

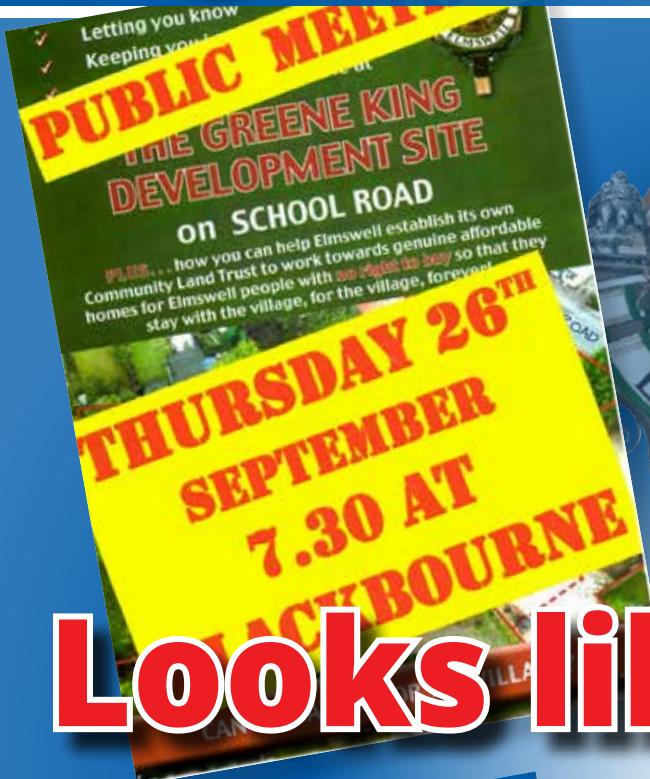


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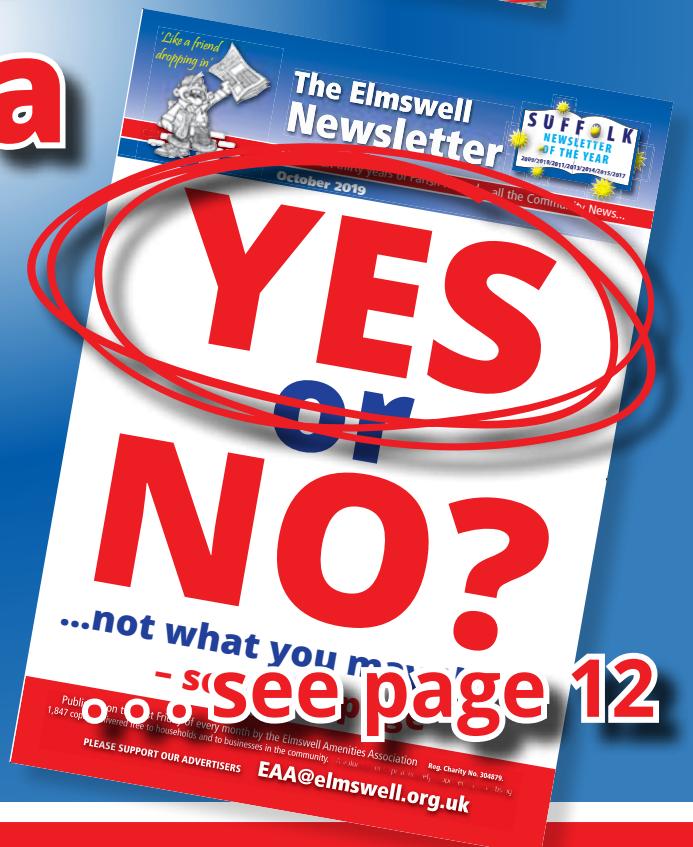
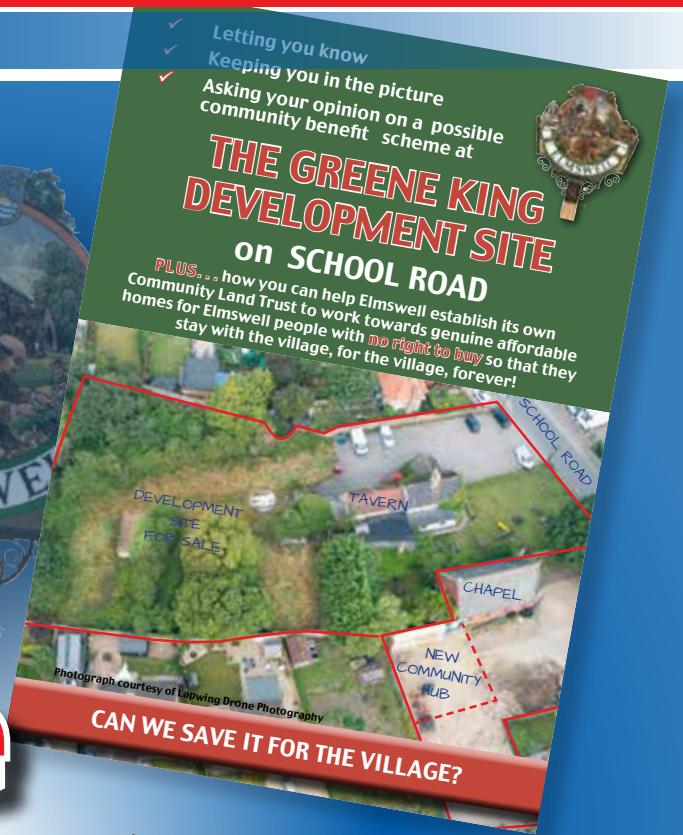


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November 2019



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EDITORIAL



Our editorial is designed to inform and to encourage debate. If you wish to comment, please do so via the office or by email at; caa.elmswell.org.uk We reserve the right to edit any such contributions that we may use in a subsequent edition.

For more than 30 years the village's Newsletter has, regardless of the quality or nature of the contents, provided a monthly community record of undoubted value. The judgement of others who have decided that, time and time again, the quality and nature is good enough to deserve the accolade of 'Newsletter of the Year' is reassuring, but the social archive it represents remains its true legacy.

The chronicles include the big social-structural developments otherwise long forgotten. The marches and demonstrations against the loss of the village sports field when Suffolk County Council took it away; the eventual acquisition of the Grove Lane site as a replacement; the soul-searching and anxieties of the decision to relinquish the Memorial Hall on Cooks Road in favour of the new opportunities at Blackbourne; the most recent development that has seen the Wesley chapel site saved from the developers, even now emerging to offer a welter of exciting new possibilities. And, as we read on page 12 and in the Parish Council Report, the Greene King site is soon, it is widely hoped, to be added to the roll of community self-help successes.

The speed with which this has had to be grasped as an opportunity presented the first hurdle. The Parish Council had, with commendable vision, registered the Tavern pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) in January of this year. This was a reaction to the site having been granted Planning Permission that same month for 8 new dwellings which the Council saw as simply 8 more pattern-book houses to add to the 634 which already have the go-ahead to be built in Elmswell over the next 3 years. The housing development would squeeze the parking available for the remaining pub to a level which would make it unviable as well as, unaccountably, requiring that School Road be narrowed below the advised width for safe HGV passage. The owners, Greene King, put the whole site on the market in March and the Council acted swiftly to ask the village whether or not they should borrow the money to try to save it.

Meanwhile, the purchase price was negotiated, an offer was subsequently made and accepted. The process of seeking Government approval for the loan proceeds and minds turn to realising the myriad possibilities presented.

Those possibilities include:

- ? Establish a Community Land Trust (CLT), a non-profit making legal entity which is owned by the village and which exists to develop community assets... such as affordable housing.
- ? Engage with a Housing Association whose constitution is such that the Right to Buy does not endure in their developments... give them enough of the land to build, say, 10 affordable homes of a size and nature that the community agrees it needs, via the CLT, managed by them but entirely as the community directs and at rents that the community determines.
- ? Draw up plans to develop the land adjacent to the Wesley project to give that scheme some 'breathing space' in terms of parking and play area.

? Consider the possibilities of developing the existing building as a community resource, as a pub or otherwise, linking in with the Wesley adjacent.

? Seek to mitigate the dangerous traffic problems on School Road at this pinch point by designing out the current proposal for reducing its width and by providing some public parking space to serve the retail outlets.

But possibilities also include simply covenanting the land to prevent the sort of unwelcome development which was threatened and selling it on having removed the ACV listing to enhance value.

Clearly a community journey that could take us to many different places. We have engaged in several such journeys before and, most might agree, done well for ourselves.

