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The Elmswell Newsletter



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**pet scheme could be dogged with
difficulties but Council takes the lead**

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Our editorial is designed to inform and to encourage debate. If you wish to comment, please do so via the office or by email at; eaa.elmswell.org.uk We reserve the right to edit any such contributions that we may use in a subsequent edition.

Although our Editorial is, 'designed to inform and encourage debate', it begs a small indulgence this month in offering hard news:

STOP PRESS At a Parish Council meeting at Blackbourne on Monday 2nd March, the following was agreed: That Elmswell Parish Council enters a Contract for Sale of a Trading Pub with the benefit of Planning permission at the Railway Tavern, School Road, Elmswell for the purchase price of £805,000 exclusive of VAT.

When the idea of purchasing the Greene King site was first mooted, some said it couldn't be done and some said it shouldn't be done. However, enough thought strongly enough that it must be done that they signed their support for the requisite borrowing and, effectively told their elected councillors to get on with it.

Which, in remarkably short order, they did. Contracts are exchanged and Completion is due, auspiciously or otherwise, on Friday 13th March.

Clearly, the end of what is, potentially, a beginning. Once again, Elmswell leads the way in fighting its own corner under the relentless pressures of development and, in this case, finds itself in relatively uncharted waters. Some questions have had to be answered for the initiative to have come this far. Many more questions are left hanging and, true to our masthead claim 'to...encourage debate', we offer the following from our Editorial super-forecaster:

Q Will the Railway Tavern close down?

A The Contract is for the purchase of the pub as a going concern. There should be no interruption in or changes to the way it currently operates.

Q Will the 5 executive homes be built?

A On the village's behalf, the Parish Council fought hard to stop Permission being granted to the Methodist Church for houses similar to the 634 which already have Permission and are currently being built in the village. One of the strong arguments for buying the site was that these houses could be replaced by affordable homes under local control and with no Right to Buy so that they stay as a community asset for ever.

Q Will the Parish Council build the affordable houses?

A The normal route in providing social housing is partnership, with a Housing Association or similar provider who access Government money through the Housing Corporation. Babergh Mid Suffolk have recently established their Homes and Housing Strategy which can help in this regard.

Q What is all the talk about a, 'Community Land Trust', about?

A A Community Land trust (CLT) is a charitable body comprising members of the community it serves – people pay a nominal £1.00 fee to join and have a say in the election of a managing Board to take forward the aims of their CLT which would be to support our community to develop affordable housing and other assets and thus help Elmswell to a more sustainable future. CLT's attract government funding and support - a recent successful example is in Lavenham whose details are on line. Elmswell Parish Council is taking advice on establishing a CLT in the village and one of the projects it could tackle is to develop housing on the Greene King site.

Q Will the Parish Council end up running a pub?

A This has never been suggested. The broad thinking which helped drive the purchase was that the Tavern could best improved and developed as a community pub under the umbrella of a Community Interest Company or similar body where the community residents are the shareholders employing an appropriate management team. Local examples of this sort of framework can be found at the Cross Keys in Redgrave, The Duke of Marlborough at Somersham, the Sorrel Horse at Shottisham, Battisford Punch Bowl, Lamarsh Lion, Laxfield Low House etc. All community pubs, all thriving. There is considerable Government encouragement and support for community pubs through the Plunkett Foundation and the Power to Change programme. Against the general market trend, no community pub has ever had to close down once established.

See the [Community Pubs Better Business Report, 2018](#)

Q Could the community ownership of the Wesley and the site next door have joint benefits?

A There are already plans to share the children's play area so that the Baby & Toddler group has access to a safe, well equipped outside play space when the pub is not open in the mornings when they meet. Considerable possibilities exist in shared parking and there can be chance of a safe walking route from one site to the other along the busy School Road inside the pub garden wall and the chapel railings.

Q This is all going to cost a fortune. Where's the money coming from?

A Successful CLT's and Community pubs across the country have managed to prosper by sourcing funding from a range of agencies. With continued community support it is provably achievable.

Q What if it all goes pear-shaped and there isn't the support or spirit for taking a scheme or schemes forward?

A The purchase was made on the basis of professional advice from the Council's Agent. The price paid was reasonable with certain factors, such as the Council having registered the pub as an Asset of Community Value, working in the community's favour. An informed view is that the Council could effectively restrict the development of the houses to something which relates more to the village's needs and sell on the whole site at a price which returns all of the costs incurred in the original purchase.

Q What now?

