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dropping in'*



# The Elmswell Newsletter



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**October 2019**

**YES**  
**or**  
**NO?**

**...not what you may think**  
**- see overpage**

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## A public meeting held on 26th September at Blackbourne lasted almost 2 hours.

The report on the evening's proceedings is carried on page 11 and suggests an extremely well-informed presentation of some of the salient facts of the matter in hand and an open-ended airing of the questions, reservations and the support of those 90+ souls attending.

Always with a thought to our harassed and time-poor reader, we have stylishly condensed the relevant outcomes. The neat and succinct result makes up our front cover.

It seeks to highlight the question that prompted the get-together: "In the matter of the possible acquisition for the community of the Greene King site on School Road, are there enough 'Ayes' for us to have it?"

There was, as ever, an elephant in the room. A large, grey, awkward and slow-moving issue slowing everything down. We speak of the Planning system which rules and shapes our village and which, in recent years, has allowed a chaotic misshaping and unbalancing of our built environment and, as a consequence, the overloading of the infrastructure and facilities which should underpin development.

The key control element of this system is the Local Plan which lays down the terms and conditions which apply to Planning decisions in our District. The last one was produced in 1998 and is a failing and creaking shadow of a tool of governance, a key factor in the recent bonanza enjoyed by the developers who have, consequently, swamped Elmswell and other communities around with unplanned sprawl having little reference to the support systems that prevent the spiral towards a dormitory community whose residents have to drive not only to work, but for recreation, for education, for health care, to play and to socialise.

A new Local Plan is being drawn up. Long over schedule, and, judging by the comments from our Parish Council, short on effectiveness. Councillors submitted their lengthy response to the recent consultation on the draft new Plan with the following preface:

*There would seem to be 4 overriding themes which emerged from the discussions towards a response:*

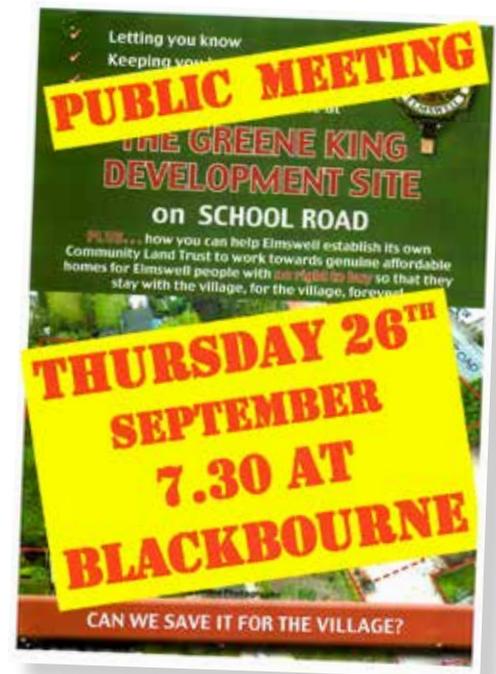
- A *The Plan is poorly constructed both in its language and in its statistical references which are often out of date and frequently confusing.*
- B *There is a lack of compulsion in much of the phrasing which leaves developers too much scope for evasion.*

- C *Much of the text seems not to have the benefit of local input, despite the many points of liaison between BMSDC officers and Neighbourhood Plan groups. Of particular concern is the arbitrary allocation of sites in Elmswell.*
- D *An opportunity is being missed to address the depredations from ad hoc development suffered recently by Elmswell and surrounding Core Villages. Infrastructure provision is not, in this Draft, required unequivocally and robustly. There is no longer the excuse of the Land Supply shortcoming which has allowed NPPF to vandalise our communities. This Plan must stand as a bulwark against the continuation of this despoliation.*

Suffice it to say that our elected representatives are showing little faith that the emerging document is going to help us towards defending and shaping the community we want and deserve.

Hence the public meeting. Hence the move to consider the setting up of a Community Land Trust through which the village can take an active, informed and intelligent role in shaping its own built environment and community frameworks. Hence the appeal for support.

Those same representatives have successfully steered us to the clear success that is The Blackbourne facility, an exemplar of a, 'village hall and playing field'. They have followed this up with the Wesley project, where the foundations are in the ground and the exciting new structure will soon be materialising towards opening in April. They are keen to grasp the opportunity to top it all with their proposals for the Greene King site...genuine affordable homes in the village's control, vast opportunities



for enhancing the provision at the Wesley and all sorts of potential in the pub itself.

There is considerable financial help and support for taking schemes such as this forward, but the site purchase, given the multi-use proposals, is more problematic. The Government institution, the Public Works Loan Board was set up to address just such a situation. The money is there for the asking, rock-solid safe, silly-low fixed interest rates and no penalties for early repayment.

Meanwhile, that same development growth that generates such justifiable and widespread ire does have something of a silver lining by way of financial returns to the long-suffering host community. Similarly, the financial aid available from Government and others for the development of the various elements of the proposal is considerable and is aimed at just this sort of imaginative community self-help.

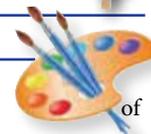
To quote the motto of the British Goat Breeders' Society, 'there's always a but'.

BUT, the money to secure the site will only be granted if the Council can demonstrate public support, including support for the increase in Council Tax that will endure for the first year at least. Hence the signatures sought at ElmsFest and at the recent Lukeswood Apple Day. Hence the exhibition at the Co-op and the volunteers inviting residents to sign up to supporting the site purchase. Hence the appeal in our September edition for your response.

It's effectively a binary question...a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

Almost, whisper it quietly, a *referendum!* Almost, the 'B' word!

**Bravely Resisting EXtraordinary Infrastructure Trauma.**



## ELMSWELL ART CLUB



Autumn started off with a perfect day for Elmsfest at which the club took stand space for the first time. We had a constant stream of viewers who were impressed with the range, variety and quality of the paintings on display and we were happy to make a number of sales, not only that, several people arranged commissions to paint a favourite cat or dog. Viewing was interrupted for a short time while everyone dashed out to see a World War Two fighter plane fly past, followed by much discussion as to whether it was a Spitfire or Hurricane! Comments were very complimentary especially so from members of other local art clubs. The aspect that appeals to other club members is the way Elmswell Art Club is run. We have a very simple philosophy, anyone interested in painting or drawing, with or without experience, is welcome. We do not discriminate in any way. New-comers and complete greenhorns can be assured there's plenty of people ready and willing to give help and advice, and we don't care what you want to paint. We had an eclectic range of paintings on display ranging from landscapes, seascapes, mountains, birds, cats, dogs, and colourful flowers. We also had some abstracts. The wide

coverage of subjects reflect the interests and preferences of the artists themselves. Still life paintings seem less popular than other types of subject so it was good to see Malcolm Wallis show a bright and striking picture of a coffee pot and mug which we reproduce here, together with Sol Indurain's painting entitled, "Dancing Taps". To say this painting is completely different to anything shown before is quite simply an understatement. It most certainly attracted a lot of attention. This painting was copied from a book by David Poxon ([www.davidpoxon.co.uk](http://www.davidpoxon.co.uk)) "Watercolour Heart and Soul". He recommends for those really interested, a visit to Lilleshall Hall, Lilleshall, Shropshire, to the International Watercolour Masters 2020 Exhibition, May 5th to 15th.

John Welford - 01359 240166



**The only time I feel alive is when I'm painting**  
*Vincent van Gogh*

## ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Over the last two months the club has been very active with a trip to Caister Castle Carvery for lunch followed by the short ride into Gt Yarmouth to take our seats at the Famous Hippodrome Circus

This was followed two weeks later by a brilliant evenings entertainment by Eric Sedge.

Our next trip took us on a Mystery tour of Norfolk countryside arriving at the FoldGate Arms near Downham Market for another splendid carvery after which we continued north passing Sandringham making the short detour via Wolverton Station which until Closure was the station for the Royal Family when they travelled by train, nowadays her Majesty travels from Kings Cross to Kings Lynn on a normal service train travelling first class.

