dwellings, 16 of them were to be bungalows. There was talk of...'bungalows along the eastern boundary to limit impact'.

Our Parish Council, Mid Suffolk Planners and many residents, fell for it! Bungalows we like! Our ageing demographic demands the flexibility that they offer in terms of allowing us to grow a little older, less capable, slower, but remain in our community. Not everyone likes the care home environment – a bungalow plus visiting carers can provide a valuable alternative. Bungalows fulfil many of the 16 design requirements of the celebrated Lifetime Homes Initiative. But, they don't generate as much profit as houses.

The bungalows got through the Outline Planning stage – this, effectively, simply established the right to build, 'up to 60 dwellings', with a couple of extra controls on road access and broad infrastructure provision. The detail comes as a second application known as, 'Reserved Matters'. This is a much chunkier document with all sorts of design requirements regarding parking, where the bins go, green space etc. and, importantly, house types. It is often presented in light of the developer's 'Viability Assessment', detailing the costs

they have to bear and the reduced scope this imposes on their options. The Reserved Matters Application for Borley Crescent was before the Mid Suffolk Planning Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> March. It specified the allocation of bungalows. There are now to be just 4 bungalows. A reduction of 75% of those promised. Bungalows no longer play a part along the field edge Eastern boundary by way of, 'limiting impact'. They no longer offer Elmswell much needed flexibility for our older neighbours to stay as neighbours.

How can this be?

With apologies to our regular reader, we list again some of the factors that can allow 13 bungalows to disappear at the stroke of a pen:

-  Outline Planning applications are allowed to be too vague;
-  The Government's obsession with more houses regardless of the imposition on the host communities is storing up trouble for the future;
-  The District Council's failure to fulfil the (difficult) requirement that they have a provable supply of houses ready to be built within the next 5 years has allowed developers a virtual free hand;
-  The Parish Council's inability to complete its Neighbourhood Plan because of the overriding factor of the proposed Relief Road which needs some of the aforementioned Mid Suffolk strategic planning to be completed;
-  The very basic fact that, without any limit on the difference Planning Permission makes to the value of land, the whole system is squeezed by crazy land prices and too many corners are cut to put houses within reach of average homebuyers.

There is only one way out in the short term. We have to help ourselves.

An opportunity presents itself. It is in the nature of such things that this is a once-in-a-lifetime chances. But it is a chance that could change the face of Elmswell for ever.

The Railway Tavern pub, plus the land behind, which has Planning permission for another 8 'much needed' houses, is up for sale.

Considering:

-  School Road presents serious traffic problems. The shops there struggle as parking is, at best problematic and at worst impossible...the Fire Station access is vital, but often ignored;

 The Planning permission for the 8 houses has, bizarrely, allowed the narrowing of School Road below the width recommended by Government guidelines for a regular HGV route;

 If the 8 houses are built it leaves just 13 parking spaces for the pub...the sort of constraint that could lead to the pub closing ready to be turned into another much-needed house;

 Elmswell once boasted 11 pubs or beer houses...surely with an anticipated population increase of 48% if our centre-pages become reality and are added to the other looming developments, we can justify the social need for 2 pubs – Thurston can, Woolpit can....

And allowing for:

-  The 'Developers' Contribution' income to the Council from each of the houses built in the next few years (634 and counting);
-  The increased annual Council Tax income from the new households, lessening the tax burden across the community;
-  The number of thriving community owned pubs in Suffolk and across the country;
-  The benefits to the Wesley project – shared parking, play areas etc if the village also owned the Tavern site right next door;
-  The possibility of genuine affordable homes exclusively for Elmswell people - and with no 'right to buy' in the future...we could have some bungalows!

Surely, then:

Our newly elected Parish Council should consider funding, from grants and from borrowing,

-  to buy the Tavern site with a view to establishing a Community Land Trust to build some village-owned affordable housing,
-  refurbishing the pub with a shared play area with the Wesley
-  and provide parking for both community facilities plus the shops?

Or we end up with 8 much needed houses and a pub tastefully converted into another much needed house, traffic chaos and a population of 8,000 with 1 village pub.

Cheers!



## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Tuesday mornings at the Wesley sees Art Club members quietly concentrating on their chosen painting or drawing, together with the subdued hum of conversation in the background. Subjects chosen for painting range far and wide and reflect individual preferences. Conversation covers many disparate subjects but religion, politics and B...t tend to be avoided! House building, traffic and road conditions come up frequently. I wonder why? Once or twice a year Linda Stephenson organises a coach trip out to an exhibition or gallery and at the end of February members were treated to a trip to Tate Britain to see the Burne-Jones exhibition. The Tate was buzzing with visitors and the Burne-Jones collection was absolutely amazing with seven rooms displaying his work including paintings, stained glass and magnificent tapestries. As well as all this, the Tate also houses among its collections works by Turner, Constable, Bacon, Whistler, Herman, Lowry and the pre-Raphaelites and much more. Plenty to see and explore and refreshments were available in two separate restaurants. A successful and enjoyable day was had by all with much to reflect on. Made even better by not having to drive back or struggle onto tubes and trains - the only way to go to London, get someone else to do all the hard work getting you there and back!

The 'snowdrop' painting is by Pat Quick. The photograph is of some of our members outside the Tate.

*John Welford 01359 240166*



*Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley*

### ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Our meetings have continued with a Fish & Chip Supper which was delivered piping hot from Badwell Ash Fish Shop the evening being rounded off with Bingo. On March 21st we held our AGM which was followed by entertainment by Mike Reed and Wendy.

April is looking a busy month firstly with a visit to the Spa at Felixstowe to see "Those were the Days" featuring music from the 50,s and 60,s, On Friday April 5th its off to Llandudno to the "TYNEDALE HOTEL" for a Welsh Weekend featuring plenty of Welsh Food and including a performance by the 40 piece MAELGWN MALE VOICE CHOIR.

Our next meeting on April 18th features entertainment by "Brotherhood" visitors are welcome we start at 7 00pm in the Chamberlin Hall. For any information regarding the club you can contact me on 241002 or Grant on 240943.



*Diann*



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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month we welcomed Mr. Parfitt back as our speaker. This time he shared his experience of Mongolia. This country is bordered by China and Russia and their national hero is Genghis Khan or as he is known in Mongolia Chinggis Khaan.

Mr. Parfitt's trip started in the capital Ulaanbaatar which offered most amenities of modern cities except McDonalds! He then travelled in a four wheel drive to the steppes and slept in a yurt. The National Park is famous for being the home of the Przewalski's horse. At one time extinct in the wild it was reintroduced to its native habitat. Whilst travelling the group came across Nomads still living their traditional way of life. They live in yurts and keep horses, goats, yaks and sheep. Their diet consists nearly entirely of meat and milk. The ladies milk all the

animals twice a day and the group were offered mares milk which I am sure is an acquired taste! In the winter the temperature is between - 40 and -50 so the people are a hardy bunch!

Mr. Parfitt's group then travelled through the Ghobi desert which was a contrast to the steppes. Many camels were seen and some were domesticated. They visited a dinosaur graveyard. They came across more nomads tending goats which produce much sort after cashmere. The children go away to school, Monday to Friday and then go back to their parents who have probably moved on.

We were told that Mongolia is returning to following Tibetan Buddhism. They are receiving help from monks training young men to continue the religion.

Our thanks to Mr. Parfitt for an interesting and informative talk.

The club would like to thank the Elmswell firefighters for their generous donation. It is much appreciated.

On May 21st we are visiting Dunwich followed by a brief visit to a garden centre in Woodbridge. Members are reminded to pay at the April meeting. Any enquiries to Anice.

Our next meeting is on April 16th when we will welcome Mr. Leader. His talk is called 'Round the world in 102 days.'

New members are always welcome.

