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For those Elmswell residents who counted as one of the benefits of moving into Elmswell the range of gardening machines, Wrangler jeans and wellington boots available from Thurlow Nunn on Ashfield road there has been disappointment in recent years. Similarly, those who would visit Jim Baker's mill at Station Road to buy their garden seeds every year or have their printing jobs done at Hawes' Printers on Cooks Road. They must now travel or trawl the internet to do so.

For, where Thurlow's had stood for a century or more, where the old mill shop faced the village sign and where typesetters once sat setting their lead letters, we now see, respectively, Blacksmith's Way, Baker's Mill and Whatley Close. Those with longer memories have seen the Crown pub and its environs become Crown Mill, Street Farm become Blackbourne Road, the Bacon Factory become Hall Lane etc. Anderson's Engineering works transmuted into Loch Rannoch Close....new houses, new neighbours, and welcome all!

Your Newsletter has chronicled these changes for some 30 years and has encouraged debate on the pros and the cons. From the battles to keep our playing field (now Oxer Close) to retain the glory of our Victorian school - Old Schools Court, and to back the claims at the Public Enquiry for Village Green status where Gardeners Walk was subsequently extended, we have helped the fight and mourned the result. Had we been around when 'White City' was built as post-war Council houses on Wetherden Road, or Pightle Close was winning architectural awards in the 1960's or when the railway arrived in 1844 and we actually lost 3 dwellings that were in the way, no doubt we would have been part of the discussion.

We have also attempted to explain how all of this happens - particularly in very recent times when communities such as Elmswell have buckled in the face of the central Government onslaught demanding houses, houses and more houses with little thought

to the support that the emerging new communities will need. We have talked of the lack 5-year housing land supply, the aged and creaking District Council Local Plan and of the developers' friend, the National Planning Policy Framework...all underpinned by limitless and often untaxed capital gains allowed as increases in land value are unchecked. Standards inevitably drop and house prices inevitably climb higher to maintain, understandably, profit margins down the line. The blunt instrument of Right to Buy has made matters demonstrably worse.

No excuse, then, for pointing our gentle reader towards the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. Delayed over many months, often, it would seem, for party-political benefit, the 2 District Councils have produced a 494 page draft document to replace the cobwebbed framework of their old Plans. It seeks to lay down the Planning law which will govern development for the next 17 years. The Government says that, over that period, Mid Suffolk must build at least 10,008 houses across the District. The Plan allocates those houses between the various communities across 5 classifications; Ipswich Fringe / Market Towns / Core Villages / Hinterland Villages / Hamlets.

Even allowing for the fact that this is a first pass, the Plan is disappointing in its structure, opaque in its analysis and frankly bizarre in some of its outcomes. Let us take an example at random - say, Elmswell.

We are identified as a Core Village with 5 sites

allocated for development. The allocations seem to be random and erratically identified. 2 of them have Planning permission already granted. The number of houses yielded by all 5 sites is 354. However, in a separate table, Elmswell is allocated a total of 834 houses to be built before 2036. There are the standard requirements for contributions to infrastructure such as schools, but, in just 2 cases, there is the added rider that the development must make a contribution 'towards a traffic signal at the School Road Church Road junction'. This is in recognition of the widely accepted case that this junction is very close to safe capacity, but why 3 of the sites need not be concerned about this is unclear. And why traffic lights outside St John's Church? How about a Relief Road?

There is no mention of employment sites. The education element would seem to be addressed by, 'an expansion to the Elmswell CP School', and the fact that, 'a new pre-school is required...' Elsewhere, 'there will be a requirement to expand Woolpit Health centre', and, 'development will be expected to contribute towards traffic management schemes to reduce accidents on the A1088 roundabout'. Our reader may recall that there is a recent Planning application in the system for a petrol station and 2 restaurants on that same, apparently accident-prone, roundabout. Meanwhile, we make no excuse for introducing a gentle dose of reality, by way of the table below which gives the overall picture as it is, using as a base-line the housing stock before the Bacon Factory development was approved.

Mid Suffolk reference	Proposal	Status	Totals
3469/16	60 dwellings at Borley Crescent	Approved - start likely in 2019	60
4909/16	240 dwellings on Wetherden Road	Now being built	240
4911/16	38 dwellings off Warren Lane	Permission granted, start pending	38
0210/17	106 dwellings adj. White House Farm, Ashfield Road	Permission granted, start pending	106
<i>Total permissions</i>			444
DC/18/02146	105 dwellings on School Road	Planning application registered	105
<i>Possible total</i>			549
<i>Pre-application</i>	75 dwellings added to the Bacon Factory site	Consultation only at this stage	75
<i>Possible total</i>			624
NOT FORGETTING	190 dwellings on the Bacon Factory estate	Many now built & occupied	190
Possible Total			814

How many more Mid Suffolk are actually proposing to add to this, is, at best, unclear. Or where they are proposing to add them. As an aside to the Angry Brigade who consider that Elmswell is picked upon unfairly, Stowupland is looking at 752 new houses, Thurston is listed as being scheduled for 1400.

The draft Plan is a consultation document. We will be asked what we think at sessions in The Blackbourne pencilled in for the afternoons of 1st & 8th August. If we don't turn out and seek some answers to the many questions this haphazard document poses, we cannot influence the final outcome.

And for those who anticipate the inevitable change with other than joy in their hearts, the brutal reality is that the change that began with the railway and the inexorable development of our built environment since, is not to be stopped and is accelerating. If this is not the village you moved into, if it's more of a town than a village, if the creeping urbanisation is a problem, look through the Joint Local Plan and spot somewhere that's going to escape the rush to concrete East Anglia. There are, it seems, plenty of folk willing to come and join us if you feel that you have to leave.

However, in order to stay and fight, here's a 'To Do' list:

- 1 Search , **Babergh Mid Suffolk Draft Local Plan & click on, Full Council Draft.**
[Probably not wise to try to read it all...but see Elmswell page 43]
- 2 Keep an eye out for confirmation of the consultation days at Blackbourne - probably 1st & 8th August in the afternoons.
- 3 If offered the opportunity to comment - do have your say.