Our journey then took us to Hunstanton for a stroll on the prom taking in the sunshine and finding a cuppa before returning home about 6 30pm.

Our final meeting of September saw the return of Stowmarket Concert Band for a very rousing evening of music which was enough to lift the roof off the Jubilee Hall thanks to the visitors who joined us.

The remainder of the years programme is listed in the Whats on Section of the Newsletter.

Looking forward to 2020 we have some Double and Twin rooms for our trip to Llandudno for the "Mock Cruise" at the Tynedale departing Elmswell on Sunday March 22nd (4 nights ) at £325 pp all inclusive We can also pick up Stowmarket & Bury Bus Station.

Grant (240943)



## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the Club visited Bressingham Gardens. We were blessed with glorious weather which made walking round the Gardens enjoyable. Some people visited the museum and others enjoyed a train ride.

Many of us visited the Garden Centre next door for various refreshments throughout the day and of course some retail therapy.

Our thanks to Anice for organising the trip.

October 15th is our next meeting and our speaker will be Mr. Leader talking about National Trust Houses.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

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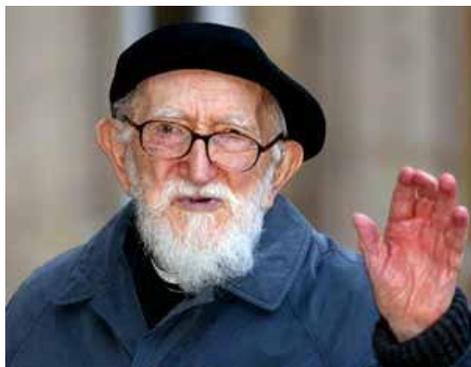
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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.

**What an enlightening meeting we enjoyed in September.** Our guest speaker was Steve Cook, The Chair of Trustees for the **EMMAUS Charity**. Have you heard of this ?? Most of us certainly hadn't. Yet, this organisation works worldwide and has communities in Cambridge, Colchester, Ipswich and recently Felixstowe. It was founded in 1949 in Paris by Abbe Pierre, a French Priest (pictured) who



was a member of the Resistance during World War II. It was in response to the scenes of hunger and homelessness in his own country following the conflict. He believed that giving the homeless and desperate the chance to work helping others restored their self belief and gave them the will to live. That is what Emmaus communities still do today. Many of these communities have residential accommodation but as yet this is not the case in Suffolk. There are plans for this to change in the future. They offer workshops where all types of employment training can be given. They have shops where they sell "upcycled" furniture and other objects all created by the "companions", the name for the people taken under their wing. The Charity has a Christian ethic but is sectarian in it's work. Companions who live in their residential communities forsake their benefits but housing benefit is handed to Emmaus to help with costs. However, any money earned from their work is obviously there's to keep.

Emmaus are a Living Wage employee. So many homeless people are in this situation through no fault of their own and restoring their self esteem and self worth is a major step forward for them. The aim is to find them full time employment, a home of their own and hopefully eventually independence.

We are all now arranging to donate unwanted furniture and household goods, clothes in good condition and also unwanted electrical goods. It was an inspiring afternoon.

**Next month we welcome Helen Maxwell, an artist based in Needham Market.** She specialises in linocut and printwork and we are looking forward to her visit. We welcome any ladies who would like to join us as guests, or members. For further details contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

*Maureen Davis*



## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On Thursday 12 September, our speaker was Stephen Poulter, who spoke about the history of the ancient settlement of Needham (Norfolk) some of which dates back more than 2000 years.

Stephen first came across the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century house, which he later purchased, on a visit to the Waveney Valley. Moving from Hertfordshire, he started to research the history of the house and village; in 2017 his studies became a 'Community Heritage Project' (Waveney Heritage Centre). He successfully received a grant of £9,500 and eventually a Heritage Festival was held in the home of the Centre, the former village school in nearby Brockdish.

Over 2000 years ago the area around Needham was a Roman settlement, where occupations such as fishing, osier cutting and cattle grazing were carried out. Later in Needham's history the Norman Conquest is recorded, there were then 5 Manors and the main crop was hemp. During the

reign of Henry VIII all land owners were required to grow hemp, which was used to manufacture nautical ropes, paper, textiles, paint, ink, etc.

From 1836-2019 one of the local hostelrys was called the Red Lion; there were originally three pubs –the White Hart 1830-1906 and a beer house called the Fishmongers Arms or Fishers Arms, where land, stabling and accommodation could be hired.

The village school was built in 1873 and closed in 1959 when only 17 children were attending – it became the Village Hall in 1961. His detailed talk was fascinating and was the result of many hours of studying the records of this small Waveney village.

We were delighted that the weather stayed so kind for Elmsfest on 1<sup>st</sup> September, bringing lots of visitors, many of whom visited our Book Sale, from which we are very pleased to report that the very respectable sum of £110 was raised for the Suffolk

Record Office. Many thanks indeed to everyone who donated and purchased books in support of that worthwhile cause. We still had a good supply of unsold books, some of which have been passed on to other village groups.

Our next meeting will be 'We'll meet again – an Evacuee's Story' – the story of Billy Jackson who was an evacuee at an East Anglian Farm. Then in November we welcome Victor Gray whose talk will be about the 60 years of the Suffolk Records Society.

Also at the October and November meetings tickets for the December meeting will be on sale.

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](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) or telephone our Secretary Stella Chamberlain 01359-242601.**

## ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Last month Jacqui Bennett shared her experience of visits to gardens associated with the novelist, Jane Austen. Tracking a timeline that linked to her early novels, she showed how Jane's writing reflected the exuberant form of eighteenth-century gardens as well as natural landscapes. Edward, Janes' brother employed Humphry Repton, a Suffolk man and ardent follower of Capability Brown, to improve the gardens of his family home. We learnt however, that Jane herself preferred the landscape of a natural cottage garden, as her home in the Hampshire village of Chawton celebrates. Jacqui, read extracts from Janes writing showing the vivid descriptions of the countryside in which her novels are set.

At our next meeting, **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Andrew Brogan** will share his love of the jungle in a talk entitled **Suffolk's Secret Jungle**. Andrew's voluptuous garden at Henstead was made from scratch 10 years ago and the planting is 'HUGE,

Exotic and Unique'. The garden has been featured on BBC TV 'Gardeners World' and 'Britain's Best Back Gardens' hosted for ITV by Alan Titmarsh. It really should be a great evening with members taking part in the annual competition to share something that in their view is 'Unique, Exotic or Unusual'.

Thank you if you shopped at Waitrose during August and supported the Elmswell Garden Club by donating your green token to our box. We were very pleased to be chosen as one of three organisations to be given a for a share of the monthly gift to community causes. A generous £250.00 has been donated to us and will be put to good use in the future.

I do hope that you have noticed the stunning flower tubs at the station. Nick Chamberlain submitted an article for the magazine last month outlining the history of the Garden Clubs involvement in

making the station attractive and welcoming. However, without Nick's tireless work to set up the planters in the autumn and spring each year plus organising members of the club to take turns in watering the tubs throughout the summer the project may well have faltered at the first hurdle. It has not. Ten years later we continue to be indebted to Nick for all that he has done to make the station look so friendly.

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. Our email address is [elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com](mailto:elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com).**



# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## ELMSWHEELIANS 2019

Sunday 15th September was a lovely sunny day, ideal for our morning ride into the Suffolk countryside.

Our ride took us out of the village via Bunkers Hill, then on to Tostock Green, Beyton Green, Rougham (Blackthorpe), and the new cycle-paths around Rougham Airfield and the edge of Moreton Hall.

From there it was homeward bound via Battlies Green, Thurston, Tostock, and back into the village along Kiln Lane and Warren Lane.

We ended, as we often do, at "The Fox", where much needed refreshment was very much enjoyed in a lovely autumnal garden.

