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In the olden days, long before we heard from Ms Greta Thunberg, climate change activist and our most recent manifestation of young wisdom, the juvenilia of Miss Jane Austen promised greatness. Sure enough, greatness there was as her steel-nibbed word processing bettered the closed shop of male authorship to produce a string of classics, including the pub-quiz quotable quote that, 'It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.'

Wife needed? Tinder to the rescue? Our Jane and her contemporaries would have had a long wait, for the web-spinning magicians and their internet gizmos were a century and more distant. However, when they did arrive, they put real substance to young Jane's satirically ironic claim of a truth being, 'universally acknowledged'. She was, as less learned commentators have observed, 'taking the Mick'. In those days of physical communication - by word of mouth, by letter, postcard or despatch, nothing was 'universal'.

However, nowadays we have the benefit of truly universal contact across the globe and across the cultures that people it. In the furthest-flung corners of our battered world people are aware of, and alive to, the 'news' and to so much more. Actions and events, opinions and commentary are instantaneously in the eyes and ears of hundreds of millions of us. An industry is created to take this further as blogging and vlogging and social media give public awareness and credence to fact. Regardless of the extent to which this may be fictionalised, and embellished to serve whatever ends, it is truly 'universally acknowledged'.

This benefit brings, inevitably, its own problems. The facility with which anonymous, unattributable opinion can infiltrate may millions of lives within milliseconds has drawbacks which even Tim Berners-Lee, who started the globalising ball rolling from his garden shed in 1990 regrets.

One such is the 'globalisation' of news. As events across the world are happening, the world is watching. No need anymore for the foreign correspondent to pack a bag and fly off to a newsworthy event somewhere in the world. Dozens of smart phones will have already captured the detail, often sickeningly gory and dramatic detail, within seconds and it is transmitted instantaneously to other smart phones and to news media without discrimination.

How good a thing this is not a question that need bother us here. Or anyone anywhere, for that matter. The genie is out of the bottle

and even the most restrictive of regimes fail to limit the influence. Hence the quandary of news and information overload that batters relentlessly at our consciousness demanding attention and soliciting response - of action, sympathy or of reinforcement by sharing, by 'liking', all adding to the pressure.

Such pressure has created a whole new catalogue of social dis-ease. There is the tendency to become immune to horrors of both natural and manufactured disaster as they scream for our attention and sympathy day after day. The diminishing returns of the annual 'Children in Need' appeal can be cited as the result of this overload, the daily awareness of death and misery and the daily diet of warnings of more to come as we fry our planet into oblivion at an ever accelerating rate, leaving the global have-nots with even less.

There is a hierarchy of attention grabbing. Sometimes it is merely numeric - number of massacred persons, area of land under water or consumed by fire. Sometimes it is the heart-string factor, the single puppy trapped down a well for days or the child with the rare condition flown across the world for life-saving surgery. Sometimes it is simply the enormity of the cultural impact - as witness the recent Notre Dame fire in Paris.

Below this high-level media confection, there is a day-to-day undercurrent of less drama but arguably of as much importance and certainly of more impact on our immediate society. Our report this month from St John's includes the news of the celebration of a roof and ceiling restored after the depredations of lead thieves left this precious and iconic building at risk. Hardly on a Parisian scale but it matters to us and it is, justifiably, our news. It is some relief not to be in a position to be able to draw any other parallels between world news and Elmswell news. We are spared, thus far, the attentions of the terrorists and, since the floods of 1953, our weather has not made the pages of the national press whilst our own local papers can devote banner headlines (check out the EADT of 27th April) to,

**Disgust at 6,000
cigarette butts found
near town hospital**

**Customers to cut up
loyalty cards in
protest as M&S closes**

**Mystery bang so
loud it woke a
sleeping baby**

We can do little to assuage the calls on our sympathy for time or money or commitment in respect of the endless not-so-merry-go-round of world problems. Best simply to give to the fund, donate to the food bank, switch the engine off at the crossing gates and give the four-day shopping trip to America a miss this year. But we can, if we so choose, take a more productive interest, and perhaps play a part in shaping, the news nearer to home.

Our pages are filled each month with glimpses of people making a difference. Amongst our May offering, the ElmsWild group are adding to an already impressive portfolio of community action with the wild flower initiative. We are too soon to know what difference, if any, our local election results will bring - but, again, it demonstrates that people are willing to make the effort to make a difference. And the opportunity, as advertised, for all to help explore the possibilities presented by the proposed sale of the Railway Tavern site at the Annual Parish meeting on 28th of this month. Proposals which look to the future and which, to revert to Jane Austen's own words, if stripped of any pride and prejudice in a rational consideration of what could be achieved, might allow for sense and sensibility to prevail.

Which would be good news.





ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Over a period of a year art club members will produce quite a number of paintings and drawings, some good, some not so good and some, when we get them home, never see the light of day again, what I call 'putting them into the laugh and tear-up tray'! And what makes a good painting anyway? Art is in the eye of the beholder, so what I think is only average or poor may well be seen as a really good picture by others. Many of us use spouses or a really good reliable friend to pass a critical eye over our efforts. It is tough if the critique is unflattering, in that case you simply have to swallow your pride and get on with the next potential masterpiece! Once you have gained approval or decided the picture is acceptable the next stage is framing. Good well designed and carefully considered framing can enhance a picture no end. Poor, badly thought out and ill matched framing can ruin what otherwise might be a superb picture. There are plenty of very good framers in this region who will give sound advice, they all have vast ranges of wood, metal, plain and coloured frames and more than enough mounts, both single or double. You could, of course, decide to have no mount at all. Get the framing wrong and you have lessened the appeal, get it right and you have enhanced your efforts. It's a bit like going to a fancy restaurant. Chefs spend a lot of time cooking and preparing a meal,



if it is simply plonked on the plate any old how, the meal won't look or taste as good as one where care and attention is taken to display the meal in the best possible light. Mind you, I have never heard anyone say that painting is good enough to eat!

