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EDITORIAL



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Given the number of high-vis yellow jackets about the place, be they worn by joggers pounding our streets, white-van delivery drivers blocking our streets or workmen tearing up our streets, surely there is an opportunity to join our French cousins - even if soon to be cousins once-removed- in their, 'Gilets Jaunes', protest?

But what, our contented reader wonders, could the good folk of Elmswell possibly have to riot about? Surely, in the days of next-day deliveries, 73 television channels and an inside toilet for all, satisfaction reigns?

In the spirit of the *# enough of this sort of thing!* movement, we suggest the following possible flash points for insurgency, for uprising or for severe tut-tutting and the communal stamping of feet.



The crossing gates could, surely be better controlled to give the pedestrians & motorists a fairer chance? No-one suggests an argument with a 73 container double-header freight train at 40mph, but when a dreamy little local trickles in from Stowmarket at walking speed, do we really need the full 3 minute wait in case it couldn't stop? And why do we wait whilst a train is stationary and passengers alight & disembark while the driver sees the queue growing until, bored with that, he toots his merry tootle-thing and crawls away allowing the traffic and the frustration some relief. Statistics show that people hurt by a stationary train are largely those who refuse to mind the gap.

Will the Planning people please come and take a look before deciding that Elmswell can, without some serious additional infrastructure, take more housing estates? With a Highways Department that seldom seems to step out of their Ipswich office we are told that, 'mitigation measures', can be put in place to allow more and more traffic on our roads. Given the impossibility, short of mass demolitions, of widening, say, New Road or School Road, we must either find another route - the long discussed, 'Relief Road' - or stop inviting in another 1.6 cars for each of the 700 houses due to be built over the next 10 years.

Whilst giving a thought to the pressures on our roads, can someone bring a little reality to the assessment by the Powers That Be of other niggling doubts as the houses go up? Little things like education. Our school site is, to be generous, 'compact'. It was always thus from the day it opened. It became more so when asked to take 2 more year-groups of older children when the Middle Schools were abolished. We are asked to believe that it can take further expansion as our population grows. They can, apparently, put an 'upstairs' bit on. More classrooms. Same play space. Same school hall space. Same parking. The most recent OFSTED confirms, "*Pupils' behaviour across the school is good and they have good attitudes to learning.*"

Pupils are keen to come to school and their attendance is above average. The school's caring atmosphere successfully promotes pupils' welfare." It's a good school. For the moment.

Of course, we have our very own Gilets Jaunes - see page 13.

Is this our revolution?

Sadly, only the wheels.



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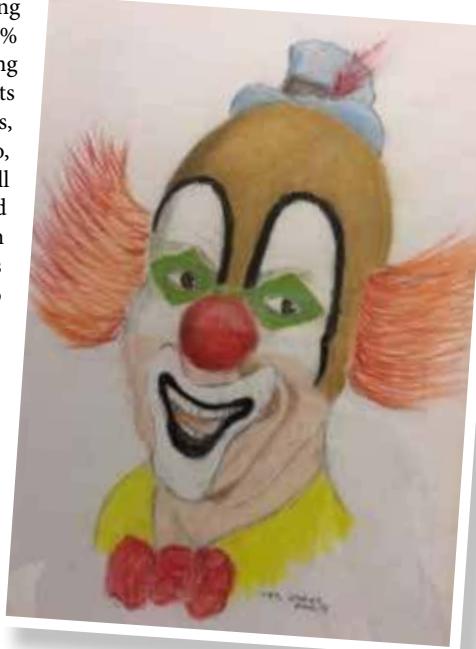
ELMSWELL ART CLUB



How do you define art? Art is a small word with a long, long list of meanings and interpretations covering all human senses. For instance tea making is for some people a very serious art. Warm the pot before you start, milk first or hot water first! As far as I am concerned provided tea is hot and reasonably weak I don't mind how it is made. Tea will always be enhanced by the addition of a couple of biscuits! Art can be used to describe a person's character, artful or artless. Growing bonsai is considered, even by experts, as being 10% luck, 20% horticulture and 70% art. What we do on a Tuesday morning at the Wesley comes under the generic heading of Visual Arts which covers all sorts of different art forms including ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, video, film, architecture and of course painting and drawing. All that we do is painting and drawing in individual styles and in any subject which takes our fancy. Mostly we do an eclectic mix of pets, wild animals, landscapes, seascapes and abstracts. Every now and again someone chooses to do something different and I thought we would start the year in a light-hearted mood by showing these two unusual efforts. Pippa Avis did Mickey Mouse and Ted Evans who normally draws dogs, came up with the clown. All members send greetings and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

John Welford. 01359 240166

To be an artist is to believe in life. Henry Moore



Art cub meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

The clubs activities for 2018 came to a close with our Christmas Party on Saturday December 13th when a splendid meal was served by "Home Farm

Catering from Walsham le Willows with the Table Decorations being made by Stella Davey and Karen Friend many thanks for your hard work they looked great. The entertainment was provided by Bob Whiting of the Jim Bob Duo, Jim not being well so was unable to come along. The hall had been beautifully decorated by the committee.

Christmas Party was held on December 15th



Part of the team who spend several hours decking The Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne with masses of festive glitter for all to enjoy over Christmas.



Looking back to the end of November we welcomed the Jubilee Singers for a seasonal concert.

Our trip to Thursford also got everybody into the Christmas Spirit with a full house and a cast of over 120 performing for over 2 ½ hours not to mention a further 50 behind the scene workers.

The Xmas Concert by the Norton Salvation Army Band and Songsters was also well attended.



All it leaves me to say is a very sincere thank you to all our members and especially the committee who have supported me through 2018 as at times I have not been in the best of health.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year with the club resuming on February 21st 2019 so watch this space for an update.

Dianne (241002)



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting on 13th December we welcomed the Penland Pheazants from Ely, who entertained us with the story of Hereward the Wake. Words and music had been written and were performed by the group and we are now all well informed about the legendary Anglo Saxon head of resistance to William the Conqueror.

Hereward was born around 1035, said to be the son of the Earl of Mercia and Lady Godiva. Another theory is that he was the son of Askatil, the brother of Abbot Brand, of Peterborough Abbey. He owned lands in south Lincolnshire.

Having been exiled from England in around 1050, Hereward became a mercenary in Flanders

and then returned to England after the Norman Conquest. He led his men in several rebellious attacks against the Normans, being imprisoned and then eventually negotiating with William and being liberated by his friends and pardoned by William.

Hereward lived for some time as an outlaw in the Fens and on the verge of once more making peace with William was set upon and killed by a group of Norman knights.