In summary - another very enjoyable ride on a day perfect for cycling, and we even managed to escape the attention of the Community Speed Watch Cameras on Beyton Green !!

In total we cycled 18 miles.

### Next Ride:

**Our next outing will be on Sunday 20th October - a morning ride - starting at 11.00 a.m. - 15 miles approx.**

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

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

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

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## ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

We are sad to see Zoe go. We will be welcoming our new manager in October. It was lovely to see so many children come to the celebration event for the end of the Summer Reading Challenge to receive their certificate, medal and, of course, some cake. We would like to say another well done to all the children who took part and for those of you who were not able to make it on the day and would like your certificates you can pick them up at the library. We also extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the reading challenge possible.

In October we are taking part in Suffolk Libraries Day and are asking you to take part too. On Saturday 12th October we are inviting people to come into the library and read as part of a sponsored Readathon. The idea is simple - you ask people to sponsor you for each page you read. We hope many will come and join in but if you are not able to be here in person on Suffolk Libraries Day then you can take part leading up to the day.

We hope that this will be a fun way to raise money and will mean people can set their own challenge. Some people who struggle to read 200 pages in a month will be able to take part just as easily as those who can read over 1500. You can also create a team to try and reach 10,000 pages

as a group. To get started come to Elmswell Library and pick up your sponsorship form and your first book.

*Lisa, Miles, Sandra and Sarah-Jane*

### 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 contact Ursula Scott at Stowmarket Library on 01449 700549

### The Keep in Touch Community Café

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## POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal begins on Saturday October 26th. As usual this is the main fund raising appeal for the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund. I hope that everyone will be as generous as you usually are. Last year's collection raised £4753.00.

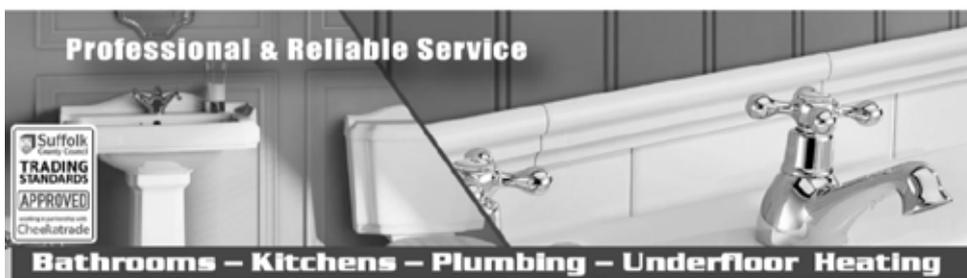


Although recent years have seen a marked reduction in the casualties suffered by our Armed Forces the necessity to support those and their families who suffered in earlier conflicts continues. Long term welfare support is a costly business and is often required over a long period of time.

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## ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

If you missed Elmsfest this year then I'm afraid you missed the best Fayre that the Blackbourne has seen for several years, it had a buzz, an atmosphere about it which defies definition. I am sure we will find out the hard facts elsewhere but I understand that it turned a handsome profit this year and well they should.

Our little bowling game proved very popular again and the decision to invest in another target fully justified itself. We ran an adult rink and a youngsters rink and both were busy for most of the time. There were several noteworthy performances but the actual champions were Derek Cross, of Drinkstone, who clocked up 250 with a back-up score of 150, Carl with 200 and 165 and David with 200 and 160, both of Elmswell. Derek wins a crisp £10 note for his endeavours.

The winning junior was Corrie Rose, with a creditable 170 and 60, but there were many very impressive displays and some contestants who deserve recognition for their sheer persistence! It is quite possible that we have shown the odd seed or two which may take decades to come to fruition and feed young players into the sport but, if it is not to be, at least a lot of us enjoyed ourselves and that was the primary objective. We made a modest profit, too.

Our Monday team were finally confirmed as runners-up and promoted to Division 1 having won our last match against Brandon, the only team that might have caught us, by 5 points to

nil. We received a handsome little trophy, an inscribed, pilzner-glass shaped item, small but quite tasteful. Well, see for yourselves, if you can pick it out from the photograph. Being transparent, it is a bit tricky to capture but it is proudly on display in the Bowls Pavilion for anyone whose life just simply won't be the same unless they lay eyes on it. It has gone down very well with the team who are as chuffed as little mint balls and it has been kissed, hugged, thrust into the air and waved about until the poor little thing was dizzy and someone even spoke of hiring an open-top bus and parading through the village but we managed to persuade him that it wasn't really that much of a deal. In all seriousness, though, I have to particularly mention David Gruenbaum, John Irving and Phil Stabler who have picked up a trophy in their very first season of league bowls and I do think that that is quite an achievement so well done to them especially.

*Peter Edmonds E.F.B.C. - 07860 395720*



## BATS AT THE BLACKBOURNE

### Badminton and Table Sports

Every Friday evening, except on the occasions when it booked for wedding set-up, The Jubilee Hall is available for Badminton. There are two courts but we also have Pool, Table Tennis and Darts, which doesn't really fit with the 'Table Sports' tag, but there.

BATS is an unofficial club with no membership and no subscription fee. You simply pay for each session that you attend. The Fees are: £1 for youngsters, students etc. and £3 for adults and the facility is available from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. All equipment is supplied although serious badminton players tend to use their own racquets.

Currently, we have mostly junior 'members' with the occasional parent joining in. With summer coming to an end, we find that attendance rises and this would be a good time to check us out with a view to playing throughout the winter. Inexpensive as it is, we do not charge anyone for a trial evening but we cannot guarantee to provide suitable opposition so bringing a friend would be a good idea.

*For more information, by all means call:  
Peter Edmonds - 07860 395720*

## ELMSWELL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

At the beginning of September we said some sad farewells to some well loved children with many moving on to pre-schools and schools, we wish them all the best of luck with their new chapter in their lives. September always feels like a quiet month at the group after the busyness of the summer holidays, with trips and added bank holidays. We've spent our mornings being creative with gluing, painting, and colourful playdoh creations.

We look forward to October with anticipation of autumnal crafts to adorn the walls and fridges of many homes. We also will be having some Halloween themed activities and crafts on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October.

In other news on the 28<sup>th</sup> September we held our bi-annual sale without the support of all the volunteers this would not take place and behind the scenes many hours of organising, meetings and plenty of cups of tea took place to make it run. The Nearly New Sale is a big part of our funding towards the running costs of the group (toys and snacks), the outings we go on and the parties we hold. We thank all those that dedicate their time to help with the sale both on the day and behind the scenes and for the scrummy cakes made. We especially thank Nicki, who has spend many days and nights preparing for the sale as this years co-ordinator, in between working full time and equally caring for her two girls.

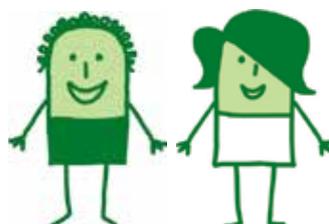
Our next sale is on Saturday 28th March 2020. We are always looking for more help and support when running the Nearly New Sale and also the Nearly New Sale Cafe if you are interested in helping at our next sale then please contact Claire on 07709160045 or email [elmswell.nns@gmail.com](mailto:elmswell.nns@gmail.com).

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



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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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Hello from St John's and Happy October.

Hope we're not too late by the time you read this... but on Saturday 5th October, it's our annual Variety and Spice evening – sketches, songs, jokes, poetry and more! We're asking for a donation of just £8 per person (under 16s free) and serving complimentary snacks and glass of Prosecco or soft drink. The fun starts at 7:00pm. Please do come along and bring your friends, neighbours, family, etc! It's sure to be an excellent evening with lots of laughs.

You'll see below our usual selection on Sunday services continues throughout October, with an additional Time to Remember Service on Saturday 2nd November at 3:00pm: 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.

Messy Church during October half term at 10:30am, Friday 25th October: crafts, songs, games, jokes and finishing with lunch together at 12:00. Messy Church has been a popular addition to St John's. If you haven't been along yet, come and try it.

