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The Elmswell Newsletter



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The Archive at the back of the editorial drawer yields an interesting cassette tape. Our younger reader may have to search the grey web to know that this ancient artefact made, in the unenlightened past, of plastic, was a way of recording sound. Sound with a hiss, extracted from an electro-magnetic strip on a thin ribbon of, yes, more plastic.

This particular hiss-and-tell recording is of a Radio Suffolk feature all about Elmswell. It was part of a series hosted by John Eley, 'the Cooking Cannon', who rose from being a Suffolk shepherd's son to become an Anglican clergyman, one of the first celebrity chefs and, who, as a raconteur and persuasive interviewer, frequently graced the local airwaves. On this occasion, as part of a series highlighting local Suffolk communities, he happened upon Elmswell. Where, inevitably, he met with 'Mr Elmswell' in the person of Stan King, himself no mean teller of tales of a life of service to his community and a living treasure-trove of anecdotes spanning several generations of village characters from the saintly to the scurrilous.

Stan was a man of firm opinions and he expressed them with an adequacy which might have upset today's delicate hashtag-tweeted sensibilities. Hence, when asked to select a piece of music to end his interview, he went for Chris Rea's 1989 classic, 'Road to Hell', which opines:

"Look out world

Take a good look what comes down here

You must learn these lesson fast and learn it well.

This ain't no upwardly mobile freeway

Oh no, this is the road to Hell."

Stan was making a typically pointed reference. At the time there was a resurgence in the decades-long saga of the possibility of an Elmswell Relief Road, a Northern by-pass to take traffic away from the danger and frustration of the railway crossing gates directly to the A14. Stan's antipathy was due to the dramatic proposals floated briefly by a speculative development company for what was, in effect, a new village off the Ashfield road with all the usual dangling temptations of schools and jobs and social housing and Much Happiness For All. The developer was not around for long, he took his snake oil and seductive promises elsewhere, leaving both Stan and Elmswell indignant and the Relief Road idea tarnished, to be pigeon-holed, back in its box and forgotten.

However, the idea rests upon a very sensible premise. If you divide a community into 2 segments with a barrier across the main through-route and open that barrier less and less frequently whilst the community grows towards a possible doubling of its size by way of population, that barrier becomes the more troublesome. And potentially hazardous. The danger of persons and/or motor vehicles

crossing busy railway lines is fairly obvious. Network Rail have an on-going programme of closing their railway crossings; 2 other local pedestrian examples, at Mutton Hall and at Hawk End Lane are part of this programme. Which cannot include our beloved Station Road site simply because there is no easy alternative.

But, see above, an alternative exists if it is acceptable to consider a whole new road carved out across the fields down to the A14/1088 roundabout. Line on a map. Job done.

Also see above the fact that this has been mooted for some decades. So why, our Reader cries in all innocence, hasn't it happened?

There are 3 clear reasons, all of which were raised at our Annual Parish Meeting a couple of weeks ago. A meeting which, when the words, 'Relief Road' were uttered, heard an undeniable and widespread murmur of approval from the 120+ souls gathered at Blackbourne. The knee-jerk reaction would seem to be, 'good idea. Get on with it!'

But, our, '3 clear reasons', for not doing just that:

- 1 We don't own the land. The Parish Council, back in 2012, persuaded the Planners and the then developer of the Bacon Factory estate to make the road junction into that state fit for adoption as a Relief Road turning. That's all there is at the moment. The land through the estate and beyond, over the railway line and across the fields belongs to private individuals and companies who have no interest, on the face of it, in giving it over to road building – and not everyone thinks that a large busy road sits comfortably across 'the best view in the village', below St John's Grade 1 Listed church.
- 2 We don't have the money. The Parish Council has had professional valuations carried out. Because the crossing of the railway line as proposed is the more easily engineered where the line runs through a deep cutting, build costs are not as stratospheric as might be expected. SCC Highways, however, don't build roads. The Highways Agency does, but it has a long list of roads it is considering building over the next 25 years. They have national priorities and Elmswell does not qualify. Developers have money. They make it from, as it says on their tin, development.

Their best money comes from homes. The Meeting heard that we are, possibly, faced with nearly 50% more housing by 2030 than we had in 2015. Can we take even more in order to generate the money to build a road?

- 3 The Road does not appear on any Plan, apart from those we have generated ourselves to test out our theories that it is do-able. At the Meeting, the Chief Planning Officer pointed out that Planning is not a matter of taste or inclination or spur of the moment bright ideas. There are Plans which outline the shape and nature of development over the next 25 years and only within the constraints of these plans will development be allowed. The last such Plan was written in 1998 and, clearly, doesn't include a Relief Road for Elmswell. The next Plan will be published within 12 months. The first consultation on its proposals is due later this year when the village can make the case.

Meanwhile, the Meeting also touched upon the failure of all best efforts to produce a Neighbourhood Plan – another way in which the Relief Road might be recognised as a legitimate consideration when Planning in the village is considered. There are many reasons why the production of a Plan in Elmswell, as in other communities, has founded and, effectively, ground to a halt. But uniquely here, the Relief Road has proved to be a major stumbling block as the integration of such a major piece of infrastructure has produced complexities that have baffled the process.

The Neighbourhood Plan promises many benefits. Perhaps it is time to suggest to our Steering Group that they press on with a Plan which does not have a relief Road at its heart? Vast amounts of work have been done across a broad range of Planning issues. If this work were to be pulled together into a coherent shape, we would have some control over a range of Planning factors which affect the day to day shaping of our community. A Relief Road could, if appropriate, be introduced at a later review stage.

We are, after all, no stranger to road closures – and this may simply be a diversion.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

We have a real mixed bunch of people come along to our Tuesday morning sessions at the Elmswell Art Club. Mixed in terms of skill and ability as well as social background and we are not bothered about either. This mix makes for a friendly, relaxed, enjoyable non-pressurised atmosphere which really goes down well with everyone. Whilst we have one or two members who reside outside of Elmswell, the vast majority (maybe 95%) live in the village. What is really interesting though is where members originally came from, where they were born. This list is by no means complete but we have members who were born in such diverse places as London, Birmingham, Merseyside, Derbyshire, Staffs and Scotland. We even have two members who were born and raised abroad, Tatiana Creed hails from Ukraine and Henry Gow was born in India, he painted the pictures of flowers in this issue. Wouldn't it be nice to say they all moved here to be able to join the art club but sadly that is not true. Why not come along and enjoy a wonderfully relaxed and enjoyable session, who knows you might develop a talent you didn't know you had!

One Suffolk born man who most certainly was not a member of our club, simply because he was born in 1776, John Constable was born and raised in East Bergholt, the second son of Golding Constable, a prominent and successful corn merchant. During those times, the first son was expected to take over the running of the business but as the older brother was intellectually disabled, John was asked to run the company. However, Golding Constable was sufficiently progressive and sympathetic to grant John a small allowance to enable him to follow his dream and become an artist. He studied at the Royal Academy Schools while John's younger brother Abram took over the business. John Constable is one of our most famous landscape artists although as money was tight, he undertook commissions as a portraitist. During his lifetime he only sold 20 paintings in England, whereas he



sold more than that in just a few short years in France. He travelled extensively in England and created paintings of scenes notably in Brighton and Salisbury and elsewhere, but he is of course known principally for his coverage of Dedham Vale. He didn't like particularly the Lake District claiming there were not enough people and not enough villages! The largest collection of his original paintings outside of London are on display at Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich. This Suffolk born man is someone in whom we can feel justifiably proud!

The art club will be showing and selling paintings at the ELMSFEST on September 1st.

John Welford 01359 240166

When I sit down to make a sketch from nature, the first thing I try to do is to forget that I have ever seen a picture.

John Constable



Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club enjoyed an outing to Dunwich. The weather was perfect and all enjoying the country side when the coach was hit by an agricultural vehicle. Fortunately no one was hurt but a back window was smashed so there was a lot of flying glass!

On arrival some people had a walk along the beach, watching the many fishermen. We then enjoyed a delicious fish and chips lunch and then continued on to Woodbridge to visit a garden centre. Some people really made the most of the retail therapy opportunity!

Our thanks to Anice for organising the trip which everyone enjoyed.

Next month our speaker will be Martyn Taylor. The talk is entitled 'Have you noticed?' This will be about Bury St. Edmunds.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884



ELMSFEST Sunday 1st September 12-5pm



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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.