During the interval we enjoyed a buffet with punch and various savouries and sweets provided by members, which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

We look forward now to our first meeting of 2019 on 10th January, when John Orbell will talk about Bury's Corn Exchange, Past and Present. New members are welcome to our meetings on the second Thursday of every month at the Wesley Hall. More information from Stella on 01359-242601 or from our website: www.elmswell-history.org.uk



ELMSWELL W.I.

We were all looking forward to our Christmas party and there was a lovely atmosphere, as members exchanged Christmas news and cards. The hall was decorated, beautifully, thanks to the Over55s Club, and looked very festive. The tables were decorated with evergreens, sweets and candles and the wine was flowing.

After singing Jerusalem, we all sat down to enjoy chicken and orange casserole, cooked by the committee from Anna's recipe, and crusty French bread. Everyone enjoyed it and some ladies had second helpings.

While mince pies were warming up and hot drinks being made, Val presented the Greenfield Cup to Lesley Reed. This is awarded to the member who has entered the most competitions, during the past year. Well done, Lesley! We were really impressed by your efforts.

Sylvia Walton entertained us with some anecdotes from her long, eventful life. As always, she was hilarious and had everyone in fits of laughter. What a lovely lady! Also, Maureen had chosen some lovely readings. It was good to see how much she has recovered

from her recent illness. Finally, the committee gave their rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas, in the style of the W.I., which went down very well. After mince pies and cream and yet more chat, Anna thanked the committee for all their hard work.

We look forward to another eventful year of meetings and hope that everyone has a happy, peaceful Christmas.

Rosie Collins 01359 241652

the WI
INSPIRING WOMEN

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.

Our December meeting was a time to celebrate Christmas. We had 29 members join us together with John Evans who provided superb musical entertainment for us. Firstly, the winners of the monthly competition were presented with their prizes. For the first time ever, three of the ladies tied for first place. They were Sylvia Walton, Margaret Hitchins and Mary Chown, our President. Second was Lesley Clarke who received the infamous tea pot, and third Dot Dixon. We then got into the party mood with a "pass the parcel" game organised by Lesley. John provided the music and the gifts included in the parcels were unusual to say the least. One of our members ended up with a very fetching lace thong

suitably adorned with seasonal trimmings and another a packet of Gaviscon. The latter was probably more useful at this time of year but the other much more fun. We sat down to a traditional afternoon tea followed by music from John on his guitar. We were able to join in many of the songs and ended on a very Yuletide note with carols.

12 of our ladies would be attending the Federation Carol Service at St. Mary's Church in Bury St. Edmunds on Monday 10th December and we were looking forward to this.

Programmes for next year were handed out, our next meeting being on February 6th. Our guest for that meeting will be P.C. Lee

Andrews Pearce from the Rural Crime Team. We have no meeting in January. Guests and new members are always welcome. Further details from Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

All the members of Elmswell Exchange (Afternoon) W.I. wish readers of this Newsletter a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Also thanks to those volunteers who put the Newsletter together every month.





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ELMSWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Happy New Year everybody! We hope you've all thoroughly over indulged during the festive period and had a very happy Christmas with your loved ones.

It seems like December went past in the blink of an eye. We had our annual Christmas party at the beginning of the month which as usual was a roaring success; the children tore around the hall during the disco with all manner of interesting dance moves, and then headed into Santa's Grotto to meet the main man himself. The look of excitement on the childrens' faces as they received their present is utterly priceless, although it's safe to say my children were a little less keen- I hope Father Christmas didn't take it too personally! A huge thank you to everyone who chipped in to set up, run and clear down after the party, it was so greatly appreciated.

Aside from the party we've been up to our usual crafts; decorating gingerbread men, making handprint baubles, Christmas Wreaths and calendars. And the ever popular ceramics we made last month are now home with their families, taking pride of place on their trees and wrapped up ready to be the most adorable Christmas presents.

If I thought December flew by quickly it was nothing compared to how fast this last year has whizzed past (brace yourselves, the nostalgia

is coming...) I cannot believe it's been twelve whole months since this time last year (when I was yet again looking at an enormous pile of wrapping paper and boxes wondering how on earth I was going to fit it all in my recycling bin).

I have so many highlights for 2018 it's hard to pick just a few, but I'll try; we've visited the fire station, taken a ramble around Lukeswood, ventured up to Norfolk to the Dinosaur Adventure Park, had our annual summer BBQ and two very successful nearly new sales. Not to mention visits from French for Tots and the Mobile Sling Library, who will be dropping by again on the 16th on January to offer support and advice on all things baby wearing related.

Overall though I have to say my personal highlight for the year are the people I have met and the friends I have made through the group, I consider myself lucky to have a group on my doorstep so full of such lovely mums, dads, nans and

everybody else. If you're new to the village or have recently had a baby please do stop by, we'd love to meet you. Our sessions will start again on Monday 7th January, we run every Monday and Wednesday from 10am until 11:30.

We're run entirely by volunteers and always welcome an extra pair of hands, if you think you'd like to join our committee or could spare the odd morning helping in our kitchen please do feel free to drop us an email (elmswell.nns@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.



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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Hello Elmswell!

Happy New Year.

I am writing this whilst on holiday, although in the tradition of holiday postcards it will reach you after my return. I have been dodging the cold weather to visit the south west of Western Australia. And rather appropriately, sending this article via the free wifi at Margaret River Library. Since I'm a bit of a library geek, I have been unable to resist checking out the local libraries at the different stops along our trip! I have used local libraries on many a trip to keep in touch with family and friends, and on one occasion write job applications (while backpacking). Perhaps I have a bias of sorts, but I think libraries are brilliant. They are a testament not only to the value of knowledge and the human need for stories, but to the strength and contributions of the communities around them.

At home, wherever that may be, Libraries have the power to bring the world to us. Not only through the opportunity for connection (it's not unusual to have library visitors skype their family abroad), but also through the resources we hold. On the non-fiction side we have a wide range of up to date guide books and maps, or for the more armchair variety enthusiasts, travel memoirs, cookbooks, and books on art from different cultures. We also

have press reader available online, which makes it possible to read newspapers and magazines from around the world.

On the fiction side there is always the opportunity to escape, at least in the imagination, to anywhere in the world, in both time and space. Stories can fill us with whimsy and adventure, and a sense of curiosity. And when we find books set in a place we know and love, they can speak to us on another level – as if we feel the characters have crossed paths with us in our own lives, making those stories even more real.

So as the holiday season has come to an end, and as we review our post-Christmas financial situations, it's a good time to pop down to the library and get some very affordable (by which I mean free) material for escapism. Adventure without the jet-lag. We hope to see you soon!

Zoe

What's On

The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in the village. Find them at the Fox pub at 10:30am – Wednesday 16th January, and Wednesday 20th of February.

Baby Bounce / Tot Rock

(Fridays 9:45, term time)

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

Lego Club

(11:00 – 12:00 on Sundays)

Come along and build with other children. We

now have even more Lego, so bigger and better builds are possible.