We also have a selection of weekly bible study groups and in November you can also join the Ladies Lunch on Friday 18th November and a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 19th October at 8:30am. For catering purposes, please let us know if you wish to come along to either of these events.

Recently, we've had a number of gorgeous weddings at St John's. Are you getting married soon? Thinking about a church wedding? We'd love to get to know you and talk about your special day. 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. What's more, marrying in church has never been easier. For such a special day, we offer a special place. There are some great things about marrying at St John's Church that you might like to know. All you need to help you plan a personal, meaningful, spiritual and beautiful church wedding can be found on our website.

And finally, please SAVE THE DATE - Our annual Christmas fair is next month. Saturday 16th November 2019. 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Blackbourne. Please do come along if you're able to! We'd love to see you!

### Sunday 6th October

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



### Sunday 13th October

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:30am CPAS Sunday

### Sunday 20th October

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

Friday 25th October  
10:30am Messy Church

Sunday 27th October  
10:30am Holy Communion

Saturday 2nd November  
3:00pm Time to Remember

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

## 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 a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can just make a donation.

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- 5 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner. "Remembered with love". Tony & Margaret.
- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 18 in celebration of the wedding of Julie and Simon.
- 19 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 21 remembering my Mum, Olive Rose Dalton, on her Birthday.
- 24 in loving memory of our Dad, Bernard Booth, born 1914, died 1997.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
- 27 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner. "Remembered with love" on her Birthday.
- 27 cherished memories of a dear Aunt on her Birthday.
- 28 in loving memory of a dear Nana and Grandad, Rene and George Stiff. "Miss you. God Bless". Louise and Brian. xx.
- 28 as the leaves fall this Autumn, precious memories of a dear Mum and Dad, Rene and George Stiff. Monica, Philip and family. xx.
- 30 Ken Catchpole. Remembering your 82nd Birthday. "Because someone we love is in heaven, there's a little bit of heaven in our home". Love Joan, Stephanie, Ivan, William and Glyn. xxxxx.
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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

How is that we as a nation are so divided over Brexit and why are people so aggressive in their attitudes to those who hold a different view to their own on a wide variety of issues? We at the Baptist Church would argue that it is no coincidence that this coincides with a period when church attendance is at an all time low and many laws that have been passed in recent decades are clearly at odds with God's teaching and purposes. The gospel of Jesus Christ teaches respect for all, and love for our neighbours (that's not just those who live next door!) but also the necessity of living lives that are in accordance with God's will and purposes. We'd be delighted if you were to come along on a Sunday or any of our other activities to find out more about this different way of living.



Pictures from our Barn dance in September.



**Our activities this month are as follows:-**  
The **Ladies Friendship Group** meet on October 7th when Janet Brown will be giving a talk on "Experiences on a narrow boat". Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more. All ladies are welcome

The next **Food 'n' Friends** is on Thursday October 10th at Midday. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food at a nominal cost. Join the at least couple of dozen men and women who come regularly. Everyone is welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

Our **Harvest for All service** is on October 13th at 10.30am and will be led by Stephen Spurgeon. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch, ALL are welcome, some idea of numbers would be useful. Phone 241541, email cockant2@btinternet.com or text 07784095225.

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

- October 6th Stephen Spurgeon - Communion
- October 13th Stephen Spurgeon - Harvest for all
- October 20th Rev. Rodney Sawtell
- October 27th Stephen Spurgeon
- November 3rd Rev. Barbara Challis inc Communion

Anyone turning up can be assured of a warm welcome at all these events.



*Rev. Richard and Mrs. Ann Edwards and Charlie Rudland with a Bible presented to Richard over 46 years ago when he was Minister at Elmswell, Norton and Bardwell Baptist Churches. Picture taken on Sunday September 22nd when Richard returned 50 years to the day from when he first preached at Elmswell as it's Minister!*

Visit our website at [www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk) or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony

# Applying for a Blue Badge

## CITIZENS ADVICE

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On 30 August, the Blue Badge scheme was extended to people who live in England and have non-visible disabilities or conditions which affect their ability to walk. As a result, your mother may now qualify for a badge.

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If she's not automatically eligible she can still apply for a badge. Her local authority will use evidence from doctors and other healthcare professionals to determine whether she qualifies or not.

Your mother can check her eligibility and apply for a local authority-issued Blue Badge at [gov.uk/apply-blue-badge](http://gov.uk/apply-blue-badge). If she can't do this herself, you can apply on her behalf.

You'll need a recent digital passport-style photo, proof of her identity, address, details of any benefits she receives, her National Insurance number, and evidence of how her non-visible disability or condition affects her mobility.

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 [midsuffolcab.org.uk](http://midsuffolcab.org.uk).



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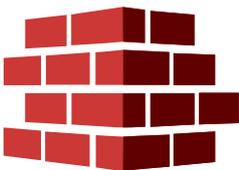


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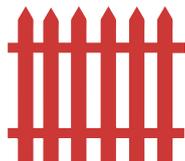
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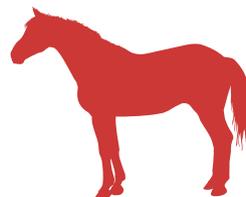
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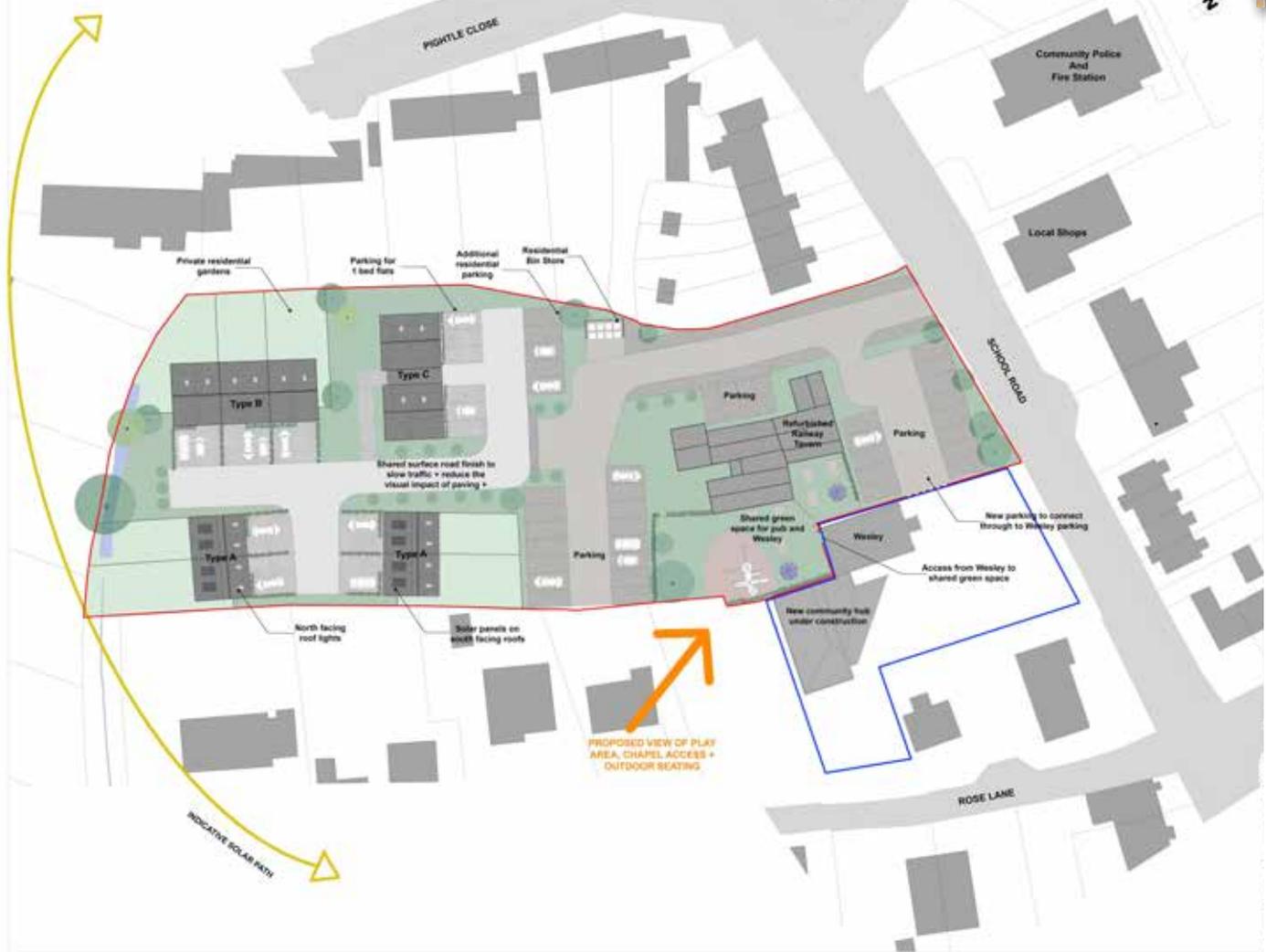
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I have read and understand a detailed explanation, including plans, of the Elmswell Parish Council's proposal to purchase the Greene King site at School Road with a view to developing affordable community housing as well as saving the Railway Tavern as a community facility and providing extra parking and play space for the village's facility next door at The Wesley.