The paintings shown this month are both works by Eddie Douglas and are of Elmswell scenes. Wetherden Road with poppies in the foreground will never be seen again as the developers are busy ripping up the ground and planting expensive houses, which are likely to be priced beyond the pockets of most locals. The painting could well become a valuable sight into the past before rapacious builders and developers came along. Hopefully St John's Church will remain visible for all to enjoy for many years to come.

John Welford. 01359 240166

Creativity takes courage.

Henri Matisse

Art club meets Tuesday mornings at the Wesley

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

We all arrived back home after spending a weekend based at the Tynedale Hotel in Llandudno,



It was a themed weekend with plenty of Welsh goodies on offer so its likely that the scales went up when we returned home.

On Saturday we took in the scenery around Anglesey and into the Snowdonia Mountains

with the peeks snow capped. The sun shone beautifully all day with sheep and their lambs a plenty grazing on the lush green grass. The cafes etc were busy with plenty of food and ice creams on offer. On our return to the Hotel it was time for a Welsh Afternoon Tea, Sunday was a free day to do as you please some took the tram to the top of the Great Orme while others visited the town for a bit of shopping.



After the evening meal we were entertained by a local Male Voice Choir (the conductor and accompanist were ladies) this being followed by cabaret till late.

After a good breakfast we left North Wales on Monday to make our way back home.

On May 16th we welcome Malcolm Stennett and Glenda who will entertain us.

Also if you have booked to go to The Hut on Thursday May 30th we will need your order and payment.

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club welcomed Robert Leader to speak to us. His talk was 'Round the World in 102 Days.'

The trip started in Hong Kong on the busy Nathan Road. We saw Launtau Island and the enormous Buddha. I can vouch for the fact there are many steps to climb en route so not for the faint hearted! There are many skyscrapers and unfortunately smog is ever present.

Next stop was China. They flew to Beijing and visited the Forbidden City and the Great Wall of China before flying on to Singapore.

Singapore has a harmonious racial mix and this was shown by the mix of churches and temples ranging from the Chinese temple to St. Andrews Cathedral.

The next stop was Bangkok which included more temples before flying to Sydney.

The usual sights such as the opera house and the bridge were enjoyed before flying to Uluru, the aboriginal name for Ayers Rock where the sunrise and sunset shots were spectacular. Next stop was Cairns so that the Great Barrier Reef could be seen and a few days relaxation before flying to New Zealand.

Both North and South Islands were visited and the geysers and glaciers were impressive.

A few days rest in the Cook Islands before flying to Los Angeles and enjoying a Greyhound bus ride to Las Vegas. The hotels look amazing but apparently Mr. Leader didn't gamble during his stay. The Grand Canyon was visited and

then on to Toronto and a picture of a frozen Niagara Falls and then on to New York and the impressive Statue of Liberty.

Our thanks to Mr. Leader for an interesting talk.

After refreshments and the raffle, members were reminded that we will be visiting Dunwich on May 21st leaving at 10am.

Members were told of a Songs of Praise service at St. John's on May 19th at 7 o'clock.

Our meeting in June will be held at the Blackbourne.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL W.I.

After we had sung "Jerusalem," Val introduced ex Detective Chief Superintendent Alan Caton, O.B.E., originally from the Ipswich Police – our speaker for the evening. He proceeded to tell us about their response to the 2006 murders, which shocked and horrified the nation.

From the 1950s onwards, there had been prostitution in Ipswich, mainly as a result of poverty. However, the "driver" for prostitution changed around the time of the millennium. Drug addiction and the need to buy drugs forced many women onto the streets. Because of their addiction, many women were controlled by men, who had often introduced them to drugs in the first place.

Before December 2006, there were one hundred and seven known "working girls" in Ipswich. Many residents in the areas where they worked complained about noise, anti-social behaviour, used condoms, needles lying around etc., where they were trying to bring up their children. To deal with all these problems, there was a rather inadequate system of enforcement. The only policy was to arrest the women, who

were vulnerable victims. There was also a drug outreach team, which attempted to help them with their addiction. The male kerb-crawlers were not often affected.

The five women, who were murdered in 2006 were all addicted to Class A drugs and had coercive partners. They were from different backgrounds and worked in the square mile known as the "Red Light Area" in Ipswich. The investigation, Operation Sumac, was one of the biggest in criminal history and made global headline news in multimedia presentations. Three hundred officers from forty forces were involved in finding the killer and cutting edge technology, including D.N.A. evidence, was employed. It took twenty days of intense work before the suspect was charged. He was caught because his D.N.A. had been taken years before, when he had committed a minor offence.

After this horrendous crime, the problems which had led to it needed to be resolved and the reputations of Ipswich and Suffolk had to be rebuilt and so the Joint Agency Strategy Group was set up and run by Alan Caton .

Their aim was to remove prostitution from the streets. Firstly, vulnerable women should not be convicted and the men, who drive the demand, should be arrested. Secondly, there should be prevention work with children and young people, who are liable to go into prostitution – they have often been in care. Thirdly, there should be routes out of this life through help with housing, addiction, health-care and the return of children. Finally, there should be regular community meetings, where people could voice their opinions.

The strategy was very successful. It was evaluated by the East Anglian University Commission: the behaviour of the women changed; between 2008 and 2016 prostitution was not seen on the streets and the residents say that they live in a quiet area of Ipswich. Alan was awarded the O.B.E. for his wonderful work.

An interesting and inspiring talk about an extremely dark period.

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652



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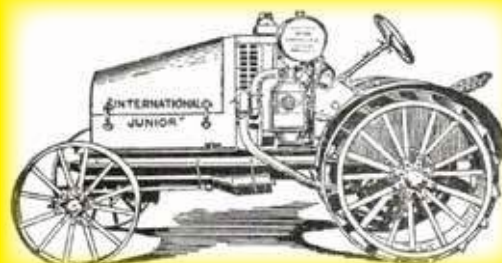
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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Karen Kenny was our guest speaker on the 16th April entertaining us with a talk Compost. She had members in fits of laughter as she regaled us with her take upon whatmakescompost... COMPOST! From now on I am sure that members will look very differently at what lurks beneath the surface of their garden heaps.