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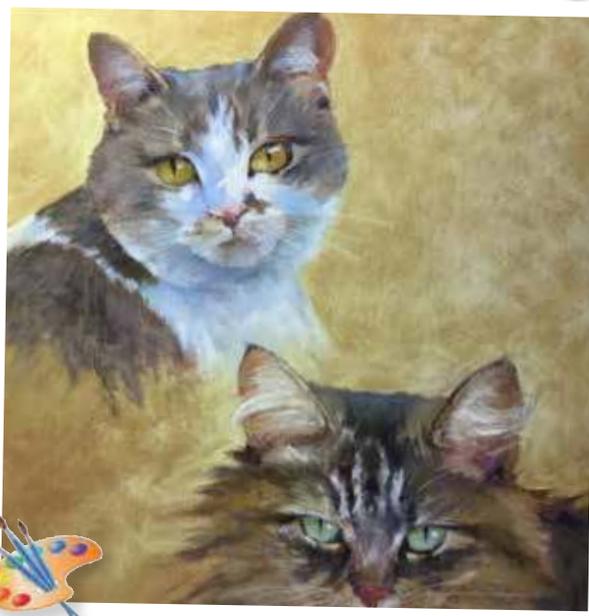
ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Many of the famous artists of the past struggled financially (they'd be astounded at the astronomical prices their work fetches in today's market place) and often had difficulty making ends meet. Even today many artists don't have it easy and are forced to take on non-core work to keep the bailiffs at bay. John Constable, famous as he was for wonderful landscapes, as we featured last month, was obliged to undertake portraiture commissions in order to keep the wolf from the door. Constable was by no means alone, if you delve into the lives of other famous artists of all nationalities, you will find that many of them worked to create paintings they were not especially noted for, on behalf of paying customers. No one in Elmswell Art Club would claim to be in the same bracket as the likes of Constable, Turner, Gainsborough or any of the great masters. However, some members do undertake to do commissions. None of us is on the breadline but nonetheless the odd commission or two helps pay for paints, paper and all the other paraphernalia we use. Every little helps! So if you have



a pet you would like painted or a relative or a special memory (church wedding, honeymoon location, home or somewhere with treasured memories) why not consider a

painting as a memento of the past? Pop in on a Tuesday morning or drop me an e-mail with a photograph or two and I'm sure someone in our club will be able to help. To give you a taster, the pictures featured this month are of two delightful cats, one called Boo and the other Fleurie, painted by Malcolm Wallis on behalf of one of his friends. Ted Evans was asked by Paula, the lady in the Mace shop, if he would do a picture of her lab called Ruby. This he did in pastels and Paula is delighted with the result. You could call in and see us at the annual Elmsfest where we shall be displaying paintings for sale. You would then be able to view styles and techniques you might like employed in a painting of your own. For the next 8 months or so we shall be holding our meetings at the Blackbourne while the Wesley is being refurbished.



John Welford
welford955@btinternet.com

The artist is not paid for his labour but his vision

James McNeil Whistler

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month we welcomed Martyn Taylor to the club to speak about Bury St. Edmunds. He pointed out many things that we hadn't noticed as we walk round Bury, particularly on rooftops and around windows. We were shown the pillar of salt on Angel Hill, Brandon rubble, a 1711 drain pipe and an egg timer on the side of a church to name but a few of the many points of interest we were shown. It was a very interesting talk and will encourage us all to be aware of things to look out for when we next visit Bury.

After refreshments and the raffle, the club were told about two outings. On Monday 29th July will be our annual visit to Felixstowe. The 20th August we will be visiting Buxhall Museum followed by refreshments. Any names to Anice or Carol please.

Our next meeting is our A.G.M. followed by a strawberry tea.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL EVENING WI

This month we had an interesting talk from Graham Higgins on Confessions of a Factory Inspector.

Graham spent 37 years of his working life as a Health and Safety Officer. He gave some interesting statistics and interesting facts like in the 1970's many work places did not have toilets!! Hmmm wonder what we would make to that today?

Graham had some funny stories to tell and kept us entertained for the evening. He told us some local knowledge that Addenbrookes was the first place in the country to treat Mesothelioma, which can appear up to 50 years after initial exposure to asbestos.

We had a good turn out of members and following coffee and cakes the usual WI business was covered.

Next month is our summer outing, but are back to the Blackbourne on the second Tuesday of August meeting at 7.30pm for a games and quiz night. If you would like to join the WI community and try your local WI please feel free to drop in, your first session is free.

Siobhan Holcombe

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (AFTERNOON) W.I.

Our June gathering was not without drama. The Committee all arrived in good time to set themselves up for the meeting, together with our speakers who had travelled from Lowestoft. Much to our disbelief, we could not gain access to The Blackbourne. After much discussion, someone drove to Peter Hancock's home when further phone calls produced him plus a key for entry. What would we have done without his help? All's well that ends well !!

We spent the remainder of the afternoon hearing and seeing **How Holidays Used to be.** What an amazing archive Jill & Richard Mann brought with them. We learned how holidays came into being with the coming of Christianity to our land and the introduction of the Sabbath, and of course, other notable Christian Festivals. To begin with people weren't paid for these breaks and had to manage on less money when these occurred. The afternoon was full of memories and many of them not considered politically correct in this day and

age. Things we loved like Punch & Judy on the beach now drastically altered to fall in with modern thinking. Holiday Camps - lots of us spent family breaks in these new creations - full



of things to occupy everyone all day and all night and Mum didn't have to cook or clean.

Thankfully, nobody turned up in the dreaded knitted swimming costume.

The competition was an old holiday photograph and we had lots of entries. The winner was Barbara, second was Rene and third Joan. It was really entertaining looking at all the family memories. **The picture on the right is Blackpool, of course.** Who can spot a space ?? We will be welcoming Richard & Jill back next year with another of their interesting talks. Their fee on this occasion was donated to BLESMA the Charity for Limbless Veterans.

Next month, (Wed. 3rd July at The Blackbourne) we will be pleased to welcome Judith Wakelam whose passion is Swifts. An endangered species because of loss of habitat. Guests and new members are always welcome.

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ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Firstly I would like to thank the Editorial Staff of the newsletter for the coverage of my recent visit to Buckingham Palace which featured in last months newsletter.

If there are any members who have not put their names down for the STRAWBERRY SUPPER please do so as soon as possible so that we know how many to cater for.

We will also be taking names for our next Outing to Caister Castle and Gt Yarmouth Circus on August 8th payment will be due on July 18th.

The Jubilee Singers will be performing on Thursday July 18th in the Jubilee Hall when we hope to see several visitors to help us to fill the Hall where there will be a small entrance charge

there will also be a Raffle and free refreshments during the interval.