I realise that the purchase will be funded by borrowing and that this will mean an increase in my Council Tax.

**I SUPPORT BOTH THE PROPOSAL AND THE BORROWING.**

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# GREENE KING DEVELOPMENT SITE UPDATE



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## 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!



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The public meeting held on 26th September at Blackbourne heard of how Greene King had been unsuccessfully approached by the Parish Council before they decided to sell the Railway Tavern to see if they might sell to the village a piece of their land immediately behind the new Wesley development to allow for more play area and greenspace for the proposed new community hub and facilities. Meanwhile, the extensive plot on which the pub stands was, despite the Council's objections, granted Planning permission for 8 large family houses which reduced the parking available for the pub and which required the narrowing of School Road.

Subsequently, the site, including the building plots, was put on the market and it seemed an obvious opportunity to look at the possibility of a community purchase which would give not only the extra breathing space at Wesley but the chance of an ambitious and scheme to replace a bog-standard development of yet more pattern-book houses.

The Council had already registered the Railway Tavern as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) which means that any Planning application by a developer to turn it into a house would have to fight the Material Planning Consideration of the ACV – a factor which has saved many local facilities, including pubs, since the new law came into being in 2011.

The idea of the community acquiring and developing the site was put to the Annual Parish Meeting at Blackbourne on 28th May when our County Council Ward Member, Cllr Jane Storey, took the Chair and declared, on a show of hands, overwhelming support from the villagers present for taking an initiative forward.

A grant was secured from Mid Suffolk for exploring one of the main aspects of the scheme – affordable homes controlled by the village's own Community Land Trust. The architect who planned and is taking forward the Wesley project next door, was commissioned to draw up an indicative plan. A Land Agent was instructed to value the site and to make approaches to the seller's Agent with a view to agreeing a purchase price. A process of consultation with the village was begun with an 8 page leaflet in every September Newsletter and an exhibition explaining the proposals and inviting support.

*The case for purchase is made on 3 main aspects:*

- The provision of genuinely affordable homes under the control of a newly formed Elmswell Community Land Trust which would have access to government funding to build and manage, probably through a Housing Association, houses for local people and which could never be sold on through the Right To Buy scheme. They would belong to and be controlled by the village for ever.
- The advantages of having the 2 sites, the Wesley and the Greene King land, immediately adjacent allows for all sorts of possibilities – not least, shared parking and shared play space as well as the clear advantages 2 venues offering a wider range of facilities, interchangeable across the sites...possibly with even a physical link.
- The possibilities of the Railway Tavern building being developed as the Community sees fit. First suggestion is a community pub as in many other villages where, for example, the Post office is incorporated. However, if this does not seem feasible later down the line, the Parish Council could remove the ACVV registration and the building could be developed in other ways.

The meeting heard from Debbie Wildridge from the organisation Locality which works towards community developments across a broad range. Debbie's speciality is Community land Trusts- she has set up 31 of them in the Eastern Region.

Alan Wilkinson, who had developed the indicative plans with the benefit of his understanding of the Wesley project and how the two schemes might complement each other, explained his thinking and Philip Shaw, who represents the Parish Council on the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association and who has extensive experience of licensed arts & community venues, ran through some of the possibilities afforded by the Tavern building itself.



**The Questions and Answers that followed included the following:**

**Q Can the narrowing of School Road, as proposed in the plans for the 8 houses, be avoided in a new scheme?**

**A** The Council owns the frontage of the Wesley site and both this and the Greene King site boundaries could be pulled back to leave room for a pavement without encroaching on the width of School Road at this dangerous pinch point.

**Q How many affordable homes are suggested by the indicative plan?**

**A** 6 x 2-bed, 3 x 3bed, 4 x 1 bed – the 1 beds as ‘maisonettes’ with, effectively, a bungalow below and a flat above

**Q Can we see the full range of costs of the proposed borrowings across all of the Council Tax bands?**

<b>A</b> [provided after the meeting]	Band A	22p per week
	Band B	26p
	Band C	29p
	Band D	33p
	Band E	40p
	Band F	48p
	Band G	55p
	Band H	66p

**Q This is a prime and therefore expensive plot. Shouldn't we be looking for cheaper land for these houses**

**A** This scheme is much more than just the houses. It brings considerable benefits to the village's Wesley facility as well as offering the possibilities of the Tavern building itself.

**Q Would progressing the Greene King site delay the Wesley project?**

**A** No. The Wesley Contract is well under way, on time and on target.

**Q Will all of the new houses in the village be making a notable financial contribution to the village and defraying costs such as proposed here?**

**A** Yes, very significantly. There is the cash which comes directly to the Parish for each house built, cash which goes to Mid Suffolk for each house built and which the village can bid for plus, significantly, the fact that each new household contributing to the village's Council Tax pot increases the money available through the annual precept and therefore can reduce the bill for everyone else.

**Q What do you call, 'Affordable' houses, and who gets to decide how they are allocated?**

**A** The rule-of-thumb is that 'Affordable' rents are set at 80% of the average open-market rent in the area. But this is entirely at the discretion of the Community Land Trust which is wholly community based – local people deciding on this local issue, including who qualifies for a house. A recent group near Cambridge has just set the rents at 60% - £600 per month, which, in the Cambridge area, is very affordable. Elmswell people could set the rents of their houses wherever they choose.

Another factor, often forgotten, is that, if the houses are built to a high standard of sustainability...high insulation levels & passive solar gain, heat pump technology, community heating, solar PV, grey water scheme etc, the running costs can make them 'affordable'. In the Cambridge case quoted, the total utilities bill per house per year averages just £120.00.

**Q If the purchase bid succeeds, where does the money come from for all the building / refurbishment works before any income is generated?**

**A** There is considerable Government support for community enterprise. The Community Land Trust opens the door to Homes England's Community Housing Fund of £63m. The Plunkett Foundation channels Government funding through the Power to Change initiative towards community enterprises, and especially towards community pub schemes. Meanwhile, the very high level of development in Elmswell generates Community Infrastructure Levy funds at 3 locally-accessible levels and the constant uplift in household numbers (634 and counting over the next 4 years) means that the Community Charge 'pot' increases as each dwelling is occupied.



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## Managers Write Up – First Team

The 1st team had their opening game of the season away to stage in Gainsborough, Ipswich. With a strong squad this season we should be confident going into all our games.

We started and finished strong against stage, with some Brilliant passing moves that ended in goals we finally won the game 5-2.