It is impossible to replicate her explanation of the process, but time seemed to melt away as she spoke. It was a fast and furious presentation in which she never stood still, explaining that the energy created by the 'workers in the heap' was the vital process of compost making. Every micro-organism, mycorrhizal fungus, bacteria, invertebrates and a myriad of 'useful creatures' find their own way into the compost heap, knowing 'the job' they need to do. Between them they create healthy, fertile soil, with a good structure that enables plants to absorb water and nutrients and encourages strong plant growth.

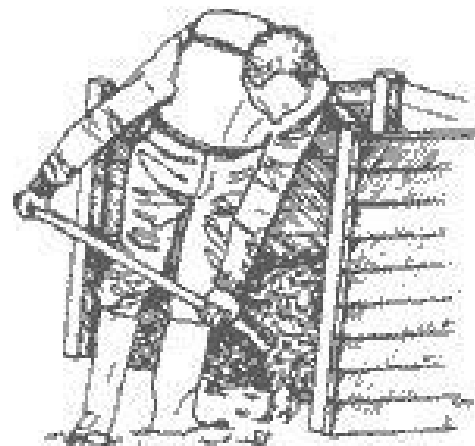
Karen pointed out that making and using compost is the cornerstone of good gardening and the finished product is rich, dark, crumbly and sweet-smelling. Compost is made amazingly from recycled garden and kitchen waste plus other products that we no longer need including last years old woolly jumper! Around 40 percent

of the contents of an average household dustbin and all garden waste is suitable for home composting. We really can do our bit to help cut down on landfill by keeping a compost bin in the garden. It is not a complex process, all you need is to provide the right ingredients and let nature do the rest. To find out more link to themastercomposters@suffolk.gov.uk.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st May at Woolpit Nurseries, Old Stowmarket Road, IP309QS**. Please note we will NOT be meeting at the Blackbourne. Andrew Bains will be treating us to a guided tour of the Nurseries where he will share glimpses of the invaluable work his team does to prepare plants for sale. The nurseries are famous for their hanging baskets in Suffolk and beyond, planting over 2,500 displays every spring. Andrew will demonstrate how baskets and pots are planted to his exacting high standard. It will be a very different evening so do consider joining us and learn more about the 'Nursery on your Doorstep'. This meeting will be a good introduction to Elmswell Gardening Club who enjoy learning how to make the most of their growing spaces. Even more necessary as spring turns into early summer.

Members and friends are invited to be the **Woolpit Nursery Carpark at Old Stowmarket Road, IP309QS by 7.15pm ready for the tour that will begin at 7.30pm**. If you would like to join us for this meeting, please use the contact details below to let us know.

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon) W.I.

Our April meeting was less well attended than most of our gatherings. There were various reasons for this, mainly health and holidays. However, we welcomed Ken and Kitty from Suffolk branch of SULAR (Suffolk Land Search & Rescue). They brought their kit with them so that the ladies could see what they carried and what was needed when searching for someone missing, lost or hurt. We watched a short film which described this organisation and their work in detail. All volunteers, and from all walks of life. They have separate teams for land search and water searches. They use amazing detection dogs and my picture is of Diesel, a trainer dog. The handler puts him with the younger



dogs and he acts as their canine mentor showing them how it's done. They also use modern technology. They have the use of police drones which have a night vision facility and recently have been given the funding by the Suffolk Police Commissioner to purchase hand held night vision torches which show anything that radiates a body heat. These are invaluable. SULAR now have a new local base thanks to the donation of land by the owner of The Stag cafe. Where would we be without volunteers and generous people ?? Below is one of the Foot Teams. We all enjoyed Ken & Kitty's visit and wish their organisation good luck.



Our Competition was a landscape photo. The winner was Margaret Hitchins, second was Barbara Yeates and third Mary Chown. Well done to them.

Today we said farewell to the Wesley Hall. Perhaps not too sadly as we spent the afternoon in our coats. We will now take up residence for our meetings at The Blackbourne until our new Community venue is open at the Wesley Chapel. Our next meeting is our AGM and Resolutions meeting and anyone needing transport to The Blackbourne should contact Mary or Maureen and this will be arranged. Our competition will be: A Miniature item.

Guests and new members are always welcome. Contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

Maureen Davis

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INSPIRING WOMEN

ELMSFEST

As another month passes, another exciting attraction unfolds.... this year, we are thrilled to welcome back the RAF events team who are kindly treating us to a Spitfire flypast! So not only will you be kept fully entertained by all of our great acts on ground level, but it'll be all eyes to the sky too – we won't know a definite time until nearer the date, but we'll be sure to let you know as soon as we do!



You may have seen our new poster, which has been gradually updated as things change – our latest poster can be seen in this month's Elmswell Newsletter and will also be making its way to a notice board near you soon.... oh, and, of course, our Facebook page (search for ElmsFest).

So just to keep you in the loop, whether this is the first time you've read our monthly articles or not, ElmsFest 2019 takes place at The Blackbourne Community Centre on Sunday 1st September, between the hours of 12:00 and 17:00. Our headline act is Award-Winning Singer-Songwriter & Author, Philippa Hanna, kindly sponsored by Crest Nicholson. There'll also be a Circus Workshop, as well as Wonder Wheelers with their extreme bicycle challenges. The local police and fire service will also be in attendance, as well as a new Petting Farm and many more local stall-holders with bouncy castles, tombola's, competitions, food, drink, crafts, lawn bowls and much, much more.

The talented, funny and YouTube famous, Kate McCabe, will once again be your host for the afternoon.

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

We're still taking booking for this year, so please be in touch as soon as possible to guarantee yourself a pitch. A booking form can be downloaded from our website at www.elmsfest.info, or alternatively, please email bookings@elmsfest.info or contact Mike on 01359 241699 or Chris on 07544 762448.

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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell!

Spring has sprung, and I am sneezing all over on account of the pollen! Those golden fields are beautiful though.