There will also be a meeting on July 25th which will feature Bingo

Diann (241002)

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

The meeting on 9th May 2019 commenced with the AGM; it was confirmed that committee members for the coming 2019-20 year will remain the same, the principal officers being Chairman, Tony Chaplin, Treasurer Graham Newman and Secretary Stella Chamberlin. Many thanks to all committee members, as well as non-committee members who have volunteered their services again - without these willing helpers the group would not be able to function; their services are much appreciated.

The meeting continued with a warm welcome to Martin Taylor with his talk on 'Underground Bury St Edmunds'. We were grateful to Martyn for coming at such short notice as our scheduled speaker, Claire Gapper was unable to attend owing to illness.

Many of us had heard about the tunnels which lead from the Abbey to the Angel Hotel and others in the town. These tales were soon dispelled as most of them do not exist or have been blocked up. The most famous underground occurrence was the

appearance of chalk caverns at Jacqueline Close, in 1968's. The proximity of the Jacqueline Close houses to the limekilns close by should have been a warning to the developers! Martyn's talk was illustrated by photographs showing where the tunnels were and what exists of them today.

A reminder about our July Summer Outing to the Suffolk Police Museum, Martlesham on 11 July. The minibus will depart at 6pm from the Blackbourne. Tickets are now sold out but please ring 01359-242601 if you wish your name to go on the waiting list.

Later in the month, 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 and light refreshments will be available.**

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.

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

Jean Folkard

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

The Annual service of the Friends will be held on Sunday 14th July at 10.30am. Our speaker will be Catherine Joughin and the service will be followed by a buffet lunch.

The Friends exists to raise money for the fabric fund and insurance. Members pay a small subscription each year and we organise events, the profits from which are donated to the Fabric Fund. We welcome new members who have an interest in our Grade 11* listed building.

Enquiries: Jean Folkard, 01359 242099

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



It was good to welcome Dr Ian Bedford to our June meeting, where he laid out the benefits of choosing plants wisely to create a garden that encouraged the evolution of insects to bind together the natural food chain. He made it very clear that if we sacrifice some plants in the beginning, we will eventually gain a safe non-toxic environment for wildlife that will undoubtedly encourage plants to grow. Ian is fascinating to listen to, and members always learn a lot from his extensive expertise as a scientist of entomology who has devoted his working life improving conditions for optimum growth of food plants across the world.

On the 25th June twenty-six gardeners headed to Sundown, in Roydon to visit the garden of Liz Bloom. Liz and her husband Rob built Sundown in 1968 in the corner of a typical South Norfolk farm field. Sadly Rob died in 1995 and Liz, a confessed non-gardener took on the maintenance of the garden and was joined in its management in 2002 with her partner Graham Boutell, who has been a great inspiration. The garden focus is foliage shape and colour for year round interest, making sure that there is something in flower most of the year and dense planting and groundcover keeps weeding to a minimum. Each time we turned a corner or came to the end of winding path another 'garden room' was revealed. The colour, form

and variety of plants was stunning making a 'feast for the eyes'. A recent extension to the garden incorporates an orchard featuring old varieties such as damson, greengage, medlar and mulberry. The remainder of the area has been planted as a small woodland featuring trees for year-round interest, with mown pathways through rough grass. How exciting it was to discover with Graham, during our visit that a Bee Orchid had found its way into the meadow. Gardening, however long you have been doing it always brings an element of surprise. The afternoon was ended by soaking up the atmosphere of this most beautiful garden enjoying a cup of tea.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 16th July at The Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell**, when **Vicki Martin** will talk about **Building a New Garden**. Vicki Martin will share her experience of moving to Bury St Edmunds from Wicken, with a thousand plants to re-establish in her new garden. The site inspired her to create a Japanese themed garden complete with a koi pond, tea garden, Karesansui garden, and a horticultural representation of Hokusai's print 'The Great Wave'. Elmswell Garden Club meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Visitors are always welcome to join us. For further information please contact **Nick, on 01359 242601**,

Catherine on 01359 242172 or email elmswell.gardenclub@aol.com.



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ELMSFEST

Last month we saw the longest day of the year, with almost 17 hours of daylight across the UK, which means that from hereon in, sadly, the nights will slowly start drawing in...but for us, that's simply not a problem! Just five hours of daylight (with good weather) will do us nicely. ElmsFest always falls on the first Sunday in September, which this year happens to be the 1st day of the month. It is the very last week of the school summer holiday for most and what better way of rounding it off by supporting your local village fair.

In last month's newsletter article, we promoted our Facebook competition, giving you the chance to win some exciting prizes. This month, we can reveal the winners! All names were picked at random and 1st prize was awarded to Heather Wright, who has won herself a family pass for free entry into ElmsFest. 2nd prize was awarded to Monika Nolan, who has bagged a tasty ploughman's lunch for 2, plus hot/cold drinks and cake. Peggy Morris won 3rd prize, securing a voucher for two free burgers and soft drinks. Finally, 4th prize entitled Kara Stiff to three free goes on the Rodeo Bull. Well done to all our winners this year, but if you weren't lucky enough to bag yourself prize, we still look forward to welcoming you to ElmsFest 2019, where we can guarantee that you won't leave disappointed!

You will probably have seen our colourful banners welcoming you into the village over the last few weeks – let's face it, you can't miss them whichever way you drive into Elmswell! But that's the point – we want to give you as much notice for ElmsFest as we possibly can do. So many people have taken the time to tell us how well the new design works...we've even been informed that other local events have started adopting a very similar design! That's down to our brilliant designer, Brittany Hewitt. Brittany joined our committee last year, immediately getting to work re-designing our marketing material and her hard work and commitment has clearly paid off!

An interesting comment we received recently from a village resident was his disappointment in how ElmsFest is sponsored by two large housing developers in the village. His concern was that it could lead to marketing advantages for the developers, as a way of supporting their community interests for any future planning applications. Our comments to this are as follows: ElmsFest is a local, not-for-profit organisation, managed entirely by four dedicated volunteers, who give up most of their free time to put on such a big event for the community. This, obviously, comes at a considerable cost to us...we pay for insurance, hall hire, St John's Ambulance and promotional material, never mind the cost of the main attractions etc. So, without the financial help from our amazing sponsors, it would be impossible to put on such an event, for which we would imagine would be upsetting to many individuals, clubs and businesses who look forward to being part of ElmsFest each year. Crest Nicholson have sponsored the full amount of £1,115.00 for our headline act, Philippa Hanna. Taylor Wimpey have also sponsored £500.00 towards running costs. Without these donations, we would have to increase our entrance fee to you, the visitors – which we do not want to do. Grants are possible ways out of looking for sponsors, which we have so far tried with no avail. However, if you look at it from another perspective, many of the small businesses who sponsor ElmsFest do it as part of their own community engagement interests, as a way of giving back to the village they love so much. It is upsetting to hear that this one resident now refuses to volunteer at ElmsFest because we are partly sponsored by developers.