May is the month for dancing round the maypole. Instead, we're settling into our new temporary home in the Baden Powell Room at the Blackbourne and for us, **it was the AGM and Resolutions meeting.** The first part we usually manage to get through quite quickly and the latter depends entirely on how many Resolutions there are in the given year and their complexity. We had quite a few apologies which is usual for an AGM. It is also a favourite holiday month.

The President, Mary Chown, and all of the current committee agreed to remain for a further year and were voted in unanimously by the members.

After the routine business matters were discussed, we tackled the Resolutions

which were a) To increase awareness of the importance for all eligible women to have regular cervical smears. The uptake is very low at present, which can, of course, increase the risk of cervical cancer. b) To call upon the Government and local councils to increase subsidies and work with local bus companies to increase provision of rural bus services. Both were discussed and members voted for both Resolutions but gave our delegate to the National Annual Conference discretion should the wording of our Resolutions be altered in any way.

We then enjoyed refreshments and two quizzes. One was a film quiz and the other which was great fun was a picture quiz of famous people as cartoon engineered babies. Hilarious! Kim

Jong Un was actually thought to be Ellen McCarthur although to be honest he did look as though he was wearing a yachting cap. We had some other strange answers too.

The competition was a Miniature item and this was judged by Florrie. First was Dot, second was Lesley and third Margaret Hitchins.

Our guest speaker at the **next meeting on Wed. 5th June is Richard Mann who will be entertaining us with "How Holidays Used to be"**. All knitted bathing costumes are welcome although preferably not on the owner. Guests and new members are always welcome. **For further details contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.**

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INSPIRING WOMEN

ELMSWELL W.I.

It was our annual A.G.M. and Val, our president, Margaret, our secretary and Lynette, our treasurer, all gave their reports. We have had many stimulating and varied meetings, this year, to suit all interests and tastes and have remained "in the black" by raising funds from the monthly raffle, trade stall and our stalls at Elmsfest and a Lukes Wood event. So, all in all a very successful year!

As usual, there were nominations for the role of president but no-one was prepared to stand. Fortunately, Val said that she is prepared to lead us for one more year. However, it is essential to encourage more people to join the committee and share the responsibilities of running our W.I., as well as volunteer for the three main roles, otherwise we shall not be able to function.

As a bit of light relief and fun, after all the serious business, some of the committee members had brought along an assortment of clothes and accessories for dressing up. Siobhan, Sarah and Di volunteered to be "dressed." They appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and the resulting outfits will almost certainly set new fashion trends...

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Over the last two months our chairman has been full of excitement following an invitation to attend a Royal Garden Party on May 21st. There have been several trips to find a suitable outfit for the day but thanks to her daughter Sue she was finally dressed for the occasion.

On arrival at the Palace there was time to wander around the gardens before taking up a good viewing point where to her surprise her Majesty followed by Edward & Sophie and William and Kate had time to stop and chat.

After our meeting on June 6th the next meeting will be on June 27th when Dennis Maisey joins us as our entertainer please note our meetings in July will be July 11th July 18th and July 18th this is to allow the movement of groups from the Wesley Hall to the Blackbourne.

Grant (240943)



ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Members and friends of the Elmswell Gardening Club met at Woolpit Nursery to explore behind the scenes with the Andrew Brains on the 21st May. We were led to the barn where an eclectic mixture of chairs were laid out in readiness for the evening. After making ourselves comfortable, Andrew told us that the Nursery had been bought by his parents in law in 1978 producing tomatoes in the large green house. Twenty five years later the business expanded to planting bedding plants and producing hanging baskets. In 2002 Andrew and his wife Catherine took over the helm and the company now produce up to 250,000 seasonal plants creating 2,500 hanging baskets for Bury St Edmunds the general public and various local businesses.

Andrew gave us a demonstration in to how to make a stunning basket or pot giving tips for our own displays. We then walked into the power house of the nursery and where we were blown away with the sight of so many hanging baskets and planters labelled and ready for distribution around the county. In another area small seedlings were visible alongside the plug plants in neat rows ready for moving on. The family proudly claim that 95% of their plants have been grown and nurtured in the glasshouses and sold on site which makes such a difference to the quality.

It was an excellent evening that had us planning summer displays for our planting spaces enhanced with Woolpit plants. Thank you Andrew, for giving us such a fascinating insight into the hard work required to run a successful enterprise. When the baskets grace the streets of Bury St Edmunds this summer we will know how much work has gone into producing such voluptuous displays. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm at The Blackburne Community Centre, Elmswell** when **Dr Ian Bedford** will talk about **Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden**. Ian is a frequent visitor to the Elmswell Garden Club sharing his wide knowledge and expertise. This talk explains the concepts of Companion Planting and whether we can expect to see results when it's used. Besides using plants to help other plants, many have properties that can either attract or repel bugs. Ian will be sharing how plants can be used in our gardens to create a natural balance for attracting nature and keeping the pests under control.

The annual outing will take place on **Tuesday 25th June** when we will be visiting, **Sundown in Diss**, a garden created by Liz Bloom, a member of the renowned Bloom family of Bressingham. The coach will leave **The Blackburne carpark at 1.00pm** and the cost is £10.00 per person and will be collected at the meeting on the 18th June.

If you require further information about Elmswell Garden Club, please contact **Nick**, on **01359 242601**, **Catherine** on **01359 242172** or email elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com.

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 9th May 2019 we welcomed Dr Richard Young whose subject was 'Bury's Victorian Observatory'. The meeting was held in the Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne Community Centre.

The building where the Observatory is housed is the Athenaeum on Angel Hill; the building has been rebuilt and refashioned many times but in 1804 it was being used as the Subscription Rooms, where public functions were held; the Observatory was discovered, in a very poor state of repair and it was decided to restore it, so plans were made to raise the funds to undertake this work.

In 1854 the Bury Athenaeum and Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History took over the programme of Restoration and in 1858 George Biddell Airy, Astronomer Royal, was invited to speak. This led to Lord Hervey of Ickworth - under guidance from Airy - securing a telescope which was installed in the Observatory which opened in 1860.

The green dome which houses the Observatory can be seen from the Angel Hill behind the flag pole.

An Astronomical Society was formed in 2015 to 'discuss the solar system and the stars beyond.' A detailed history of the Observatory can be found at 'The Bury St Edmunds Athenaeum Observatory'.

The next meeting of the History Group will be in the Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne Centre on Thursday 13 June.

This meeting will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm, followed by a talk by Claire Gapper, on Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabeth and Jacobean Suffolk

Tickets for our July Outing will again be on sale

New members are welcome to our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of every month at the Blackbourne at 7.30pm. More information from Stella on 01359-242601 or from our website: www.elmswell-history.org.uk.

The EHG, together with members of Great Ashfield community, are jointly holding an **exhibition** to mark the culmination of four years of research and archaeology at the WW1 aerodrome site at Lea

*Farm. The exhibition will display photos, images and copy documents relating to the construction and dismantlement of the original aerodrome, and the story of 75 (Home Defence) Squadron of The Royal Flying Corps/Royal Air Force, who occupied the aerodrome from 1917 to 1919. Also on display will be many of the artefacts that were unearthed during the 'digs' over the last few years. The exhibition will be held in Great Ashfield Village Hall, on **Sat 20th and Sun 21st July, 2019**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. Admission will be free.*

There will be a limited number of guided tours of the WW1 site where several features remain from the period, and these will be explained to visitors. Those wishing to make the brief trip will be ferried to the site by mini bus from the Village Hall, and return. The mini bus will also make two runs from the Blackbourne Centre to Great Ashfield Village Hall, for the benefit of Elmswell residents who are unable to make their own way there. They will be at 10:30am and 1:30pm each day.

Maureen Davis

ELMSFEST

ElmsFest is now just three months away, so what better time to introduce this year's Facebook competition – there are some exciting prizes to give away, including free entry for one family to ElmsFest, a voucher for a Ploughman's lunch for two (including drinks and cake), a voucher for two free burgers and drinks...and last but not least, how do you fancy three free goes on the all new Rodeo Bull? These prizes could be yours if you head over to our Facebook page – just search for ElmsFest or follow our direct link at www.facebook.com/ElmsFest. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 23rd June and all winners will be announced shortly after and appear in next month's newsletter.

We mentioned the new Rodeo Bull, which has been hired mainly for the adults, but anyone over the age of 10 is more than welcome to have a go. We listen to everyone's feedback each year and one of the main comments last year was the lack of attractions for the adults...so consider it done!

A challenge we face every year is the number of volunteers who step forward to help out for an hour or two to ease the stress levels from our organisers, who give up all of our free time throughout the year to make ElmsFest what it is - we are Mike, Sol, Chris and Brittany. If you are interested in helping out on the day, whether that be on the car park, collecting money on the gate or supervising a stall, please be in touch – our contact details are below.