Just another first step taken.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Our well attended AGM took place on Tuesday, 8th October. Ted Evans, our long serving, much respected and capable chairman, has decided to step down from the role he has held for 7 out of the last 8 years. During this time the club has enjoyed increasing support and is now well established on the Elmswell scene. We remain financially sound in spite of a year of unexpectedly and budgeted high costs this year. This strong position is very much down to Ted's stewardship and the friendly and relaxed approach he shows. He will be a hard act to follow. By unanimous decision, Eddie Douglas was voted in as our new chairman and we all feel very confident that he will fulfil the role admirably. All other existing committee members were reappointed.

We have slotted well into our temporary accommodation at the Blackbourne and are following developments at the Wesley with interest. We look forward to getting back into the more centrally located and intimate surroundings of the Wesley next year, we do feel a bit lost in such a huge hall at Blackbourne, but it is at least warm and we are being well looked after.

On 19th September, a coach party of members took a trip to Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich. It is a very strange fact that many people will travel quite long distances to see interesting sights and places and overlook some really worthwhile and enjoyable places much closer to home. Virtually on our doorstep, Christchurch

Mansion is one such place. It is local, easy to get to and worthwhile making the trip to Ipswich. Works by East Anglian artists such as

Constable, Gainsborough, Munnings, Robert Burrows, John Moore and Frederic George Cotman are on display, although some were taken down to make way for a "Made in Suffolk" exhibition featuring none other than Framlingham's local boy made good, Ed Sheeran. Incidentally F.G. Cotman came from a family of very capable artists and was the nephew of John Sell Cotman, who gave his name to a world renowned range of watercolour paints. The weather was kind and sunny allowing many to enjoy the beautiful gardens. Several members joined a guided tour of the servants' wing led by a knowledgeable and interesting guide. All in all, a super day out without the long tiring journey there and back.

The two paintings shown this month are examples of paintings without a painted-in background. The background is known as a Matrix. Without a matrix the eye is drawn to the subject matter itself and both these are brilliant examples of the style. Henry Gow did the great tit and Bobbie Fiske did the poppies, both in watercolour.

John Welford 01359 240166

**There is no expedient to which a man will not resort
to avoid the real labour of thinking.**

Joshua Reynolds



ELMSWELL LEVEL CROSSING CLOSED SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 02.00Hrs UNTIL MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 04.00Hrs

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

This year's meetings are now drawing to a close. On November 7th we will be celebrating "Guy Fawkes" with Hot Dogs and an evening of Bingo so make sure you have your pens at the ready.

There will then be a three week break until our next meeting which is on November 28th when we welcome Norton Salvation Army for a Concert which will commence at 7.30pm this is an OPEN EVENING so please come and join us.

Come and pay our stall at St Johns Christmas Fair a visit on Saturday November 16th (2pm-4pm) where we will be having a Tombola Stall with lots of Xmas Themed Prizes.

On Monday November 25th its our last day out when we are going to Thursford for the Christmas Spectacular

Saturday December 7th is our Xmas Party with entertainment by "Pat James" which rounds off our events for 2019.

We still have vacancies (Twin/Double) for our trip to the Tynedale Hotel Llandudno leaving Elmswell on Sunday March 22nd (4nights 1/2 board) at a cost of £325 pp.

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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.



Even though we had a much depleted gathering for our October meeting our guest speaker excelled herself. **Helen Maxfield is an artist** who has her studio in Needham Market. She specialises in lino cut and print work. She brought along many examples of her work which were quite remarkable. Also set out on

her table were all the implements she uses to create her work. We were treated to a demonstration of her techniques with a specialised cutting tool. Her preferred surface is old fashioned lino, although the new vinyls are also suitable. A small roller and a selection of inks helped to finish the small project of a fish complete with scales and all markings. Helen also showed us how she layered colour on her pictures using the same linocut. **An example is shown and I am sure you will recognise the Orwell Bridge.** We were all fascinated. She had a selection of greetings cards with her which members were able to purchase.

A very entertaining and interesting afternoon.

After refreshments we went through the notices and business matters.

Next month we have Vivienne and Bobby from Thurston W.I. who are going to show us all how to make a snowman. You can tell that Christmas is getting closer !!

Guests are always welcome to our meetings. Further details from Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.



ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On Thursday 12 September, our speaker was Bryan Thurlow, who took on the character of schoolboy Billy Jackson (later to be a Pearly King) of Bethnal Green; his talk was called "We'll meet again" and was Billy's story from the beginning of the 2nd World War. Bryan introduced himself and invited us to sing 'We'll meet again' while he donned his 'Pearly King' jacket and cap as he became Billy Jackson of Bethnal Green.

He then gave an account of what life was like pre-war, with happy days in Southend and many hours spent in the house next door with 'Auntie Maud' their neighbour. As the horror of war became more likely Billy and his sister were sent to the East Anglian countryside as evacuees to live on a farm, where life would be safer. Their mother was allowed to visit and he recalled that 'The Wizard of Oz' was showing at Bury Odeon; when Mr Chamberlain announced that the war had started, Billy's Mum went to Pretty's store in Bury to

purchase blackout material for the London house.

The 'phoney' war ended and the bombs began to fall on London, where families spent hours on the Underground rail platforms when air raids took place....Bryan and his sister although they were in the country were well aware of what was going on, with airfields all around and bombers going out on missions, some never to return.

Word came to Billy and his sister that their house in London had suffered bomb damage, with only the front of the building left, so back to London they went, to stay with 'Auntie Maud'.

Bryan was a great story teller and he was thanked for a most entertaining evening.

We were reminded that tickets for the Christmas meeting were on sale and would also be available at the November meeting, when we shall be entertained by Bristol Fashion, who play traditional music and songs from East Anglia. Now that we

meet at the Blackbourne we shall be able to accommodate more people, so friends and family can be invited! Tickets are £4 for members and £6 for non-members and visitors.

The November meeting will be held on Thursday 14th. Unfortunately Mr Gray has had to cancel his visit; our speaker will now be our good friend Sarah Doig, who will tell us about The Rise and Fall of East Anglian's Victorian Reading Rooms. These rooms were an important part of village life and offered a much needed alternative to the public house for the working classes, although they tended to appeal more to the lower middle classes and membership was mostly restricted to males.

Our meetings take place in the Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For further information, our website is www.elmswell-history.org.uk or telephone our Secretary Stella Chamberlain 01359-242601.

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Andrew Brogan, the owner of Henstead Garden, near Beccles joined us for the penultimate meeting of the year. From the beginning of his talk we knew we were in for a good evening as he took us on a journey of his formative years, living in London to the making of his magnificent garden at Henstead. We were shown how, from a small patch of land bought ten years ago his vision of a tropical garden grew enabling him to create a garden like no other. With the help of friends, his jungle took shape and is beyond belief, especially in the dry climate the main gardening experience of Suffolk folk.

The structure of the garden is built from Derbyshire stone, using dry stone walls to enhance the walkways. Andrew proudly told us that most of the planting has been grown on Suffolk soil and as we 'walked through' his presentation we could feel the leaves and smell the lush growth of exotic plants all around us.

It is a garden that has a surprise at every turn. Tree ferns, bamboo, banana plants and all sorts of equatorial planting abound. Included in the depths of the jungle is a fifteen foot Compost Loo! Andrew invited local schools to explore his creation this year and as one little girl wrote 'this is the best children's garden ever'. From what we saw and heard Elmswell Garden Member thought so too.

The Annual Competition was well supported and judged by Andrew. The cup will be presented next month at the AGM. Thank you to everyone who gave some thought to what, in their opinion was 'Exotic Unique or Unusual'. It made for an interesting display and we were very grateful to Andrew for taking time to judge the entries.

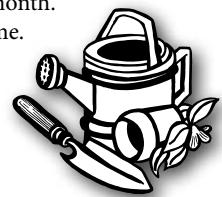
Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 19th November**. Following a short business meeting, club members **Gay and David**

Beer will show us the delights of '**Madeira - The Garden Island**'. There is always something spectacular about visiting special gardens and we are very much looking forward to hearing about their visit. The evening will end with light refreshments. This will be our last meeting of the year but next year will bring even more gardening delights as we gather in February 2020 to share expertise and explore beautiful gardens.

Elmswell Garden Club meet at **The Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell, IP30 9UH** on the third Tuesday of the month.

Visitors are always welcome.

For further information please contact **Nick, on 01359 242601 or Catherine on 01359 242172**.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month we welcomed Mr. Leader to our meeting to speak about the stately halls of East Anglia.



Our tour started in Suffolk with a visit to Ickworth. We were told about Lady Theodora, the 4th Marchioness. She instigated a programme of updating and saw Ickworth through both world wars. One of the big events held at Ickworth is the annual Wool Fair, with the sheep's fleeces being sold.