Our 2nd game was in the cup (mfc) vs Bramford road old boys who are in the league above and going forward they definitely have a threat. From being 2.1 up we ended up losing 3.2 in what was a very close game and we conceded a dubious penalty which saw us knocked out of the cup.

Recently we faced Melton United who have inherited a large amount of players from div 1 side AFC Kesgrave, who were very successful winning the Junior cup at Portman road 2 years ago. Our lads handled them very well, unfortunately for us we wernt quite able to finish them off with the chances we created and ended up drawing 1.1 Melton will definitely be around the top come the end of season and wont drop many points this year.

Things are looking very positive for us especially with a great team spirit, work rate and ability this group of players have.



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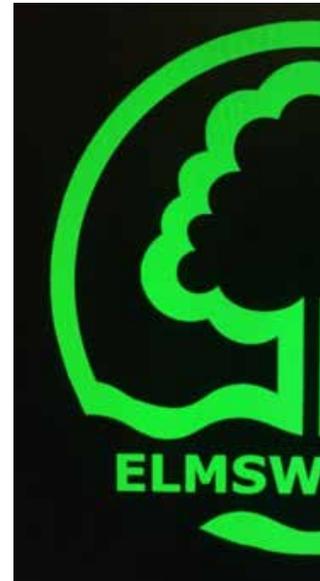
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14/9.	BROB 3 v 2 EFC 1st	cup
14/9.	KESGRAVE RES 1 v 2 EFC RES	int C
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### Managers Write Up – Reserves

The reserve side headed into the season with lofty aspirations after pre-season ended on a high, victories over Claydon 'A' and Stowupland Falcons Reserves, 6-5 and 2-1 respectively, showed the hard work on the training pitch was beginning to pay off. We found ourselves through to the next round of the cup without a shot fired in anger, after Leiston FC 'A' withdrew from our Divisional Cup tie with hours to spare. A week later, our competitive season finally got off to a start with a tough away fixture at Kesgrave Kestrels Reserves. Will Buist, slotting in at centre back, got us off to a perfect start, heading home unmarked from a Paul Cable corner after less than 10 minutes. A lack of end-product from Elmswell, coupled with some questionable refereeing, saw the sides go in level after Kesgrave were gifted a penalty in stoppage time, defender Nathan Baird adjudged to have used an elbow when clearing from a corner. Elmswell came back out with something to prove though and quickly restored their advantage, manager Chris Edmonds dancing through the opposition half and feeding Cable, who added a goal to his earlier assist, stabbing past the onrushing keeper. Elmswell nearly increased the lead on several occasions but ultimately it finished 2-1. A perfect start to the season, the first man of the match award to creator turned goal scorer Paul Cable.



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### FIXTURES

5/10.	EFC 1st v BARDWELL	div 3
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12/10.	WALTON WDS v EFC 1st	div 3
12/10.	EFC res v FRAMLINGHAM A	int C
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## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



### Apple Day

In contrast to last year's cold and drizzle the sun came out in celebration of our tenth Apple Day at Lukeswood. Instead of waterproofs and brollies we needed sunscreen and sunshades. It was really hot! Lots of people came to enjoy the sunshine, as well as the activities and stalls. There was plenty to see and do: the treasure hunt in the orchard (did you find the secret password? – it was "apple crumble"), lots of challenging games (old favourites Splat the Rat and Chicken Chucking, of course, along with our new and challenging obstacle course) and a variety of interesting stalls. Local crafts were well

represented, with jewellery, stained glass, and lots of hand carved wooden products on offer. We also had bric-a-brac and several tombolas, while the children were kept busy making things with ElmsWild and Street Farm Nursery. There was food, too – lovely local honey, and Forager's Jelly from Lukeswood. Cups of tea and coffee were much in demand – very ably supplied by the ladies from Trefoil Guild, along with a delicious range of cakes and savouries.

There was a steady stream of visitors to our Apple Information stall, many with bags of fruit from their own trees. By the end of the afternoon we had quite a few samples to send off to the experts at the Suffolk Traditional

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

Jen provided an interesting and colourful display of our ElmsWild Flowers project, including photos of all the fantastically creative pots and containers you have used to grow your wildflower seeds. Well done to everyone who entered our competition and especially to all the prize winners. Prizes of delicious local honey were donated and presented by Tony Payne of Woodside Apiaries. If you haven't tried Tony's honey yet, you should call in at Mulberry Farm in Ashfield Road – it really is lovely, and with zero food miles as well.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Apple Day. Also to all our stall-holders, both old and new, and to the hard-working Trefoil Guild for keeping everyone well-supplied with refreshments. It was a lovely day and everyone had a great time. Come back next September for the eleventh edition – you're sure to have a good time, whatever the weather!



### The (Anglian Water) Boys are back in town!

We've been very busy at Kiln Meadow too. This is the time of year when we cut and rake the whole site in order to encourage a wide range of wildflowers to grow, including the three types of orchid that are now well established there. It's a big job and very hard work, so we were

delighted to welcome back a team of volunteers from Anglian Water who came to help us out. As usual, the lads did a great job, wielding their rakes and pitchforks with both enthusiasm and dexterity, and we got through the job in record time. A big thank you to all the team – we

hope that next June when you're working at the neighbouring sewage works, you'll take a peek next door to admire all the colourful orchids and other wildflowers, the results of all that hard work in September.



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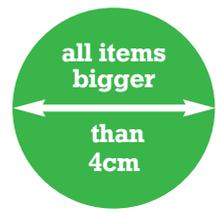
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## ELMSWELL WILDFLOWERS

Last weekend, at Apple Day at Lukeswood, we were pleased to announce the three winners of our wildflower photography competition. We'd had loads of entries, so it took a lot of thought (and fiddly bloom counting!) to decide the winners.

**Greatest number of blooms in one photo:** This category was won by Riley, who grew his wildflowers in a planter, with bedding plants and sunflowers providing extra nectar for the local bees. Well done!

**Greatest number of bees in one photo:** This was won by Jack and Ethan, whose re-purposed shopping basket grew a beautiful crop of wildflowers and who captured TWO bees in their photo.

**Most unusual planter:** This was a tough call, because we had several very creative planters, but Leon won, by growing his wildflowers in the tray of his toy digger.

We were very lucky to have Tony, our local beekeeping expert in Elmswell, on hand to present Riley with his certificate and prize. Tony kindly donated jars of honey produced by his own bees at the Woodside Apiary at Mulberry Farm as a prize, to go with the book each winner received. Thank you, Tony!

I'd like to take this moment to thank EVERY Elmswell resident who has supported the project by growing their own wildflowers. YOU have given back to nature this year and helped endangered species in our own country.

Now the autumn is fully on us, it's time to trim your wildflower deadheads off, although it's a good idea to leave them lying on top of the area, or give them a good shake, so the seeds drop back to the soil to re-seed for next year, before you compost them. Make sure you don't leave the dead tops on the soil... they'll put nutrients back into the soil, which wildflowers do not need.

I hope to see lots of you on 5th October, when we'll be extending each of the four public beds (see Community Gardening Events on our website for full details) and look forward to updating you on our plans for phase 2 really soon. Even more wildflowers AND a scattered orchard, here we come!!





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There was of course a huge amount of other things to see and do, The Crafts and the Art exhibition and sale of works from Elmswell Art club. Village clubs were well represented, both churches, Elmswild, gardening club, history group, over 55's, youth football to name a few. Dick Burch organised another tractor rally which is always popular and he had sponsors raising over £200 towards our expenses thanks to *David Barker Peter Edmonds, Fred Pallett, Shaun Pratt, Alan Wells.*

Elmscafé was even more popular with freshly cooked Tortilla, made to order sandwiches, ploughmans, vegan and gluten free options, snacks, cake and much more, meant it was packed solid for 4 hours. To help people just wanting a tea/coffee/squash and maybe a biscuit we had a pilot service in the Jubilee hall, 'ElmsCafecito' which also proved very popular.