**Enquiries to Carol 242 884**

## ELMSWELL W.I.

Siobhan and Sarah chaired the meeting and after welcoming everyone, introduced our speakers for the evening. They were Adrian and Lilly from Yum Yum Tree Fudge, a local business based in Thurston.

Lilly originally started making fudge in her own kitchen and because it was so delicious, people were constantly asking her to make more, to give as Christmas presents etc. Eventually it was sold in Thurston Post Office and they kept selling out. This resulted in Adrian and Lilly deciding to create a business and sell their fudge to the wider public. Orders came in thick and fast and they were soon supplying many outlets. They had a stand at the Regents Park Show and even sold fudge at Harrod's for four years, until they were asked to lower their prices.

There are several reasons why Yum Yum Tree fudge is so good: Lily always uses fresh ingredients, locally-sourced whenever possible and she has created her own secret recipes, adding less sugar compared to traditional fudge. Birch sap (xylitol) is used as a sweetener and this is far less calorific than sugar. No hydrogenated fats are used and it is gluten-free. There is also a sugar-free version, which is more crumbly.

Natural colours, such as beetroot, are used and fruit fudges contain fruit! Lily has spent a lot of time perfecting her recipes and this has resulted in a huge range of flavours, including licquorice, parma violet, rhubarb and ginger, as well as old favourites such as vanilla, chocolate and strawberries and cream. Lilly and Adrian

brought along a very generous supply of these for us all to try. It truly is delicious fudge and we enjoyed it very much. We were also able to buy some at very reasonable prices. Soon Lilly and Adrian are moving to new larger premises in Woolpit. They are going from strength to strength, because they are producing an excellent product.

Towards the end of the evening, the Pat Catton trophy was presented to Brenda Webb for creating the best piece of craftwork with the theme of "A Tree."

N.B. Never feed any product, containing xylitol, to your pet dog – it has fatal consequences.

**Rosie Collins. 01359 241652**



## ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

It was good to welcome so many people to the Baden-Powell Room on the 19th March to hear Nigel Start talk upon the topic of Fruit Tree Pruning. Some people had especially joined us because they needed to know how to manage trees that were no longer fruiting productively. It was good to see them with us.

As soon as Nigel began to talk, he had everyone's attention. We learnt that training of a fruit tree begins in the early years, aiming to develop a well-balanced framework of branches to support a good fruit crop. We were encouraged to use our secateurs or loppers to make an open styled tree, producing a bowl or vase shape of branches with no main central branch but scaffold branches that angle outwards from the main trunk. This enables the fruiting spurs and buds to develop on older wood which will result in good fruit production. The goal of pruning is to prune our trees in summer and winter ensuring the branches are exposed to sunlight. Too much shading during the growing season will result in a smaller and lower quality crop.

Dealing with mature trees is very similar to the management of overgrown shrubs. Here the rule is to prune by removing any dead or diseased

wood, any branches that are too close and rubbing together and any crossed over branches that are interfering with each other. It is best to thin out these branches rather than just cutting the heads back to avoid stimulating a lot of new growth at that part of the tree. Larger neglected trees may take many seasons to get back into a desired shape, but by removing the most obvious problems first and then thinning and shaping for fruit production, you can again have a nicely shaped tree giving good fruit yields in the future.

Members needed no encouragement to ask questions of Nigel whose answers were very clear and informed. It was a stimulating evening that more than helped members to understand the mystery and magic of Fruit Tree Pruning. Nigel was keen to tell us that It is not too late to set about pruning for 2019 but the job really does need to be done sooner than later if you want to enjoy a good harvest of fruit in the autumn.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm in the Baden Powell Room of The Blackbourne. Karen Kenny will be our guest speaker and her subject

title is 'Compost, Worms and Comfrey for Fertility'. Karen is an experienced speaker and broadcaster for Suffolk Radio gardening programmes. She is involved in many environmental partnerships and an active member of the Suffolk County Allotment Association. We do hope that you will consider joining us as this will be an evening full of good humour and sparkle as Karen regales us with her tales of how to keep our garden in tip top condition.

If you require further information about Elmswell Gardening Club, please contact Nick, on 01359 242601 or email [elmswell-gardenclub@aol.com](mailto:elmswell-gardenclub@aol.com).





## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 14th March 2019 we welcomed Miriam Stead whose subject was 'Tea for the British, with a little twist of Suffolk'. Her talk was based on the dissertation written as part of her Industrial Architecture degree.

In the 18th and 19th centuries tea grown in China, and on estates in India and Pakistan was being imported to London.

The tea was grown in plantations, where the green leaves were plucked, allowed to wither, then mashed up and left to ferment, which gave the leaves their colour and taste. The leaves were rolled, dried and sifted, then packed in tea chests and sent to England by ships called clippers, which were built in Aberdeen.

The warehouses where the tea was stored were in the Blackwall area of London, where many Chinese workers were employed; the tea was sold by auction with London being the hub of tea sales.

Photographs were shown of ships in Ipswich Docks in 1850, and in Lowestoft (a bonding port) in 1852.

Tea was smuggled via Holland and it was often adulterated to increase its volume and colour, with Prussian Blue and Indigo.

The Suffolk twist is that Joseph and Edward Tetley had a property in Framlingham and Justin Brooke, one time owner of the Brooke Bond firm had many properties and businesses in and around Wickhambrook.

The next meeting of the History group will be in the Wesley Hall on Thursday 11th April when we will welcome John Morris, who will be speaking about 'Constable at Flatford Mill'.

This meeting will mark the 19th Anniversary of Elmswell History Group.

**New members are welcome to our meetings on the second Thursday of every month at the Wesley Hall at 7.30pm. More information from Stella on 01359-242601 or from our website: [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk).**

## DONATION FROM ELMSWELL FIREFIGHTERS

Last month, the History Group was delighted to accept a £500 cheque from the Elmswell firefighters, for which our Chairman, Tony Chaplin, thanked them with these few words.

*"I would like to extend my many thanks indeed to our wonderful Elmswell firefighters for this generous donation to the History Group's funds.*

*As some of you may know, over the past four years, our members have been carrying out extensive research into the previously 'forgotten' WW1 Elmswell Aerodrome, where pioneer pilots and personnel from the Royal Flying Corps were stationed up to 1919. The firefighter's donation will go towards us mounting an end-of-project **Exhibition** over a weekend this July, which will also coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Peace Day.*

*Although final details have yet to be decided, our exhibition will be held at Great Ashfield Village Hall, as the aerodrome straddled the village borders of Elmswell and Gt Ashfield, and our usual venue of the Wesley Hall is likely to be closed for re-building then. However, we hope to be organising a free shuttle bus over the weekend to run between Elmswell, Gt Ashfield and the actual WW1 aerodrome site (now on private land), where everyone can view the specially-commissioned memorial stone and plaque on site, as well as look round our exhibition display and artefacts in the Village Hall, showing the results of our researches.*

*Details of our exhibition will be published in this newsletter as well as on village notice boards and other local publications, so do look out for those, and we hope to see you there then to learn about this fascinating slice of our very local village history."*

**Tony Chaplin, EHG Chairman**



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## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon) W.I.

Our March meeting was very busy and certainly eventful. We had a full house together with a number of guests. Our speaker was Joy Bounds, an author from Ipswich. Joy has written a very comprehensive and interesting history of the Suffrage movement in Ipswich and surrounding villages called "A Song of Their Own". Her talk was illustrated and we learned about Constance Andrews who was the leading light of the movement locally, and her followers. There was a group in Woolpit and also our very own Isabel Tippett from Wetherden. Unfortunately, record keeping wasn't very good and Joy has been unable to trace some information about these ladies. There are also very few photographs. Joy is a very well informed and interesting speaker and we all enjoyed her visit.