So, if you haven't already, be sure to mark September 1st in your diaries as the date of ElmsFest. Gates open at 12:00 and the fun continues through to 17:00. As always, the venue is Blackbourne Community Centre and your host will be the talented, funny and YouTube Superstar, Kate McCabe. Kate will be introducing you to our headline act, Philippa Hanna, an award-winning singer-songwriter, kindly sponsored by Crest Nicholson. There'll also be a Circus Workshop, as well as Wonder Wheelers with their extreme bicycle challenges. The local police and fire service will also be in attendance, as well as a new Petting Farm, a Spitfire flypast and many more local stall-holders with bouncy castles, tombola's, competitions, food, drink, crafts, lawn bowls and much, much more.

A huge thank you to our sponsors this year. Crest Nicholson being our Main Sponsor, as well as Taylor Wimpey, Elmswell Parish Council, Greathead Martial Arts, East of England Co-op, Park Garage Services and Suffolk Mini Waste.

If you want to book in a stall, it's not too late...a booking form can be downloaded from our website at www.elmsfest.info, or alternatively, please email bookings@elmsfest.info or contact Mike on 01359 241699 or Chris on 07544 762448.



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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

It is amazing how quickly time flies! I have finished our interlibrary swap of adult non-fiction, and we are already in preparation for the Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge encourages children to read a book a week over the summer break, and then they come in to the library to read to, and discuss with the volunteers. Our volunteers have been an assorted bunch, ranging in age from 16 to a very dignified 90-something! The library gains quite a lot of energy around this challenge. If you'd like to be a part of it, please let me know.

We've been lucky enough to have the Elmswell Brownies join us at the library for an evening, and you can see their brightly coloured chain of good deeds over the reserve shelf (you are invited to add a link of your own). One of our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers is running an adult colouring session on a Tuesday evening, and we will be hosting a secondary school student for work experience placement this month as well. It's lovely to see a range of different age groups both engaging with and contributing to the library.

I've been managing to snatch a few more moments of reading time for myself of late, with the TV decisively off at home. A particularly nice thing about books is the absence of both advertising material and political updates, both of which I feel I would prefer to keep in managed doses. I also quite like that my books never beep to remind me of anything, or expect me to respond to any sort of message. Although

from time to time, I have found treasures stuck within the pages. This month I have found a shopping list, a label from a ball of yarn, and rather unusually - a label from a shoe (leather upper, size 8). Any bookmark is better than a dog-eared page.

Don't forget that along with our bricks and mortar library, there are a huge range of high quality digital resources available through Suffolk Libraries, including Ebooks, downloadable Audiobooks, Magazines and newspapers from around the world. You can access any of this by logging on to the website with your library card.

We hope to see you soon!
Zoe

What's On at Elmswell Library

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

The East Anglian Storytelling Festival is coming to Elmswell

Free Storytelling at the library, tales for all ages! Saturday 8th June from 13:30 - 14:30.

Adult Colouring

Hosted by one of our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers each week. Quiet mindful colouring and a cup of tea or coffee. Tuesdays from 6 - 7pm

The Keep in Touch Community Café

Wednesday 19th June, and July 17th 10:00 am at the Fox.

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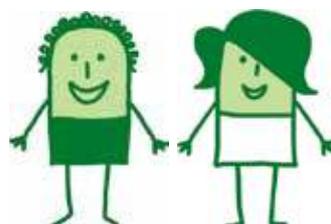
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If you're wondering why we do what we do, and what it means to be a part of St John's and the universal Christian faith, we urge you to come along to Discovering Christianity. It's an informal group to ponder the bigger questions over drinks and desserts at 7:30pm at The Rectory, Church Road on 26 May, 2, 16, 23 June. ...and don't worry if you can't make every session. All welcome. For more information please call Peter on 01359 240512. God Bless.

Marvelous May

In May, we held our Songs of Praise event! This was a wonderful celebration of the completion of



our roof and ceiling repairs. Lots of people came; for some it was their first time in the building, for others it was a chance to view the freshly plastered and painted inside of the building, but for everyone, it was a fabulous joyful event! Thanks for coming and supporting our evening. We hope you enjoyed the traditional hymns, modern songs, poetry, homemade cakes and everything in-between!



Because of the success of Messy Church, we managed to sneak an extra one in this month! Meeting afterschool on Friday 10th and during the holidays on Friday 31st. Each time the

children sang, did crafts, heard about Jesus and enjoyed a meal together. If you want to know more about Messy Church (which we add, is for everyone, there's a café style seating area if crafting isn't your thing) then please come along to the next one on Friday 21st June (doors at 3:30pm, start at 3:50pm).

Earlier in May we learnt about the fantastic outreach done by OMF in Japan. You can read more about OMF missions here omf.org/uk. If you're able to pray, please pray for their continuing mission work.

Throughout May we held our regular Sunday Services including Family Church – an informal (suitable for all ages) service, Traditional Church – a beautiful service based upon either the Book of Common Prayer or Common Worship, and Breakfast Church – another informal service with a light breakfast available beforehand. Please note that children's activities are available in all our services and coffee/tea/juice and sweet treats are served every week.

You'll find details of our regular Sunday services below and on our website, but here's a snapshot of some of our special events in June:

Wed 5 Jun 7:30pm - **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer and Praise evening** at St John's

Sun 9 Jun 4:45pm - **Pentecost – Churches Together Evening Service** at Baptist church (preceded by a light tea)

Sat 15 Jun 7:00pm - **Summer Quiz Night** at St John's

Fri 21 Jun 3:50pm - **Messy Church & Tea** (doors open 3:30pm) at St John's

Sun 30 Jun 12:00noon - **Church Barbecue** at The Rectory (tickets required)

Sunday 2nd June

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

Sunday 9th June

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Parish Praise
5:30pm Christians Together Service at Baptist Church (tea at 4:45pm)

Sunday 16th June

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

Sunday 23th June

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June

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

Sunday 7th July

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

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- 24 Happy Big Birthday Mum. "98" years young !!! Lots of love from Gill and Louise. xx xx.
- 31 remembering Mary Heather, a dear Mum, Nan and Granny on her Birthday. "You are sadly missed". From your daughter Denise & family.

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- 1 remembering Amy Pleasance, a dear Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma, on her Birthday.
- 3 for Chris Nicholls. "Always in our thoughts". Loved and missed, so, so much. Lorraine & Del. xxxx.
- 8 Lesley Manning. Remembering you on your Birthday. Love Colin. XX.
- 9 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 17 in loving memory of my dear husband Dennis on his Birthday. "Loved and missed so very much". Your loving wife, Sue. x.
- 19 in memory of Dorothy May Bloomfield.
- 24 remembering our dear Mum, Zena Booth, who passed away on 24th June 2017. "You are always in our hearts and minds"

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

I'm writing this just after the Local election results as we are going to visit our son and his family in Gloucestershire in the middle of May and I might forget to do it on our return!! Hopefully by the time you are reading this some definite agreement will have been reached, but I'm not holding my breath! We do seem to be a very divided nation at the moment and the politicians lack of connection with the electorate is concerning. We, as Christians at the Baptist chapel are as concerned as anyone else but we do believe that, ultimately, God is in control and, in the end, all will be well. This certain faith, based on the events which we celebrated at Easter, does give us a peace that is only available to those who believe that Jesus is alive and have accepted him as Lord and Saviour. If you feel that you are in need of that sort of peace, or you would just like to know more about the Christian faith, do come and join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, our services are very informal and you'll find a friendly bunch of people gathered together.

Our activities in the next few weeks are:-

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The Ladies Friendship Group are on their summer break and resume meetings on September 2nd at 7.45pm when an Ipswich Tourist Information Guide will be coming to talk about Remarkable Women of Ipswich.

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Food & Friends on Thursday June 13th at midday – for the older folk – a chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal for a modest donation. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. New diners are always welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

We are planning another **Family Harvest Barn Dance** on **Saturday September 21st** with dancing to "Clutching at Straws" and a picnic style supper. This again isn't actually our Harvest weekend but it was the only week both the band and the hall were available! Put it on your calendar/ in your diaries now and watch out for when tickets go on sale (probably in August). Our **Harvest Service** is on **October 13th**.