We then saw Somerleyton Hall, Otley Hall and Helmingham Hall. Kentwell Hall is famous for its' Tudor re-enactments. Dress, activities and language are all in keeping with Tudor times.

Long Melford Hall was originally a manor of the abbey of Bury St. Edmunds and was sold off to a catholic family. A couple of times the Hall has been partially destroyed and the original Tudor bricks have been used to rebuild.

We then visited Essex and Audley End amongst others, before moving to Cambridge and a visit to Wimpole Hall and its' farm.

Norfolk completed our tour of East Anglia. Houghton Hall was mentioned and the exhibition last year of Damien Hirst's work. There were some thought provoking statues in the grounds and pictures in the rooms all of which featured different colour dots.

Blickling Hall is famous as apparently on occasions the ghost of Anne Boleyn can be seen.

Our last place was Sandringham which many of us have visited and the pictures were taken when the Flower Show takes place.

Thanks to Mr. Leader for an interesting talk which introduced us to some new places as well as reminding us of some favourite haunts.

On 27th November we are visiting Scotsdale garden centre so please let Anice know if you would like to come.

The 3rd of December will be our Christmas lunch. Please let Carol know if you would like to attend.

Our next meeting is on 19th November when Mr. Parfitt will be speaking about his visit to Russia.

New members are always welcome.

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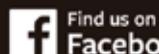
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AROUND & ABOUT

ELMSWHEELIANS 2019



Our last ride was on the morning of Sunday 20th October, overcast and quite dull, but dry, ideal for our adventure into the Suffolk countryside. A day that attracted a dozen riders to explore some of the lesser known lanes in our countryside.

We left the village down Church Hill, and on to Woolpit Street. From there it was Woolpit Green, Clopton Green, Rattlesden (Lower Road), Birds Green, Poy Street Green, High Town Green, Brettenham, and around the old Rattlesden Airfield, where, by a happy chance, we were able to witness a Glider being launched into the stratosphere !

Then on to Felsham (Lower Green), Gedding, Drinkstone Green, Woolpit Street, and back into the village along Kiln Lane and Warren Lane.

The end was the "The Fox", for some very welcome refreshment.

In summary - another enjoyable ride on a day where the leader was invited to trial an electric bike, with all the attendant comments and inevitable changes to his pace setting !!!

In total we cycled 17 miles.

Next Ride:

Unfortunately there will be no ride in November, so our next outing will be our now traditional pre-Christmas ride on Sunday 8th

December - a morning ride - not a big mileage - 10 miles approx. - starting at 11.00 a.m. - finishing at "The Fox" for some seasonal cheer.

If you enjoy cycling, do come and join us. We welcome new faces.

There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people.

We do ask, however, that you are aged 16+. You will be very welcome.

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

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

ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

Firstly let me introduce myself. I'm Miles Row the new manager at Elmswell Library. Some of you might already know me as I have been working on alternate Sundays. I am looking forward to taking the reins and saying hello to those who I have not already met.

This month we are looking forward to helping Miss Mansfield and Elmswell Community Primary School pupils who will be doing book bingo.

ELF (Elmswell Library Friends) along with Friends of Thurston Library have organised a coach to London on Saturday 16th November, which will be great fun and a chance to do some Christmas shopping.

November's book displays will be graphic novels featuring different genres and styles on the shelves near new books and Suffolk Loves and the non-fiction display will be books about the men and women involved in World War 1 & 2 from around the world.

We hope to see you soon,

Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Suffolk Libraries offer a wide range of books, audiobooks, DVDs, internet access, printing and various eLibrary services. We also have a range of regular community events. We'd love to see you - please pop in and take a good book home.

Baby Bounce

We are currently seeking new volunteers to run our Baby Bounce sessions. For further enquiries or if you are able to assist please get in contact.

The Keep in Touch Community Café

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(please note, if you can't make it, why not make a small donation online instead? uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/StJohnsElmswell)

What else is happening this November?

- Saturday 2nd November at 3:00pm Time to Remember: a special time for those who wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Everyone is welcome to come and remember with us.
- Monday 11th November there will be a Short Act of Remembrance at 10:30 am at St John's.
- Friday 15th November is Ladies Lunch at the Blackbourne at 11:15am
- Friday 22nd November is our last "after school" Messy Church of 2019 – 3:50pm at St John's.
- Friday 29th November is the Friends of St John's Coffee Morning.
- Saturday 30th November Ladies Brunch with Christmas Crafts at St John's at 10:00am

October saw our third annual Variety and Spice concert – a great evening of fun, laughter, singing, comedy, poetry... and with a glass of fizz for everyone, this was a great event!!! We thank everyone who supported this event and everyone who took to the stage and made it possible! Well done!

Are you planning a wedding for 2020 or even 2021? St John's is a great Suffolk wedding



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venue. Did you know that you are very welcome to marry in church whatever your beliefs? You don't have to be christened, you don't have to regularly go to church. Many people don't realise that. If you'd like to chat to us about your special day, we would love to hear from you! Also, more information can be found at www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk/weddings.php

Finally, let's remind everyone of our Christmas-related services and events, all at St John's unless stated otherwise:

Sun 15 Dec 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Wed 18 Dec 7:00pm Carol Singing on green (meet by the village sign near the train station)

Tue 24 Dec 3:30pm Messy Nativity

Tue 24 Dec 11:00pm Late Night Carols – please note earlier start time of 11:00pm.

Wed 25 Dec 10:00am Christmas Day Celebration

Here are the St John's Church Services in November:

Saturday 2nd November
3:00pm Time to Remember

Sunday 3rd November
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer with Communion

Sunday 10th November
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Remembrance Sunday (all age)

Sunday 17th November
9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9am)
11:00am Holy Communion

Friday 22nd November
3:50pm Messy Church (drinks from 3:30pm)

Sunday 24th November
10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st December
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Holy Communion





THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

The Friends of St John's Church will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Room on Saturday 29 November from 9.45am. to 12 noon. The Friends raise money to help towards the Fabric Fund and Insurance of the Church building. Everyone welcome.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

You are invited to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's to help with the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church.

You can choose to commemorate an anniversary, a personal event, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can simply make a donation.

For the winter months the lights will be on between 5.30 p.m. and midnight.

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- 5 in loving memory of my husband, Vic Moss, and loving Dad to Jamie. RIP.
- 21 in memory of Ron Comber's Birthday.
- 22 remembering Matthew J Pollen on his 42nd Birthday, 22-10-2019.
With our love from Mum & Dad. xx.
- 22 treasured memories of our much loved son, Matthew J Pollen. Four years have passed and our thoughts are with you each and every day : 22-10-1977 to 05-10-2019.
With our love, Mum & Dad. xx.

NOVEMBER 2019 SPONSORSHIPS

- 1 in memory of Jim Baker (1933-2009), on the anniversary of his death.
- 6 in loving memory of Dorothy May Nunn.
- 6 in loving memory of Derek Bloomfield.
- 10 Remembrance Sunday
- 11 in loving memory of Ena May Clover.
- 12 in loving memory of Thomas Henry Manning.
- 13 in loving memory of Evelyn Joyce Howe, from her husband Stan, Carol and Bryan Howe. "You are always in our thoughts. God Bless". xx.

- 13 in loving memory of Natasha Smith on her Birthday.
- 13 in loving memory of Betty Hart on her Birthday. Love from all the family.
- 17 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 25 in memory of Mark & Andrew Jones. "Always in our thoughts".
Mum & Dad.
- 26 in loving memory of my much missed parents, David and Thelma Dyer.
- 26 in loving memory of Margery Rose Cammell, loved and remembered every day. From all the family.
- 28 in memory of Evelyn Clark.

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MASS TIMES: Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday)

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

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

As I am writing this item for the Elmswell newsletter I can hear various members of parliament on the radio banging on and on with their rhetoric about Brexit and all that it entails, by the time this article is published we would have passed the October 31st Brexit deadline are we still in or are we out???. Everyone I speak to just wants it all to end so that our government can get on sorting all the problems that need urgent attention in this country, as I have said in the past we have regularly prayed for a resolution to this stalemate that the country is in at present,

join us if you will. Recently preachers at our services have been emphasising the need for and the power of prayer.

In the meantime we carry on regardless our Harvest celebrations went well with both the Barn Dance and Harvest lunch being well attended, enabling us to support "Operation Agri" the Stowmarket Food Bank and a local Christian Nursing Home.

In November our activities continue with:-

November 4th Ladies Friendship Group meet at 7.45pm to learn how to make Holly Wreaths under the instruction of Simon White, contact Margaret on 01359241541 if you haven't been before and would like to join our ladies remember we don't expect attendees to be regular worshippers with us.