Mary then welcomed Shirley Bowden, the past President of Thurston Afternoon W.I. Sadly, this group closed in December. Always a very friendly and welcoming place, it became unsustainable due to lack of members who were able to take on the Officers roles. This is a common problem in Afternoon Groups who mainly have a much older membership. They presented our President, Mary Chown, with a very prized President's Brooch which had belonged to the

late Margaret Byne. (see picture below) This will stay with Mary while she is President and then be passed on to her successor. We all felt very privileged to have had this handed on to us.

The competition was a single flower in a container. The winner was Jayne Knights who had created a very striking container for her flower in Suffragette colours, second was Barbara Melville and third Barbara Yeates.

Next month we welcome The Suffolk Lowland Search & Rescue organisation, hopefully with one of their search dogs. This will depend on police permission, so we are keeping our fingers crossed.

I did mention that the meeting had been eventful.



We had no water, meaning our President had to fast foot to the Co-op and purchase numerous bottles of water to make tea, our "strong man" didn't turn up to help with tables, chairs etc (down to an admin error - that's me !) and we were very thin on the ground for Committee members. We were all exhausted when we finally went home. Hopefully, next month will be easier. Still we stuck to the W.I. slogan - Keep Calm & Carry on !!

Maureen Davis

## ARE THERE ANY LONG STANDING VILLAGE MEMBERS WHO CAN HELP US ??

The Exchange W.I. are looking for more information on the early days of The Old Telephone Exchange. Can you recall if it was manual or automated. If manual do you know anyone who worked there. Better still, does anyone have any photos of the working interior.

Any information will be gratefully received.

Please contact Maureen Davis on 241033 or email: modavis6@gmail.com



## CALLING LOCAL RAIL TRAVELLERS - AN INVITATION!

For anyone interested in the passenger services operating from Elmswell between Cambridge & Ipswich there will be a rare opportunity to hear about plans for the future at the MARPA (Mid-Anglia Rail Passenger Association) annual general meeting on Saturday 13 April 2019. Members and non-members alike are warmly welcome. The meeting will include presentations about the new train fleet, station facilities and infrastructure improvements from representatives of Greater Anglia & Network Rail. It will also give people attending the chance to quiz the industry about services and facilities for the travelling public. The AGM is being held at the Friends Meeting House, St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds, starting at 2 p.m. There will be free refreshments available.

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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

For anyone who has been keeping an eye on the news, we've been seeing library closures around the country. Of course, this is a worrying trend for bookworms and library devotees.

Suffolk Libraries is currently bucking that trend, by taking a different approach. Rather than a service provided directly by the council, Suffolk Libraries is an independent charity. This means we receive a portion of funding from the council, and the rest is dependent on fundraising. In taking this approach, we are able to offer more services and opening hours than the council provision alone can cover. We've even managed to extend library services in some areas.

This would not be popular without the commitment and focus of our many volunteers. Volunteers fulfil a range of roles, including vital fundraising, raising awareness, assisting with events and activities such as the Summer Reading Challenge, and clubs and groups held within the libraries around the county. At present we have funding secured until 2022. So the ongoing contribution of volunteers, and the enthusiasm of our readers and borrowers, is crucial to maintain the library service as it stands.

As part of their mission to raise awareness, the Elmswell Library Friends group is planning to host some family focused activities this year, along with their well attended fundraising Wine Evenings. The Friends group will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 6pm. Nominations will be taken for chairperson,



secretary and treasurer. If you would like to find out a bit more about what the ELF's do, and perhaps find something that you would like to contribute, please feel free to come along.

And of course we have thousands of books to borrow. I'll be swapping some of the Adult Fiction with other libraries over the coming weeks, so there's bound to be something you haven't seen before, just sitting on the shelf waiting to be discovered!

*Hope to see you soon!*

Zoe

### What's On at Elmswell Library

Suffolk Libraries offer a wide range of books, audiobooks, DVDS and e-resources. We also have a range regular community events. We'd love to see you – please pop in and take a good book home!

#### Special Event:

#### Dementia Awareness Talk with Jim Lowe

A brief talk on understanding Dementia for the general public. 11am Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April

#### The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in Elmswell. Find them at the Fox pub at 10:30am – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Baby Bounce / Tot Rock (Fridays 9:45, term time)

Singing for little ones, with their Mums, Dads or Grandparents, loads of adorableness and songs about frogs and bunnies. No need to book, just show up.

#### Lego Club

(11:00 – 12:00 on Sundays)

Come along and build with other children! We have Duplo for the little ones too.

#### Knit and Natter

Once a month on a Wednesday morning. 10am – 12am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

#### Realise Futures

Information, Advice and Guidance support groups to Adults with Learning Disabilities and individuals on the Autistic Spectrum, 19 years and over. Once a month drop in sessions, next one is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 4 – 5pm.

#### Books for Sale

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

#### ELF Volunteers

The Elmswell Library Friends group are looking for new volunteers. Please speak to library staff if you are willing and able to assist in any way.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Nominations open for Chair person, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Opening Hours

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Sunday	1000 – 1500

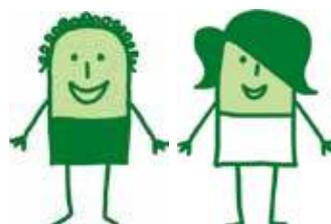
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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH



**Easter 2019 at St John's Elmswell**

**Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday**  
7:30pm Holy Communion

**Friday 19th April Good Friday**  
10:00am Christians Together in Elmswell Service

**Sunday 21st April Easter Day**  
8:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Easter Family Communion

www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk  
Everyone is always welcome!

Happy Easter from St John's!

### What is Easter?

Easter commemorates New Life with a particular focus on Jesus Christ risen from the dead on the third day. It is the most important Christian festival and the one celebrated with the greatest joy.

### What happened at the first Easter?

On Good Friday, Jesus Christ was executed by crucifixion. His body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave. The tomb was guarded and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body. On the following Sunday, some women visited the grave and found that the stone had been moved, and that the tomb was empty. Jesus himself was seen that day, and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Praise God!

### What's happening this Easter in Elmswell?

We kick off with Messy Church on Friday 12th April at 10:30am – there will be Easter-theme crafts, songs, jokes and games. We will finish with a party-style lunch together at 12ish. This is an all-age event and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Next, we have Palm Sunday, when we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection. Palm Sunday was the “beginning of the end” of Jesus’ work on earth and we will be waving branches and handing out palm crosses.

On Maundy Thursday we will be holding a calm, reflective communion service. Easter is the time when Christians from across the world reflect on the death and burial of Jesus Christ, his miraculous resurrection from the dead and the significance this historic event has for the world and society today.

The next day, Good Friday, Christians in Elmswell are joining together in the morning at St John's. Easter is for everyone, the old, the young and everyone in between! Jesus died for everyone's sins and coming together

as a community is a great way to reflect that. The Elmswell Community Choir will perform (details of how to join this choir are below).

On Easter Sunday we are having an all-age communion service. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the significance of this miracle. It's a joyful celebration – there will be traditional hymns and more modern songs, a children's address, prayers and readings from the bible. The communion is optional and there's no pressure to take it. The service will be followed by delicious filter coffee, teas, squash and sweet Easter treats. Everyone is welcome.

### The community choir is back :)

The rehearsals will be: April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-7pm at St Johns. Anyone is welcome to come and join the fun! The performance is at 10am on 19th of April as part of the Good Friday service. If anyone wants to listen to the song before the first rehearsal it is “Living Hope” by Phil Wickham. It will be fabulous!

### A re-cap of March

The period of Lent ran through March; we held a lovely Ash Wednesday Service and the Friends of St John's organised the weekly lent lunches, in addition to their fantastic annual beetle drive (which raises funds for our church building). Our Sunday services ran as usual with a special “healing service” on the 24th. The bible study groups and prayer meetings ran throughout March and the Ladies Lunch was held on 22nd. A normal busy month for your local church! Serving the community 365 days a year :) Praise God!