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

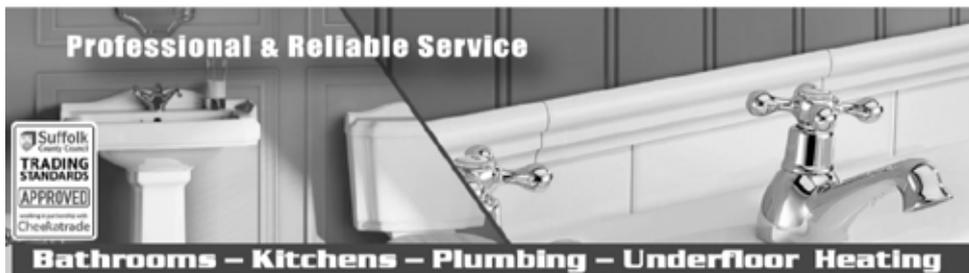
June 9 th	Stephen Spurgeon – All-Age Pentecost Service
June 16 th	Paul Kemp
June 23 rd	Stephen Spurgeon
June 30 th	John Sargeant
July 7 th	Ann Rudland (inc Communion)

On **June 9th** in the afternoon we have a **Christians Together in Elmswell United Pentecost Service** at the chapel. The service is at 5.30pm and will be preceded by a light tea at 4.45pm. Everyone is welcome to both the tea and the service.

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

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Any one who may be new to the area or with children interested in football please contact Lee Beard:- lee.beard@hotmail.co.uk



U7's collecting their awards with coach Lee Drummond.



Elmswell u9's 2018/19 season who took part in the Ways league on a Saturday and IYSFL in a Sunday all home matches played at the Blackbourne community centre



Millie with her team trophy for the u9's



Harriett of the u8's with the players player of the year award and on the right Jake with his award for the season.



Frank with his managers player of the year and on the right Dylan with his players player of the year award.



FOOTPOOL is a league competition where you play pool as normal but for 90 minutes. The game stops when the time is up and you get 3 points for a win 0 points for a loss and 1 point for a draw.

The second season of FOOTPOOL has drawn to a close. Once again this was hosted by Jimmy Uddin at the Elmswell Fox the home of FOOTPOOL.

Here are some interesting stats of our second season.

16 players

90 minutes per game

120 matches

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In a close run season. **STUART MEEKINGS** (a new player this season) is the new Champion taking the crown from Trevor Conway who managed a very respectable 2nd place. Stuarts personal stats are as follows :-

Played 15

Won 12

Draw 1

Loss 2

Out of 180 frames of pool Stuart won 110 and lost 70 and finished on 37 points.

And these are the stats for Trevor Conway who finished second

Played 15

Won 11

Draw 3

Loss 1

Out of 163 frames of pool Trevor won 109 and lost 64 and finished on 36 points. Taking this season right down to the last game.

Each Player averaged in the region of 150 frames of pool, Dan Quilter another new player this season managed 193 frames and he also featured in the highest scoring match: An epic 11 - 7 defeat by Robert Nunn (5 minutes per frame)

The FOOTPOOL FA CUP held at the end of each season is on June 8th at the Elmswell Fox.

Starting at 6pm. Come join us for a great night out.

This is one night of pool, fun, great atmosphere and maybe the odd drink.

Each round consists of 2 Frames of pool with the tension of a 5 ball penalty shoot out if they are still level.

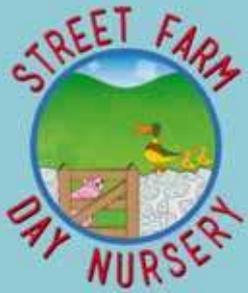
Every player has a chance in this one !

The last FOOTPOOL FA CUP night was an absolute success with a packed FOX and spectators to the game in full voice cheering on the different players.

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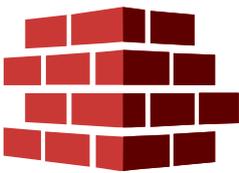
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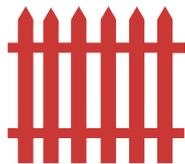
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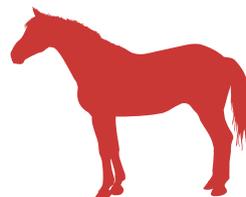
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This month has also seen the appearance of a planter outside the Old Tea Rooms Vets, which has also been sown with wildflower seeds; thanks to the staff there for supporting the project. Two of our beds, sponsored by the East of England Co-op and Woolpit Nurseries, now have proper signs installed. Additionally, many of you will also have received an envelope of wildflower seeds to sow in your own gardens, kindly funded by Elmswell Parish Council. Street

Farm Day Nursery, Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group, Elmswell Primary School, the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Companions Group all kindly agreed to pass seeds onto their members, so there will be wildflower meadows popping up all around the village. Do send us photos of your wildflower planters in progress, either via our email or our Facebook group.

We have two community events coming up in June, the first of which, on the 1st June, will probably have passed by the time you read this. We'll have lifted turf in the orchard in the grounds of the Apple Store Holiday Cottage and sown wildflower seeds to create a hidden mini-meadow in the heart of the village. As well as donating land and refreshments for the volunteers, the Holiday Cottage has also donated funds, enabling us to send out posters with the seeds of envelopes, so households can show they are supporting the effort.

On Saturday 8th June, at 2pm, we'll be meeting at Elmswell Primary School to prepare a large raised bed on the school field, ready to be planted with wildflower seeds during the autumn. If you would like to be involved, do meet us there, and come in via the car park entrance. There will be plenty of digging for everyone to get involved with!

If you'd like to get involved, you can join our community group on Facebook, by searching for ElmsWild Flowers. On the internet, we're easy to find at www.elmswildflowers.wordpress.com, and you can contact us directly at elmswildflowers@gmail.com or 01359 240001.

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Brimstone



Brown Argus

NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Butterflies are on the wing at Lukeswood

Last summer we were wondering how our many different species of butterfly would fare this year. Although they seemed to like the warm conditions at the time, many of the plants they depend on both for nectar and to feed their caterpillars were badly affected by the heat and drought. Even the nettles, which both Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock favour for egg laying, were wilting and turning brown. However, things are not looking too bad. So far this year, we've spotted both these two, along with Brimstone, Holly Blue, Orange-tip, Speckled Wood, Red Admiral, Common Blue, Brown Argus, and all three of the Whites – Large, Small and Green-veined. The Brown Argus, in particular, looks to be having a bumper year – they've emerged much earlier this year and in very good numbers. There is a lot of Dovesfoot Cranebill growing this year – you can see it everywhere, probably even in your lawn! This pinky-mauve flower is where the Argus lays its eggs and where the caterpillars feed, so the

abundance of this plant may also explain the success of the butterfly this season. They love grassland, so do look out for this chocolate-brown and orange beauty fluttering low or perching on grass stems.

In the last few days we've also seen a few Small Heath butterflies – a first for Lukeswood. These are relatively rare (although numerous in favoured locations), so we're very pleased to see that our grassland management is providing the right habitat to attract it to our wildlife site. Also very pleasing are the numerous sightings of the Brimstone. Last year we planted Buckthorn shrubs specifically for the Brimstone – and it seems to have worked! Last year we watched the females laying their eggs on our Buckthorn, so at least some of them have successfully hatched and overwintered and are now on the wing. This gorgeous yellow butterfly is unmistakable – it looks like a piece of Primrose petal has broken away and taken flight.

In July we're planning to repeat our **Butterfly Walk at Lukeswood** to mark the beginning of the Big Butterfly Count run by Butterfly Conservation UK. We had a great time last year and saw an amazing number of butterflies, including the Purple Hairstreak, so do come and join us – full details in next month's Newsletter.

Wildflower Walk at Kiln Meadow, Saturday 29th June

We hope that the lucky recipients of packets of wildflower seeds given out as part of our ElmsWild Flowers project are enjoying watching the plants come up! Our mini wildflower meadows are also beginning to sprout. The mixtures we've sown contain a lot of different species which flower at different times so it will be fascinating to see which come up first. There should be colours all through the season.

If you've been inspired by this project, please come and join us on our **Wildflower Walk at Kiln Meadow on Saturday 29th June, beginning at 2.00 pm**. By that time we hope that the orchids will be in full bloom. Last year we had three different types – Bee, Marsh and Pyramidal Orchids. The Pyramidal in particular were lovely to see, with at least a hundred blooms. There will be lots of other wildflowers to see as well. This is a chance to have a close-up look at all different types of wildflower and the insects that they attract – probably lots of butterflies and bumblebees, too! To find Kiln Meadow (if you haven't been before), just follow the footpath from the end of Spong Lane. Everyone welcome!