November 14th Our Food and Friends Lunch for the older folk and lonely of our community takes place at the church at midday contact Jackie on 01359245918 if you would like to join us for the first time and enjoy a home cooked meal with friendly company.

Our Sunday services for November will be led by:-

Sunday 3rd

Rev Barbara Challis (inc. Communion)

Sunday 10th

Stephen Spurgeon (Worship for all)

Sunday 17th

Rev Paul Hills

Sunday 24th

Stephen Spurgeon

Sunday 1st December

Rev Barbara Challis (inc, Communion)

Our services start at 10.30am

As ever we extend a warm and friendly welcome to anyone who joins us for any of our services or activities, contact Tony on 01359 241541 for any information or go to our website www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk

*Thank you
Dave Hollings*



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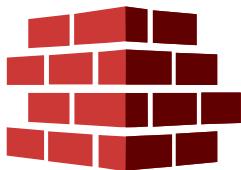


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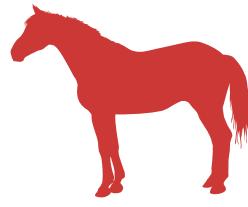
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ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP



Fancy coming in out of the November rain and burning some of the never ending toddler energy in a large, dry, warm hall?

Elmswell Baby and Toddler group is held in the main hall of the Blackbourne community centre every Monday and Wednesday. We meet from 1000-1130 and have a variety of activities for toddlers to explore such as train tracks, cars, dinosaurs, dolls, play kitchen, work bench, dress up, see saws, several ride on toys, a slide, a trampoline, and much more! For babies, we have a large soft mat area to wiggle about on, with many baby toys to keep them entertained. We have a snack time (included in the entry fee) for your child, as well as tea/coffee and a biscuit for the adults (also included in the entry fee!).

Every week we have a different craft - during November we will have:

- Bonfire night craft
- Poppy potato prints for Remembrance Day
- Ceramic painting (Mon 18th and Wed 20th)

The crafts are also included in the entry fee, except on a rare occasion for something special, which will be advertised as such. This month, the ceramic painting will incur a further charge (price list for various items available on the day) - the session will still run as normal too, so you can chose to get involved and pay extra for the ceramics, or simply attend the normal session.

Our friendly team of helpers are always happy to welcome you - if you haven't visited before and fancy seeing if you like it, your first session is free, so do come along and give it a try! We charge only £1 entry per child, with any additional siblings/adults at 50p (additional siblings 6 months or younger are free).

We are always in need of more helpers too, so if you attend with your little one and fancy setting up, packing away, or anything in between, do let us know, even if it is just the odd week here and there. Any help, no matter how big or small, is always appreciated.

Elmswell baby and toddler group can be contacted on elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com or just pop along for a chat.



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HALF PRICE VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS

The Elmswell Allotment Holders have secured a deal for a 50% reduction in vegetable and flower seed prices from Kings Seeds.

If you would like to take advantage of this please refer to their on line 2020 brochure at www.kingsseeds.com and submit your selection, product code and cash to the Parish Clerk's office by Friday 15th November.

Please note that this discount is on seeds only but potatoes can be purchased at the reduced rate of £5.10 per 2kg/2.5kg pack

SMART METERS

CITIZENS ADVICE

My gas and electricity deal has come to an end and the energy company has offered me a new contract. However, they're insisting I get a smart meter fitted. I've heard these don't really work and I can't see the benefit. Am I better off looking for a different supplier, or will the new company also force me to have a smart meter?

It's always worth shopping around. Citizens Advice has a tool on its website which can help. Our energy star rating looks at how well suppliers perform on a range of measures, including customer service, rather than just price. As regards the smart meter, you certainly don't have to accept one. A supplier can't tell you that you must have one installed. However, it might mean you're not eligible for all the deals on offer. In future the cheaper tariffs offered by suppliers might only be available to customers with smart meters.

If you do decide to go ahead, your supplier should explain the process beforehand, show you how it works and give you a number to call if anything goes wrong.

There are benefits to smart meters, they send daily meter readings to your supplier, meaning they can bill you accurately for the energy you've used. They won't automatically save you money, but you can use the digital 'in-home' display to keep track of how much energy you're using and then try to reduce it.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, housing, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or go to the Advice Centre on 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

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GREENE KING DEVELOPMENT SITE UPDATE

GREENE KING DEVELOPMENT SITE

Our last 2 editions have heavily featured the proposal from our Parish Council that they should try to stop the development of yet 8 more developer-led houses on the Greene King site at School Road where the Railway Tavern stands by buying the land for the village.

This was widely advertised to seek the public response. The scheme requires a loan from the Government's Public Works Loan Board which would cost every household extra by way of the Council Tax levied to cover the repayments.

The feedback was overwhelmingly supportive with some 467 individuals at the time of writing signing that they agree to the extra levy.

There were 8 who were in touch to express their disagreement with the idea.

Comments were also invited, both for and against, and included the following:

- ✓ *Imagine that we do not buy this site. It will become another cluster of 'executive housing' that no village youngster can afford and School Road will be made narrower in the process. The scheme may cost us can afford each a little in the first year but any number of our descendants may benefit over the coming decades. School Road will be safer and the new Wesley will be greatly enhanced by this scheme and all the new housing we are having inflicted upon us will fund it! This is a rare opportunity to claw something back for the village and it must not be lost.*
- ✓ *This is a great idea. I would like to be considered as one of the residents who help out at the proposed pub – I have had lots of bar experience...*
- ✓ *I would genuinely love to support the scheme and would be able to assist greatly...*
- ✓ *There are plenty of possibilities for benefits to Elmswell on this site. Only one thing is certain – if the village doesn't buy the site none of the possibilities can happen. It's a no-brainer – less than 40pence a week to get the chance to change the face of the village for ever. Our kids, and their kids etc would never forgive us if we don't at least make the effort.*
- ✗ *I do not support the proposal and the borrowing of the green king site. I do not give permission to increase my council tax. My objection is that the site should be for the people of the whole village to make use of we need a doctors on this site I would support. The village is growing to fast with no consideration for the basic needs of the village the last thing we want is more housing.*

- ✓ **Letting you know**
- ✓ **Keeping you in the picture**
- ✓ **Asking your opinion on a possible community benefit scheme at**

THE GREENE KING DEVELOPMENT SITE on SCHOOL ROAD

PLUS... how you can help Elmswell establish its own Community Land Trust to work towards genuine affordable homes for Elmswell people with **no right to buy** so that they stay with the village, for the village, forever!



- Please stop the one way agenda in Pravda aka "The Newsletter". We get it. Unnecessary verbose propaganda is unnecessary.*
- I think the village has enough housing plus the council is already in enough debt don't you think?*
- We do not support both the proposal and the borrowing please note our dissent to the proposal.*

At the October Parish Council meeting it was announced that Greene King have accepted the village's offer of £805,000.00 for the freehold. The meeting triggered the formal negotiations towards a Contract and authorised the formal approach for Government Sanction to borrow the money.

Nothing else is determined at this stage.





Firework Fun!

Firework Wordsearch



FIREWORKS	GUNPOWDER	GUYFAKES
SPARKLER	ROCKET	BANGER
ROMAN CANDLE	FUSE	BONFIRE
		SMOKE



Firework Night Safety!

Always stay a safe distance away from the bonfire and fireworks! Ask your adult where it's safe to be.

Always hold sparklers at arm's length and wear gloves when handling them.

Once sparklers are out, make sure you put them in a bucket of water.



Colour in the bonfire! What colours will you use?



Firework Craft Ideas:

You will need:

- Cardboard
- Pipe cleaners
- Coloured paper
- Coloured pens
- Glue or sticky tape
- Glitter

For the craft – You will need to:

1. Roll a piece of carboard into a tunnel shape
2. Decorate how you wish! Make it sparkle like a firework!
3. Twist and bend your pipe cleaners, then attach these inside one side of your firework.
4. Leave to dry, and then your firework will be ready!



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Managers Write Up – First Team

The 1st team ended September with a very comfortable win away to IVR gaining our first clean sheet and netting 9 times against our opposition allowed us to take the 3 points back with us. Some very good passing football on show that day and a second half hatrick for Matt last.

We then headed into our first proper home game of the season being played at blackbourne, this game was a tough battle due to our opposition bardwell sports having a very solid midfield and quality upfront. We managed to weather the storm with some great defending on show and won the game 3-1.