## Church events – Sunday services & more...

### Sunday 7th April

9:30am Family Church  
11:00am BCP Holy Communion  
2:15pm Spring Walk (meet at The Rectory)

### Friday 12th April

10:30am Messy Church (includes light lunch)

### Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:30am Morning Service (All Age)

### Thursday 18th April Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Holy Communion

### Friday 19th April Good Friday

10:00am Christians Together In Elmswell Service

### Sunday 21st April Easter Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:30am Easter Family Communion

### Saturday 27th April

8:30am Men's Breakfast with speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship.

### Sunday 28th April

10:30am Morning Service with Annual Church Meetings

### Sunday 5th May

9:30am Family Church  
11:00am Traditional Church



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- 9 loving memories of a dearly loved Dad, Dennis Hopper. “Always in our thoughts” Sally & Alan & family, xx.
- 14 Denzil Bloomfield. Remembering you on your 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. “Always in our thoughts”. With love from Sue & family.
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- 14 in memory of Ray Borrett's Birthday.
- 16 thinking of Ronnie and Dad, on what would have been his Birthday, from Helen, Malcolm and Teresa. x.
- 17 Jane Goodchild. “In loving memory” Love, Colin. xx.
- 20 in memory of Jim Baker (1933 - 2009) on his Birthday.
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- 22 in loving memory of Teasel.
- 23 remembering Carl Finch on St. George's Day.
- 30 in memory of David Lakey.
- 30 remembering a dearly loved Mum and Dad, Ivy & Dennis Hopper, on their Birthdays. Sally & Alan & family. xx.

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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](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk) **Father David Finegan**



## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH



Easter is about as late as it can be this year. It certainly would make life easier if it could be a fixed date every year wouldn't it?

When times are tough, we look for solid, unchangeable things to base our lives on; the love of friends, work which satisfies and fulfils us.

The Christian faith is based around the death and resurrection of Jesus, and Easter is the time that Christians mark these two pivotal events in world history. Christians know there is rock-solid reliable evidence for both these amazing events, demonstrated daily in the lives of millions of people worldwide.

We'd love you to join us this Easter to find out more about this Jesus who has risen from the dead and lives today! Everything changes because Jesus lives.

On Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> Christians Together in Elmswell have their joint service at St. Johns at 10.00am. The preacher will be Capt. Andrew Jarrod from Norton Salvation Army (he lives in Elmswell). All, especially those who normally worship outside the village on a Sunday, are welcome to attend.

On Easter Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating Christ's resurrection, come and join us at 10.30am. You will enjoy it!! Our preacher will be Rev. Barbara Challis.

### Our other activities in April are as follows:-

The Ladies Friendship Group have Mike Smith from the Stowmarket Food Bank coming to talk on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.45pm. A representative is coming from Bishop/Miller to talk about auctioneering and will also value any items brought along on May 13<sup>th</sup> (nb it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month because of the Mayday Bank Holiday) All ladies are welcome to come along to both meetings. Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more.

Food & Friends on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at midday - for the older folk - a chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place. We were very pleased that the Firemen chose Food 'n' Friends as one of the charities for them to support this year. The picture above shows Jackie doing her acceptance speech! If we don't have to replace our cooker which is playing

us up we're thinking of buying a new, larger freezer with this money. It will help with storing food collected from the Cash 'n' Carry.

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

April 7<sup>th</sup> Stephen Spurgeon (inc Communion)

April 14<sup>th</sup> Stephen Spurgeon - All Age Service

April 21<sup>st</sup> Rev. Barbara Challis - Easter

April 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Barbara Challis

May 5<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ken Smith (inc Communion)

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

Visit our website at [www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk), email [cockant2@btinternet.com](mailto:cockant2@btinternet.com) or telephone either of the numbers in this text for further info. You can also find us on Facebook.

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# ELMS FEST



## ELMSFEST

Did someone say that it's April already? That means Mother's Day has been and gone and Easter is just around the corner – not that you needed us to tell you that when the Co-op have been rubbing all those egg-citing chocolatey treats under our noses since the new year! So maybe now is a good time then for us to start sharing our new poster for Elmswell's biggest and most popular event of the year... ElmsFest!

We've been keeping you up-to-date with the latest bookings and attractions each month since January and we will continue to do so until September, so that you never miss a thing! So far, we have already booked in the Award-Winning Singer-Songwriter & Author, Philippa Hanna, as our headline act. Philippa has toured alongside

the likes of Lionel Richie, Little Mix, Leona Lewis, Wet Wet Wet and Anastacia, as well as making regular appearances on BBC's Songs of Praise. We've also booked a Circus Workshop, as well as Wonder Wheelers with their extreme bicycle challenges. Elmswell Fire Crew have also confirmed their attendance and a new Petting Zoo will introduce you to animals such as a Shetland Pony, Pygmy Goats and African Pygmy Hedgehogs.

Just like last year, ElmsFest 2019 will be compered by the talented, funny and YouTube famous, Kate McCabe.

A huge thank you to our sponsors this year. Crest Nicholson being our Main Sponsor, as well as Taylor Wimpey, Greathead Martial Arts,

East of England Co-op, Park Garage Services and Suffolk Mini Waste. If you'd like to join the growing list of sponsors, do, please, be in touch.

Bookings are coming in thick and fast, so if you'd like to book in for a craft stall, commercial pitch, attraction or a fundraising stand, then please get in touch. Rates vary depending on the type of stall you require, but we never, and will never, charge for charity fundraisers or not-for-profit club and group participation.

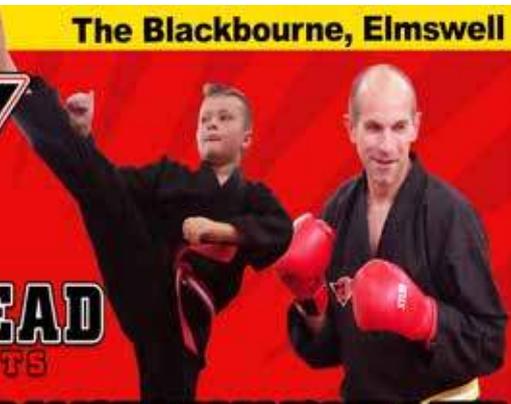
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white or buff. These are not to do with the colour of the stems. Green willow is freshly harvested, whereas brown willow has been dried. White willow has been stripped of bark and steamed or boiled, and buff willow is steamed with the bark on to produce a deep brown colour. Brown willow in particular is amazing: after harvesting it's dried for up to a year, then you have to soak it – the recommended formula is one day per foot of willow – after which it will be in perfect condition for weaving. This fascinating tree has many other uses, too – the bark can be used for making aspirin, and it can be turned into fine charcoal, much prized by artists. It grows so easily and can be coaxed into so many different shapes that all sorts of living willow structures and sculptures are possible.

We're just dipping our toes into the weird and wonderful world of willow, but there should be many interesting projects in years to come. If you are a willow weaver or hurdle maker, please get in touch with us – we hope to have willow and osier to spare in future.

## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

### A weird and wonderful world

Black Maul, Green Dicks, Flanders Red, White Welsh, Golden Yellow, Faucille, Brittany Green..... What on earth are these? (Especially the second one!)

These mind-boggling names are all varieties of willow, specifically willow grown for weaving and basket making. We've been growing willow at Lukeswood for several years, and our osier bed is now well-established. We cut the willow pollards annually and every year they sprout new stems, growing up to 9ft long. All of these saplings came from unknown varieties of willow. We have different colours – brown, green, yellow and orange – and they all grow extremely vigorously. We've used the cut rods to weave a backing around our pole barn and, just this year, to make hurdles. At Christmas we used some of the smaller rods to make decorations.