However, we are excited to welcome Elmswell Art Club to ElmsFest 2019, who will be showing and selling paintings in the main building. We wish them every success and hope that you can support them on the day. Gates open on Sunday 1st September 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. 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.

If you are interested in volunteering 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.

Our thanks, as always, go to our amazing sponsors. These are Crest Nicholson, Taylor Wimpey, Elmswell Parish Council, Greathead Martial Arts, East of England Co-op, Park Garage Services and Suffolk Mini Waste. Hudson Haulage have also confirmed that they will be, once again, kindly providing one of their trailers for use as the Main Stage.

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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It quite shocks me to realise we are halfway through the year already. The way in which we perceive time is apparently related to our age. We experience the years as a portion of our lifespans thus far, which is why waiting for your birthday when you are six seems to take forever (1/6 of your life) but the later years rush by.

June has been a quiet month at Elmswell Library, with the exception of a planned power outage (we coped, but had to use pen and paper). But for libraries generally, June marks the 100th anniversary of The Public Libraries Act 1919. This act reformed the old system, taking responsibility for libraries away from the boroughs and giving it to county councils

The library service today is governed by the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964. The 1964 Act puts upper tier local authorities under a duty to provide a "comprehensive and efficient library service", and puts that work under the superintendence of central government.

Suffolk Libraries is an independent charity, which receives some funding from the County Council. But we are dependant on public support to continue to deliver current services.

The anniversary marks an important time to reflect on the value of libraries, and the changing nature of information, in how it is published and accessed by citizens.

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!

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 July 17th 10:00 am at the Fox.

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

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

Lego Club (11:00 - 12:00 on Sundays)

Realise Futures

Information, Advice and Guidance support groups to Adults with Learning Disabilities and individuals on the Autistic Spectrum, 19 years and over. Once a month drop in sessions, next one is Friday 2nd August from 4 - 5pm.

Opening Hours

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Friday	1400 - 1700
Saturday	1000 - 1300
Sunday	1000 - 1500

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ELMSWHEELIANS

Friday 21st June was a significant day - the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and our first ride of the year. And luckily, after a long period of wet and cold weather, we were greeted with a beautiful warm and sunny evening for our outing into the Suffolk countryside.

Our ride that took us out of the village via Bunkers Hill, then on to Tostock Green, Beyton Green, Hessett, Smallwood Green, and our turn-around point at Gedding.

From there it was home via Drinkstone Green, Woolpit Green, Woolpit Heath, Borley Green and back into the village along Warren Lane.

The ride ended in time-honoured tradition at "The Fox" for some well-earned refreshment in the garden.

A really nice evening ride, enjoyed by all.

In total we cycled 15.5 miles.

Next Ride: Friday 26th July (evening ride - starting at 6.30 p.m. - 15 miles approx.)

If you enjoy cycling, do come and join us. We welcome new faces. There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people.

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

All rides start from Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell. Contact: Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell. Tel: 01359 240908

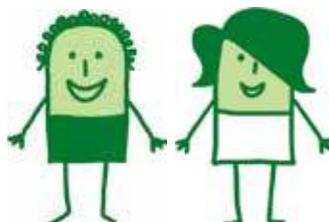


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Hello from St John's.

One of the most important things we completed recently was the Discovering Christianity series - four Sunday evenings when people could raise any question they liked about the Christian faith. These evenings were for anyone interested in Christianity and we looked at questions such as "did Jesus really exist?", "did God create through evolution?", "what about other religions?", "is the Bible reliable history or Chinese whispers?" Why are these questions so important? It's because the message at the heart of Christianity is all about good news - Jesus came from God to seek us out and to bring us forgiveness so we can have life to the full. We are enthusiastic to share this amazing story and for everyone in Elmswell to know they are loved. If you missed these evenings, don't worry! We will be undoubtedly running some again and we'd love to see you! Please contact Peter on elmswellrector@gmail.com or 01359 240512.



The time between Ascension Day and Pentecost ended in June. Ascension (40 days after Easter) and Pentecost (50 days after Easter), in their different ways, celebrate Jesus Christ and are not just events of the past, but present day realities pointing the way to life, freedom and hope for all humankind now. In Elmswell, we engaged in 10 Days of Prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost under the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. We had a Prayer & Praise evening, various prayer meetings and a lovely Sunday afternoon tea and celebration with our Baptist friends. If you haven't heard about Thy Kingdom Come, please visit www.thykingdomcome.global.



June's Messy Church was the usual fun, games, jokes and laughter! We adore sharing stories of Jesus and having a lot of fun! In the middle of June we also held our ever popular Quiz Night - a fun social evening with food and friends! June also contained the regular Ladies Lunch, Coffee Break, Mums the Word, Annual Church BBQ and more! We certainly have a full diary...

In July, the fun doesn't stop! We kick off the month with the Beavers visiting the church to help do some church maintenance! Then we have a Ladies Lunch (Friday 5th July 11:30am at the Blackbourne) and Men's Breakfast (Saturday 6th July, 9:30am at St John's), followed by a month of our usual services.

Looking further ahead - we are excited about our August Messy Church (every Friday in August at 10:30am at St John's) and this year we're launching a Christmas card colouring competition! Come along if you want to know more :)

Sunday 7th July
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

Sunday 14th July
8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Service

Sunday 21st July
9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9am)
11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th July
10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th August
9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Communion

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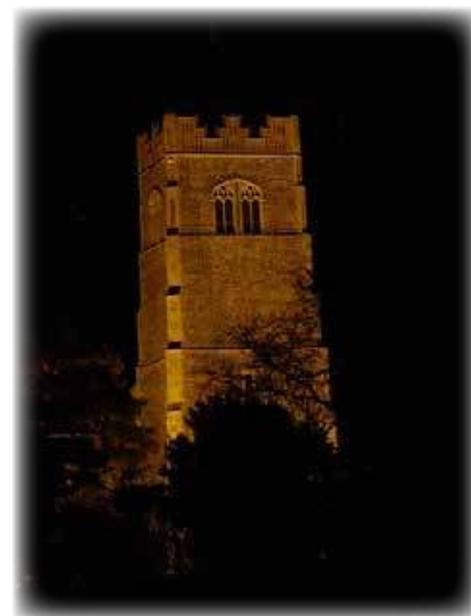
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- 22 in loving memory of Kathleen Holland on the third anniversary of her passing. Keith and Jane.
- 23 in loving memory of Thomas Clover.
- 27 Kathleen Holland. Treasured memories of our dear Mum on her Birthday. "Always in our thoughts". Love Keith and Jane.
- 28 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire- Fighters who served their village and community so well.