On the 12th we travelled to trimley to face Walton, a game which we dominated for 80 minutes but unfortunately we just couldn't finish our chances and eventually lost the game 2-1 this was nothing short of 'daylight robbery' those being their managers words not ours.

After 7 days recovering from the disappointing result against Walton we all knew we had to take all 3 points away to whitton and that's exactly what the squad done we dug deep and had the correct attitudes and won the game 3-1.

We're all looking forward to our 3 next games All being played at home leading up to the exciting away game to Hawthorne utd in the Suffolk primary cup.



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RESULTS

28/9	IVR 0 v 9 EFC 1st
5/10.	EFC 1st 3 v 1 BARDWELL
5/10.	OLD NEWTON A 1 v 2 EFC res
12/10.	WALTON 2 v 1 EFC 1st
12/10.	EFC Res 0 v 2 FRAM A
19/10.	WHITTON 1 v 3 EFC 1st
19/10.	EFC Res 3 v 2 TACKET ST Res



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Managers Write Up – Reserves

Four games for the Reserve side in October. Following the 2-1 away win in Kesgrave, we welcomed Bacton United 89 'A' to Blackbourne Community Centre for our first home tie of the season. A frustrating game saw chances squandered in both halves, despite dominating for large periods we were unable to break the deadlock and were forced to settle for a point. The following week found us away at Old Newton United 'A' where we endured some less than stellar refereeing to come away with a 2-1 win. Leading scorer Paul Cable, despite having his first-half penalty ruled out for encroachment, apparently by himself, levelled in the second half before substitute Rhys Gardener powered home a crisp volley in the 90th minute. 3 points secured despite being down to ten men after Steven 'Hoff' Reid protested one too many poor decisions from the referee and found himself in the sin bin for the final ten minutes. The 12th of October saw us back at Blackbourne for the visit of Framlingham Town 'A', changes in formation coupled with a few too many tactical substitutions were perhaps not the best idea as Framlingham capitalised and came away with a largely undeserved 2-0 win, our first defeat of the season. Our final game of October was at Blackbourne again, this time Tacket Street BBOB Reserves were the visitors in the second round of the Divisional Cup. A dominant performance, albeit with some late defensive lapses, put us through to the next round with a 3-2 win, goals from Paul Cable, Ash Farmer and debutant Aidan Ashton.

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FIXTURES

- 26/10. EFC 1st v KESGRAVE
- 2/11. EFC Res v WALSHAM A
- 9/11. EFC 1st v. WITNESHAM
- 16/11. EFC 1st. v. OCCOLD
- 16/11. CLAYDON A. v EFC Res
- 23/11. HAWTHORN v EFC 1st
- 30/11. WORTHAM v EFC 1st
- 30/11. EFC Res v UFFORD Res
- 7/12. WALSHAM A v EFC Res



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ELMSWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reading for Pleasure plays a big part in our school curriculum and let's face it, who doesn't love curling up with a good book? Our pupils are avid readers and we are always on the hunt for new books to share or to enhance a particular topic or aspect of the curriculum.

We have recently joined forces with Elmswell Library and ELF to launch a 'Book Bingo' challenge for all pupils, starting with LKS2 and UKS2, in the run up to Christmas. The aim is to complete a row of six reading for pleasure challenges, to be in with a chance of winning a £15 book token, kindly funded by ELF. KS1 will be completing this challenge in the Spring term, followed by EYFS and Nursery in the Summer term. Each class has also adopted an author for the academic year and you will be able to see work related to this, in the children's section of the library.

We would be delighted if the village community could help us enrich our class libraries by registering with this exciting new scheme. The Book People have just launched their 'BIG BOOK BOOST'. Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand-new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they'll donate £1 to Elmswell Primary School for us to spend on books, *if you nominate us as your choice!* Registration takes minutes and details can be found here:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

Miss Sarah Mansfield, English Subject Leader, Elmswell Primary School

'I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.' J.K.Rowling



The Voluntary Network, based in Newmarket, offers a daily return door-to-door minibus service, 'Connecting Communities', to Bury from Elmswell. To join Connecting Communities (£15.00 annual fee) call Michael on 01440 712028.

CAMPAIGN SUCCESS!

Sylvia Walton, a redoubtable community champion on many fronts, encouraged local support for a campaign to persuade Barclay's Bank to reconsider their decision to withdraw the facility which allows their customers to use the local post office to access their banking services.

Sylvia often succeeds! Another success. A last minute reprieve means that this service, invaluable in rural areas and for less mobile senior citizens, will continue.



RELIEF ROAD

As almost all the residents of Elmswell will be aware the level crossing gates are down more and more regularly. This is going to increase as the freight traffic from Felixstowe continues to increase.

Suffolk County Council have no plan anywhere in their future plans for a relief road round the top of our village. This means a relief road could be as far away as 10 years by which time the village of Elmswell will be completely grid locked, permanently.

In an attempt to get Suffolk County Council at least to have an outlying plan for a relief road on the books I have put petitions in the Co op, the pet shop, Fakes Over, the butchers and Mace. H C Wilson have also got a petition in their office. Can I appeal to people to sign one of these petitions so we can at least start the ball rolling.

Thanking you all for your support.
Jean Williamson



ELMSWELL SPORT



In our June magazine we published this photo of Elmswell Football Club in the 60's with Steve Gould and Malcolm Lambert, who are second cousins, prominent.

Malcolm sent us the photo and invited those with memories of the team in those days to be in touch as he was off to Australia to visit Steve.

The visit over, Malcolm now writes:

I spent a wonderful 11 days with Steve. Linda (his wife) and their son Andrew, and my wife Marie, at their home in Mareeba, Queensland from 13th - 24th September. I was able to take greetings to them from Cecil Salmon, Jumbo Hunt and Robert Mulley, who were all members of that team. I was also able to give Steve

best regards from Dennis Dobson, Dick and Raymond Burch, Herbert and Joyce Mulley, Malcolm and Pat Piper, and his Aunty Pam Person who lives in School Road. I also was able to leave with Steve a special photo history of Andy Mulley's stay in Australia and his subsequent marriage when he returned to England, supplied by Robert Mulley's son Paul, as a direct result of the article which appeared in the June magazine. Steve was deeply moved hearing all about Andy, and sadly his early passing. I was also able to take photos of Colin Gould's extended family and again Steve was so pleased to hear from so many of his relatives.

Steve, who owns and runs a 16 acre mango farm, ably assisted by his son Andrew and wife Linda, has had his health issues, but still takes an active part in all that goes on at the farm, at the age of 85. He sends greetings and best wishes to all his friends back in Elmswell, a village he has the fondest memories of.

If anyone wants any other information regarding Steve do get in touch 07762047793 or 01284 760721 email malcolmlambourne@ymail.com

ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB



Towards the end of the season we were on the receiving end of some very generous support from a number of benefactors and I would like to dedicate this article to expressing our gratitude to them.

If I am going to list those to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, and I am, I really must start with the Parish Council. They put tremendous trust in us, and a large sum of money, by supplying a full set of green maintenance equipment without which we would have been unable to get our club off the ground. Furthermore, their first-class bowls facility would have gone to ruin, which would have been a terrible shame and an enormous waste. In return we have to maintain their green and keep it open for any Parishioner who cares to give our beloved sport a try. All you need is flat, profile-less shoes and we will help you with the rest. This is a ridiculous time to tell you this as the green has just closed for the winter (when the work happens) so I will give you a little reminder next spring. Everybody who tries it really enjoys the experience and, occasionally, one will say 'yes, this is for me!' Who knows? maybe the next person to get hooked will be you!

First up in our list of individual benefactors, in chronological order, is fellow Fox Glynn Baker of Quality Equipment, Woolpit, who made us a full set of rink markers (see photo) out of stainless steel and refused to charge us a penny. It is especially generous because Quality Equipment's core business is exporting

sophisticated pig-rearing equipment all over the world and scaling down to a modest little job like ours must have been inconvenient to say the least.

Alan Wells, that well-known supporter of all things Elmswell, approached us privately and offered to make us some bowls stickers completely free of charge. The stickers mirror the Fox logo above and enable woods to be identified in a match for scoring purposes and, after an unfortunate experience with another supplier last year, we are especially grateful to Alan. His stickers do look to be much better quality than last year's which simply fell apart after a couple of matches.

Last but not least is another Fox, David Gruenbaum and I can hear his howls of protest as I write! The Monday team won a trophy which I featured last month and a team-mate casually remarked that a base for it would 'set it off' nicely so David, a hobby wood turner, came up with an extremely professional base for it. I make no apology for featuring it again because it looks so good and, anyway, David was shown bowling at Elmsfest in last month's article.

Thank you to you all.