This year we've decided to branch out (excuse the pun) and plant some new varieties which can be used for weaving. They have some weird and wonderful names – as you can see from the list above! Some of our visitors to Lukeswood may have seen our new willow bed in the damp area in the corner of the orchard. Another wonderful thing about willow is that it grows so easily – just push a piece into the ground and before long it will have rooted and started to produce green shoots. In the next few years we're hoping to harvest some colourful stems ready for some exciting weaving projects.



Willow is weird and wonderful in many different ways. As well as the evocative names listed above, the procedures for treating and preparing it are quite esoteric – green, brown,

### Armageddon to paradise

Recent headlines have been extremely alarming – mass extinctions on an unprecedented scale. Not mammals, birds, fish or reptiles (although it's also true that many of these are disappearing fast), but insects. We may not have noticed it, but insect populations have been declining at an ever increasing rate. Scientists have warned that the total mass of insects has been falling by 2.5% per year over the last 25-30 years, and if this continues almost all insects could vanish within a century.

Should we care? Insects are at the bottom of the food chain, but that just shows how vital they are. If they disappear all of the animals that depend on them – birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles – will be catastrophically affected. Consider also that 75% of the world's crops are pollinated by insects, then it begins to look very serious indeed for US, too. Insects underpin almost all of our ecosystems.

The finger has been pointed at the usual suspects – intensive agriculture, heavy use of pesticides, increasing urbanisation and accelerating climate change that does not give the insects time to adapt to new conditions.

It's easy to feel that this kind of problem is just too big and scary for us to do anything about. But there ARE things we can do to help, especially on our local patch. This is why we're really pleased about the ElmsWild Flowers project – please see Jen's article, which explains what the project is about and what we can do here in Elmswell to create our own little Pollinators' Paradise. As well as doing our bit to help turn things around for the insects on which we all depend, we can have some fun creating some beautiful and colourful patches of wildflowers for everyone to enjoy. Please join in!

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# VILLAGE GREEN

## ElmsWild Flowers

People of Elmswell; we need YOUR help for an exciting community project which will benefit our local wildlife, the appearance of our village and the wellbeing of residents old and young.

Over the last few decades, 97% of wildflower meadows in the UK have vanished, and now, with new houses going up left, right and centre, agricultural land is being developed, reducing even further the food available for bees, butterflies and other insects. It's a bleak picture if your chosen foodstuff is nectar.

Let's do something about that! Let's fill our village with as many pollinator-friendly plants as we can muster! We are investing in a bulk order of native wildflower seeds, which we'll be encouraging community groups and individual households to sow in front gardens, hanging baskets, pots, back gardens, buckets and old wheelbarrows. No matter how large or small your space, you can take part and offer nature a helping hand.

We also aim to create some pollinator havens in some of our village's public spaces. These miniature meadows, in prominent places where everyone can enjoy them, will produce nectar throughout the growing season for our precious pollinating insects.

We'll need your help to lift turf, remove topsoil (wildflowers grow best in poor soils, lacking nutrients) and spread the seeds in the near future. We aim to organise a few community

gardening sessions during the Easter holidays, (8th-19th April). Adults and children will all be welcome to come along and help. Wear clothes you don't mind getting grubby, and if you have gardening gloves, forks and spades, bring them along with you!

Want to get involved? If you're a Facebooker, you can join our community group, by searching for ElmsWild Flowers. On the world wide web, we're easy to find at [www.elmswildflowers.wordpress.com](http://www.elmswildflowers.wordpress.com), and you can contact us directly at [elmswildflowers@gmail.com](mailto:elmswildflowers@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can contact Jen on 01359 240001.



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# Land to the West of the Former Bacon Factory, Elmswell

## Introduction

Harrow Estates PLC is preparing an outline planning application for up to 75 dwellings on land to the West of the Former Bacon Factory in Elmswell which is currently being redeveloped for 190 dwellings.

This leaflet has been produced to inform interested parties about the proposals and provide an opportunity to comment. All comments received will be analysed and considered as part of the outline planning application which will be made to Mid Suffolk District Council in due course. The Council will then undertake a statutory consultation which will provide a further opportunity to comment on the proposals.

## Planning Context

Elmswell is a Key Service Centre which has a good range of services and facilities, a railway station and bus links and is therefore considered a sustainable location for new housing growth.

The site lies in an ideal location, adjacent to new housing development, is within walking distance of the village centre and will provide a sustainable extension to Elmswell. Development on the site would bring significant benefits to Elmswell through the provision of new housing, including affordable housing for which there is a significant need. The site lies outside of a flood plain and is not affected by any environmental designations or constraints.

On the basis that Mid Suffolk District Council cannot show a 5 year supply of housing (the minimum required), the proposal represents an ideal opportunity to provide much needed new housing.



SITE LOCATION PLAN

## The Proposals

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The planning application will be made in outline for up to 75 dwellings which will establish the principle of housing development on the site. A subsequent reserved matters planning application will consider more detailed elements including the design of the proposed dwellings and their layout.
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The planning application will be accompanied by a suite of technical reports which will demonstrate that the development would not have an adverse impact on matters such as flood risk, landscape character or ecological interests.
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The site is proposed to be accessed via two vehicular access points comprising a continuation of the main circular road network within the adjacent residential development. Technical work undertaken has confirmed that the existing highways network has sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional traffic expected to be generated by the proposed development.
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Land is retained to the north of the site to enable the potential future delivery of a relief road.
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The development will provide a mix of dwellings to meet identified local needs (including smaller properties and bungalows) and a policy compliant level of affordable housing. The dwellings will be of a high quality design, incorporate generous plot and garden sizes and be set around areas of public open space.
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A landscaping scheme comprising native tree, shrub and hedgerow planting will help the development integrate into its surroundings.
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You're right to be cautious. Unfortunately dating sites are increasingly being targeted by unscrupulous people. It can be difficult to

accept that someone you've developed feelings for is trying to swindle you. But scammers can be highly skilled at using emotional triggers to persuade people to part with money, or with personal information that might make victims vulnerable to identity theft.

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Other things to look out for include expressing strong emotions in a short period of time, moving the conversation away from the dating site and onto a private channel such as email or

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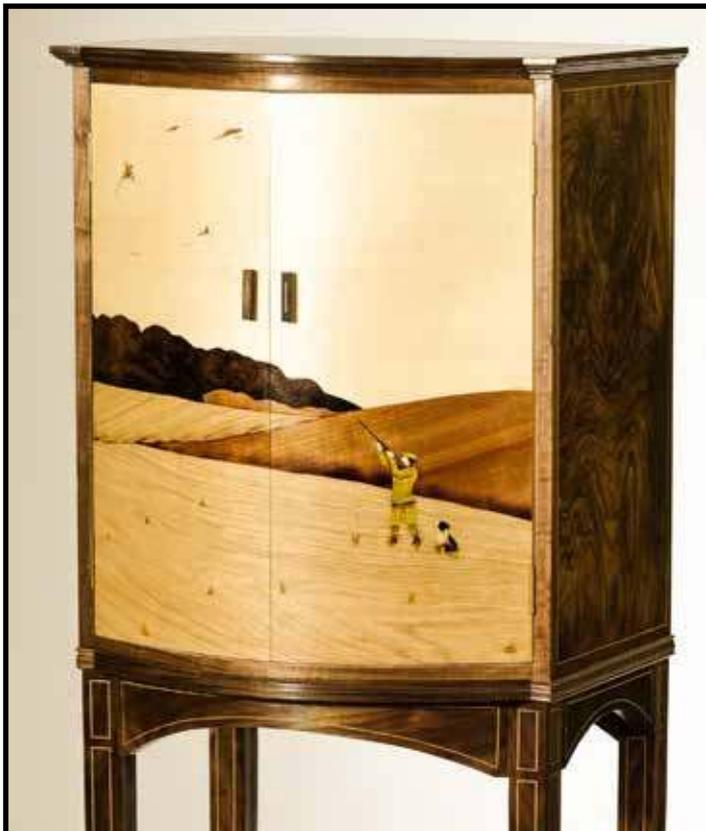
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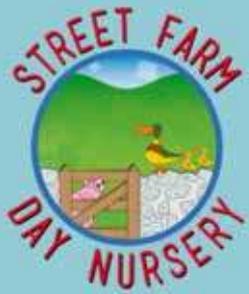
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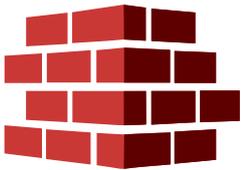
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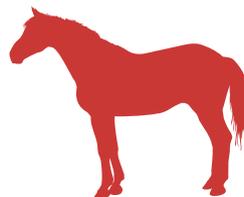
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## Easter Nests