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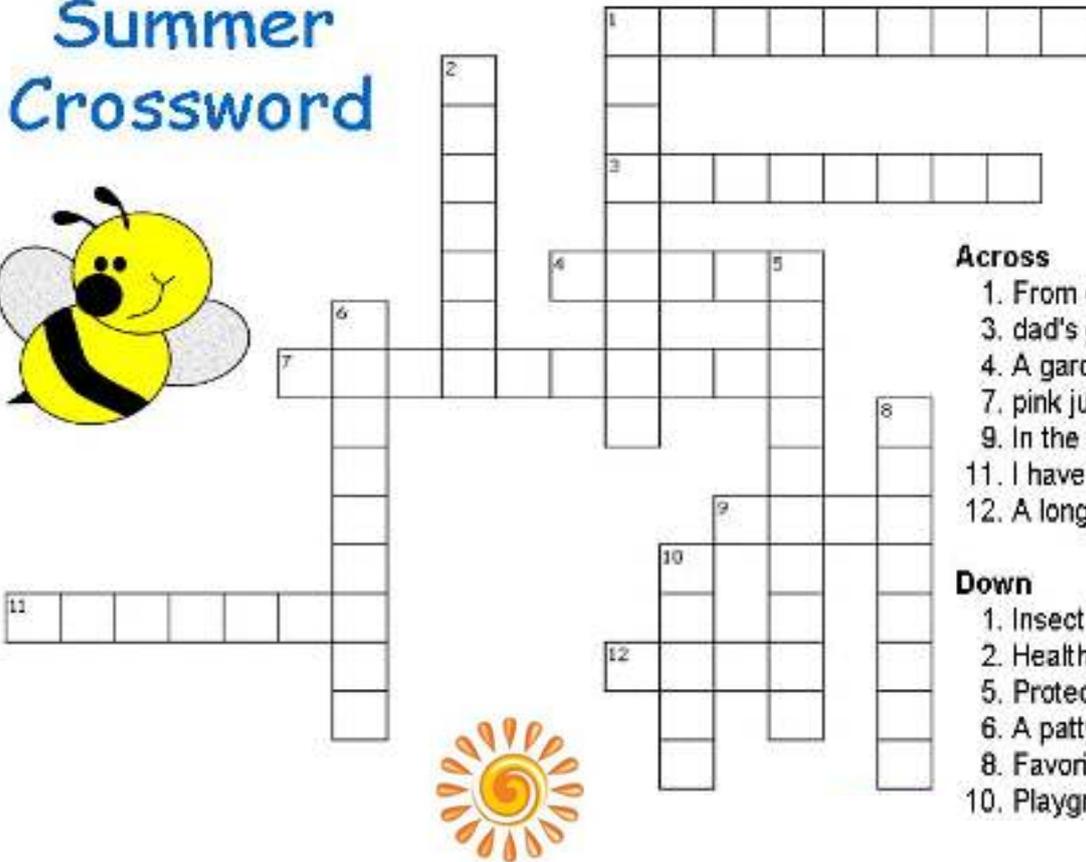
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1. From caterpillar to _____.
3. dad's grill
4. A gardener's worst enemy.
7. pink juicy fruit
9. In the summer, the weather is _____.
11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____.
12. A long walk.

Down

1. Insect with yellow and black stripes.
2. Healthy summertime transportation.
5. Protective eyewear.
6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
8. Favorite drink of young salespeople.
10. Playground toy you swoosh down.



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- CAMP
- FUN
- HOT
- SUMMER
- SUN
- SWIM
- WATER



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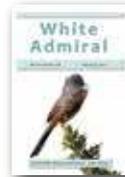


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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB



Phil and Eddie - poetry in motion

Our great start to the season continued with an unexpected win at home for the Thursday team to Gt Barton, who came down from Division One and a smash and grab raid on Hengrave when they won most rinks but we took the overall points. It did feel a little unfair but there is no arguing with mathematics, is there?

Meanwhile the Monday squad have been going great guns and dropped only one point in their first three matches only to get pulled up sharply at Brandon, who were lurking in second in the table, where we managed to salvage a single point. We bounced back with a maximum score at home to Hengrave and then went down by 1 point to 4 at home to Coney Weston in an extraordinarily good-humoured match which may have distracted us from our task a little, but it was fun.

Tuesday has been a tale of two halves with Dick Burch's squad putting up a decent show and my squad being on the receiving end of a few spankings. We faced Old Newton in the league cup and were soundly beaten home and away and, had I not won the fund-raising pub card by drawing my own number, it would have been a complete and utter failure!

Anyway, set-backs aside, we are thoroughly enjoying our generally bright start and some of our new players are beginning to show encouraging form giving us hope for next season or, possibly, the latter part of this one. They mostly need plenty of green-time and, of course, it isn't the be-all and end-all to every

one of them and we have to accept that.

We have a friendly on Sunday next at the Blackbourne against Coney Weston (the team with the green in the pub garden) who we seem to be playing every other week these days, and look forward to entertaining them at our pub after doing battle on the Elmswell sward



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Eddie, Richard and Mark discuss distances

ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

Colin Plowright

It is with heartfelt sadness and regret that we note the passing of one of our Life Members, Colin Plowright, who lost his fight for life on 26 April - one day short of his 80th birthday.

When the Club re-formed in 1974 Colin was a proud founder-member who was elected to be the first Club Captain - a position he held for five years. Given such responsibility it was not surprising he needed the full support of his wife Marie and daughters Cherrie and Elizabeth. He went on to fill most roles in the Club - Fixture Secretary, Groundsman and Chairman not to mention fund-raiser. If there was a job to be done then Colin was your man - one of the first to offer his services. In the early days of the Club he even erected practice nets in his back garden to enable the players to train! In 1978 he was awarded the prestigious 'Club Man of the Year' accolade for his unswerving support and commitment.

Colin was a keen middle-order batsman who played 212 matches scoring some 1,158 runs with a top score of 57. If there was a run-chase in play then he would, typically, allow lower order batsmen to go before him. As for bowling, well perhaps less might be said as in the same games he managed just nine wickets. Mind you, he bowled the equivalent of less than one ball per game! Statistics, though, tell you little about the man whose enthusiasm for and loyalty to the Club spoke volumes. That said, he did win a Single-Wicket Competition - a not insignificant achievement.

He finished playing regularly in 1984 but still turned-out when called upon through to 1990 when he retired from the Club. Immediately, he was made a Life Member. The honour was greatly deserved and not lost upon him.

Around 1989 he left the village for Mildenhall - for family reasons. It was not long before he got involved with the Cricket Club there but he never forgot our Club and always enjoyed his membership, staying in touch with former players, friends and colleagues. His devotion to Elmswell cricket endured and, after a few years absence, he was delighted to attend the Club's annual presentation dinner. Whether asked or not(!), Colin was always pleased to offer a speech. He was never short of words (not least relating to his Navy days) or a good story (or even a bad story!). He was garrulous but in the nicest possible way yet also prone to emotion - so often spoke beyond his allotted time, typically ignoring the loud snores emanating from Committee members, while stifling tears as he recalled many happy memories from his time with the Club. We just had to ask him back... again... and again.

He had a particular wish that Elmswell should play against Mildenhall and when this finally came about he had a cake made to commemorate the occasion; likewise a cake to mark the Club's 40th anniversary.

Colin's innings may have come to something of a premature close but everyone associated with the Club was and is privileged to have known him. He was a man you just could not ignore or

take against in any way and will be genuinely missed. He will forever be linked with and remembered by the Club.

His funeral service in Mildenhall was attended by several hundred people including many from Elmswell - a real testament to the man and his achievements. By now he is probably somewhere in heaven relating to the angels one of his endless store of memories which, as we know all too well, would usually start with, "When I was in the Navy...". RIP Colin.

Results

28th April

Elmswell 107 all out
Shotley Peninsula 108 for 5

Lost by 5 Wickets

12th May

Elmswell v Great Cornard
Match conceded by Great Cornard

19th May

Elmswell 100 all out
Walsham le Willows 101 for 4

Lost by 6 wickets

26th May

Copdock & OI 151 all out
Elmswell 72 all out
Lost by 79 runs

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ELMSWELL TODDLERS

Firstly I wish to apologies to those that went searching for the Toddler Group at the Blackbourne during May. At the last minute the date of moving changed and the newsletter had already gone to print. We have loved having an extra month at The Wesley Hall, making the most of the garden access with the beautiful weather we've had.