Knit and Natter

Once a month on a Wednesday morning, 10am – 12am on the 9th of January, and the 13th of February.

Ancestry / Family History Group

3pm – 5pm alternate Thursday afternoons in term time. Check with library for dates.

Books for Sale

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

ELF Volunteers

The Elmswell Library Friends have held some really popular events in 2018. We will be having the first meeting on the 10th of January at 5:15. If you're keen to support the library (or just like a good social event) please let us know. We will be planning our events for 2019 and would appreciate a few extra hands and ideas. Please speak to library staff (or just show up!)

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CIRCLE DANCING - COME AND GET FIT(TER) AND HAVE FUN IN THE NEW YEAR!

Circle dance draws on the diverse traditional dances of many countries around the world, as well as a growing repertoire of new dances to classical music and contemporary songs.

Dances can be energetic or gentle and reflective. Many have fascinating stories surrounding them. Though dances chosen reflect the abilities of the group, the aim always is to experience the joy of dancing with others, creating a sense of well-being.

Most are not partner dances, so everyone can join in; numbers don't matter. Each dance is taught thoroughly so you don't need experience. Holding hands in a circle, you have support from the people either side of you; this helps if you have difficulties with balance.

The music is amazingly varied. An African song of praise one minute, a joyful Israeli dance, a fast Balkan one or a moving Romanian number after that.

Elmswell WI recently had a dance evening, and to see people sharing an activity, creating a sense of community while so enjoying themselves, the laughter and the joy of dancing to a wide variety of music was a real privilege. We did some standing dances, then some seated so that it was a really inclusive evening. As a result of the WI's enthusiasm and a current group in Drinkstone growing too large, I will be starting a new group in Elmswell, every Thursday afternoon from 2 - 3.30, with refreshments in the middle.

Starting 31 January at the Blackbourne the first session will be FREE so you can try it and see what you think. Thereafter £6/ session. The class will focus on standing dances, but if there is enough demand I will do one session a month of seated dances.

Jen Larner, jenlarner@gmail.com t. 07896 495574



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ST JOHN'S CHURCH



Happy 2019 Elmswell!

Wow – what a fantastic December we had!



Early on in the month there another awesome Men's Breakfast – sausage, bacon, egg, mushrooms, tomatoes, black pudding etc – all enjoyed alongside a very uplifting message from Phil Bailie. Phil is a youth work co-ordinator in Suffolk and he spoke about the importance of encouraging people, young and old, to have a go getting involved in church life. Most of us have been helped at times by people who have persevered with us, encouraging us to keep having ago. Our model is Jesus who never gave up on his 12 closest followers. We can now be those encouragers of others.



The Carols by Candlelight was simply stunning and the Messy Nativity was spontaneously sensational! We welcomed both Elmswell Community Primary School and Little Elms for their marvelous Christmas services. It was wonderful to see so many people walk into St John's and share in the good news about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Fancy a brew? Every Monday our "Coffee Break" group meets at The Rectory at 10:00am. This month, on Monday 21st January, we are holding a special session in aid of Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is an excellent charity which provides medical relief and free surgeries for the underserved in Africa. Do come along if you're interested!



Our next Messy Church is Christingle! It will be on Friday 25th January at 3:50pm (doors open 3:30pm). We will be learning all about the Christingle (and more!) and, like lots of our Messy Churches, we end with a shared meal. All welcome – this is an all-age event. There are crafts and songs and puppet shows, but if that's not your thing, you can sit in the café area and enjoy a coffee and cake.

SAVE THE DATE – Sat 23 Feb 7:00pm Quiz Night with sausage casserole! This popular event is happening again. People must book in advance for catering purposes (Contact John Evans or Rev Peter Goodridge), but for a donation of just £10 you get a lovely meal and a night of entertainment with your cleverest friends :) What's not to love?

Sunday 6th January

9:30am All Age Service with Baptism
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

Sunday 13th January

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am Parish Praise

Sunday 20th January

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

Friday 25th January

3:50pm Messy Church (Christingle theme) - refreshments from 3:30pm

Sunday 27th January

10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd February

9:30am All Age Service
11:00am BCP Holy Communion

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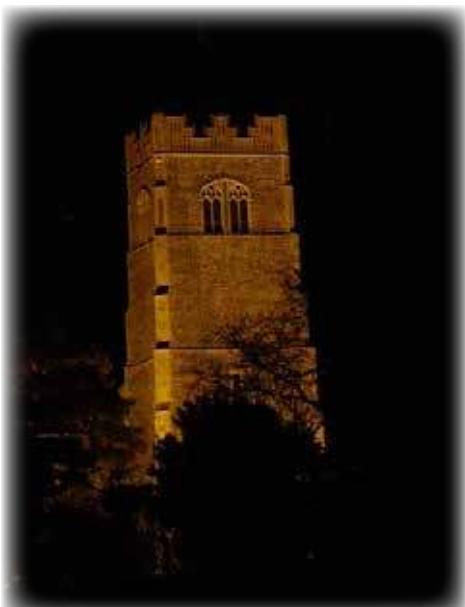
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- 13 in loving memory of my mother Eileen Fraser on her Birthday.
- 15 in memory of Geoffrey Dalton on his Birthday.
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- 22 in loving memory of Rob Dalby, on his Birthday, with love from all the family.
- 23 in loving memory of Ricky Woolnough's Birthday.

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Well here we are another new year what does 2019 have in store for us, whatever it is we will keep calm and carry on as the slogan says.

Our politicians will still be arguing about Brexit and all its implications, maybe Ipswich Town will start winning matches, and hopefully the spirit of good will that abounds at Christmas and New Year will continue for a few weeks at least. One thing that is certain is that we at the Baptist Church will still be opening our doors and offering a warm and friendly welcome to all who join us for any of our services or activities.

Our programme for January 2019 is:-

Monday 7th January our Ladies Friendship Group meet at 7.45pm for a surprise evening offered by Jenny, contact Margaret on 01359241541 if you would like to join the ladies.

Thursday 10th January at midday Food and Friends rearranged Christmas Lunch takes place at the Church, contact Jackie on 01359 245918 if you haven't booked your place.

Our services in January will be led by:-

6th January Stephen Spurgeon (inc. Communion)

13th January Eddie Kerridge

27th January Probably the Congregation

3rd February Rev Barbara Challis

We would like to thank all the visitors who joined us for our annual Carols by Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, once again the church was full for a relaxed hour or so of drama, singing, readings and fellowship celebrating the birth of our lord and saviour Jesus.