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

As I write this offering the country is awaiting the election of a new leader of the Conservative Party who will become our new Prime Minister, whoever is elected we hope and pray that he (we know it's a man because both of the Ladies were ousted in the first round of votes) will have the strength, charisma, and ability to pull parliament round to settle the Brexit issue that has been looming over us all for the last couple of years. Then perhaps parliament can get on with dealing with all of the other pressing issues that are being neglected whilst this matter is constantly at the forefront of our political leader's minds.

For June and July we have been without our regular pianist for our services so we have enjoyed the accompaniment of songs downloaded from, the "I Sing" Web site/ a guitarist/ a visiting pianist/and last Sunday a 94 year old piano accordionist, we are really grateful for the support of these musicians and Jackie who liaises with our visiting speakers as to which hymns they have chosen to accompany their message of the day.

Our Sunday services start at 10.30 AM and in July will be led by:-

- 7th July Ann Rudland - Communion Service
- 14th July Stephen Spurgeon - All Age Service
- 21st July Rev Barbara Challis
- 28th July Christine Myers
- 4th August Carole Almond

It is a pure coincidence that we have mostly Ladies leading our worship in July, we are extremely grateful to them and all our visiting speakers some travelling from as far afield as Clacton and Colchester to be with us.

Other Activities include Food and Friends Lunch at the Church on 11th July at Midday

these lunches are aimed at our older residents from Elmswell and around, give Jackie a ring on 01359245918 if you've not been before and feel you would like to join us we offer a three course meal, coupled with a friendly welcome tea or coffee and a time for meeting up with new and old friends why not give us a try especially if you are living alone and don't get out much. We can help with transport if needed. I must emphasise that no one is expected to be a regular church goer to be eligible to join us all are welcome, this is our community project.

The Ladies Friendship Group are on their summer break following a very enjoyable visit to Crows Hall near Debenham in June, the Ladies will not be meeting in July and August details next month of their September meeting.

Whilst Tony our Secretary is on his break please contact Jackie on 01359 245918, Dorothy on 01359 240532 or me Dave on 01359 241323 if there is anything you need to know about our services or activities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this offering

Dave Hollings

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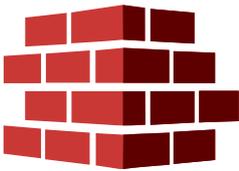
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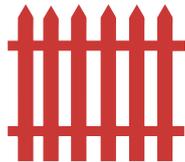
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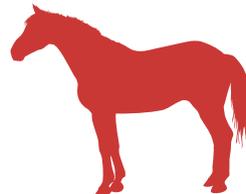
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ELMSWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we draw to the end of another academic year, the current summer term is still busy with lots of exciting events taking place. These include residential trips for Year 4 and Year 6 pupils, day visits to Hollow trees Farm and Banham Zoo plus our wonderful Sports day with picnic lunch on 19th July (weather permitting!). There are 2 visits for our Year 5 pupils to Thurston School for Science and Design events, sporting fixtures including a cricket match and a sports festival for our Year 4 pupils. We are also looking forward to our Upper Key Stage 2 musical production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for which the pupils and staff are busy rehearsing.

Inevitably we have to say "Goodbye" to our current year 6 pupils at the end of this term as they progress to their chosen secondary schools from September. We wish them all well as they move on to pastures new and look forward to welcoming new pupils into both our Reception classes and our Nursery. We are looking forward to getting to know you this term as we welcome you in to have lunch, "Stay and Play" and meet with our staff in preparation for the new academic year ahead.

We are very grateful to our incredibly pro-active FRESch team who work hard all year round to raise funds for our school. Events such as an Adult Nearly New clothing sale, a Bag-2-school collection, ice-lolly and uniform sales, school disco's, read-a-thons, an Easter Bunny hunt and a summer event for the end of term have all raised

funds which are used to purchase items and projects which benefit our pupils including a new Friendship bench and a repair to the story circle on the school field for use in outdoor learning. A big "Thank-you" to the team from all the staff and pupils for their hard work and the benefits it brings to our school.

Alongside other areas of Elmswell village, the school has been developing and cultivating its own dedicated wildflower area. For this, we have utilised the original tree nursery area on the school field as the trees from here have now been successfully transferred to Lukeswood where they are thriving. We look forward to sowing our wildflower seeds soon and lending our support to the local bees, butterflies and other pollinators!

Our school council decided to support Guide Dogs for the Blind as this year's nominated charity and successfully raised £103.25 from a cake sale earlier in the year. Further fund raising events are planned for later this term and we appreciate all the contributions we receive from both pupils and parents in our efforts to support this worthwhile cause.

NURSERY

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, they may be able to join our school nursery from September. Our Nursery children (Rabbit Class) have opportunities to join in with many parts of

school life including assemblies, school lunches, school performances and trips. Applications are also accepted for children who may be too young at the present time but would like to join at an alternative date. For further details or to apply for a place please ring the school office on 01359 240261.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

The school currently has a vacancy for a Governor. This is a voluntary position and if you are interested in supporting your village school in this way, please do contact us to find out more about what is involved. All volunteers need to have a current DBS check which the school can organise.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

Finally, we do have current vacancies for midday supervisors who work during lunch-times to help supervise meals and playtimes. This is a paid post (with an hourly rate of £9) and is again subject to a satisfactory DBS check. Application forms and further information are available from the school office.

For further information about the school, terms dates, PD days and to see details of events and activities coming up in the future, please visit our website at www.elmswell.suffolk.sch.uk



Jane Ash,
Headteacher
Elmswell CP School
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CITIZENS ADVICE

COWBOY BUILDERS?

I'm having problems with a builder I employed to build a kitchen extension to our house. The foundations are laid, and he's knocked through the back wall - the back of our house is now a tarpaulin sheet. We paid an initial deposit upfront, and then two further amounts in cash for materials. He's now asked for more money - but I'd like to see more work done first. We had a bit of a row, and he hasn't turned up for the last two days. What should I do next?

There are various things you can do. The Citizens Advice consumer service (0345 04 05 06) is a good first port of call.