Perhaps it's a bit of a cliché, but we've been doing some spring cleaning in the library. We have rotated around 300 books in the adult fiction section between other libraries, so everything old is new again. And there's some stuff that's actually new as well. Hopefully you'll be able to spot something on the shelves that you haven't seen before.

We will be working through the non-fiction next. And of course if there isn't something there that tickles you, we can always request something be sent in specific to your requirements.

If you fancy something a bit more lively than a quiet book, we're excited to be hosting some storytellers as part of the East Anglian Storytelling Festival. We're keeping our doors open a little longer on Saturday the 11th May, 18th May, 1st June and 8th June from 13:30 – 14:30, so you can come along and hear a tale.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Zoe

What's On at Elmswell Library

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

The East Anglian Storytelling Festival is coming to Elmswell

Free Storytelling at the library, tales for all ages! Saturday 11th May, 18th May, 1st June and 8th June from 13:30 – 14:30.

The Keep in Touch Community Café

This group is for new residents to meet people in Elmswell. Find them at the Fox pub at 10:30am – Wednesday 15th May, Wednesday 19th June.

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)

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Hello from St John's.
We hope this newsletter finds you well.

Firstly, we would like to invite you to our next celebration event! On Sunday 19th May at 7:00pm we're hosting our very own Songs of Praise! We're celebrating the completion of our roof & ceiling repairs and thanking all of Elmswell for their support. We've invited groups from the village to submit their favourite hymns and the top six will be chosen. Which do you think will win? We have also lined up some poetry and live music, then there will be coffee, tea and cakes afterwards. It's sure to be a great event and we certainly hope to (not) raise the roof!!! Ha ha!!

Next, we're launching the popular Discovering Christianity course. You might be wondering... What exactly is Christianity about? Who was Jesus? Why did he die? Did he really rise from the dead? We are hosting four Sunday evening sessions – 7:30pm at The Rectory 26 May, 2, 16, 23 June – to ponder the bigger questions over drinks and desserts. You are welcome to ask any question you like. For more information email elmswellrector@gmail.com or call 01359 240512.

A recap of April...

The big news in April was Easter – this meant that the wonderful Lent Lunches (organised by the Friends of St John's) came to a conclusion and we had several extra services – such as the Maundy Thursday Service, Christians Together in Elmswell Good Friday Service - and of course the usual Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services. We also had a marvellous Easter-themed Messy Church with hot dogs for lunch during the school holidays. Other April highlights included an enjoyable Spring Walk, a great Men's Breakfast with a speaker from Mission Aviation Fellowship, which uses planes to transform the lives of the world's most isolated people in need, and the "Marriage by Design" Day – a much-valued workshop for couples getting married shortly.

Other events in May...

In May, we will have two Messy Church events! Join us after school on Friday May 10th (doors open at 3:30pm, start at 3:50pm) and during half term on Friday May 31st (10:30am start) – details on our web site. On Sunday 12th May, it's Mission Sunday – this is when a representative from one of our mission partners, OMF, comes to share news regarding their work in Japan (more info can be found at www.omf.org/uk/). At the end of this service, we will have a bring

& share style meal together. Also don't forget the popular Ladies Lunch on 10th May is at a different location – the Blackbourne.

Going back to the first statement "We hope this newsletter finds you well"; if you're not well for any reason, please drop us a note and we will pray for you. We believe in the healing power of Christ and we want Elmswell to experience this. God Bless.

Sunday 5th May

9:30am Family Church
11:00am Traditional Church (BCP)

Friday 10th May

Messy Church (doors open at 3:30pm, start at 3:50pm, concludes with tea)

Sunday 12th May

8:00am BCP Communion Service
10:30am OMF Sunday – followed by Bring & Share lunch.

Sunday 19th May

9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast served from 9:00am)
11:00am Traditional Church

Sunday 26th May

10:30am Morning Church (with Holy Communion)

Thursday May 30th May

7:30pm Ascension Day Service

Friday May 31st May

Messy Church (10:30am start, concludes with lunch).

Contact: Peter Goodridge elmswellrector@gmail.com or call 01359 240512. We also have a church website and facebook page :)



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30th April 2019 marked the end of the 25th year of floodlighting St. John's Tower, a year in which we raised £740.

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has become an integral part of village life. As well as raising funds for St. John's, it has become a very popular way

of enhancing the profile of the church itself. As "taker of the money" I would like to say, once again, a huge public

THANK YOU to all those people who have sponsored the lights during 2018/19, and before. Your support is hugely appreciated. St. John's really does benefit from your generosity; and many parishioners have told me how much they

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As always, everyone is welcome to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's, which helps to pay the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. You can choose to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively, simply make a donation. For the summer months the lights will be on between 8.00 p.m. and midnight. A night's floodlighting costs £5. Cheques payable to "ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL".

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- 16 anon.
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Well march 29th came and went and Brexit didn't happen and the politicians carry on playing their games all claiming to be doing so in our interests, when will it all end? I ask, we keep praying for a conclusion to the whole business so that we can all get on with our lives.

On Good Friday we joined with our friends from the parish church for the Annual Christians Together in Elmswell Good Friday service where St John's music group and choir led the singing, and the address was given by Capt. Andrew Jarrod from the Salvation Army at Norton, the morning ended with coffee and hot X buns and a lot of chatting and catching up with old friends.

May sees the Districts Council elections where we have to choose the people we wish to represent Elmswell on the Mid Suffolk Council, whoever is elected let us hope and pray that they carry out their duties with integrity and honesty.

As I am writing this report for the newsletter it has been reported on the news of the death of a journalist in Londonderry, a young woman who we are told had a promising career ahead of her. I sincerely hope and pray that this incident is not the precursor for the sectarian violence that blighted Northern Ireland for so many years to restart, the people of Ulster do not deserve it.

I know that this will not directly affect us here in Elmswell but we at the Baptist church will be praying for all the people of Northern Ireland that PEACE will prevail.