On behalf of us all at the Baptist Church I would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT

For the last couple of years, Lewis Greathead has been building his martial arts classes at Wesley and at Blackbourne so successfully that he now squeezes in 6 separate sessions over the week introducing instruction across a wide age range. Lewis's aim goes beyond the kicks and punches as he looks to encourage fitness, stress relief and a fun way to socialise together with the increased confidence, discipline and 'bully-proofing' that many experts define as valuable side-benefits of such training.



As part of this wider perspective, a recent Christmas charity event at Blackbourne raised over £150.00 towards supporting the work of the charity Children With Cancer UK...donations are still welcome via info@greatheadma.com.

The Greathead Martial Arts website at www.greatheadma.com gives a flavour of what's on offer and of classes into the New Year.



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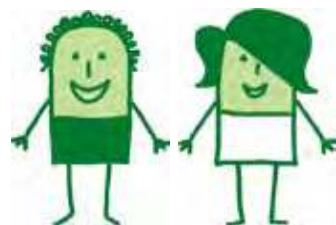


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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Tree planting at Lukeswood

Winter is the best time for planting saplings as the trees are dormant, but the soil is still relatively warm. Every year during National Tree Week at the beginning of December groups all over the country plant thousands of trees. At Lukeswood we did our bit, planting 50 new saplings in the wood. These days, most of the woodland is now planted up – and self-sown trees are also adding to the tree cover. What we plant now is mainly to fill the few gaps that remain or to add a specific new type of tree to enhance the diversity of the woodland or provide a new habitat. Accordingly, this

year we added Alder, which grows well in the damp, boggy areas, and some more Buckthorn to attract the Brimstone butterfly. Fifty trees planted, and smiles all round – as you can see from our selfie taken shortly afterwards!

Christmas at Lukeswood

Just before Christmas Lukeswood was magically transformed for the Street Farm Forest School Christmas party. It was a veritable Winter Wonderland, complete with twinkling fairy lights, a beautiful Christmas tree, a team of reindeer (some with traditional red noses) and a lovely stable scene in the pole barn. To complete the picture we even managed to conjure up some snow! Parents and children had a wonderful time making Christmas decorations and enjoying hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the campfire. It was also a

chance for Mums and Dads to see for themselves all the exciting activities that the children enjoy during their weekly Forest School sessions – and have a go at woodwork, den-building or mud play for themselves! It was a lovely afternoon, so a huge thank you to Lisa and all the Street Farm team for their hard work. A great way to start the Christmas holidays!

A very Happy New Year to everyone from all at ElmsWild! Don't forget that Lukeswood is always open for everyone to enjoy – there's always something interesting to see, even in the depths of winter, so put on the boots and a warm coat and have a walk round!

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Mid Suffolk District Councillor Sarah Mansel with Peter Hancock, our Village Warden, and the new bike trailer.



MAKING A WHEELED DIFFERENCE...

The Parish Council often faces a dilemma as the financial cut-backs on the part of the 'upper' tiers of Local Government result in a reduced service and our immediately local community suffers. They spend less, and, to compensate the local Council Tax payer has to pay more – in effect paying twice because the County and District no longer provide the service we thought we were getting.

Our Councillors recently decided that enough is enough...the village, as with so many others, was looking scruffy as the result of a lack of tender loving care on the part of such agencies as Suffolk County Council Highways and the 'Public Realm' department at Mid Suffolk where resources no longer stretch to such activities as litter picking, leaf clearance, sign cleaning and the like.

Hence our Village Warden, Peter Hancock, who has gradually made his mark in recent months by clearing, tidying and cleaning where it is needed and alerting higher authorities where a bigger job needs their attention. The village begins to look the better for it, and a couple of residents have already had a visit from Mid Suffolk officers regarding fly tipped rubbish which has been dumped with no regard for amenity or safety requiring expensive clearing-up by others.

Peter likes to do his rounds on his bike – covering more ground that way. However, it presented the problem of carrying the bagged rubbish back to Blackbourne or carrying cleaning materials to the village extremities.

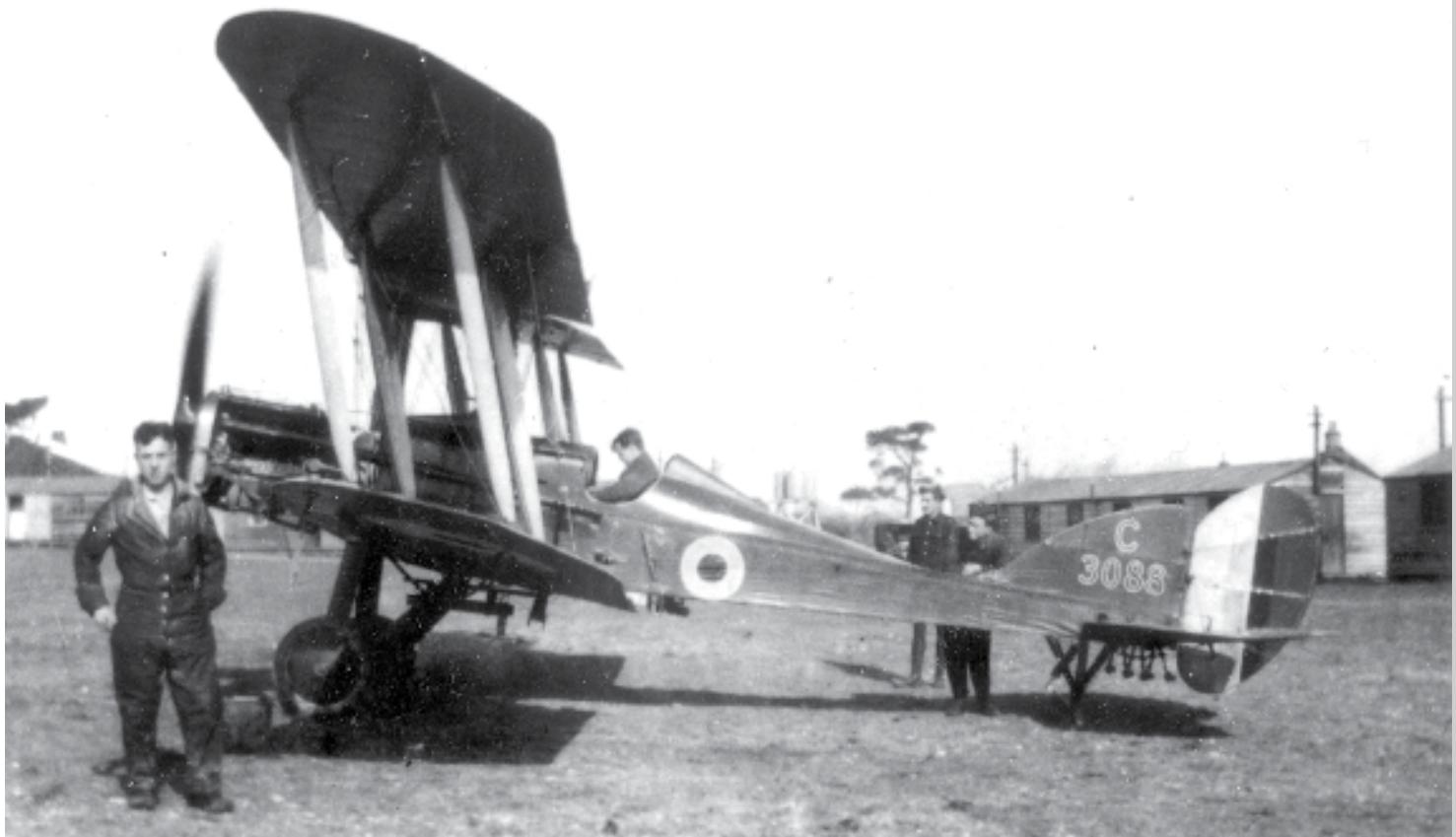
Fellow cyclist and Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Sarah Mansel was asked to help and duly used her Locality Budget to buy a trailer bike which greatly enhances Peter's effectiveness.