If you think your relationship with the builder can be salvaged and you'd like him to finish the work, you can try to sit down with him and agree - in writing - a schedule of works and payments you're both happy with.

This written contract, if you don't have one already, should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors. If you pay any future installments by credit card rather than cash you'll also benefit from extra protection from the card provider. It's a good idea to take photos as the work progresses and keep copies of your communications and any receipts.

If you feel the situation with that trader can't continue you can complain in writing to him or his company and ask for some money back. If you believe the work is substandard you can report problems to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice consumer service. If he's a member of a trade association they also might be able to help.

If that doesn't work, look for an approved alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - this is an independent third party who can help you to reach a compromise. The trader may already be a member of a scheme. If not, they should provide you with the name of a certified scheme and say if they are willing to use it.

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



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called in to lower the new roofing sheets on to the intricate web of scaffolding together with a finished job, which cost £49,829.00 net of VAT.

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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

An invasion of Painted Ladies?

Every ten years or so we are treated to a rare display of large numbers of one of Europe's most beautiful butterflies – the Painted Lady. The last time it happened was in 2009, when they arrived in astonishing swarms, especially along the south coast, before dispersing throughout the country. Readers with good memories may remember that time when, for a few weeks, the Painted Lady appeared to be our commonest butterfly.

Will it happen again this year? The timescale is certainly right, and the Ladies are arriving on cue – not in the super-abundance of ten years ago, but still many more than you would expect in a normal year. If you have lavender flowering in your garden you may be lucky enough to see three or more of these lovely butterflies feeding together. Or take a walk around Lukeswood or Kiln Meadow where you are likely to spot them feeding on their favourite plant – thistles. The flowers of the thistle provide nectar for the adults and the leaves are food for their caterpillars. They are so fond of this plant that at one time they were known as the “thistle butterfly” (but Painted Lady seems to me much more appropriate for this eye-catching insect).

The Painted Lady is a famous long-distance migrant and visits our shores every summer. But every decade or so there is a population boom in the deserts of North Africa and if this coincides with perfect weather conditions for trans-continental flight, they arrive here in huge numbers. In some years their migration can stretch from Africa to the Arctic Circle. This amazing migration can sometimes take place over successive generations, with some butterflies stopping to mate and lay eggs and leaving the new broods to continue the journey. At one time it was thought that this was a one-way process, and that the butterflies died over winter, unable to cope with our cold weather. However, thanks to technological advances in radar, we now know that they do indeed make the return trip. The reason that we don't usually see them is because they fly at high altitude, often at more than 500 metres above the ground.

Join us for the Big Butterfly Count at Lukeswood

Every year Butterfly Conservation, the national organisation that records, researches and preserves our precious butterflies, runs the Big Butterfly Count, which is our opportunity to get out and about and count the butterflies we see. By sending in our records to BC we're contributing to a vitally important research project that maps all of our butterflies and indicates how well they are doing – or if, as with many species, they are in decline.

Last year we held a Butterfly Walk at Lukeswood as part of the Big Butterfly Count. We saw lots of different butterflies and had a great time – so we're doing it again this year. Do come and join us – you don't need any special knowledge or equipment, just a keen pair of eyes! You may see some butterflies that you've never noticed before! There are lots of different butterflies on the wing at Lukeswood right now, not just Painted Ladies. It's possible to count as many as 70 Meadow Browns while walking around our wildlife site!

The Big Butterfly Count is at Lukeswood on Saturday July 27th, from 11.00 to 1.00. There will be refreshments and everyone is welcome to join in.

Mary Feeney
info@elmswild.org.uk



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19th July – 11th August

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Can you find these words?

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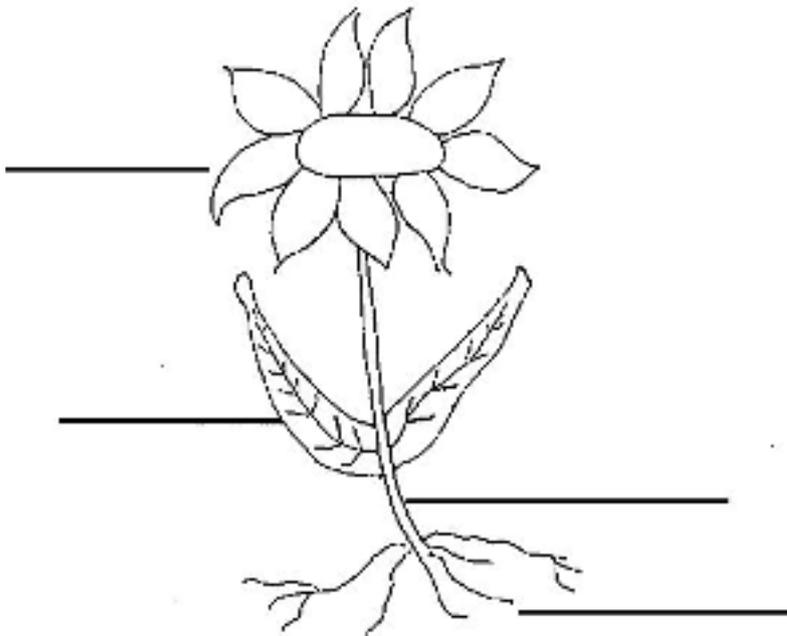
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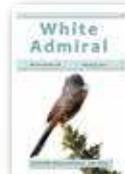


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Last month we had to bid farewell to our much-loved and greatly admired colleague, John

Haselwood. John had been a valued member of Elmswell's Thursday evening team for several years and this was reflected in the turnout for his funeral service with Elmswell being very well represented. He was also a tremendous servant to his home village of Tostock where he was born and raised his family and he will be sorely missed for a long time to come.

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



...apparently a poor shot

After another month of feverish bowls activity some semblance of a pattern is starting to emerge in our various league tables. The Monday team is clinging on to it's top spot but coming increasingly under pressure from a couple of rival teams. It appears that we have met the weaker teams first and may have some stiffer opposition to deal with as the season progresses.

The Tuesday Area D team is in a fairly lowly position with Club Captain Dick Burch's section doing rather well but being pulled down somewhat by my squad who have suffered some heavy defeats. There are encouraging signs of recovery but the ground already lost may be too great to make up. The season is quite short since we meet each opponent once only, playing home and away simultaneously.

The Thursday team is about mid-table but one game can make a big difference at this stage when a seven point win, the maximum possible, can propel you several places upward. I will leave you to deduce what a seven point defeat will do.