Meanwhile our activities for May will be:-

Thursday 9th May Food and Friends Lunch at the Church at Midday for the older folk to enjoy a three course lunch in a friendly atmosphere contact Jackie on 245918 if you would like to join us, transport can be arranged for those less able.

Monday 13th May Ladies Friendship group meet at the church at 7.45pm for a talk by a representative from Bishop/Miller about the life of an auctioneer. As ever these meetings are open to all ladies not just regular attendees at our services, Contact Margaret on 01359241541 if you would like to join the ladies. Please note this is not the usual first Monday in the month meeting because of the first being a Bank Holiday.

During May our services will be led by:-

- 5th May Ken Smith (inc Communion)
- 12th May Stephen Spurgeon (all age service)
- 19th May Stephen Spurgeon
- 26th May Rev Barbara Challis
- 2nd June Irene Martin

As always to anyone looking to join us for worship or any of our other activities we guarantee a warm and friendly welcome.

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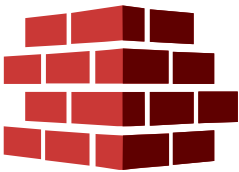
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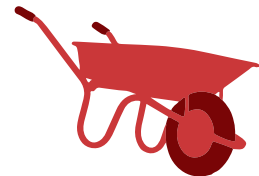
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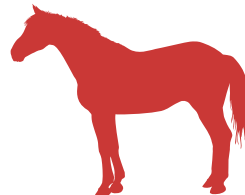
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ElmsWild Flowers

What a busy, brilliant month we have had!

During the Easter holidays, we held two successful community gardening sessions, lifting turf and preparing the ground for wildflower seeds in four locations. Our mini-meadows are located around the Village Sign, behind the station platform, beside Elmswell Library and around the centre of the maze alongside Church Road. If you haven't spotted them yet, keep your eyes peeled!

Thank-you to all you wonderful volunteers who came along, suitably equipped and ready to work. We had lots of children working hard to decorate and drill the discs we've erected as bird scarers, while adults got stuck in, lifting chunks of turf and wheeling them away. Both events were filled with chatter, enthusiasm and laughter as we got to know one another.

We were pleased to have two volunteers from the East of England Co-op join us for the first session, and as well as offering their help, they donated £50 worth of vouchers for us to put towards seeds. Woolpit Nurseries have also become sponsors of the project, by donating £150 worth of wildflower seeds for the public meadows. Mace put £20 towards seeds as well, and, Elmswell Parish Council have agreed to fund the £300 of wildflower seeds we'll be distributing to households, for you lovely folk to plant in your own gardens. This project would have fallen at the first hurdle without our generous sponsors, so thank you to all of you.

By the time this goes to print, we'll have already sown the wildflower seeds on the mini-meadows and envelopes of seeds might already be making their way to you, via various existing Elmswell businesses and organisations.

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



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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Fishy business

Our photo shows members of the Trefoil Guild showing off the products of our recent willow weaving evening. We brought a big bundle of willow rods to the Blackbourne, some provided by a grower in Dorset and some home grown in Lukeswood. After finding out about the different kinds of willow and how they are treated, and looking at the tools of the willow weaver's trade, everyone learned how to make a willow fish – complete with rod, as you can see. It's more fiddly than you might imagine, but we all had a great time. Now that we're growing even more

willow at Lukeswood – including the specialist types for weaving and basket making – we're looking forward to further weaving sessions in the future. If you're interested in willow weaving, do get in touch with us.

Easter eggs galore

Lukeswood was the place to be this Easter if you wanted to track down some delicious chocolate eggs. Plus lots of Easter bunnies in attendance! Well, the bunnies are there all year round, of course, but Easter is the time when we particularly enjoy seeing them scampering about. Parents and children from the Elmswell Baby and Toddler group had a lovely time finding the eggs and enjoying the springtime flowers on their visit to Lukeswood during the Easter holiday. We hope they'll come back for another visit soon.

ElmsWild Flowers

Whatever happened to April showers? Our wildflower project is well underway (see Jen's report for the full details), so we really need some rain to help our seeds germinate and provide the colourful show we're aiming for. I'm sure all gardeners and farmers share our wish that the weather will revert to normal and brings us some much-needed moisture. Let's hope that by the time readers get this edition of the Newsletter the long succession of dry easterly winds will have swung round to the west so that April showers will indeed bring us May flowers.

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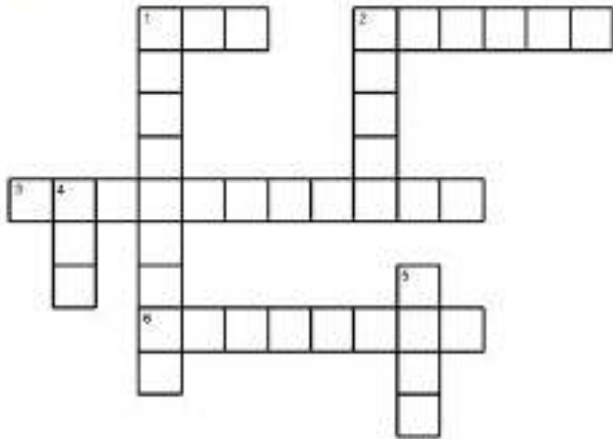
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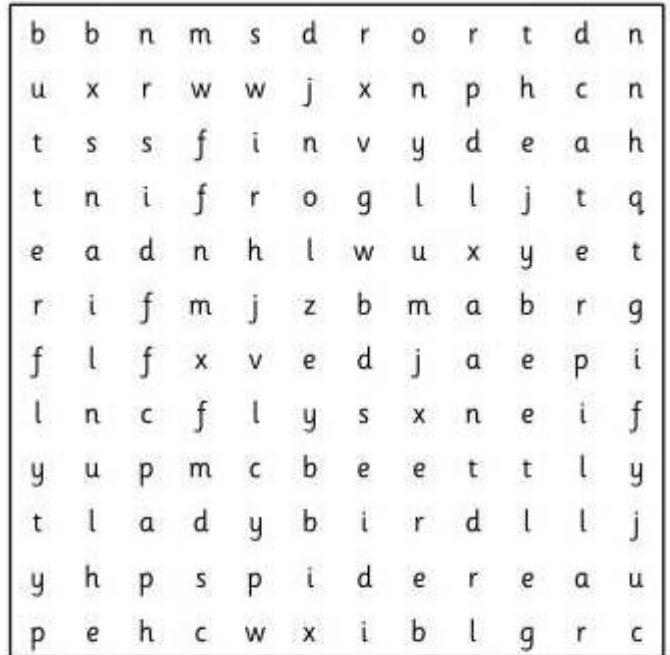
Across

- 1. I make honey.
- 2. I spin webs.
- 3. I'm a baby busterfly.
- 6. I'm red and spotty.