Our pictures show the team of Peter / Bike / Trailer along with Sarah and with a couple of 'before and after' photo's showing how effective the Parish Council's initiative is proving with regard to amenity and road safety – these are the traffic bollards on Church Road.



The result of some of Peter's work cleaning signs & other street furniture – before and after!



Our picture, taken in 1918, shows a 75 Squadron BE12b. These planes were built by Daimler with a 200hp Hispano Suiza engine. They were allocated to Home Defence squadrons for the interception of German bombers. They were armed with 0.303 Lewis machine guns and 2 x 100lb bombs.

END-OF-PROJECT REPORT ON “THE ‘LOST’ WW1 AERODROME OF ELMSWELL”

At around the time of the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, Elmswell History Group was considering what, if anything, it could do to mark this event. A local school had undertaken some investigations into the lives of those people named on the village war memorial, and there were stories about airmen based locally who dropped flowers to their girlfriends as they flew over the village.

The History Group decided that it would be an interesting project to research the background to these stories and to try to find out the history of the airfield and those Royal Flying Corps personnel who were based there. A group of volunteers got together and established that there was indeed an airfield, and that WW1 flying did take place from the locality. The permission of the current landowner was sought and was enthusiastically given. A grant was sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund and an award was subsequently made, with certain strings attached!

After consulting old Ordnance Survey maps and other documents at the RAF Museum, the National Archives and local Record Offices, the exact location of the airfield was established. It was also

quite quickly realised that almost the whole “above ground” evidence had been obliterated when RAF Great Ashfield was constructed in WW2.

However, undeterred by this setback, the volunteers set to with spades and other tools and, with help from local archaeological specialists, soon discovered the foundations of several of the more “permanent” buildings, especially the hangars. The fate of these and some other buildings was also discovered, especially part of the Officers’ Mess which had become the old Drinkstone village hall, now dismantled and re-located to the Hawstead Huts Project.

Other volunteers were tackling the internet, as well as visiting Hendon and Duxford Museums and Stow Maries Airfield in Essex. Much valuable information was found, including the squadron based at the airfield, its purpose, its commanding officers, and the names of many of the personnel, as well as the daily activities undertaken and details of the lives of RFC personnel during WW1. In a few cases, descendants of those who served at Elmswell were traced and, in one case, living in a nearby village.

One of the “strings” attached to the Heritage Lottery Fund grant was that the History Group should provide presentations and educational talks to other organisations in the local area, and to provide exhibition material to accompany these. Accompanied by exhibits and illustrations, once again volunteers from the History Group came forward to give talks to a number of local history groups and societies, U3A branches and

youth organisations which, in all cases, have been received with enthusiasm and great interest. The leaders of the project have also written articles which have been published in a specialist WW1 aeronautical national magazine.

What of the future? Elmswell History Group is planning to mount an exhibition, possibly to coincide with the centenary of the signing of the Peace Treaty in 1919, continue giving presentations to interested local groups and, probably most important of all, to unveil a memorial to those previously “forgotten” servicemen on the site of the airfield.

As has perhaps become evident from this short summary of our four-year project, none of this could have been achieved without the enthusiastic and practical support of the landowner, as well as the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to achieve these remarkable results, and without whom none of this would have been possible. So, on behalf of the village, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved with this worthwhile project for their participation and support, and to congratulate them all on an excellent job done.

*Tony Chaplin –
Chairman,
Elmswell History
Group*

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ASHFIELD ROAD DEVELOPMENT



Taylor Wimpey has installed the original Bacon Factory foundation stone in an impressive new setting at the entrance to their emerging development of 190 houses on Ashfield Road. To mark the event are gathered, from left to right, Parish Cllr David Hawes, Mid Suffolk Cllr Sarah Mansel, Parish Cllrs Mike Friend, David Barker, & Chairman Fred Pallett, Parish Clerk Peter Dow, Chris of the Taylor Wimpey Sales Team, Parish Cllrs Dick Burch, Peter Edmonds, Chris Wiley and Julia Taber.

A REMINDER – SET IN STONE

The Elmswell Bacon Factory - more commonly, 'The Factory' – is now but a memory.

Our brief village history, 'A Marker for the Millennium', itself now history and only available, occasionally, on eBay, gives us a bacon-flavoured taste of an iconic period in Elmswell's past. We read there:

Some things change little. The 21st Century farmer would have considerable sympathy with the lot of his counterpart 100 years ago. Poor and fluctuating prices were often dictated by middlemen far removed from the harsh rigours of raising stock. As ever, the pig farmer suffered more than most. In 1911 our disgruntled local farmers, led by Mr T E Robinson of Woolpit, decided to do something about it in a dramatic ground-breaking initiative which changed the face of our village and, it is argued, the face of agriculture across the country.

A large assembly of people gathered with the Marchioness of Bristol at Elmswell on Tuesday, 30 June 1911 to lay the foundation stone of the

St Edmundsbury Co-operative Bacon Factory on 5½ acres of land, 'situate quite close to the Great Eastern Railway line'.

This unique venture was designed along the lines of successful enterprises in Denmark. The building included a sausage manufactory, offal room, lard room and a salting system, 'for the heads'. It was to cost no more than £10,000, including the land. King George V wrote to agree to accept the first samples of bacon produced by the venture. It was opened by the MP, S Goldsmith Esq. on 25th of March 1912 with 396 farmers subscribing, all hoping that, by pooling skills, resources, and marketing power, that might enjoy better and more stable prices for their meat. In 1912 230 pigs were processed each week arriving by rail, horse-drawn cart or on foot.