### Ingredients

- 1 normal-size box of Shredded Wheat (16 large biscuits or 500g bitesize biscuits)
- 400g milk chocolate, supermarket own-brand is fine
- 2 100g bags of Mini Eggs
- Bun cases

### Method

- Crush the shredded wheat biscuits into a bowl
- Break the chocolate into pieces and melt in the microwave on a low heat, stirring every 30 seconds
- Pour the melted chocolate into the bowl and mix with the crushed shredded wheat
- Once all of the shredded wheat is covered with chocolate spoon the mixture into bun cases and press down in the middle of each to create a place for the eggs
- Press 2 or 3 mini eggs into each nest
- Put in the fridge to set

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## Bunny Egg Cup

### You will need:

- White and pink craft foam
- Wiggle eyes
- Pink pen
- Pink gem or sticker
- Glue
- Cardboard egg box



### To make the Bunny

- Cut out one section from the egg box.
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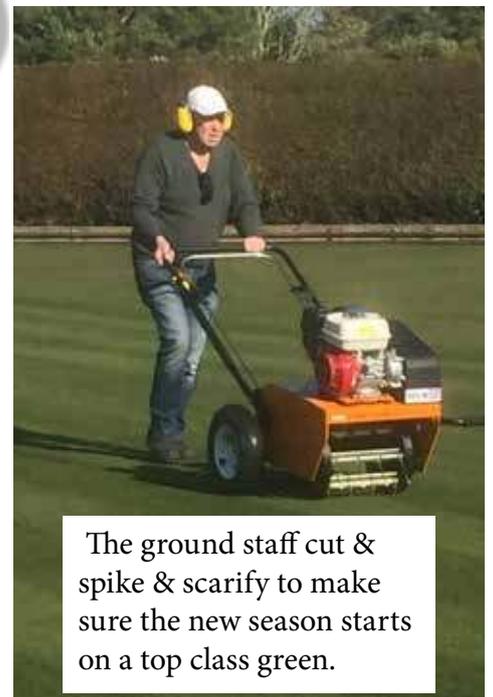
With an influx of 7 or 8 newcomers who have never played before, the club has a major problem in supplying them with woods to play with. Several members have spare sets but not enough to go round so, if anyone out there has a set that they no longer need, could you please get in touch with me and I will hook you up with a prospective buyer

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Well, this is the article I have been itching to write as we are only about two weeks away from the start of the season at the time of writing. After an agonising winter wait we intend to open the Green to members on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. Quite possibly, it may already have happened by the time you get to read this and, of course, the weather might claim a say in the matter too. It would be great to welcome any Elmswell resident but, as such, you are entitled to use the green at any time you wish, subject to green maintenance of course. We will be open on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm and they would be the best times to come and try your hand or just watch and, maybe, have a little chuckle at our expense. We could probably run to a cup of tea or coffee and, maybe, even a biscuit depending upon how well you disguise your mirth! A 'roll-up' will cost you £2.50 and those on hand will help you all they can. Outside of those times you will

have to book through the Parish Clerk's office. It is written into our contract with the Parish Council and we have no problem at all with the arrangement in fact, if it gains us the odd new member, we welcome it wholeheartedly. Of course, you don't have to be 'odd' to join us but you would fit in better if you are!

We are registered for the Bury and District league to play in their Monday afternoon league, beginning in Division 2 of 2, the lowest as per the rules, and in their Thursday evening league where we will be trying our hand at Division 2 of 3, following our promotion in our first season in Division 3. We are also registered to play in the Suffolk County Bowls Association Area D league Division 2. My guess for the season is that the Monday team will do quite well, the Tuesday team will be the hardest to predict as they will be a mixture of newbies and veterans but could well spring a surprise, and the Thursday team



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The brownies have learnt how to use household items as emergency first aid; the hidden signs of diabetes and allergies; and as part of our Thinking Day, they learnt to think about others and tried some of the crafts and games that brownies many years ago took part in.

Our highlight this term was our visit to Elmswell Fire Station, where the brownies again received a very warm welcome from the Firefighters. During the evening the brownies learnt about 'Stop-Drop-Roll', testing smoke alarms, and how to protect themselves during a fire. This visit was very well timed, as the brownies were able to say a HUGE thank you to the Elmswell Firefighters. We were over whelmed when we received a cheque for £500 from the Elmswell Firefighters Charity Fund, we were among a long list of local charities that received some money from the total of £10,150.66 that they raised during the last year. We will be using the money to purchase badge books for our 50 brownies and other resources towards the new programme.

To continue our fund raising efforts to give our brownies the best opportunity to embrace the new programme and give us as leaders the ability to buy the programme resources, we applied to the Co-op token scheme, and we were delighted to find we have been successful. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Elmswell Brownies will be in the token scheme in Elmswell, Woolpit and Out Risbygate for three months starting Monday 18 March, we would be extremely grateful for as many tokens as possible.

If you would like to learn more about Elmswell Brownies; would like to help at one of the local Guiding Association Groups; or would be interested in your daughter joining, please email [elmswellbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:elmswellbrownies@hotmail.com).

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At the March meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup>, The Elmswell Gardening Club was added to the schedule of user groups and their Nominee, Catherine Reynolds, was welcomed.

The Meeting noted positive feedback from the recent publication of full plans and details of the Wesley Project proposals in the Elmswell Newsletter. The project is on schedule with Tenders from 5 selected contractors due to be returned on or before 5<sup>th</sup> April towards an appointment before the end of that month. Meanwhile surveys have been undertaken on the existing drainage systems, on the chapel foundations, and on ground conditions. An asbestos survey is in hand and, so far, nothing has emerged to suggest that problems will arise to threaten progress. One of the nominated Tender bidders has visited the site and all 5 are acknowledged to be sound, local, experienced firms of repute, although a Performance Bond will form part of the final Contract against the possibility of default during the Contract period or into the Warranty period. The Council will be suggesting that their existing preferred contractors in certain areas be considered in the appointment of sub-contractors towards continuity of existing maintenance arrangements across both Wesley and Blackbourne facilities. The Meeting accepted that the constraints of the site will allow only essential storage on the

part of individual groups, notably the Carpet Bowls Club, the Baby & Toddler Group and the Companions. It was confirmed that the working date for the transfer of interim letting arrangements remains 1<sup>st</sup> May and that the build-time will be at least 8 months. More precise timings will emerge during the Tender process and the lead-time between signing and starting will be a factor in the contractor appointment.

It was noted that the new lorry container storage unit is for long-term storage of seldom-used kit from Blackbourne allowing for the freeing-up of space for temporary storage during the Wesley down-time. The Baby & Toddler Group's clothes racks will not be returned to Wesley after their March sale and they will dispose of their tables & chairs.

It was noted that the Blackbourne Jubilee Hall roof repair job is put back to early April when the roofing sheets will be available.

Confirmation was noted of Locality Budget funding from Cllr Jane Storey towards a ceiling-mounted projector screen in the Olympic Room and towards certain professional fees related to the Wesley project.