Down

- 1. I come out of a chrysalis.
- 2. I carry my home on my back.
- 4. I live in a hill.
- 5. A tadpole turns into me.

Minibeast Wordsearch



- ant
- bee
- beetle
- butterfly
- caterpillar
- fly
- frog
- ladybird
- snail
- spider

Make your own Minibeast Hotel



The best minibeast hotels have lots of small spaces in different shapes and sizes and made from different materials. Ideally some should be nice and dry inside, and others a bit damp. Minibeast hotels are generally made from reclaimed materials, or natural objects, which helps them blend in with their surroundings. Why not make your very own minibeast hotel using some of the ideas below.

A 'minibeast' is simply a small animal. Spiders, snails, slugs, beetles, centipedes, worms, earwigs, caterpillars...



Those are just a few well known examples of the thousands and thousands of types of 'creepy-crawlies' that exist all over the world. Officially, minibeasts are called invertebrates which are animals without a backbone, and these are the most numerous type of animal in the world.



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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Oh! How things have changed! We have gone from itching to play to bowling four times a week virtually overnight. Rolling up on Saturday, never so much as bending down on Sunday, first Bury Development League match on Monday, friendly at Old Newton on Tuesday, rolling up again on Wednesday and first Bury League Division Two match on Thursday. Friday we will remain perfectly upright all day for fear of 'staying like that' as my old mum used to warn.

We had a near-perfect start to our new Monday afternoon season by winning one of the two rinks at Wortham, bagging most aggregate points and coming away with 4 of the 5 points on offer. It was a gorgeous day, we played on Easter Monday, and our hosts a most agreeable bunch plus, and this is a biggie, we had home-made cream cakes! Throw a troupe of dancing girls into that mix and you've got heaven on earth.

Last evening we payed a friendly visit to our good pals at Old Newton in a return of the match we had at the Blackbourne last season. They beat us last year so we returned the compliment but taking the points this time. Except, of course, there were no points being a friendly and their friendship is questionable, too, as they have poached our Clive away from us and are nibbling at Barry's toes, so we may have to re-negotiate our relationship!

On the Thursday after writing, we entertain Great Barton in our first Bury League Division



2 at the Blackbourne when we will find exactly what the difference is between Divisions 2 and 3. We had had a few illnesses among our number and we wish them all well but they will be greatly missed both on and off the green. We have several promising players among our newcomers but most will need time to make an impact at that level but the truly wonderful thing is that they all absolutely love it! As would most of you, if you gave it a try.

Our third team, in the SCBA Area D league starts their campaign against The Rookery, Stowmarket on Tuesday May 7th when we play

simultaneously home and away. Half of our team will visit them and half of theirs will come to us. It couldn't be done any other way, really, could it? Why it is so, I can't imagine except, perhaps, that it halves the length of the season as you meet each time just the once. Also, you have the added excitement of not knowing how your other sextet is faring because contact isn't allowed until both matches are finished. Funny old lot, these bowlers!

Peter Edmonds
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ELMSWELL TODDLERS

As I sit here typing this newsletter I'm wondering where the last month has gone? In my household with many glorious days most days have been "lost" to exploring outside.

At the end of March we held our first Nearly New sale of the year, the proceeds of this go towards the running costs of the group, outings and events we hold. Without our amazing volunteers the sale would not be as successful as it was and we thank everyone who helped and also to those who baked the amazingly scrummy cakes for us to sell. Also a huge thank you to the team that were still working away in the weeks after the sale to sort and collate the tickets, ready for writing and sending the cheques. Cheques will be posted by the end of April, if by the time you read this you haven't received it please email elmswell.nns@gmail.com

At the group our big event of the month must be the Easter Toddle at Lukeswood, despite a slight dew over the site in the morning the sun soon shone down and the children were busy exploring the different aspects of the space. Along our walk we discovered bunny footprints which the children excitedly hopped along, then the Easter bunny had left eggs for us to find and finally through the trees on the way back to the shelter we were busy spotting signs of spring. We thank the Elmswell team for letting us use the site and their continuous work maintaining the site.

As we reflect on the past month it then brings us to look at our future, the end of an era is approaching the group and our time at the Wesley Hall is at an end (for now). By the time you are all reading this newsletter we will have moved to the Blackbourne where we will be running at the same time of 10-11.30 on a Monday and Wednesday.



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It doesn't matter how long you've been working for your employer, being fired because of pregnancy, or pregnancy-related issues, is automatically classed as unfair dismissal.

Although your employer said you were being sacked for poor performance, you're right to be suspicious as this only came to light after you told your manager about your pregnancy. If your employer says your dismissal has nothing to do with you having a baby, you will need to prove that it was. You can ask your employer to send you written reasons for your dismissal.

As you have been employed for two years, your employer can only dismiss you for specified fair reasons, such as gross misconduct or persistent poor performance. Except in the most serious cases of gross misconduct, your employer will be expected to follow a fair process and show the dismissal was for a fair reason.

If you want to challenge the dismissal, you can take your case to an employment tribunal. You should first raise a grievance with your employer and contact the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service about Early Conciliation. Be sure to act quickly as time limits in employment tribunals are short.

It's in your best interest to gather as much evidence as possible in case the problem can't be resolved without going to tribunal. This includes emails with your employer about your pregnancy, previous performance appraisals, and correspondence about you being dismissed. The new Citizens Advice Discrimination Toolkit, found on their website, can help you with this.