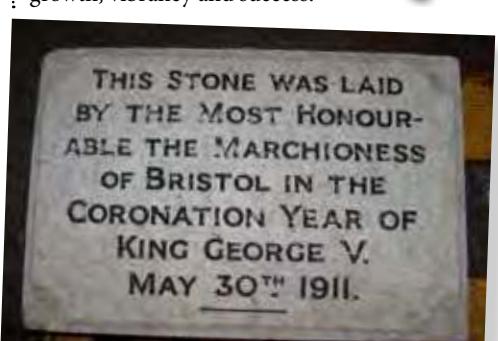
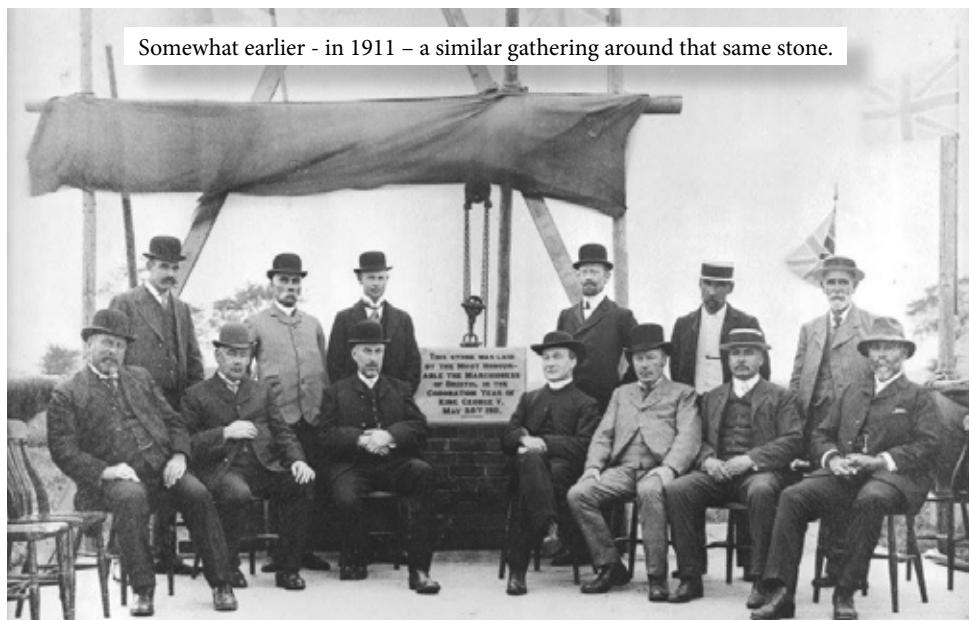
The enterprise, and the members, prospered until after the Second War when rationing was abandoned and the Danes made their presence felt once again – this time with clever advertising and skilful marketing which hit British bacon

hard. The original spirit was, however, still strong Elmswell, and an innovative range of 'St Edmund's' branded products was devised, produced and sold by van-sales direct from the factory. Scientific measuring and testing of carcasses was introduced so that the farmers could be guided towards consistent top grade production. It worked.

Further battles lay ahead; supermarkets gradually acquired their powerful dominance, the European market had to be accommodated, a constant stream of new regulations demanded intelligent, hard-headed flexibility. The co-operative ideal survival when Eastern Counties Farmers bought the factory in 1974 but has since been lost in the drive to find more and more capital in order to remain viable.

The rest is more recent history. From 600 employees to closure in 2006. Acquisition of the site for a failed development and subsequent re-acquisition leading to the current build-out of 190 houses by Taylor Wimpey. Who agreed to incorporate the original foundation stone as a feature. This they have done handsomely, as in our picture.

The stone was rescued by some of the last employees to leave the site and stored by the Parish Clerk in the hope that one day it might feature again as a reminder of a significant factor in our village's growth, vibrancy and success.





TREE FELLERS...

In a recent incident at Blackbourne, 3 young chaps took it upon themselves to hack down a few trees & shrubs and to steal a bottle of wine from an event being held in the Jubilee Hall.

The wine was recovered by an eagle-eyed organiser. Some of the activity, including the moment of theft, was captured on the CCTV system which covers the premises. Members of the community, appalled by the behaviour, helped identify the chaps concerned and the Police were put fully in the picture.

They advised no further action and none was, therefore, taken.

Except that the Fox Bowls Club, who themselves suffered some vandalism, offered to re-plant a tree which had been sawn down as part of the fun.

Here 2 of the bowlers, Peter Edmonds and Mark Edwards, restore the gap left in the avenue of trees with a mature London Plane (cost £120.00 delivered).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE VILLAGE'S LOCAL RECORDER?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the '*present*' is adequately recorded at local level for the '*future*'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk



ELMSFEST

A new year is upon us and the organisers of ElmsFest would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy new year. Finances are always a little tough this time of year, so we thought we'd provide an update on the figures for ElmsFest, as they stand at the moment.

We remain completely transparent with our overheads and profits, for which we spent £4,294.49 on attractions, live music, promotional material, insurance, hall hire, St John's Ambulance, café and other essential equipment, with a total income of £5,722.70. A huge thanks go to our sponsors for their generous donations – without which, we may well have been in a completely different situation. Elmswell Amenities Association are committed to underwriting us, so should ElmsFest fail to make a profit, they will step in and help until we are in a position to repay them. This was the case in 2017, for which we have now repaid them £400.00. We started with nothing and we have now made a small reserve, which we have agreed to keep in the bank to pay deposits for attractions this year and as a backup in case ElmsFest is called off due to unforeseen circumstances. As for charity donations, we stand committed to helping local charities and hopefully next year we will be in an even better situation to allow us to donate a percentage of our profits too.

So, make sure to mark Sunday 1st September 2019 in your diaries. Show times remain, from 12:00 to 17:00 and do, please, keep us in mind when conversing with friends and family.

As always, we like to offer Elmswell residents the very first chance to book stalls and attractions at ElmsFest, so here is your opportunity to get in early and book in before everybody else. This will almost guarantee that your proposed pitch will be accepted, as we do our very best to ensure that paying stall holders are not in direct competition with one another.

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.



ELMSWELL SPORT

ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB



We started the New Year with some bad news, I'm afraid. We heard from the Stowmarket League that their Tuesday Afternoon League had a full complement of 30 teams in three divisions, and there was no room for us. I didn't expect that because with Clubs folding at almost the same rate at public houses, I assumed they would grab every team they could. On the positive side, it does ensure that our Tuesday evening side will be well stocked as most afternoon players are switching to the evening. We still have a few tardy members to return their forms but our 2019 teams are beginning to take shape and it all looks very promising. We won't be challenging for any honours this year, though, as we will be fielding mostly rookies on Mondays, a mix of new and old on Tuesdays and battling against much tougher opposition in Division 2 on Thursdays, but 2020 could be a very different story.



Ann Richards takes aim...