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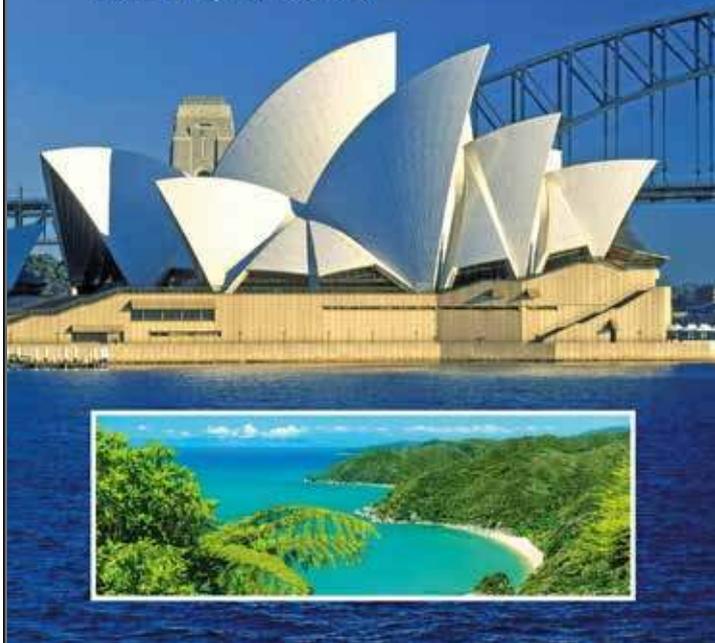
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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL June 2019 Report

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The June meeting took place on the 17th at The Blackbourne with 9 councillors present together with 4 members of the public.

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

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at elmswell.suffolk.cloud, and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes, from the meeting on 20th May, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that the Conservative Group gained 41% of the votes in the recent election but have retained power by virtue of the Chairman's casting vote. This has allowed all but 2 of the posts in the Council to be allocated to Conservative Group members. Meanwhile, a draft Joint Local Plan has been drawn up to replace the 1998 document which now fails to carry the weight needed to control development in the District. If approved by Councillors in June, this will go forward for consultation across both Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts.

Suffolk County Council

Cllr Jane Storey tabled a written report which included news of a new programme to use Council land to create new homes, confirmation that the recent Ofsted inspection of the Council's Children's Services had delivered an, 'Outstanding' classification and that the Fire Service is to have new uniforms together with 3 new appliances. Many of the Council's meetings are now webcast via www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/ using the 'watch County Council meetings on line' button.

Planning Results

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

- DC/19/01488 Erection of single storey front and rear extension ... Canley House, Church Road
GRANTED EPC supported
- DC/19/01671 Erection of single storey rear extension... Manorbier, Ashfield Road
GRANTED EPC supported
- DC/19/01700 Variation of Condition 2... Orchard House and Woodstock, Ashfield Road
APPROVED EPC no comment
- DC/19/01596 Conversion of barn to form 1 dwelling... Old granary adjacent to Ten Ten, Kiln Lane
APPROVED EPC objected
- DC/19/01876 Erection of 2 detached single store dwellings... Hedgerows, Grove Lane
APPROVED EPC objected
- DC/19/01986 Single-storey rear extension... 45 Bennett Avenue
GRANTED EPC supported
- DC/19/02521 Cartlodge... Spinnakers, Ashfield Road
GRANTED
EPC made no comment

Planning Applications

The Meeting considered the following Applications referred to them by Mid Suffolk:

DC/18/04267 Application for approval of reserved matters – scale, appearance, landscaping and layout on LAND TO THE EAST OF BORLEY CRESCENT

Councillors considered this re-application and maintained their objection for the following reasons:

- 1 The community consultations prior to the Outline Permission being granted found considerable favour in light of the overall pattern of house types which sought to accommodate the needs of a neglected demographic in the community by including 16 bungalows. Despite other reservations, the Parish Council and the community at large were supportive of this element of the proposal.
It remains extremely unsatisfactory that, despite pressure from the community and the parish council alike, there are just 6 bungalows included here.
Apart from the clearly identified need for bungalow accommodation in the community, it was always considered that the strain on the highways infrastructure, given an access which spurs off from an existing large housing estate, would be reduced by the pattern of occupancy that the prevalence of bungalows would present. Resiling on this clear promise to the host community is an unacceptable and arguably disingenuous tactic.
It would seem part of a policy of cramming the site way beyond the original concept on which the community was consulted in July 2016.
The mix of house- types should be re-visited to address this.
- 2 One of the inevitable results of the cramming of the site is the loss of amenity in terms of the Right of Way network which traverses it. Councillors agree with the Place Services consultant regarding FP 10 which is funnelled through a narrow bottleneck at the Northern end of the site and which entirely loses its current rural outlook. A diversion along the Southern and Eastern boundaries to join FP 9 East of the present junction is necessary to prevent this serious degradation by way of totally urbanising the current pleasingly open rural setting.
- 3 The overly-tight arrangement creates highways problems within the development which are well defined by the SCC Highways development management engineer in recommending Refusal.

Councillors support these reservations which must be properly addressed before permission is considered.

DC/19/02495 Submission of details under Outline Planning Permission – appearance, layout and scale Councillors urged refusal of this Application for the following reasons:

- 1 The parking provision, as identified by SCC Highways, is unsafe in that it requires reversing across footways in all cases. There are particular problems at plots 4, 34, & 50 with regard to the proximity to junctions or bends and the requirement for tandem parking serving a 4 bedroomed dwelling needs to be designed out of the proposal.
- 2 The siting of the 3 storey flats at plots 101 – 106 would present an overbearing mass of building at this significant visual position on the access road and problems of overlooking into the gardens of plots 96, 97 & 100. This house type would be better placed at the North-West corner of the site, currently occupied by plots 39 – 45.
- 3 The LAP proposal suggests no provision to encourage play and this should properly be re-designated as a LEAP with equipment installed. The application should confirm that management of green spaces, including the play provision, should be passed to a Local Authority with an agreed commuted sum.
- 4 The site boundary is contiguous at the Southern extremity, with The Blackbourne community facility. An arrangement allowing proper access between the sites should be agreed in the interests of encouraging walking and cycling away from the road network.

DC/19/02605 Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved except the access point for the demolition of existing industrial buildings and construction of 134 dwellings, employment provision (Use Class B1), community building, provision of public open space including playing fields, village greens, green corridors, community orchard, landscaping and surface water attenuation and associated works (amended scheme to refused application DC/18/03592) at the FORMER POULTRY PROCESSING PLANT, HAUGHLEY PARK.