Many people say it (but it still amazes me!) how fast time really does seem to fly, with that said another month has gone and it's time to write the newsletter reflecting upon our last month. During the month we had a variety of craft activities; we made May Day baskets, Moons in line with Ramadan, some butterfly symmetry painting and sticking pictures based upon the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

We also got a delivery of wild flower seeds to distribute amongst our members, these are linked to the Elmswell flowers aiming to increase wildflowers to support our bees and butterflies, you can find the Elmswell group on Facebook and join in with the local events.

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It's important you speak to the council straight away if you don't think you can pay. Ask to speak to someone in the council tax office and tell them about your situation.

You'll probably be asked to commit to paying a regular amount each month. If you're not sure how much you can afford, use the Citizen Advice budgeting tool, found on the website citizensadvice.org.uk. You can also talk to an adviser at your local Citizens Advice in Stowmarket.

If you're on a low income, you might be able to get a reduction on your council tax bill. You might also be able to qualify for your council's Hardship Scheme. You can read more about getting help with your council tax on the Citizens Advice website.

If you fail to pay your council tax arrears you'll have to pay court costs and possibly bailiff fees as well as your debt, which can add hundreds of pounds to your bill.

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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Mid Suffolk

Malcolm Lambourne sent us this photograph and writes:



I am planning to visit my second cousin Steve Gould in Australia in September this year and I am sure there are still people around who will remember him. We both played for Elmswell in the 50' and 60's as the photo confirms. Steve is second on the left and I am on his right. If anyone would like to send him a photo, card or message, I would be happy to take it with me when I go. I can be contacted on 07762047793 or email malcolmlambourne@gmail.com or at 11a Westbury Avenue, Bury St Edmunds IP333PZ. I am sure Steve would love to hear from the many friends he had in Elmswell, he lived in New Road, opposite Wright's shop, and emigrated in the early 1960's. The photo was taken I am guessing around 1955-6 and I think it was the Gratrix Cup. I know Vic Wade, Andy Mulley and Colin Moore have all died.

The photograph shows from left back row. Vic Wade secretary. Andy Mulley. Gerald Ruddock. Robert Mulley. Jumbo Hunt. Ray Brown. Cecil Salmon. Front row. Mac Lambourne. Steve Gould. ? Billy Pleasance. Colin Moore.



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Chairman's Report

Council has had a busy and productive year.

We have, on the village's behalf, fought our corner in many battles to soften the blows of successive ad hoc development proposals as they have undergone due process, our efforts much hampered by the failure at District Council level to establish a 5 year housing land supply. The situation as I write is that there are 444 houses with Planning Permission to add to the 190 currently being built and sold at the Bacon Factory site. There is a live Application for a further 105 dwellings and pre-application discussions on a further 75 to be added to the Bacon Factory estate. Should all of this activity result in houses built it represents a 48% uplift in our housing stock as at the beginning of the Council year. Council has supported the various village initiatives to stem this tide of growth which comes with only minimal reference to the infrastructure requirements that doubling the size of our village brings. A change in the political landscape at District level may offer the chance of more effective consideration of our concerns which are shared by our neighbours, particularly in Thurston and Woolpit. The recent re-statement of the housing land supply figures may provide some relief, but this could be temporary as the 'target' is constantly moving. Any such relief is watered-down by the fact that the ruling Planning guidance document - the Local Plan - is much weakened by having been written in 1998 and is clearly open to challenge by the highly paid professional retained by the developers. The revised draft Local Plan is promised in June and the Parish Council is taking full advantage of opportunities to have an input on the community's behalf.

It has become increasingly clear that, against this onslaught of unplanned-for growth, we have to be proactive in the provision of community facilities, a process which has included the Council's purchase of the Wesley chapel site on School Road in May 2017, saving it from development of yet more houses. We have made what I consider to be commendably fast progress in finding professional partners and advisers towards realising an exciting scheme to refurbish the Victorian chapel as a meeting / activity space and replace the ageing hall attached into a modern community hub to serve our fast-expanding population. Building work is scheduled to begin in June. Meanwhile, there seems to be wide support for the possibility of a further community venture immediately next door to the Wesley on the Railway Tavern site which has recently come up for sale. The possibility of establishing a Community Land Trust towards building real affordable homes for Elmswell people and with no Right to Buy permitted seems to sit well with the challenge of saving the Elmswell's 2nd pub and providing community space / car parking at the heart of the village. At this stage Council simply needs to know that there is community support to investigate these exciting possibilities and this will be tested at our Annual Parish Meeting.

The frustrations surrounding the Neighbourhood Plan process continue as the Steering Group battles with the community aspiration for a Relief Road against fears of the development required to fund it. I would hope and expect that there will be decisive progress soon given that the process has become easier since we began at the very inception of the scheme and suffered in the considerable confusion of the formative years.

Council continues to satisfy all of the stringent audit requirements that governs finances, due processes and governance. The on-going development of the Assistant Parish Clerk post has proved to be very successful towards the Clerk's office keeping up with the ever-increasing work load and the constant legislative and other changes which make running a community of our size, with innovative and ambitious aims, more and more demanding.

One of the disappointments in the year past is the failure to make any progress in reversing the decision to reduce the opening hours at the Post Office. Council has also taken issue with the appropriate agencies on issues such as SCC Highways inadequacies with regard to repairs, closures & road safety initiatives, the mysteries surrounding the Mid Suffolk CIFCO £50 million investment strategy, problems at Lawn Farm Quarry and shortcomings in the current levels of policing. In all cases Councillors have tried hard to reflect the community's disquiet and dissatisfaction, but the current climate of financial constraints across the board often renders their appeals less than successful.

Meanwhile, the day-to day issues and challenges have been well addressed, I believe. Council works with the BWMA to help keep Blackbourne, and, eventually, Wesley as exemplary facilities serving a wide range of village user groups and an ever-increasing number of outside bookings which subsidise use by our residents very successfully. We have worked with other groups, recently, for example in the matter of the new flower tubs on the station, the wild flower project and the new seat at the railway crossing and now directly manage the village speed indicator sign. Our partnership with the various groups who manage the Station Road recycling facility remains of long-standing benefit to the village.

Over my many years in business, I have always taken it to be that, if no-one turns up to shout at The Board at the AGM, all is going reasonably well. We have had no formal complaints over the year and although public input at meetings is welcomed, it tends to be at a low level with no serious shortcomings brought forward.

Another lesson from the commercial world is, however, that resting on laurels is not acceptable. Hence, I look forward to remaining part of a team of councillors who remain dedicated and hard-working in the interests of Elmswell and my thanks goes to those who have been on that team over the past year, as well as to our staff who put the ideas into action. *Fred Pallett*



Transport Officer Report

In my capacity of 'Station Adopter' I continue to monitor the state of the station and clear rubbish if and when needed, although contractors still do this. I have reported a few minor niggles which have been dealt with. There have been improvements with electronic boards and we are talking a big alteration to the old waiting area, but don't hold your breath.

The state of the roads in Elmswell still continues to degenerate, The Clerk was able to get some of the biggest elephant traps repaired, but the repair seems to last a matter of months before it has failed.

Major building works have caused roads to be closed at the drop of a barrier without more than a week's notice apparently utilities can do this. The Wetherden road was closed for 14 weeks for the major reconstruction of services to the new homes, widening the road and putting in islands for safer crossing – The road speed of 30 mph was extended and a new village sign erected. Coming in on time, keeping the EPC informed at all stages - Well done Crest Nicholson.

A major shift by Suffolk County Council surveyed parishes for 'yellow lines' i.e those in existence and these were added to a list – The plan is for roving enforcement to patrol all villages and issue fines – Elmswell has one section of yellow-lines opposite the Fox and outside the Station.

The Village warden has completed a round of street sign cleaning as this is part of cuts, along with hedgerow and verge cutting, The Warden also maintains a litter clear up around ALL roads so if you see him give him a friendly hello.

The Village speed watch continue to monitor traffic although with roads closed that has not been easy - They do make a difference, if you have a hour or two to help them please do make contact.

IT IS important that members of the public report potholes as soon as they see them, in this way as the action takes longer, the hole gets bigger and the underlying damage to vehicles and cyclists may be able to attract compensation. No compensation is paid if the hole is unreported . report here - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

The results of the recent traffic survey proved interesting as do the speed signs. Seems we have thousands of movements each week and a huge amount of those are over speed!!!!. I see the Community speed watch is asking for help again, really this is for the benefit of all of us, with more houses, more building there will be a huge rise in traffic – time for the village to stamp its authority on it NOW! Just a couple of hours a month people PLEASE!