Mark Edwards with rink-mates Kenny & Olive Ball

With very little going on in these dark winter months to report and many of you yearning for warmer times, I thought I would bring a splash of sunshine to your day by featuring our mid-summer friendly against our great friends at Coney Weston. Not only was it a gloriously sunny day, but the Coney Weston green is in the grounds of The Swan! Better still, you can be on the green and 3 good strides will take you to the bar, which made a pre-match pint almost obligatory. I can't actually remember the result but the rules were relaxed allowing players to switch enabling veterans to play part of a match and then be substituted when they tired, so the result was pretty meaningless anyway. Learners could be blooded in a non-stress situation and both teams, The Foxes and the Swans, took full advantage of the opportunity and it really was a case of playing purely for the love of the game. I have a collection of photographs to choose from but these, hopefully, will give you a taste of the occasion. I sincerely hope I have brightened your day a little and do remember that we have 'turned the corner' season-wise and the summer, and the bowls season, is edging ever closer.



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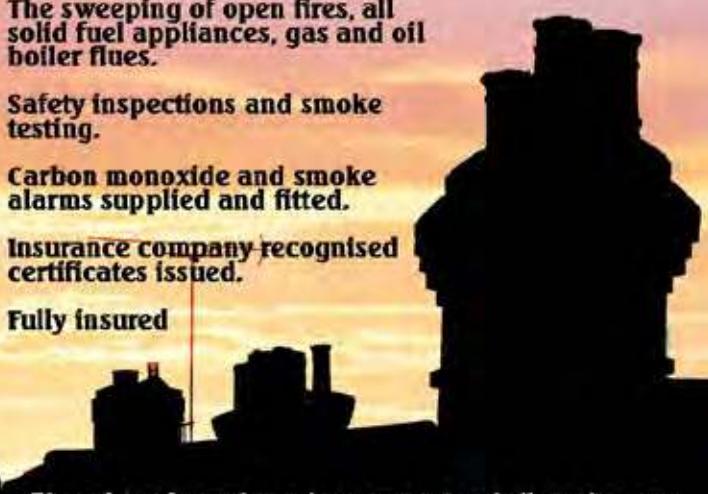
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Make a cloud in a glass

You will need:

- A clear glass or similar see-through container
- Warm water
- Ice
- Metal or foil dish

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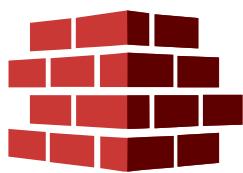
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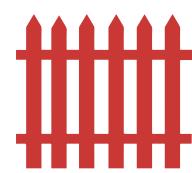
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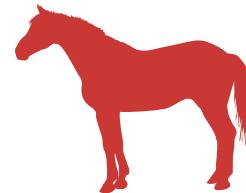
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BLACKBOURNE & WESLEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The BWMA committee is made up of representatives of user-groups from both the Wesley and Blackbourne facilities together with some Parish Councillors and elected individuals – a total of 26 members. It meets every month, and on 3rd December reviewed the latest draft plans for the revamped Wesley which came back from the Architect, KLH of Claydon. As a result of input from the Council, the idea of a 1st floor is abandoned and, by using the ground floor area which the necessary stairwell and lift-shaft would have swallowed up, a much larger useable ground floor area is available which allows for more adaptable use of the space. This would also lower the build cost. The revised plan does not affect the ground floor footprint of the building and retains the 19 parking spaces considered to be essential if the facility is to attract hirers from outside the village, as is so successfully the case with The Blackbourne.

The Committee discussed further ways of reducing the area used for toilets and storage without any loss of amenity and these suggestions will be taken back to the Council. It was agreed that the new facility should not be expected to provide storage space for equipment which is used by groups only once or twice a year and, in incorporating facilities to suit existing users must have an eye to adaptability and flexibility with the intention to serve the greatest number of residents for many years to come. Members were unanimous in agreeing to do all in their power to aid the Council in their efforts to keep the process moving at the current

very fast and efficient rate with a target date for the signing of a construction contract of 1st May 2019. There was an acknowledgement that the design of the new facility will lend itself to the creation of an informal drop-in ‘Community Hub’ as well as servicing the needs of current and emerging community groups together with lettings to outside hirers to produce an income to go some way to offsetting costs, as happens so successfully at Blackbourne. Arrangements for temporarily accommodating user groups during the anticipated 8 months of Wesley down-time are progressing well.

Mr Brooks, the BWMA Treasurer, reported an income up to December 3rd of £40,500 for the combined Blackbourne and Wesley and forecast annual turnover of £58,600. Members are well aware that the financial effect of letting constraints during the Wesley refurbishment will be a negative factor. Meanwhile, and as agreed, a lump sum of £60k has been made over to the Council to be earmarked for the Wesley project.

Bookings remain as buoyant as ever and maintenance continues to be minor due to a continuing reduction in vandalism aided, seemingly, by the CCTV coverage now available.

P. Edmonds (Secretary)

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by Mrs. Hubbard and her team. Our thanks to Betty Phillips for the lovely table arrangements which were raffled later in the afternoon. Jean Turner kindly played while we sang Carols and Christmas songs. The raffle was drawn and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.

My thanks to the committee for all their hard work during the year.

Our next meeting will be on February 19th when we will be holding a Beetle Drive.

I would like to wish all our members a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.

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ACROSS THE CLERK'S DESK

THIS PAGE IS FUNDED

The Parish Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly but insufficient business came forward to justify a meeting in December. Meetings are held at 7.30 in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne, excepting in May when the Annual Meeting, the Council's 'AGM', begins at 7.00pm. There is no meeting scheduled for August, but extra meetings can be called as necessary. Council has 2 standing committees. The Planning Committee has a meeting pencilled in for the first Monday monthly, but these are only called if there is a time constraint requiring a Parish Council response to an application outside of the regular meeting programme. The Council's Complaints Committee only convenes as and when there is a formal complaint made against the Council. None such has occurred in recent years, but the Committee remains constituted to ensure a speedy response should a complaint be made. All of these meetings are open to the public and the public are invited to speak. The meetings are publicly posted giving at least the statutory 3 days' clear notice and in the Council's 'official' notice board on Crown Mill. They are also posted in the Co-op notice board. The Minutes of Council meetings, once approved, are published in the Co-op notice board where the full Approved Minutes of the previous meeting are displayed. All meeting papers to date and going back to May 2017 are filed in the Memorial Library in Cooks road. Bound copies of minutes going back many years

are lodged with the Suffolk Records Office. All agendas, meeting papers and Minutes are published on the Council's website at Elmswell.suffolk.cloud and hard copies can be had on request from the Clerk's office, telephone 244134, email clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk

Although there is no formal meeting, the work of the Council, through the Clerk's office and through individual councillors, continues, and the following updates are worthy of note.