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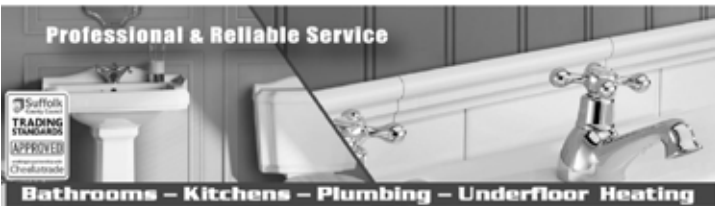
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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL April 2019 Report

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August. The April meeting took place on the 15th at The Blackbourne with 8 councillors present, along with Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Members Sarah Mansel and John Levantis and 3 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 Shaun Pratt 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, in the Memorial Library 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 18th March, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllr Sarah Mansel tabled a written report confirming that there is now a well-evidenced position indicating a Housing Land Supply figure and that this now stands at 5.24 years. This would seem to release the Council, as Planning Authority, from the Government's development-orientated National Planning Policy Framework which has for some recent years allowed ad hoc housebuilding on a large scale throughout the District without the need to have proper consideration for infrastructure provision taking local circumstances into account.

Suffolk County Council

Cllr Jane Storey tabled a written report which included notice that the opening hours for recycling centres in Suffolk will change from the beginning of April. All 11 of Suffolk County Council's centres will be open from 9am to 5pm every day (except Wednesdays) from Monday 1 April to September. The new times will give residents an extra hour to recycle their waste during the summer months. On Thursdays from May to August, all sites will be open until 7pm - a good opportunity for residents to recycle on their way home from work. All sites will be closed on Wednesdays.

On Sundays and bank holidays, the recycling centres will also be open from 9am to 5pm from April to September.

BWMA

A report from the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, which manages those facilities on Council's behalf, confirmed that the Wesley Project, seeking to refurbish the Victorian chapel, demolish the old hall currently attached and build a modern community hub with all the necessary facilities together with a second meeting space, remains on target. The various surveys have thrown up no problems. 4 of the 5 listed contractors have visited the site and Tenders will be with the Council's Quantity Surveyor on or before the deadline. Meanwhile, the emerging possibilities resulting from the decision by Greene King to market the Tavern site as a whole have been discussed by Members. There is clear support for consideration of a scheme whereby, if the site can be secured for community use, it could produce considerable benefit for the Wesley and otherwise. Members suggest that this would include the regeneration of a currently rather run-down core village location offering shared facilities with the Wesley, particularly by way of play area and parking, together with the establishment of a Community Land Trust to generate affordable rented housing with nomination rights reserved to the village and with no implicit Right to Buy so that local people will

have access in perpetuity. The retention of the pub would have advantages with regard to the activities at The Wesley with, again, the opportunity for shared car parking. The meeting agreed that EPC should be urged to pursue this opportunity as a matter of urgency.

There has been total co-operation from user groups at both venues towards accommodating all activities at Blackbourne over the Wesley refurbishment period beginning on 1st May. The container storage unit is sited and ready to take some Blackbourne kit so as to release storage space for the temporary needs of the Wesley user groups.

The Treasurer's Report to the end of the financial year shows turnovers of £54,538 & £8,198 for Blackbourne and Wesley respectively, an aggregated total of £62,736 which is a 28% uplift on the previous year. The rapid and continuing boom in lettings of some 30% pa over the past 3 years is, it is anticipated, bound to slow as fuller occupancy makes it more difficult to slot in new enquiries. There will also be an income drop as the concentration of all community group use into the Blackbourne during the Wesley building works restricts the opportunities for lettings to other hirers. A letter from the BWMA Secretary detailed the many advantages which Members see in the possible purchase of the Railway Tavern site for community use and expressed the Association's support for any initiative on the Parish council's behalf to try to secure the site for the village.

Planning Results

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

DC/19/00572
Application for listed building consent...
Dagwood farm, Ashfield Road
GRANTED EPC no comment

DC/19/00399
Erection of 1no. dwelling... Land adjacent to
Marlborough, Cross Street
GRANTED EPC supported

DC/18/04331
Non material amendment...24 Little Green
APPROVED EPC no comment

DC/18/03597
Discharge of Conditions 3 & 4... Church Hill
Cottage, School Road
REFUSED EPC no comment

DC/19/01163
Works to trees...20 Oxer Close
GRANTED EPC no comment

DC/18/05623
Erection of workshop...siting of caravan10
Wetherden Road
REFUSED EPC objected

SCC/0022/19MS
Erection and use of new modular office...

Lawn Farm Quarry
GRANTED EPC not consulted

Planning Applications

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

DC/19/00204

Creation of new vehicular access with installation of a drop kerb at 30 Wetherden Road

DC/19/01488

Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and new front porch. Erection of new garage to the rear of the property at Canley House, Church Road

DC/19/01578

Erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension and outbuildings at The Emms, Wetherden Road

DC/19/01671

Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of rear conservatory and chimney stack at Manorbier, Ashfield Road

The Meeting agreed to make no comment on Application ref DC/19/01700 for a Variation of Condition 2 re DC/18/02826 to allow changes to plot 2 at Orchard House & Woodstock, Ashfield Road.

The Meeting agreed to Object to Application ref DC/19/01596 for the Conversion of barn to form 1no. dwelling with single storey extension at The Old Granary adjacent to Ten Ten in Kiln Lane for the following reasons:

- 1 The site is in the countryside clearly outside of the Development Envelope of Elmswell. To permit further encroachment of development into Kiln Lane would run counter to Local Plan Policy SB1 and there is no mitigating factor presented to support intrusion which is, clearly, against the overriding principal of protecting the countryside for its own sake.
- 2 The long-standing guidance of PPG7 remains valid and very relevant here. Conversion is inappropriate when buildings are unsuitable for conversion without significant alteration, rebuilding or extension. Overcoming the lack of access and fenestration would run counter to Local Plan Policy H9 which requires that conversion must respect the structure form and character of the original building and that new openings must be kept to a minimum. The building is a brick-built storage shed and the proposed conversion merely pays lip service to the historic structure which is totally unsuited to domestic adaptation without drastic



alterations removing all reference to its provenance.