This year we had to hire a 'proper' sound system complete with a 'sound engineer' because the acts did not use their own. The difference was amazing. We had requests to 'sing' from Pop Chorus who are a completely voluntary group of people who perform at a whole host of events around the county, performing many feel-good songs, Serena Grant is a professional Vocalist and DJ who has toured across the country,



performing at weddings, events, parties and holiday parks. Serena lives in Suffolk and has even had her original singles played on BBC Introducing in Essex. Then we had a total first time performance from Olivia Kim who sang Korean pop, she did really well and fought off the nerves to get a huge round of applause. Phillipa Hanna floored the crowd it was a huge triumph that we managed to book her.

The bouncy castles, many of which were £5 for all afternoon play, very popular with parents. Stocks fairground operated all afternoon. There was 'Laser' paintball, a bucking bronco – A proper petting farm which was fun to hold the animals but they were also educating children about the animals, Thanks to Stow vet group for the sponsorship after we were let down. Lots of the village clubs and societies had either gazebo's outside or tables inside and toasted marshmallows from St Johns church provided fun and a tasty snack.

Around 1430 the unmistakable sound of the Merlin engine screamed overhead as the RAF once again provided a flyby this year in a Hurricane, the pilot turned over Thurston and we had another low level pass and off he went to another venue, with the traditional waggling of the wing 'goodbye' goosepimples everywhere.

There was so much to see and do it was a really busy day.

Elmsfest is a not for profit organisation, our aim is to provide a totally fun family day, we try where possible to make things free or at a small cost. BUT without the sponsors we would be lost. So thanks Builders Crest Nicholson, and Taylor Wimpey. Village organisations Co-op, Greathead Martial arts, Park garage, Stow Vet group, Elmswell Parish council and Collins Skips who saved our lives when the other company failed and left us high and dry. Thanks also to all



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Thanks to all those that stepped forwards and volunteered to help on the day even for an hour helps so much, we supply a cup of tea and a biscuit and if your there for 4 hours we will give you a sandwich as well. If you would like to help in 2020 please contact us, there is never enough help especially setting up in the morning and clearing up post show.

As there is no i in team – we are just four people with individual skills, Chris Wiley (who has moved out of the village, too expensive) who is in touch with young people and knows what they need, is great at communication and blagging donations. Brittany Hewitt Chris's fiancé who's skills are in artwork, poster design, keeping Chris in line and photography. Sol Indurain manages the minutes, reminds us of what we said we would do and haven't yet, The Elmscafe, direction signs, the art club. And finally Grumpy me. I do the admin, accounts and anything else that cannot be covered.

Thanks to all the exhibitors, craft people, clubs, societies, Fire people? And YOU for attending.

Finally none of this would be possible without Elmswell Amenities backing us and special thanks to the Parish Clerk Peter Dow and Assistant Clerk Ann Brett for all the help and re-direction of enquiries and help on the day

*Mike Friend*

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# Halloween

## Ghost Biscuits

### Ingredients

- 90g unsalted butter, softened
- 100g caster sugar
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 200g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 100g white chocolate, chopped
- 60 chocolate chips (approximately)



### Instructions

- Preheat your oven to 180°C/350°F/ Gas mark 4. Grease the baking tray with a little butter or line with a piece of greaseproof paper.
- Weigh the sugar and butter and place in a mixing bowl.
- Use a wooden spoon or electric whisk to cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy
- Once the butter and sugar mixture is light and fluffy, add in the beaten egg. Carry on mixing until all the ingredients are combined.
- Weigh the flour and baking powder and place in your mixing bowl. Use a wooden spoon or spatula to carefully mix the flour into the butter and egg mixture.
- Flatten the dough with your hands, wrap in cling film and place in the fridge for around 1 hour.
- Take the dough from the fridge, un-wrap the cling film and use a rolling pin to roll it out on a floured worktop. The dough should be the thickness of a pound coin, about 3mm.
- Using a cutter or table knife cut out in the shape of a ghost.
- Place the shaped biscuit dough on to your lightly greased baking trays and cook in the oven for between 8 to 12 minutes.
- Once the biscuits are cooked leave them on a wire rack to cool. They will be cold in less than half an hour and ready to decorate.
- Place the white chocolate in a small microwaveable bowl and melt in the microwave, using short sharp blasts of heat, stirring in between.
- When the biscuits and white chocolate are cool, you can either dip the biscuits into the chocolate or spoon the chocolate over the biscuit.

You can now add the chocolate chips for the eyes and leave your spooky ghosts to set.

## Halloween Word Search

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Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly, excepting August. The September meeting took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> at The Blackbourne with 9 councillors present together with 4 members 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 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 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.

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), 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 15<sup>th</sup> July and the Extraordinary Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

## Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that Mid Suffolk District Council's first quarter finances show that the Council has a surplus of £180,000. This is caused primarily by a large increase of £521,000 in Planning income which is offset by increases in IT costs of £176,000, CIFCO / Gateway 14 expenses of £98,000, and a reduction in income of £169,000 from the PV panels. Meanwhile, the Council's subsidiary company, Gateway 14 Ltd has completed the purchase of the Stowmarket East site adjacent to the Gateway 14 site. This means that the Council owns a block of land between A14 and the railway line to the east of A1120. The Report stated that It has become apparent that there were several issues with the new Waste Collection rounds which were introduced in July. There was a one-off instance of the recycling bins being collected with the black bin and this should not happen again under normal circumstances. Hopefully things will settle down again once the crews have found all the properties they need to collect from. If there are any further cases of missed bins, the first point of contact is the Ward Members and information about what to put in recycling bins can be found on the MSDC website here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste-Services-Bins/Documents/guide-to-recycling-2019.pdf>

With regard to locality funding, any group wishing to apply is encouraged to be in touch with either Ward Member. The application deadline is December, but it would be helpful if received bids were received by the beginning of November.

## Suffolk County Council

Cllr Jane Storey tabled a written report which included details of the latest position at the County Council regarding GCSE grade improvements, building progress on The Hold, which will house the Suffolk Records Office when completed, vaccination rates across the County, action on unsafe goods at Felixstowe, Suffolk Lorry Watch and the retention of some threatened bus services.

## Planning Results

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

DC/19/03147 Erection of two storey side

extension...Sawmills, Ashfield Road  
REFUSED EPC objected  
DC/19/03119 Erection of single storey rear extension...1 Beresford Cottage, Ashfield Road GRANTED EPC supported  
DC/19/02964 Erection of single storey side extension at 6 School Avenue GRANTED EPC supported  
DC/19/03633 Discharge of Conditions 4911/16 – Condition 18(Archaeological works) Land to the North and South of Wetherden Road APPROVED  
DC/19/03271 Discharge of Conditions 0210/17 – Condition 19(Contamination) & 20 (Contamination report) Land to the East of Ashfield Road APPROVED  
DC/19/03423 Erection of two storey side extension...9 Warren Close GRANTED EPC objected  
DC/19/00052 Discharge of conditions re archaeological evaluation, written investigation & works including service routes. Wesley Hall, School Road APPROVED  
DC/19/03343 Construction of new vehicular access... Land North of Grove Lane APPROVED

## Planning Applications

The Meeting decided to comment on the following Applications referred to them by Mid Suffolk.