Wesley The healthy and positive consensus between the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association and Council continues to allow rapid progress. The village's clear wish for a refurbished historic chapel building to remain as the main activity space is recognised and remains key to a scheme which will be presented to Mid Suffolk Planners in early January. The single-storey 'new-build' element provides all the services to support the facility together with a second smaller meeting / activity space. This is centred upon the entrance-vestibule / lounge area which is served by a coffee bar / reception feature encouraging informal drop-in public access when appropriate. Initial professional costings suggest that the scheme is achievable. Once the plans are finalised to the Planning submission stage they will be published.

Wetherden Road closure Work having begun on the 240 house development at Wetherden Road, there are inevitable early-stage highways

problems as heavy kit is brought onto the sites and earth moving activities begin. This will continue, if somewhat diminished in the later stages, throughout a likely 4-5 year build-out period. There is a proposal on the table for the closure of Wetherden Road between Captain's Lane and Thedwastre Close for 14 weeks beginning on 4th February to allow highway improvement works including drainage and utility diversions. Given the clear and considerable difficulties which this will impose, not least at Warren Lane and at its Newson's Corner junction with New Road / Church Road, Council is seeking the co-operation of Highways and will work wth the developer to minimise the inevitable disruption.

Next meeting The January Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 21st at 7.30 in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne. The public are, as above, welcome to attend and there are opportunities on the agenda for public input. The agenda is posted on the Council's noticeboard at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op adjacent to the Post office. It is also available, with supporting papers, on line at Elmswell.suffolk.cloud.

Peter Dow CiLCA
Clerk to the Council

CITIZENS ADVICE

Question:

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Answer:

First things first, work out how much you owe - make a list of who you need to pay each month and how much. If you don't have your most recent statements, you can contact your creditors to find out.

Make sure you are getting all the income that you are entitled to. For example, you may be entitled to tax credits to top up your income or help with child care, housing costs or school meals.

Create a budget by adding up essential living costs, such as food and housing, and take these away from your income. Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts. Citizens Advice's budgeting tool, found on its website, can help.

Your council tax, rent or mortgage, and energy are priority debts as there can be serious consequences if you don't pay them.

These must be paid first. Separate these and work out how much you owe.

As you're already in arrears with your council tax, you must act quickly and contact your council to arrange an affordable payment plan. You can also contact your energy supplier to help you sort out a payment plan that works for you. They must help you do this and you can get help from your local Citizens Advice if they don't. To cut your future bills you should make sure you're on the best deal you can get. Use a price comparison tool to check.

For further help working out your budget, negotiating with creditors or checking which benefits you're entitled to, contact your nearest Citizens Advice by phone, online or face-to-face.

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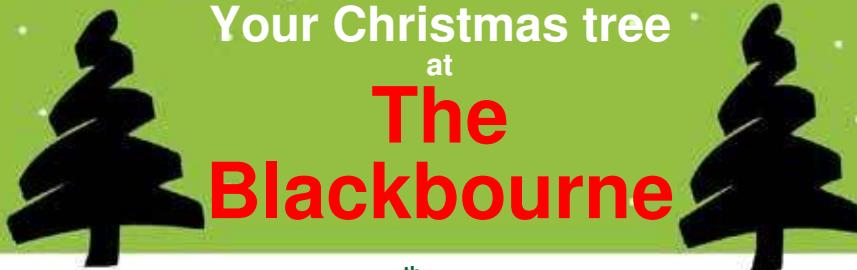
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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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

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

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



January 2019

- 4 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 7 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - another of Jenny's Surprise Evenings.
- 8 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Wendy Smith, Wimbledon umpire and line judge.
- 9 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker John Orbell: "Bury's Corn Exchange, past and present"
- 10 9.00am to 10.30am, Elmswell Primary School Reception Class Open Event for parents of children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015. www.elmswell.suffolk.sch.uk
- 10 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 12 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 16 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 18 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 19 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 24 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 25 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

February 2019

- 1 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 6 Exchange Afternoon WI
The work of the Rural Crime Team
- 7 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 9 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Zoe Noble, Womens Health & Wellbeing
- 13 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Sarah Doig: "The Story of East Anglian Almshouses"
- 14 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 15 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 19 Exchange Social Club Beetle Drive
- 20 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 22 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 22 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm
- 28 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm

March 2019

- 1 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 6 Exchange Afternoon WI
A Song of Their Own - the story of Suffragettes in Ipswich and surrounding villages
- 9 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Yum Yum Tree Fudge
- 13 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Miriam Stead: "Tea for the British, with a little twist of Suffolk"

- 14 Food & Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday

- 14 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 15 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 19 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Parfitt
- 20 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 22 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 28 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 29 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 29 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

April 2019

- 3 Exchange Afternoon WI
Suffolk Land Search & Rescue
- 5 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Ex Detective Chief Supt. Alan Caton MBE
- 10 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 11 Elmswell History Group's 19th Anniversary meeting, Wesley Hall 7.30pm, Speaker John Morris: "Constable at Flatford Mill"
- 12 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 13 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 16 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Leader Round the World in 102 Days
- 17 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 25 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 26 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 26 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

May 2019

- 1 Exchange Afternoon WI AGM & Resolutions
- 8 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 9 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 9 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7.30pm, Speaker Richard Young: "Bury's Victorian Observatory"
July tickets on sale
- 10 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 11 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm AGM and Resolutions
- 15 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 17 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 21 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 23 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 31 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 31 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

June 2019

- 5 Exchange Afternoon WI
How holidays used to be
- 6 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 7 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Louise Gregory, Line Dancing

- 12 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00

- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, Wesley Hall. 7pm A.G.M., then Speaker Claire Gapper: "Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk" *July tickets on sale*
- 14 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 18 Exchange Social Club To be arranged
- 19 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:00am
- 20 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 28 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 28 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

July 2019

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

August 2019

- 2 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 7 Exchange Afternoon WI Members' meeting
- 10 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 13 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Games and quizzes
- 16 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 20 Exchange Social Club Buxhall Museum and Afternoon Tea
- 30 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 30 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

September 2019

- 4 Exchange Afternoon WI The work of Emmaus - charity for the homeless & vulnerable
- 7 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 10 WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Sylvia Wilson, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD)
- 13 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 17 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 20 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 27 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 27 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

October 2019

- 2 Exchange Afternoon WI
The art of linocut & printmaking
- 8 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Olly Jackson, Greene King
- 11 "Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon

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PLUS>>> regular bookings at Blackbourne & Wesley include, Art Club, Baby & Toddler Group, BATS table tennis & badminton, Boot Camp, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Circuit training, Companions, Exchange Club, Gardening Club, History Group, Ju Jutsu, Karate, Ladies Lunch, Mardle Quilters, Pilates, Sewing Bee, Slimming World, WI (afternoon and evening groups), Zumba.

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