The Meeting urged refusal of this Application for the following reasons:

- 1 This relies entirely upon the surrounding



villages to furnish these needs by way of retail access, educational and medical provision. These resources are overstretched and further threatened by similar off-plan opportunistic developments already permitted, requiring, for example, a new primary school in Elmswell before an influx such as is threatened here can be accommodated.

- 2 There has been no pre-app discussion with these adjacent communities despite the considerable imposition upon their stretched resources as is buried within this proposal. As such, the application, in NPPF terms, is premature and should be refused.
- 3 The site is in the countryside outside of any Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly take place. Exceptions which would support the local economy do not include the opportunistic development of an isolated large housing estate rather than the retention of the employment opportunities which the site offers if redeveloped as a business park or similar, as is happening in the adjacent Warren Farm development.
- 4 The supporting road network will not support the traffic generated by this proposal. Preferred access to A14 Westward will, clearly, be along the old A45 to Warren Lane at Elmswell and thence via Church Road to the roundabout. This requires the use of 2 junctions in Elmswell already identified in the Parish Council's recent independently commissioned professional traffic survey as close to capacity. The School Road / Church Road junction is already at capacity given the recent granting of permissions in the village for large ad hoc housing estates, just such as proposed here. The implications for Wetherden and Haughley New Street, already suffering the blight of the expansion of the Lawn Farm Quarry workings, are equally dire. Given the difficulties for vehicular traffic, the prospects for cycling and walking are considerably worse and render the application, again, unsustainable in Policy terms.
- 5 The educational needs of the proposed development cannot be met without strategies of school places allocation and home to school transport which are not addressed. The catchment area primary school in Haughley is site-constrained to the extent that expansion is not feasible.

Children from this development would have to be farmed out to Elmswell or Woolpit where the primary schools are already under pressure from developments within their own catchments. A similar scenario is encountered when considering pre-school provision for the assessed outcome of 21 pre-school children arising from this development.

- 6 NPPF clearly requires that the Planning system should be genuinely Plan led. This proposal is not part of any plan and simply seeks to impose a large, isolated housing estate in the countryside on the basis that this is preferable to empty factory buildings. The emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan is the vehicle which will provide the framework for sustainable rural development. It states that, *'The location of development is a critical determinant on its sustainability and has a significant effect on the extent to which it contributes socially, economically and environmentally.'* This chimes perfectly with the strictures of the NPPF. This proposal fails entirely to satisfy any one of the contributory factors listed. It should be referred to a Strategic Planning exercise where the true effects and implications on the hinterland on which it seeks to impose itself can be evaluated and mitigated appropriately.

In summary, this is a proposal for the creation of an ad hoc settlement far removed from essential support services and facilities and requiring access to those services and facilities by car. There is no public benefit which would ensue when it is clearly the case that very adequate new housing provision is being made in all of the settlements identified in the legitimate Plan-led process.

DC/19/02656 Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved) Provision of land for the extension of Woolpit Primary Academy School. Erection of up to 40 dwellings, associated works and infrastructure on LAND SOUTH OF OLD STOWMARKET ROAD, WOOLPIT

Councillors noted that Woolpit Parish Council had previously supported this proposal in principal and the site was allocated in the emerging Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan for such development. Pending sight of the Woolpit comment, the Clerk was delegated to reinforce their stance once they have published a formal response.

Assistant Parish Clerk

It was agreed that the hours worked by the Assistant Parish Clerk be increased from 21

to 25 hours per week so as to help deal with the ever-increasing workload and to offer more hours when the Clerk's office is open to the public.

Recycling Centre duties

The Recycling Centre at Station Road is monitored and kept clean & safe by volunteer village groups which take on the responsibility for periods of 3 months. The local Trefoil Guild group, a branch of the national organisation of senior Girl Guiding / Scouting members, meets at Blackbourne. Members were thanked for their recent excellent stewardship of the centre and a grant of £150.00 was agreed towards the group's funds.

Railway Tavern site

The public house and its immediate environs, recently put up for sale by Greene King, are the subject of an Asset of Community Value Registration with Mid Suffolk following application by Elmswell Parish Council, despite the Community Right to Bid Registration having been withdrawn by Mid Suffolk following a challenge from the vendor's solicitors. There is a Council scheme aimed at developing the site, including the area recently granted Planning permission for 8 houses, to the general community benefit. The Meeting noted the overwhelming support at the recent Annual Parish Meeting where experts in the fields of social housing and Planning were available to answer questions in a public forum. The Council's Professional adviser is in touch with the selling agent towards establishing a basis for formal negotiation.

Wesley project A Contract is close to signature with the Council's preferred contractor to undertake the refurbishment of the chapel and to build a new community hub attached. All of the Wesley group meetings and activities have successfully transferred to the Blackbourne for the 8 month duration of the works.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 15th July at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at www.elmswell.suffolk.cloud, 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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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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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
- 20/21 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
- 28 Elmswell Baby & Toddler Group Nearly New Sale

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

November 2019

- 4 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Holly Wreath making with Simon White from Beales Roses
- 6 Exchange Afternoon WI Let's make a Snowman!
- 6 Keep in Touch Walks (gentle walking and a chat!) Meet at Newson's Corner (crossroads of Church Road/New Road/Cross Street/Warren Lane 10.30 ish. Dogs on leads
- 7 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs
- 8 "Companions @ Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 9 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Amanda Sutherland, A career in costume design
- 15 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 19 Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr Parfitt Russia
- 19 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Annual General Meeting followed by Speaker / Club Event
- 20 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 22 "Companions @Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 25 Over 55's Thursford Xmas Concert
- 28 Over 55's Club Salvation Army Concert OPEN EVENING
- 29 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

December 2019

- 3 Exchange Social Club Christmas Lunch
- 3 7.00pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Nosh & Natter, entertainment by an Ipswich choir, Musicology
- 4 Exchange Afternoon WI 20th Anniversary Celebrations with invited guests & seasonal music
- 6 "Companions @Blackbourne 10.15 - 12 noon
- 7 Over 55's Club Xmas Party with Pat James
- 8 Baby & Toddler Group Christmas party at Blackbourne
- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Christmas Party
- 11 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am followed by Christmas lunch celebration lunch at Fox
- 13 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 13 Bingo Christmas special, doors open 6pm eyes down 7.30pm

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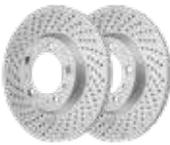
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