Football use continues to pose caretaking problems and it was agreed that account should be taken of the expenses thus caused when undertaking the annual review of letting fees. All present agreed that the lack of attendance to Association meetings on the part of the football clubs' representatives was regrettable.

Locking of the car park gate remains an infrequent option with continued problems of antisocial behaviour on the part of youngsters in cars. The Police are co-operating towards the possibility of near neighbours being in a position

to lock the gate when appropriate. It was noted that an electric supply to the Wesley gate is proposed in the current specification towards the possibility of an electric barrier being installed there to prevent problems of rogue parking in the future.

In light of current income to date of £50,533.25 & £7,633.90 for Blackbourne and Wesley respectively, the projected total income for the year is likely to be some £61,000 which compares with £48,874 for the previous year, an uplift of 23%. This has come from the much busier booking schedule and it is suggested that extra caretaking hours are needed to cope, particularly at weekends. The Chairman undertook to suggest this to the Council.

Other business included a communication suggesting that all hirings on the part of or on behalf of Registered Charities should be free of charge, a proposal that found no favour as being impractical, and the Meeting's agreement that another sign specifically requiring dogs to be on leads be added at the Blackbourne entrance to help staff enforce this ruling in the face of increased use by dog owners who frequently allow their dogs to run freely over the playing field areas with the clear risk of dangerous and unpleasant contamination of the grass where so many children play.

The Chairman reported on a telephone call from the Environmental Health Service at Mid Suffolk regarding a complaint they have had regarding Health and Safety at The Wesley. No details can be revealed to the Association under GDPR and the complainant has been advised to be in touch with the BWMA directly via the Parish Clerk.

*Peter Edmonds, Secretary*

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Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, excepting August. The March meeting took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> at The Blackbourne with 6 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member John Levantis and 4 members of the public.

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

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at [elmswell.suffolk.cloud](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> February, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

## Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Sarah Mansel tabled a written report confirming that the budget for 2019/20 is agreed. There is to be a 2% increase in Council Tax. A further £25M is to be invested into the CIFCO project. It is agreed that up to £600,000 is allocated to develop a visitor centre at Needham Lake. The preferred option is to offer a 'design and build' contract for a café and visitor centre to an operator. Meanwhile, Planning permission for the development of 94 dwellings and a retail space on the derelict office site in Needham Market is agreed. This development will only provide 10% affordable housing. However, Planning permission for a further 41 affordable homes on the old Needham Market Middle School site is also agreed. If these two developments are taken together, they meet the policy requirement of 35% affordables.

## Suffolk County Council

Cllr Jane Storey tabled a written report which included notice that Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is asking the public for views on how it manages the risks it faces across the county, as well as five different areas of its work, from how it responds to automatic fire alarms, to firefighters' shift patterns.

The eight-week consultation is part of a statutory process, with information feeding into the fire service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for the next three years (2019 to 2022); essentially a plan for how it provides its services.

The fire service regularly assesses all foreseeable risks that could affect its operations. This includes considering one-off type events such as countywide flooding and terrorist attacks, in addition to the more usual responses to fires, animal rescues and road traffic collisions. A key part of this review is to invite the public to share their views through this consultation and at a number of events around the county. The particular areas which the fire service is seeking feedback on are Automatic Fire Alarms and Unwanted Fire Signals, Response to Road Traffic Collisions, Shift Patterns, Specialist Rescue Capabilities and Speed of Response to Emergency Incidents – Performance Measures.

The consultation will run from Monday 11 February to Sunday 7 April 2019. The draft IRMP, supporting documents and online consultation are available online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

The Report confirmed that the Citizens Advice Bureau in Suffolk will no longer see any difference in their funding for 2019/20. This is due to a collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group. However, Suffolk County Council proposes to

reduce the funding given to Citizens Advice by 50% (£187k), in 2019/20. Under the joint agreement now in place with the CCGs, a total of £187k will be provided by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk CCGs. So, funding for Citizens Advice in 2019/20 will remain the same as the previous year. By 2021 SCC support for the CAB will be withdrawn altogether.

## CIFCO

Cllr John Levantis tabled a Report on the activities of the Babergh Mid Suffolk joint company, CIFCO Capital, which is, effectively, an investment vehicle through which borrowed money is invested in commercial projects in hope of a return to boost Council funds. £100 million has been borrowed. Elmswell Parish Councillors and others have expressed their unease at the strategy which has seen investment in what many consider to be potentially unstable markets such as retail property and the motor trade. There is also concern that the first tranche of such spending has gone outside of the Districts where it might be expected that there could have been collateral benefits to the host communities. Cllr Levantis undertook to provide details behind the latest published accounts which show a loss of £1.4m.

## BWMA

A report from the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, which manages those facilities on Council's behalf, confirmed that the Wesley Project remains on target. The scheme seeks to refurbish the Victorian chapel, demolish the old hall currently attached and build a modern community hub with all the necessary facilities together with a second meeting space. All of the existing user groups are ready to be accommodated at Blackbourne for the 8 month duration of the building works, scheduled to begin in May. Other issues included the continuing problem of dog owners who will not comply with the reasonable requirement for their animals to be kept on a lead at Blackbourne and, in the interests of health and hygiene, clear up any resulting faeces. Also highlighted was the collaborative effort with Police and neighbours to reduce antisocial behaviours on the Blackbourne car park. Meanwhile, bookings are up by 23% year-on-year and Councillors agreed to the advertising of a post for a weekend caretaker to help deal with the increased burden of managing the facilities.

## Grants

Councillors agreed to grant aid the Friends of Elmswell School in the sum of £50 towards their forthcoming fundraising event which is geared to providing new playground equipment. It was also agreed that £300 should go towards this year's Village ElmsFest event on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## Planning Results

The meeting noted the results of Planning applications as advised by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, being:

DC/19/00138

Refusal of Discharge of Conditions at Church Hill Cottage, School Road

DC/19/0052

Change of use of Wesley Hall to community use... Wesley Hall, School Road  
GRANTED EPC supported

DC/19/00900

Approval of Non Material Amendments ref

DC/18/02792...Land North of Grove Lane

DC/18/04264

Outline Permission...6 dwellings on land to South of Field View, Ashfield Road  
GRANTED EPC objected

## Planning Applications

The Meeting discussed the following applications referred to them by Mid Suffolk:

DC/19/00996

*Change of use of annexe to dwelling house at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane.*

Councillors agreed to support this Application.

DC/19//00872

*Erection of 3 No dwelling houses, new vehicular access with associated landscaping and amenity provision on land adjacent to Dagwood farm, Ashfield road*

Councillors urged refusal of this application for the following reasons:

1. The application is made with no reference at all to the overriding importance of the heritage value of this site, as referred to by the District Council Heritage & Design Officer in his objection.

It sits in the middle of the last remaining segment of Bottenhaugh Green, which was enclosed in 1814 and identified by Norman Scarfe in his definitive book, 'The Suffolk Landscape', as a valuable feature by virtue of the delineation of its Western boundary by the remaining farm houses and the hedge line between them. Scarfe sees a fine example of an enclosed green feature retaining, to this day, considerable and valuable historic landscape integrity. Of the 4 farm houses here, Dagwood (now Honeysuckle Farm) is significant, as its frontage to the Ashfield Road sits in the middle of the medieval strip between, 'Hedgehogs', to the North and, 'Yew Lodge', to the South. To break this historic pattern by allowing development would be to deny to Elmswell one of this beleaguered community's very rare historic reference points for the sake of adding to the clutter of unnecessary piecemeal housing, effectively



denying this last vestige of character and identity.

This would, clearly, run counter to NPPF paragraph 190 requiring assessment of the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by a proposal to avoid conflict between the asset's conservation and the proposal. The case for compliance here is well made.

Similarly, in terms of a 'non-designated heritage asset', paragraph 197 of the Framework requires attention to the harm and loss to significant features such as Bottenhaugh Green.