The recent closing on two occasions of the Elmswell to Wetherden road has caused major problems, and I fear there is more to come – seems each service connects one of the three houses at a time- it is called co-ordinated confusion!

Mike – 01359 241699

P.S. Don't forget Elmsfest – 1st September at The Blackbourne - a really good fun day

Parish Tree Wardens Report

The effects of Ash die-back have not been felt in Elmswell again this year, despite the fact that we had confirmed cases 2013. However the time is coming, and it will prove expensive for all concerned if they are a land owner with Ash trees of any size growing on their land. Most of the trees on parish council land are not substantial, if I have correctly assessed what is council land, but there are two on Crown Mill, which are, and also would pose a threat to persons walking on the footpath. If or more correctly when symptoms develop the council would be probably be well advised to act quickly and have the said trees removed. This, I suggest would not be cheap, perhaps requiring a felling licence from the Forestry Commission, and the deployment of significant plant.

Suffolk Tree Wardens Network is continuing to work out the intricacies being a replacement management in place of the district councils across Suffolk, who after more than 25 years acting as administrators ditched that roll begging lack of funds! The hardest part is finding the experts (in place of the district tree officers) who can offer advice quickly. We – the executive committee are working on it!!

Lukeswood continues to thrive, and offer a haven to both wildlife and villagers alike, but elsewhere trees are suffering, squeezed out by the ever increasing density of developments, despite the advantages of cleaner air, lower crime rates, and higher property values that higher canopy cover offers. And that is one thing that could be looked at, a canopy cover survey, as has been conducted in Stowmarket, and elsewhere.

John Ibbetson

Elmswell Footpath Officer Report

My monthly walks continue come rain or shine and the weather seems not to have too much of an effect on numbers – a poor day can often bring out more walkers than a pleasant one. Generally speaking, attendance is up and we continue to make new friends attracted by word of mouth and by the regular advertisement in the Newsletter.

I was pleased that the Elmswell Amenities Association has continued with the payment of the fee allowing us, with the agreement and co-operation of the owner, access to the former set-aside land at Mutton Hall where the change in Government policy meant that the walks there could no longer be made available to the general public free of charge. This allows us to retain some of our most interesting circular routes to the East of the village.

The walks continue to be open to all comers and have proved time and time again to be a 'way in' to the community for new residents. I think Elmswell Parish Council deserves praise for continuing to support them, including by covering the cost of insurance as well as advertising.

Dick Burch

ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL May 2019 Report

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The May meeting of the Parish Council is the Annual Meeting – a sort of AGM with other business attached, including the election of officers and representatives. As with Ordinary Meetings, it was held in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 20th with 8 councillors present, along with the Parish Clerk, newly-elected District Councillors Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake together with 4 members of the public.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which is made up of the Council Chairman, the Council Vice-chairman and one other Member elected by their Council. 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 meeting by external bodies such as the County and District Council 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 Annual Reports from various bodies are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at www.elmswell.onesuffolk.net 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 15th April Council meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Chairman

In the absence of the sitting Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Meeting elected Cllr Peter Edmonds as Chairman for the meeting. Cllr Pallett was subsequently re-elected unopposed as Chairman of Council for the coming year.

Co-option

The election of Parish Councillors held on 2nd May was uncontested and all 9 candidates who had come forward were elected. The Meeting agreed unanimously to co-opt 2 residents who had subsequently submitted letters offering to serve, being Sue Roots and Derek Osborne.

Vice chairman

Cllr David Barker was elected unopposed to the post of Vice chairman.

Reports

Written reports were received from the Council Chairman for the year 2014/15 together with other officers of the Council and representatives of the Council on other bodies. These reports are published elsewhere in this Newsletter. It was noted that, as neither the Planning Committee, nor the standing Complaints Committee had met during the year, neither presented a report.

Accounts

The Clerk's office prepares an annual Statement of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March. These include the Balance Sheet, the Assets Register which lists everything that the Council owns and notes disposals and acquisitions together with the original costs and current values, a fully itemised report on income and expenditure over the year and a Supporting Statement which outlines the current financial commitments. Approval of this Statement forms a key element of the Governance Statement made to the external auditor for approval. The Statement of Accounts was unanimously approved.

Annual Return

The Council's external auditor is appointed by the Government and requires an Annual Statement confirming that Councillors, aware of the financial and governance processes and procedure which are in place and having had free access to all accounting and other relevant documentation over the year, confirm their approval of the Clerk's Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. Approval was formally given and minuted and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the relevant documents which now go to the External Auditor, Messrs PKF Littlejohn. All of the documents are available for public inspection at any time by arrangement with the Clerk. A formal period for inspection will be advertised between 17th June and 26th July. They

are also published on the Council's website.

Risk Assessments

A schedule of Risk Assessments covering all aspects of the Council's responsibilities, including Financial Risk, was tabled and the Meeting approved this comprehensive document as representing a proper assessment of the risks and demonstrating their appropriate management.

Internal Audit

The Council annually appoints an independent professional internal auditor to examine and report on the finances, processes and procedures which have maintained for the previous financial year. The 2017/18 audit was carried out by Heelis & Lodge who provide local council services across 4 counties from their Wickham Market base. Their Report was received by Council. It was formally noted and minuted that the accounts and other documentation were well presented for audit purposes with no comments or recommendations made which required other than minor procedural action on the part of either the Council or the Council's Responsible Finance Officer.

Officers

The Council has a number of advisory roles and other representative appointments, often filled by volunteers who are not councillors which, good practice suggests, benefits community liaison and brings fresh insights. These were filled by agreement of the Meeting and the posts held by Councillors will be published as part of the schedule of contact details.

Committee memberships

The Council has 2 standing committees. The Planning Committee exists to allow for the consideration of Planning applications when the timetable required by Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, cannot be met within the framework of Council meetings. The Committee did not have to meet last year. The Complaints Committee meets when required to deal with complaints about the Council from members of the public. This Committee has not met since 2008.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Newly elected Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake tabled a written report on the past month's activities which included their thanks to all the Elmswell & Woolpit residents who voted for them in the election on 2nd May after which the make-up of MSDC has completely changed. There are now 16 Conservatives, 12 Greens, 5 Lib Dems and one independent and the Council is now in 'No Overall Control'. Discussions between the group leaders are currently underway, and the hope was expressed that

it will be possible to form a 'rainbow cabinet'.

Meanwhile, A new rapid charging point has been installed in Needham Lake, as part of a Highways England initiative across East Anglia. 11 charging points have been installed in Suffolk and Norfolk. They are rapid chargers capable of charging 2 vehicles in about 30 minutes and should be a boost for electric vehicle users in the region.

BWMA

The 27 members of the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association represent user groups of both venues, Parish Councillors and elected community representatives. They meet monthly and reported that the continued relatively trouble-free progress towards a start on the works at Wesley was noted with satisfaction by Members keen to see the new community hub facility taking shape. The preferred Contractor is identified with some minor peripheral issues to be settled. A start date of 17th June seems likely.

Meanwhile, the accommodation of the Wesley user groups at Blackbourne is now being gradually introduced and all seems to be going well with co-operation on all sides. Members are aware of the efforts of Ann Brett, the Assistant Clerk, in juggling times, dates and rooms towards as painless as possible a process and still with an eye to satisfying the demand from non-village users so as to maintain income. The lorry container is comfortably absorbing long-term storage to free-up usable space within Blackbourne itself.

The Meeting expressed overwhelming enthusiasm for investigating further the possibility of acquiring the Railway Tavern site for community use. Views were expressed to the effect that the advantages to the Wesley project in terms of shared play space and parking are obvious whilst the viability of retaining the village's 2nd pub, given the mushrooming population in the village, seems to be in little doubt with advice from CAMRA, MSDC and other community pub groups on offer towards determining the best operating framework. An overriding factor remains the possibility of the establishment of an Elmswell Community Land Trust to provide genuine affordable homes for people with a strong village connection and ring-fenced in perpetuity against any Right To Buy. It was noted that such a CLT could build elsewhere in the village on a similar basis once established, redressing the balance against the devious means by which commercial developers avoid building such housing wherever they can find a way round it. EPC was urged to proceed with a professional valuation towards encouraging a negotiation and the determination of a firm offer price.

The successful appointment of Paul Hammond as a weekend / relief caretaker was welcomed as it not only relieves pressure on existing staff, but allows for greater security of the site, particularly the locking of the car park gate.

The Chairman undertook to investigate the possibility of a dog faeces collection-bag dispenser at the Blackbourne entrance as a step towards educating owners whose carelessness and irresponsibility continues to present a dangerous and objectionable result for other users, particularly youngsters and very young children playing on befoiled grass.