To all Foxes out there, our AGM will be held on Thursday 21st November in the Bowls Pavilion at 7.30pm. Also, if you should wish to nominate yourself or someone else, to any position of Office please feel free to do so. Simply contact any current committee member to start the process.



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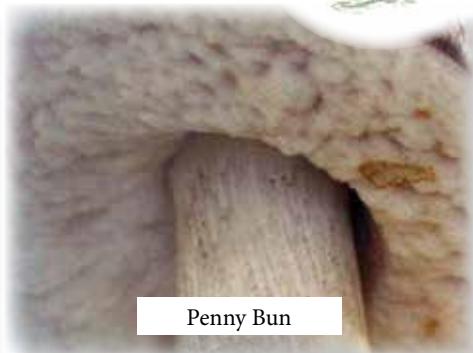




Elm Bark



Jelly Spot



Penny Bun

NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Lukeswood is host to visitors from BT – and beyond!



At the beginning of October we were delighted to welcome back to Lukeswood a team of volunteers from BT. We had a great day working together on a number of essential tasks, including raking up the hay in Norman's Orchard. We are trying to encourage wildflowers to grow in the grassland around the orchard trees – great for all those vital bees and other insects which help to pollinate our apples, pears and plums. We've been impressed at the number of wildflowers which have started to appear in the orchard over the years and we want to do everything we can to help them thrive and spread. This means mowing the grassland at the end of the growing season – usually in mid-September – then allowing the seeds to drop, and finally raking off all the cuttings. We've been doing this for many years at Kiln Meadow, but this is the first year that we've been able to cut and rake all of the orchard at Lukeswood. So we were particularly pleased to have so many volunteers from BT come to help us with this time-consuming task. We've had several teams come to help in the past, and this time we were delighted that our friends from Adastral

in Martlesham brought with them colleagues visiting from India. Many of our Indian visitors had never been to an English orchard – or a community orchard – before, so it was an interesting experience for them. We showed them our hedgerows, groaning with blackberries – which they enjoyed tasting – and they told us about the fruits that can be picked and eaten straight off the tree in the fields around their homes, including mangoes and vine fruits. We all had a lovely day, one that we hope they will recall with pleasure once they have returned home. Many thanks to BT – and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Autumn is here, but there's still plenty to do

Our day with BT was one of the last really warm days of late summer, but now autumn is well and truly with us. It's still a busy time in the woodland, though. We're looking forward to tree planting at the beginning of December. Nowadays, most of the woodland is planted up, and nature has even taken over from us by rewilding any areas where she can get a foothold. There are tree seedlings springing up throughout the woodland – which we didn't plant! These seedlings – if they survive – are often hardier and stronger than the ones that we try to introduce. However, we will still be planting a few dozen trees each year, mainly in places that seem a bit bare or where we want to introduce a specific species. Very soon we will also be cutting the willow and thinking about any new weaving projects we could try.

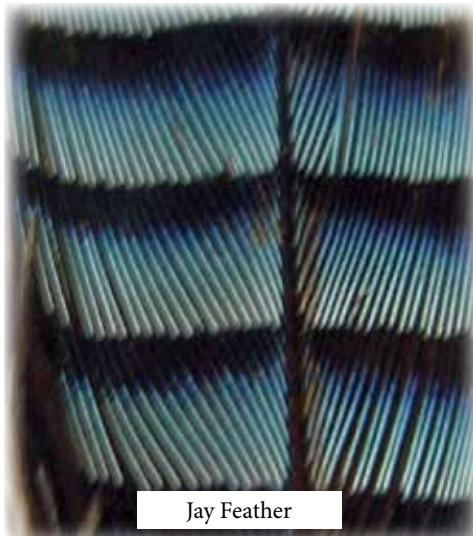
Summer may be over, but there's still a lot of colour and interest in the woodland – why not

take a look round on a crisp autumn day? And if it's dull and drizzly and you don't fancy a wet walk, have a go at our autumn quiz! Our seven photos show close-ups of things that you might see at Lukeswood or Kiln Meadow. Can you guess what they are? Answers in next month's Newsletter!

See you at St John's Christmas Fair!

We will be back at the Christmas Fair on the 16th with our stall of gifts and decorations. Everything is made from wood, willow and produce from Lukeswood. Make sure you don't miss this excellent village event!

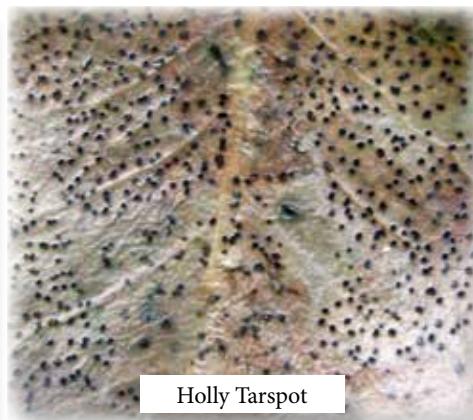
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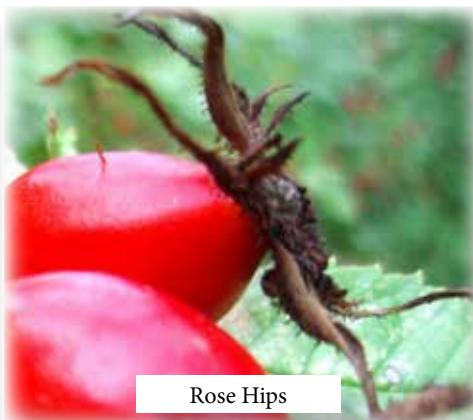
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JAMBOREE!



Hi, my name is Connor Yarrow and about a year and a half ago I wrote a piece for this same newsletter asking the people of Elmswell for help. I had been given a unique opportunity to attend to the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. An opportunity to gather with 50,000 other Scouts from 150 nations on a campsite that is two and half times the size of Norwich, to celebrate each other's cultures and worldwide Scouting.

However, to get to the World Scout Jamboree, I needed to fundraise £4,000. I asked for spare fabrics and material, as well as any opportunities to earn any donation by doing miscellaneous jobs. The response I got from the community of Elmswell was fantastic.



In particular the Firemen, the WI and the local Scouts at Stowmarket District and Elmswell Scout Group, Suffolk County Council, Stowmarket Lions, The Freemasons and The Mason Trust donated considerable amounts of money. I would like to personally say thank you to those organisations, as well as the dozens more who donated fabrics and gave me the opportunity to do work.



Because of you, I managed to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity, representing Suffolk and Great Britain at a historic event.



So, what was it like? After a transatlantic flight from Heathrow to New York, we spent a day in the big apple, visiting the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero before taking a ferry to New Jersey then taking a coach to West Virginia. After arriving at the Jamboree site, we spent 12 days surrounded by dozens of different cultures and participating in activities ranging from the opening and closing ceremonies to rifle shooting.

I think that the best part of the experience was being able to spend time with Scouts from as far as India, Thailand and Mexico, and meet people who were only there because of your contributions.

After leaving the site we travelled to Washington DC where



we went to a baseball game and visited the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and The White House. After another long coach journey, we were put up by a Canadian scout group in their scout hut for three days, where we spent time learning about their culture and taught them about ours, after another long coach journey, we caught another transatlantic flight home.

If you would like for me to give a presentation on the Jamboree to your group, you can get in contact at richard@richardarrow.co.uk.



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Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August, unless the timetable for responding to consultations on Planning applications requires an extraordinary meeting, as was the case on 7th October. The Ordinary October meeting took place on the 21st at The Blackbourne with 7 councillors present together with 1 member of the public, District Council Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake and, for part of the proceedings, Suffolk County Council Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey.

This report is compiled from both meetings by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which comprises the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr David Barker 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.

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Planning Applications

The following referred from Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, for comment, were considered at the Extraordinary Meeting on 7th October and the response made as detailed:

DC/19/04368

Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage

Land North of Grove Lane

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

- 1 The site is in the countryside where such development is only permitted in exceptional circumstance which do not apply here. The proposals in the emerging Joint Local Plan reinforce this fact by proposing a boxed boundary along Ashfield Road and adjacent to Grove Lane. The current position in terms of the 5 year housing land supply validates these constraints.
- 2 There is no justification within the key NPPF criteria of economic, social or environmental gain given the current total of 634 dwellings with extant Planning Permission in the village and the resultant strain on infrastructure and resources with which the community struggles.
- 3 The submitted plans would produce a crowded result as a consequence of the overdevelopment of this very small site. The overbearing mass of the proposed dwelling would have a cramped and urbanising effect on the existing rural street scene and the consequential lack of amenity space for the occupants of a 3 bedroomed dwelling is unacceptable.
- 4 In coming to these conclusions, Councillors had reference to NPPF, GP01, H07, H13, H15, H16, CS01, CS02 and the emerging BMSDC Local Plan.