**DC/19/03924 Application for outline planning permission (some matters reserved –access to be considered) for site remediation works (Phase 1) and the erection of up to 65 dwellings with safeguarding of land for potential future delivery of a relief road, public open space and associated landscaping (Phase 2) Land to the West of the Former Bacon Factory**

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. The site is outside of the Settlement Boundary and is not a Preferred Option in the emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan. It represents ad hoc development without the safeguards of any strategic planning and, as such, is an unsustainable location on which development should not be approved
2. The proposal found no support during the pre-application consultation process from either Elmswell Parish Council or the public. It imposes further strain on the infrastructure provision which is already stretched to accommodate 634 houses in Elmswell with

Planning permission currently being built-out or soon to commence construction. Of specific concern are:

2.1 Highways infrastructure which, at the School Road / Church Road junction, is already over the safe operating capacity, as confirmed by SCC Highways, and where no mitigation is suggested or offered.  
2.2 Highways infrastructure where the clear guidance enshrined in the Suffolk Design Guide is for 150 dwellings served by a single access road, this structure already breached by the host development here on the Bacon Factory site and now further to be ignored in a proposal which seeks to allow 265 dwellings to be accessed from the increasingly busy single junction at Ashfield Road, a 56% uplift on the accepted safe limit.

2.3 Educational provision which is already stretched by extant proposals requiring the expansion of Elmswell Primary School on its constricted site to accommodate 420 pupils and which, by Suffolk County Council admission, still leaves a residue of Elmswell children required to be bussed elsewhere when all current housing development is realised. All of the primary schoolchildren from the new housing proposed here would have to travel by bus to receive their primary education.

3 The addition of the public green space to the north of the site, which was not originally mooted at the consultation stage, inevitably means that the land reserved for the Relief Road separates the residents from their recreation area posing a hazardous prospect as any such road would, by definition, carry considerable volumes and weight of traffic.

**DC/19/03851 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved – access and landscaping**

**to be considered) for development of a mixture of B1/B2/B3 uses Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane**

Councillors urged rejection of this Proposal on the grounds that Elmswell Parish Council has consistently objected to development on this site. To allow further expansion would be inconsistent with the case as made previously against *ad hoc* intrusions into the countryside such as this.

Further, the emerging Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan is encouraging employment sites within the village, avoiding



the inevitable conflicts of a site which is ill served by the highway network with its reliance on single-track country lane access from Elmswell. There is no mention of the inevitable traffic problems which would ensue at Warren Lane or of mitigation to allow safe vehicular passage and encourage walking and cycling by the future workforce resident in Elmswell.

**DC/19/04135 / DC/19/04134 Works to curtilage of listed building previously converted for office use to enable conversion to a dwelling... plus... Change of use of 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension, roof raising modifications and conversion of office to residential use(Class C3) to form independent dwelling.**

**Mulberry Farm, Ashfield Road**

Councillors objected to this application as it represents a gross overdevelopment and urbanisation of a site which is outside of the development envelope of the village and which enjoys an open rural aspect within the setting of Mulberry Farmhouse, a Listed Building. The current use of the host building as a small office attracts very low levels of traffic over a limited spread of operating hours. Conversion to a dwelling would considerably increase the traffic flows and parking requirements as well as imposing the adjuncts and paraphernalia of a domestic curtilage to the detriment of the rural setting. There is no perceived need for piecemeal additions to the housing stock in Elmswell and no benefits which would ensue. In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan Policies H9 which requires that a material Consideration exists when, as proposed here, a conversion would detract from its rural surroundings, as well as the general strictures of H13 & GP1.

**DC/19/04026 Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) Sawmills, Ashfield Road**

Councillors did not accept that the modifications proposed to the original application addresses the concerns which continue to weigh in favour of refusal. It is still the case that the mass of the slab-sided East elevation to the proposed side extension is at odds with the fenestration of the main dwelling which currently presents a pleasingly symmetrical outlook from the front of the property. This unbalanced result detracts from what is a pleasing aspect presented to the street scene at the entrance to the village. As such it runs counter to Local Plan policies GP1, H16 & H18, to emerging JLP policy LP24 and to NPPF paragraph 127.

**Local Plan**

Planning rules are set nationally in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, but local rules, which are binding in law, are laid down in a Local Plan drawn up by all District, Borough and Unitary Authorities. The last such Plan for Mid

Suffolk was written in 1998 and often fails to carry weight because it is so out of date. The situation has worsened in recent years because of Mid Suffolk's failure to be able to prove that it has at least 5 years' deliverable supply of housing land available which has seriously undermined the local input into Planning decisions.

A new Local Plan has reached draft form and was out to consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors have been working closely with the Neighbourhood Plan Group towards producing a joint response to the draft Plan and it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk should have delegated powers to make formal representations to Mid Suffolk in response to the Plan as it affects Elmswell, based on this detailed consultation exercise in which all Councillors have been involved.

**Greene King site**

The Chairman confirmed that Jo Churchill MP was due to visit the site and the on-going Wesley project next door. This is part of a wider consultation exercise to elicit support and advice towards securing the Railway Tavern site, including its backland plot with Planning Permission for 8 houses, for community use. The Council's overall scheme includes affordable homes to be built and managed through the Elmswell's own Community Land Trust charged with ensuring that there would never be any Right To Buy imposed which would rob the village of its local control over homes for its own people. Discussions are taking place with the vendor's Agent and the Council's own professional adviser and a public meeting called for 26<sup>th</sup> September will invite further public input.

**Audit**

The Council undergoes 3 stages of audit every year. The Chairman, Vice chairman and one other Councillor conduct a thorough internal check on finances, documents and procedures and make a report back to Council. This Report is then lodged with a professional auditor who spends a day or more at the Council office with access to any and all records, both paper and electronic. Again, this results in a report which, in turn, informs the inspection by a Government appointed firm of External Auditors, Currently PKF Littlejohn LLP. The Meeting approved and accepted the External Auditor's Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 noting that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices, that no matters gave cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met and that the auditors found no other matters affecting their opinion to be drawn to Council's attention.

**Wesley**

The Meeting noted that the scheme to refurbish the Victorian chapel and to build on community hub facilities is on time and within budget. A double electric car charging point has been added to the specification and

grant-aid is to be sought towards this specific element of the development. The projected completion is towards the end of March 2020.

**Recycling Centre maintenance**

The Gardening Club were thanked for their 3 months' of excellent stewardship as part of the scheme to invite village groups to volunteer towards keeping the recycling facility at Station road clean, safe and tidy. Councillors agreed to grant £150.00 to the Club's funds.

**Speed Indicator Devices**

It was agreed that a new, solar powered, 'SID', flashing speed indicator will be purchased for permanent installation on Church Hill together with a solar power conversion kit for the existing unit, all for a total of £5,050.00 net of VAT, delivered and installed. The solar power option removes the onerous task of regular battery changes and the provision of a second unit means that the Village Caretaker does not have the monthly task of re-siting the existing single SID. Cllr Jane Storey is to be approached with a view to a contribution from her Locality Budget towards this initiative to make Elmswell roads safer.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at [www.elmswell.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.

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Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
21st	18th	16th	20th	17th

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

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

## October 2019

- 2 Exchange Afternoon WI
- 3 Over 55's Harvest Supper  
The art of linocut & printmaking
- 5 Variety and spice evening at St. John's 7pm
- 7 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Experiences on a narrow boat with Janet Brown
- 8 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Oly Jackson, Greene King
- 10 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm.  
Speaker Bryan Thurlow:  
"We'll Meet Again - a WW2 Evacuee's Story"  
\*December tickets on sale\*
- 11 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 12 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 13 10.30am Harvest Celebration at Elmswell Baptist Church followed by a BBQ to which all are invited
- 15 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm.  
Speaker: Andrew Brogan:  
'Suffolk's Secret Jungle'
- 15 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Leader National Trust Houses
- 16 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 17 Over 55's Club Brotherhood return to entertain
- 18 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ Blackbourne 11.30am
- 25 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 25 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm
- 30 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
- 31 Over 55's Club Bingo

## 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 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Victor Gray: "Unlocking the Door to Suffolk's Past - the Suffolk Records Society across 60 years"  
\*December tickets on sale\*
- 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

## 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 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 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Keely Taylor: "How to Build your Family Tree"

## February 2020

- 13 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm.  
Speaker Terry O'Donoghue: "Bury's Guildhall"

## March 2020

- 12 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Frances Hart: "British Canals and Waterways"

## April 2020

- 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 Cobbold 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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