Local Plan Policy HB7 confirms refusal of development which would adversely affect the character of landscape features of historic interest, as is clearly the case here.

2. The site is in the countryside and cannot be argued as forming part of an existing settlement. As such it should be refused with reference to Policies SB1 & H7.

3. The proposal is unsustainable in terms of NPPF strictures in that the economic viability of Elmswell is ensured by the 458 dwellings currently with extant Planning permission and being built. Further, this reasoning clearly negates any claim that a social contribution will ensue, rather that the strain on infrastructure across the board will be detrimental. The third, environmental benefit, sought within the Framework is, as argued above, clearly not met.

4. The highways danger, as identified by SCC, is unacceptable and Local Plan policy T10 would support rejection on these grounds alone.

**DC/18/05623 Erection of workshop building; siting of caravan with attached conservatory, front canopy, veranda and raised decking (retention of) at 10 Wetherden Road**

Councillors urged rejection of this application for the following reasons:

1 Local knowledge suggests that the assessment of built area within the site by the simple expedient offered by Google Earth is not giving a true reading of the area of the original site now occupied with buildings of one sort or another. Before further consideration is given to any other aspects of the validity of a claim for retention of the works which contribute to the overcrowding a proper survey is necessary.

2 The site presents an appearance which is clearly at odds with a residential

neighbourhood. The gradual agglomeration of structures, both with the benefit of Planning permission and, as in this case, without any assessment of their lawfulness or suitability, has created an overwhelmingly crowded result to the clear detriment of the amenity of the neighbourhood.

This runs counter to:

Policy GP1 regarding respect for the character and appearance of the surroundings

Policy H16 in that it materially reduces the amenity of adjacent dwellings and erodes the character of the surrounding area

Policy H18, as it is,

- (a) out of keeping with the size and design of the existing dwelling
- (b) detrimentally affecting the amenities of neighbours and the character and appearance of the area
- (c) over-development within the curtilage
- (d) the product of the cumulative effect of a number of extensions

3 The dangerous overcrowding of the site coupled with the presence of gas cylinders and the prevalence of timber in the various structures poses a serious fire hazard, particularly in light of the nature of the business activities which are carried on and for which the 'workshop' is designed.

4 NPPF paragraph 130 urges refusal of applications such as this which fails to take account of the character and quality of this residential setting.

5 This site blights the neighbourhood. If allowed to retain its most recent additions to an already unsightly and overcrowded site it will reinforce the disaffection of many residents with a Planning system that rewards duplicity and effrontery. On the part of the immediate community, Councillors urge rejection of this application and subsequent swift Enforcement action.

**Pre-Application consultation re further 75 dwellings on the Bacon Factory site.**

The Chairman confirmed that, under the Council's established pre-application discussion protocol, he and the Clerk were to meet with Messrs Armstrong Rigg representing Harrow Estates, the site owner, in the matter of a proposal which is soon to be made to Mid Suffolk for a further 75 houses on the Bacon Factory site where 190 dwellings are currently under construction by Taylor Wimpey. No more is known of the

plans which will soon be published for public consultation. A report of the meeting and of any subsequent developments will be made to the next meeting of Council.

**Next Meeting** The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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.suffolk.cloud](http://www.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.



## FOOTPATH WALK

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

**SUNDAY 14th APRIL**  
beginning at 11.00 am  
from the village sign.

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Footpath Officer Dick Burch

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

*Dogs on leads welcome –  
stout shoes recommended*

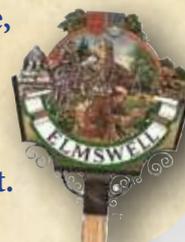
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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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# What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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

## April 2019

- 1 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Stowmarket Food Bank with Mike Smith
- 3 Exchange Afternoon WI Suffolk Land Search & Rescue
- 4 Over 55's Club Visit to 50's 7 60's Show at Spa Pavillon Felixstowe
- 5 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 5 Over 55's Club Welsh Weekend @ Tynedale Llandudno
- 7 2:15pm St John's Spring Walk - meet at The Rectory, Church Rd
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Ex Detective Chief Supt. Alan Caton MBE
- 10 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 11 Elmswell History Group's 19th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall 7.30pm, Speaker John Morris: "Constable at Flatford Mill"
- 11 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 10:30am St John's Messy Church & lunch
- 12 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 13 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 16 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Karen Kenny - 'Compost, Worms and Comfrey for Fertility'
- 16 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Leader Round the World in 102 Days
- 17 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 18 Over 55's Club entertainment by "Brotherhood" visitors welcome
- 24 ELF AGM at the Library commencing 6:00pm. All welcome. Refreshments available.
- 25 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 26 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 26 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

## May 2019

- 1 Exchange Afternoon WI AGM & Resolutions
- 2 Over 55's Club Eyes down for Bingo
- 8 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 9 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 9 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Richard Young: "Bury's Victorian Observatory" \*July tickets on sale\*
- 9 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 10 3:50pm St John's Messy Church & tea (doors open 3:30pm)
- 11 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 13 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - The life of an auctioneer - with Bishop/Miller

- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm AGM and Resolutions
- 14 The Bible Today exhibition at The Blackbourne, open 10.00am - 8.00pm, admission free. The exhibition tells the story of the English Bible and its message for today.
- 15 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 16 Over 55's Club Details later
- 17 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 21 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 21 Elmswell Gardening Club 7.15pm at Woolpit Nursery for an evening with Andrew Bain
- 23 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 30 Over 55's Club Day out at the Hut Felixstowe with Fish & Chips
- 31 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 31 10:30am St John's Messy Church & lunch
- 31 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

## June 2019

- 3 7.00pm Elmswell Baptist Church Ladies Friendship Group visit to Crows Hall, Debenham
- 5 Exchange Afternoon WI How holidays used to be
- 5 7:30pm St John's Thy Kingdom Come Prayer and Praise evening
- 6 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 6 Over 55's Club Alan Mann entertains
- 7 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 9 5:30pm Christians Together Pentecost Service at Baptist Church preceded by light tea at 4:45pm
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Louise Gregory, Line Dancing
- 12 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 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\*
- 13 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 15 7:00pm St John's Summer Quiz Night.
- 18 Exchange Social Club To be arranged
- 18 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Dr Ian Bedford - 'Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden'
- 19 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 20 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 21 3:50pm St John's Messy Church & tea (doors open 3:30pm)
- 25 Elmswell Gardening Club Annual Outing to Sundown Garden, Diss
- 27 Over 55's Club Dennis Maisey returns to entertain

- 28 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

## July 2019

- 3 Exchange Afternoon WI A Passion for Swifts
- 5 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Summer social event
- 10 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 11 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 Over 55's Club Strawberry Supper
- 11 Elmswell History Group - 7pm Annual Outing to Suffolk Police Museum, Martlesham Tickets from 01359-242601
- 12 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 13 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 16 Exchange Social Club AGM and Strawberry Tea
- 16 Elmswell Gardening Club To be arranged
- 25 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 26 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 26 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

## August 2019

- 2 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 7 Exchange Afternoon WI Members' meeting
- 8 Over 55's Club Outing Caister Carvery & Yarmouth Circus
- 10 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 13 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Games and quizzes
- 16 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 20 Exchange Social Club Buxhall Museum and Afternoon Tea
- 22 Over 55's Club Entertainment by Eric Sedge (ex Broadside Boys) Open Night
- 30 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 30 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

## September 2019

- 2 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Remarkable women of Ipswich - Ipswich Tourist Information Guide
- 4 Exchange Afternoon WI The work of Emmaus - charity for the homeless & vulnerable
- 7 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 10 WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Sylvia Wilson, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD)
- 12 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 17 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 17 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Jackie Bennett - 'Jane Austen's Gardens: Real and Imagined'

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