DC/19/04242

Erection of 1no. dwelling, annexe and summerhouse

Installation of external swimming pool and sewage treatment plant.

Creation of vehicular access

Mulberry Farm, Ashfield Road

Councillors objected this application for the following reasons;

- : 1 This proposal is for the development of an historically significant and highly sensitive site on the edge of the medieval Button Haugh Green, one of the few remaining undeveloped parcels of Button Haugh Common which is an undesignated heritage asset of great value to Elmswell, where much of the community's rich historical reference has been eroded. This contention was recently supported in the Refusal of Application DC/19/00872 for development of an adjacent plot sitting within the ancient Green on grounds of the harmful encroachment it represented.
- 2 The site sits on the clearly defined line between Oak Farm and Mulberry Farm and acts as a key buffer between them. Both farm houses are Grade II listed buildings and represent elements of a rare remaining example of the characteristic medieval farmhouse complex set on the edge of the common. The line and pattern are extended by the farmhouses at Dagwood Farm and Willow Farm which reinforce the ancient development configuration.
- 2.1 The proposal runs directly counter to the strictures of NPPF requiring that support should only be given to development within the setting of a heritage asset, '*where there would be an enhancement or where the historic and heritage significance would be the better revealed*'. Neither is true in this case.
- 2.2 The proposal similarly falls foul of the BMSDC Joint Landscape Guidance (August 2015) which states that, '*The Council believes the landscapes of the districts to be a heritage asset. Safeguarding the countryside and heritage of the area is a corporate priority...*'
- 2.3 The proposal is at odds with the BMSDC Settlement Sensitivity Assessment (March 2018) which informs the emerging Joint Local Plan and which confirms that Elmswell has an overall assessment of Medium – High for historic value and susceptibility to change, stating that, '*the group of historic farm complexes to the north is...considered to be of high value and is the last surviving evidence of an historic green*'.
- 2.4 There is no Heritage Statement submitted by way of justification for, or mitigation of, the clear threat posed by the erosion of the surviving historic relationship between the listed buildings. If granted, this Proposal will, clearly, harm the understanding of the character of this part of Elmswell by destroying the interrelationship of the farmhouses which currently confirm the medieval setting. With regard to the setting of Heritage Assets , Historic England has it in their Good Practice Advice (No.3 2nd Edition) that, '*a negative cumulative change could include severing the last link between an asset and its original setting*' Exactly such a change is threatened here.
- 3 The plans indicate an extremely large footprint and built mass incorporating 6 bedrooms in 2 autonomous buildings which could, clearly, serve 2 independent households. The addition of a swimming pool further tends towards the urbanisation of this sensitive site which would undermine the essentially rural nature of the setting and which exacerbates the harm done to the historic built environment. Councillors consider that this might well set a precedent towards incremental change and the gradual accretion of development to the detriment of this valuable green historic reference point.
- 4 There can be no justification for this development within the 3 ruling tenets of NPPF. With 634 houses already granted Planning permission, promising a 37% uplift on the current housing stock, Elmswell needs no further help towards an economic objective, a social objective or an environmental objective. In fact, each and every additional household serves to count against these objectives as the community struggles to keep pace with the social changes, environmental threats and infrastructure shortcomings presaged by the onslaught of recent ad hoc development permitted whilst Local Plan policies could not be defended.
- 5 In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to: NPPF,

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DC/19/04317

Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved, access to be considered) – Erection of 3no. dwellings (re-submission of withdrawn application DC/19/03458)

Holly Lodge, Cross Street

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

It seeks to serve 4 dwellings which between them share 10 bedrooms. This scale of occupancy will mean that the narrow road serving the backland development, which cannot, given the orientation of the host dwelling, run in a straight line, poses the risk of a blind approach in the case of opposing traffic entering and leaving the site. Vehicular conflict and the possibility of backing-up on to Cross Street are inevitable. The immediate proximity of the access at Marlborough to the East and, a few metres to the West, the awkward and hazardous staggered crossroads at Warren Lane / New Road /Church Road / Cross Street, makes it imperative that any access to this site complies fully with the safety standards laid down by the Highways Authority. This Proposal falls far short of those standards. No such concession can be afforded in this case.

Given the relentless increase in traffic as the 240 dwellings at Wetherden Road are built out, this factor alone merits refusal of the application.

DC/19/04479

Application for removal or variation of a condition...remove Condition 2 (restricted occupation)

Ekfield, Wetherden Road

Councillors agreed to make the following comments on this application; Elmswell Parish Council is aware of the sensitivity of this site as a last vestige of green buffer between the emerging built mass of housing development adjacent and the village boundary.

The ‘countryside’ status of the land was recognised when Permission was granted in 2002 as an exception site, outside of the Development Envelope of the village which still maintains, recognising a claim for its role in supporting a recognised countryside economic activity.

Councillors urge that this is reflected in any Permission by the removal of Permitted Development Rights from both of the dwellings currently occupied which would test any further expansion of housing on the site through the formal Planning process when the consequences of the loss of a valuable element of the rural street scene would be assessed.

DC/19/02495

Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission 0210/17m - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for 106no. dwellings

Land to the East of Ashfield Road

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

- 1 SCC Highways dated 13.06.2019 with regard to parking provision and the possibility of the soft landscaping reducing visibility sufficient to present a hazard.
- 2 Anglian Water dated 28.06.2019 with regard to a foul drainage strategy and surface water discharge proposals being unrelated to an Anglian Water owned asset and, therefore, requiring liaison with the lead Local FLOOD authority or the Internal Drainage Board towards the provision of a satisfactory strategy.
- 3 Suffolk Constabulary dated 18.07.2019 with regard to specific design modifications towards crime prevention and the desirability of SBD Homes Accreditation.
- 4 MSDC Strategic Housing dated 07.20.2019 with regard to the housing mix and with specific reference to the lack of provision for older demographic purchasers, together with the shortcomings relating to NDDS floorspace standards.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that Mid Suffolk District Council has recently decided not to increase tree cover across the District nor to work with communities to encourage the development of community woods and orchards and promote parish tree wardens. They reported that the Council's Half Year Treasury Management Report showed that, to March 2019, CIFCO Ltd, the Council's borrow-to-invest company, made a loss of £4.6m which is split with Babergh district Council.

Recent changes to the waste collection rounds have suffered from having to move personnel from one location to another in accommodating the extra housing in the District and the ability of the control room staff to handle calls efficiently. Hopefully lessons have been learnt and the waste collection rounds now seem to back to normal regarding the number of missed bins.

Suffolk County Council

Cllr Jane Storey confirmed that she was aware of residents' concerns regarding dangerous parking and of the clear lack of appropriate input from SCC Highways when consulted on Planning Applications. Appropriate representations will be made on both issues.

Planning Result

The meeting noted the results of a Planning application as advised by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, being DC/19/04459, prior notification of an agricultural development, the erection of a barn for the storage of straw and machinery on land East of Warren Lane for which it is deemed that formal Planning Approval is not required.

Apple Day

The ElmsWild group's annual Apple Day event on 21st September played host to the Council's Greene King land purchase consultation exhibition and thus provided a good occasion to explain the reasoning behind the initiative and to collect signatures of support. No fee was due, but Councillors agreed to grant £25.00 to the Group in appreciation of the opportunity that their hard work presented.

Christmas Tree

Councillors supported in principal an approach from the Elmswell Gardening Club for agreement towards the siting of a Christmas tree on Crown Mill in 2020. The Group has a record of effective community involvement, including the maintenance of the floral displays on Elmswell station and the provision of a seat at the railway crossing. Group members have experience of a similar project elsewhere and have agreed to come back with detailed proposals as the scheme is developed.

Wesley

The Meeting noted that the scheme to refurbish the Victorian chapel and to build-on community hub facilities is within budget but that the unexpected discovery of a well within the footprint of the original hall building has required extra groundworks which may add 3 weeks to the projected timescale. The foundations are now laid and the on-going works above ground would not normally present any similar unknown factors.

Grant Aid

In October of each year Council considers applications for funding from charitable organisations outside of the village. The Meeting agreed to grant £125.00 to each of: East Anglian Children's Hospices, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Suffolk Age UK & The Voluntary Network.