The Chairman undertook to arrange for the reinstatement of an automatic door to the Jubilee entrance. The original mechanism was removed as the PIR activation proved to be a nuisance. Any new device would be push-pad operated only.

Elmswell / Woolpit Community Path The Clerk' Report included an update on the Community Path for cyclists & pedestrians from Elmswell Station to Woolpit Health Centre which has been mooted since 2005. Various stages have come and gone, including the acquisition of some of the land and the securing of Planning Permission, but the inevitable stumbling block, the financing of the engineering works, has meant little progress in recent times. He had, in October 2017 met with Sustrans along with Helen Geake representing Woolpit and a new Feasibility Study was subsequently published. This has now caught the attention of Highways England who have a fund dedicated to the provision of links between communities which have been separated by a major road – in our case A14. There are 10 such routes identified and there will be a sifting process. A more recent meeting with Sustrans had included Sarah Mansel and the case for the path is in the process of final adjustments towards submission.

Planning results

The Meeting noted the following results of Planning applications made to Mid Suffolk, the Planning authority:

Reference DC/19/00405 Discharge of Conditions for Application 4911/16 – Conditions 10,12,13,15, 16, 22, 24, 28 and 31 on Land to the North and South of Wetherden Road GRANTED

Reference DC/19/01591 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/02138 – Condition 3 Street Farm, Station Road APPROVED
Reference DC/19/01593 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/03596 (HSE) – Conditions 3 Church Hill Cottage, School Road APPROVED

Reference DC/19/01661 Discharge of Conditions Application DC/18/03087 – Condition 3, 4, & 5

1 Royston Park, Kiln Lane APPROVED
Reference DC/19/00872 Erection of 3no. dwellings... Land adjacent Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road REFUSED/EPC objected

Reference DC/19/01998 Discharge of Conditions for Application 4911/16 – Conditions 25 & 26 Land to the North and South of Wetherden Road GRANTED

Reference DC/19/01200 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/01382 – Condition 3 Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road GRANTED

Reference DC/19/01578 Side & rear extension The Emms Wetherden road GRANTED EPC supported

Planning Applications The Meeting considered the following Applications forwarded for comment from MSDC:
DC/19/01876 Outline Application – Erection of 2 No detached single-storey dwellings and vehicular access at Hedgerows, Grove Lane.

Councillors objected to this Application for the following reasons:

The site is in the countryside outside of the Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly take place.

With regard to the strong policy imperatives aimed at protecting the existing character and appearance of the countryside, this proposal offers no justification for exceptional treatment and does not present a case for special consideration under categories identified and defined in the Local Plan, the Core Strategy or the National Planning Policy Framework. The extant Permission under DC/18/02553 for 2 bungalows within the same holding and in immediate proximity to the host dwelling, Hedgerows, has not yet resulted in any application for Reserved Matters, leaving in doubt the ultimate outcome of the proposal for, in effect, a development of 4 dwellings. This Application seeks to add an inappropriate extension to that development to the rear of Hedgerows and well beyond the building line of both Hedgerows and of Half Acre, adjacent, presenting a clear and unwelcome incursion into the immediate rural setting.

The use of the existing access, now seeking to serve 5 dwellings, proposes an unsafe result, and Councillors have sympathy with the existing heavy haulage operators using Grove Lane as their sole access that it is a single-track country lane unsuited to the extra traffic loading resulting from this proposal.

In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies SB1, H7 & T10, Core Strategy Policies CS1 & CS2 and National Planning Policy Framework para.55.

DC/19/01986 Erection of single storey rear extension at 45 Bennett Avenue.

Councillors agreed to support this Application.

DC/19/02128 Erection of first floor side extension incorporating car port underneath, re-roofing of lean-to at 6 Hawk End Lane.

Councillors agreed to support the principle of this Application always provided that the result would not reduce the 3 parking spaces, as per the indicative plan, considered to be the minimum requirement for a 3 bedroomed house given the difficulties of access in Hawk End Lane.

DC/19/00996 Change of use of Annex to dwellinghouse (retrospective) at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane. Councillors agreed to make no comment on this Application.

Level Crossing The Meeting noted feedback from MARPA, the Mid Anglia Rail Passenger Association, regarding the projected increase of rail freight traffic and the very few options available to mitigate the resultant traffic congestion. It was agreed that Council should join MARPA as a corporate member so that they could have an input to communications with Network Rail and the Train Operating Company on this and on other matters.

Wesley project

The Meeting took note from the BWMA Report of the progress made in the scheme to refurbish the Wesley chapel and build a linked community hub facility on the site of the old hall. The Clerk confirmed that the plans and the case for the necessary borrowing would be aired at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting offering the chance to confirm the wide community support already evident in the village. It was unanimously agreed that the PWLB should be approached for a loan amalgamated with the existing borrowings which, over an extended period of 50 years, offers repayments only minimally uplifted from the current levels.

Railway Tavern site

Again, The Meeting noted the support from the BWMA membership and elsewhere in the village for taking further a scheme to purchase the Railway Tavern site for community benefit rather than allow the building, as is currently likely, of another housing development. It was agreed that the professional practice which advised on the Wesley purchase should be retained again to provide a valuation and, if necessary, make approaches to the vendor towards determining a price.

Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 17th June at 7.30pm in The Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at elmswell.suffolk.cloud on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op outside the Post Office.

Future Council Meetings

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June	July	Sept	Oct	Nov
17th	15th	16th	21st	

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What's On in Elmswell ?



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

FOOTPATH WALK

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

SUNDAY 16th JUNE
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*

June 2019

- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 9 5:30pm Christians Together Pentecost Service at Baptist Church preceded by light tea at 4:45pm
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Louise Gregory, Line Dancing
- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, at the Blackbourne's Chamberlayne Hall, 7pm AGM, then Speaker Claire Gapper: "Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk". *July tickets on sale*. **PLEASE NOTE our new venue and earlier start time for AGM.**
- 13 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 15 7:00pm St John's Summer Quiz Night.
- 18 Exchange Social Club To be arranged
- 18 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Dr Ian Bedford - 'Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden'
- 19 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 20 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
- 21 3:50pm St John's Messy Church & tea (doors open 3:30pm)
- 25 Elmswell Gardening Club Annual Outing to Sundown Garden, Diss
- 27 Over 55's Club Dennis Maisey returns to entertain
- 28 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

July 2019

- 3 Exchange Afternoon WI A Passion for Swifts
- 5 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ Blackbourne 11.30am

- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Summer social event
- 11 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 Over 55's Club Strawberry Supper
- 11 Elmswell History Group - 7pm Annual Outing to Suffolk Police Museum, Martlesham Tickets from 01359-242601
- 12 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 13 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 16 Exchange Social Club AGM and Strawberry Tea
- 16 Elmswell Gardening Club To be arranged
- 17 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 18 Over 55's Club Jubilee Singers Open Evening
- 20 Elmswell Library Summer Reading Challenge BBQ to include Face Painting and Balloon Architecture. Time 11:00am until 2:00pm. Free event to all children who sign up.
- 20/21 10am-4pm, Free Entry. EXHIBITION of Elmswell's WW1 Royal Flying Corps Aerodrome, to be held at Gt Ashfield Village Hall. Guided Tours of the aerodrome site and light refreshments all day. Culmination of Elmswell History Group's four-year project on this topic.
- 25 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 26 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 26 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm
- 31 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

August 2019

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

September 2019

- 2 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Remarkable women of Ipswich - Ipswich Tourist Information Guide
- 4 Exchange Afternoon WI The work of Emmaus - charity for the homeless & vulnerable
- 4 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
- 5 Carvery and Mystery Day Out (Over 55's Club)
- 7 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 10 WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Sylvia Wilson, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD)
- 12 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 17 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 17 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Jackie Bennett - 'Jane Austen's Gardens: Real and Imagined'
- 18 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 19 Over 55's Club Stowmarket Concert Band Visitors welcome
- 20 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ Blackbourne 11.30am
- 21 Barn Dance in the Chamberlayne Hall at 7pm. Organised by Elmswell Baptist Church. Dancing to Clutching at Straws. Adults £10, under 18's £5 including a picnic style supper. Tickets on sale in August.
- 27 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 27 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

October 2019

- 2 Exchange Afternoon WI
- 3 Over 55's Harvest Supper The art of linocut & printmaking
- 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 Olly Jackson, Greene King
- 10 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 12 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 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

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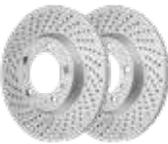
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