- 3 Kiln Lane is a single-track country lane with no footpath along its entire length. It is already at capacity as the village expands and traffic seeks ways around the increasingly busy main through routes. This Proposal, therefore, runs counter to Local Plan policy T10 which requires that existing roads giving access to a proposed development should be suitable in terms of the safe and free flow of traffic and pedestrian safety.
- 4 The Application goes against NPPF policies of sustainability. In its strictures on promoting sustainable transport it argues for an awareness of potential impacts on transport networks [para 102(a)], focussing on locations which can be made sustainable through limiting the need to travel [para 103] and for attention to the impacts from a proposal on the transport network [para 108(c)]. This is a proposal for a dwelling along a narrow country road situated almost a mile from the village facilities. In NPPF terms it is unsustainable.

Railway Tavern site

Council formally resolved to make an Expression of Interest to Bid for the Railway Tavern site which has recently been put on the Market. The public house and its immediate environs are the subject of an Asset of Community Value Registration with Mid Suffolk following application by Elmswell Parish Council. Taking this further by way of the Expression of Interest to Bid triggers a 6 month moratorium during which time the owners can, effectively, only sell to the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to arrange this year's Annual Parish Meeting centering on a forum with input from specialist advisers on the possibilities of developing the site, including the area recently granted Planning permission for 8 houses, to the general community benefit as detailed in the BWMA Report to the Meeting.

Wild flowers scheme

A grant of £300.00 was agreed towards the ElmsWild - lead project to create areas of miniature wild flower meadow around the village and to encourage the planting of native wild flowers in individual gardens towards encouraging pollinating insects.

Caretaking at Blackbourne It was agreed that a weekend caretaker be appointed to help deal with the extra workload generated by the continuing success of the venue. The Clerk and Chairman were delegated to appoint the best of the candidates who have come forward in response to the advertisement for the post in the April edition of the Elmswell Newsletter.

Wesley project

Progress towards being in a position to engage a main Contractor to undertake the works to refurbish the chapel and build a new community hub attached has been on schedule with no untoward feedback from the various surveys undertaken on the site and with nothing suggested by the scheme's Architect or Quantity Surveyor to count against an early signing of a Contract. Accordingly, the Meeting agreed unanimously that the Chairman and Clerk be given delegated powers to sign the Contract

once a final assurance as to funding is in hand.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 20th May at the earlier time of 7.00pm 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.



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FOOTPATH WALK

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

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Future Council Meetings

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May	June	July	Sept	Oct
20th	17th	15th	16th	21st

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. clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk Tel. 244134



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.

May 2019

- 1 Exchange Afternoon WI AGM & Resolutions
- 2 Over 55's Club Eyes down for Bingo
- 8 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00
- 9 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 9 Elmswell History Group meeting, at the Blackbourne's Chamberlayne Hall, 7.30pm. Speaker Richard Young: «Bury's Victorian Observatory». *July tickets on sale*. **PLEASE NOTE our change of venue until further notice.**
- 9 Food «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 10 3:50pm St John's Messy Church & tea (doors open 3:30pm)
- 11 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 13 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - The life of an auctioneer - with Bishop/Miller
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm AGM and Resolutions
- 14 The Bible Today exhibition at The Blackbourne, open 10.00am - 8.00pm, admission free. The exhibition tells the story of the English Bible and its message for today.
- 15 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 16 Over 55's Club Details later
- 17 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 21 Exchange Social Club Outing
- 21 Elmswell Gardening Club 7.15pm at Woolpit Nursery for an evening with Andrew Bain
- 23 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 30 Over 55's Club Day out at the Hut Felixstowe with Fish & Chips
- 31 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 31 10:30am St John's Messy Church & lunch
- 31 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

June 2019

- 3 7.00pm Elmswell Baptist Church Ladies Friendship Group visit to Crows Hall, Debenham
- 5 Exchange Afternoon WI How holidays used to be
- 5 7:30pm St John's Thy Kingdom Come Prayer and Praise evening
- 6 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 6 Over 55's Club Alan Mann entertains
- 7 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 8 Elmswell Sewing Bee 1:30 - 5:30, Blackbourne
- 9 5:30pm Christians Together Pentecost Service at Baptist Church preceded by light tea at 4:45pm
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Louise Gregory, Line Dancing
- 12 Knit and Natter (at the Library) 10:00am - 12:00

- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, at the Blackbourne's Chamberlayne Hall, 7pm AGM, then Speaker Claire Gapper: «Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk». *July tickets on sale*. **PLEASE NOTE our new venue and earlier start time for AGM.**
- 13 Food «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 15 7:00pm St John's Summer Quiz Night.
- 18 Exchange Social Club To be arranged
- 18 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Dr Ian Bedford - «Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden»
- 19 Keep in Touch Community Café (The Fox) 10:30am
- 20 Ancestry Group (at the Library) 3pm - 5pm
- 21 3:50pm St John's Messy Church & tea (doors open 3:30pm)
- 25 Elmswell Gardening Club Annual Outing to Sundown Garden, Diss
- 27 Over 55's Club Dennis Maisey returns to entertain
- 28 «Companions @ 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 Food «n» 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 @ The Wesley Hall 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
- 25 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 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
- 2 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 @ The Wesley Hall 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 @ The Wesley Hall 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
- 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 «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 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»
- 20 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
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October 2019

- 2 Exchange Afternoon WI 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 «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 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
- 18 St John's Friday Ladies Lunch @ The Wesley Hall 11.30am
- 25 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon
- 25 Elmswell Bingo at Blackbourne, doors open 6.30pm Eyes down 7.30pm

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!
- 8 «Companions @ The Wesley Hall 10.15 - 12 noon

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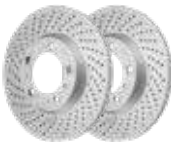
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