Greene King site

The Chairman confirmed that the Council's offer subject to Contract of £805,000.00 had been accepted by Greene King for their site at School Road on which Council seeks to erect locally controlled affordable homes for Elmswell people under the auspices of an Elmswell Community Land Trust. Nothing more is definitively planned for the site at this point as the first crucial step is to secure it for the community and to stop development of the 8 sizeable houses for which Planning Permission has already been granted, thus preventing the dangerous narrowing of School Road which is implicit in that Permission. Public support has been overwhelmingly expressed for the project, including recognition of the increase in Council Tax necessary to fund the borrowing for the purchase. It was agreed that the Council Chairman, Vice chairman and Clerk be delegated to negotiate the details of the Contract through the Council's solicitor and that Borrowing Approval be sought via the Department for Communities and

Local Government towards a loan from the Government's Public Works Loan Board. Thanks were accorded to the many community groups and individuals who had worked so hard to publicise the initiative and to secure over 450 signed expressions of approval from households across the community.

Chamberlayne Hall extension at Blackbourne

Planning permission was granted some months ago for an extension at the original hall, the Chamberlayne Hall, at Blackbourne to provide more storage space, a larger office and improved ventilation. The scheme was put on hold pending the development at Wesley, but funding has now been identified through the Community Infrastructure Levy for such schemes and the Clerk was asked to bring forward a firm proposal as to a way forward at the next meeting.

A14 / A1088 roundabout

The Chairman confirmed that he was in dialogue with the Highways Agency towards a formal assessment of the hazard posed by the overgrowth on this roundabout which has a record of accidents resulting from driver confusion and where visibility is now severely limited. Once an assessment is secured, he will press for immediate action to remediate the serious danger currently posed.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published online at 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.

Enquiries on any Parish Council matter are invited to the Clerk, Peter Dow, at The Council Office, Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH – right next to the car park and with wheelchair access. Staffed Mondays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 4pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 12 noon and at other times by arrangement.

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Dog fouling

One of the endlessly recurring problems in our community, and one which we share with, it seems, everywhere else, is the filth left on pavements, footpaths and green spaces by people who do not clear up the excretions of their dogs. It is something which is dealt with daily by our Village Warden and something which the British Public seem to have to stomach unless and until our legislators find stomach of their own to,

- re-establish a licence at a cost which makes dog owning something which is thought about rather than a mere whim and sets up a warden network to enforce this and other dog welfare issues with hefty fines, and,
- uses the funds from the licence to set up a national DNA data base for all dogs so that the evidence they leave for us to tread in can be traced back to the owner concerned.



having been a second one installed recently, and about the same proportion wondering why this should apply to them when they know their animals to be very nice, very well behaved and, often, 'better than some human beings I know.'

One recent incident prompted an email of objection, and the following extract from the Council's response, through the Clerk, might help make the point:

My apologies if I appeared anything other than business-like and polite in trying to encourage conformity with the Managing Committee's ruling on dogs at our Blackbourne facility. We have recently installed a second large sign at the car park entrance to the effect that dogs should be kept on leads and that their excrement be collected and disposed of appropriately. This is in the hope of encouraging responsible use of the facility which is used by many dozens of children every week and it replaces the blanket ban on dogs which previously maintained. If the move proves to be incapable of being managed by Council staff, it may be necessary to reconsider.

The problem of dog faeces in public spaces about the village (as elsewhere) is a constant issue and the problem is exacerbated at Blackbourne where the grass maintenance machinery spreads the dangerous and offensive deposits about the sports play and informal recreation areas. It is considered impractical to hand-pick the 8 acres prior to cutting / rolling the grass.

It is also considered unreasonable to ask Council staff to discriminate between owners who have responsible control of their animals and the troublesome minority who have no regard for the wider community. Hence the need to ask all to conform to a reasonable constraint.



Village Warden, Peter Hancock checks the area around one of his recently installed dog fouling signs.

In the meantime, the Council puts up notices at hot-spots identified by neighbours and, on the area where we can have some control, on the greenspace at Blackbourne, Councillors and Council staff can remind dog walkers of the notices at the entrance asking for responsible behaviour in this regard.

This latter approach is often fraught with the chance of friction...some 30% have not seen the notice, despite their

having been a second one installed recently, and about the same proportion wondering why this should apply to them when they know their animals to be very nice, very well behaved and, often, 'better than some human beings I know.'

One recent incident prompted an email of objection, and the following extract from the Council's response, through the Clerk, might help make the point:

My apologies if I appeared anything other than business-like and polite in trying to encourage conformity with the Managing Committee's ruling on dogs at our Blackbourne facility. We have recently installed a second large sign at the car park entrance to the effect that dogs should be kept on leads and that their excrement be collected and disposed of appropriately. This is in the hope of encouraging responsible use of the facility which is used by many dozens of children every week and it replaces the blanket ban on dogs which previously maintained. If the move proves to be incapable of being managed by Council staff, it may be necessary to reconsider.

The problem of dog faeces in public spaces about the village (as elsewhere) is a constant issue and the problem is exacerbated at Blackbourne where the grass maintenance machinery spreads the dangerous and offensive deposits about the sports play and informal recreation areas. It is considered impractical to hand-pick the 8 acres prior to cutting / rolling the grass.

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FOOTPATH WALK

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

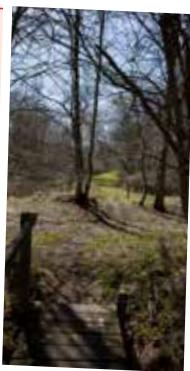
SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

beginning at 11.00 am from the village sign

Open to all comers & led by Footpath Officer Dick Burch

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

Dogs on leads welcome – stout shoes recommended



Future Council Meetings

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

Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar
18th 16th 20th 17th 16th

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

What's On in Elmswell ?

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

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



November 2019

- 4 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Holly Wreath making with Simon White from Beales Roses
- 6 Exchange Afternoon WI Let's make a Snowman!
- 6 Keep in Touch Walks (gentle walking and a chat!) Meet at Newson's Corner (crossroads of Church Road/New Road/Cross Street/Warren Lane 10.30 ish. Dogs on leads
- 7 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs
- 8 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 9 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 10 Remembrance Sunday at St. John's 10:30am
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Amanda Sutherland, A career in costume design
- 14 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Chamberlayne Hall, Blackbourne. 7.30pm - Speaker Sarah Doig: "The Rise & Fall of East Anglia's Victorian Reading Rooms". *December tickets on sale* N.B. This is a change to our published programme.
- 15 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 16 St. John's Christmas Fair at the Blackbourne 2pm-4pm
- 19 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Parfitt Russia
- 19 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Annual General Meeting followed by Speaker / Club Event
- 20 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 22 "Companions @Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 25 Over 55's Thursford Xmas Concert
- 28 Over 55's Club Salvation Army Concert OPEN EVENING
- 29 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm
- 29 The Friends of St John's Church Coffee Morning in St John's Church at 9.45am - All welcome

December 2019

- 3 Exchange Social Club Christmas Lunch
- 3 7.00pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Nosh & Natter, entertainment by an Ipswich choir, Musicology
- 4 Exchange Afternoon WI 20th Anniversary Celebrations with invited guests & seasonal music
- 6 "Companions @Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 7 Over 55's Club Xmas Party with Pat James
- 8 Baby & Toddler Group Christmas party at Blackbourne
- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Christmas Party
- 11 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am followed by Christmas lunch celebration lunch at Fox
- 12 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Bristol Fashion (folk group): "An evening of Traditional Music and Songs from East Anglia" Light seasonal refreshments will be served. *This event is ADVANCE TICKETs only, none on the door. Tel: 01359-242601 for details.
- 13 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 13 Bingo Christmas special, doors open 6 pm eyes down 7.30pm
- 18 Carols on the green (near crown mill) 7pm
- 24 Messy church at St. John's 3:30pm
- 24 5.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Elmswell Baptist Church - come and enjoy a very atmospheric experience to get your Christmas off to a perfect
- 24 Late night carols at St. John's 11pm
- 25 Christmas Day service at St. John's 10am

January 2020

- 9 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Keely Taylor: "How to Build your Family Tree"

February 2020

- 13 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Terry O'Donoghue: "Bury's Guildhall"

March 2020

- 12 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Frances Hart: "British Canals and Waterways"

April 2020

- 9 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Elmswell History Group's 20th Anniversary meeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Claire Gapper: "Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk"

May 2020

- 14 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Jacquie Norman: "Tudor Costume in the time of Henry VIII" *July tickets on sale*

June 2020

- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7pm A.G.M., the Speaker Anthony Cobbold: "The Cobbald Family" *July tickets on sale*

July 2020

- 9 Elmswell History Group- 6.45pm. Annual Outing - Mildenhall's Warren Lodge Details and Tickets from 01359-242601



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