A The Council has made enough enquiries and taken sufficient professional advice to consider that the twin aims of community controlled social housing and a community pub are realistic and achievable. Both need an enormous amount of work and community input. The primary aim of securing the site against a development that Elmswell did not want and does not need has been achieved. As above, this is the end of the beginning. The Council clearly feels that it is a worthwhile venture to have begun and it is to be hoped that it will now work towards putting the necessary frameworks in place for continued progress.

Q Where's the usual quote to end with, please?

A How about Meg Wheatley – the American author of 'inspirational' guidance:

“ There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Both paintings this month are by Linda Stephenson, our club secretary and they reflect her interest in churches and industrial scenery. The power station is at Grangemouth in Scotland and shows also her interest in Scottish folk music. The church is St Mary's in Woolpit. Born in a mining village in Durham, Linda has always been interested in art and painting since childhood but has never had any formal lessons and is entirely self taught.



She has developed her own very

distinctive and idiosyncratic style and technique, sometimes using the edge of a credit card to apply the acrylic paint. Linda moved to Elmswell 12 years ago and has now retired from her role as a secretary at West Suffolk Hospital. She exhibits at local art shows and undertakes commissions. Up until recently she used to be a member of three local art societies. "The club here at Elmswell is so welcoming and friendly and the atmosphere is so relaxed and informal that I am now concentrate purely on Elmswell only, one of the best decisions I have made." We have no formal teaching, but we do occasionally have guest artists in for demonstrations and/or workshops. Each of us decides the subject we want to depict and the materials we use. Advice, help and suggestions come from the membership within which is greatly appreciated. Linda's comment says it all about the club, "in comparison to other clubs I've come across, Elmswell is the best, and all this is down to the friendliness of the people here, they are sociable, helpful and very encouraging". The meetings take place on Tuesday mornings temporarily at the Blackbourne while the Wesley is being redeveloped. We welcome new members regardless of experience, so whether an accomplished artist or someone who last picked up a paintbrush or pencil at school or even someone who didn't even do that, all are welcome. The tea and biscuits are worth coming for and of course the chat!



John Welford 01359 240166



"If one can anyone can. All you gotta do is try."

Faith Ringgold

Harlem born black American painter, writer, mixed media sculptor and performance artist.

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

The committee of the Over 55's Club are appealing for someone to help transport some of our older members from the Mann's court area to our meetings at the Blackbourne we meet fortnightly from 7 00pm finishing about 9 15pm if anybody is interested please contact me Diann on 241002.

Meetings have now resumed for the coming year through to December 2020

On our first meeting we welcomed Andy & Steve (Brotherhood) who kept about 45 members entertained for almost 2 hours with a selection of well known songs for every body to join in.

All our meeting details are listed in the What's on Section at the rear of the Newsletter which will be updated shortly Open events are highlighted so if you fancy joining us please turn up there is a small admission charge but you will get free Tea/Coffee and Biscuits we will be pleased to see you.

Diann (241002)

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This was our first meeting of the year and good to welcome members back.

Derek and Jean kindly organised a Beetle Drive which the members enjoyed.

Sometimes there was some frustration when the number six proved to be elusive!

In May we are visiting Dunwich and a garden centre and in June we are having our annual visit to Felixstowe.

At our March meeting our speaker will be Mr. Parfitt. This time he will be speaking about Cornwall.

New members are always welcome.

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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

The Elmswell Garden Club met on the 18th February when Luci Skinner from Wootton's Nursery in Wenhaston shared her incredible knowledge and personal expertise in how to grow Auriculas. This hardy plant makes an excellent feature and is sweetly scented, especially when planted en masse in pots, butler sinks or window boxes. The species was a special favourite of the Victorians who displayed their treasured plants in 'Auricula Theatres'- a simple shelf structure to show off the beauty of the flowers.

Members were given the chance to handle the exquisite plants seeing for ourselves that the leaves really do look like 'bears ears' and the flower as if fashioned from porcelain or a beautiful silk scarf. The plants with their silken perfection, jewel like palette and delicate nature have captivated growers over many years.

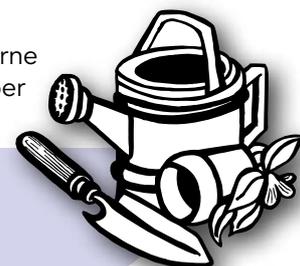
It was sad however, to hear that this beautiful flower succumbed to the 'Beast from the East' in 2019 when the greenhouse roof cladding was damaged beyond repair. The plants had to be quickly rehoused in other buildings around the nursery. The story does not end as summer temperatures rose significantly and many more Auriculas were lost. Luci and her team have worked wonders at salvaging as much as they could and are on track this season to propagate over 600 varieties to bring the collection up to speed. Luci shared a small part of the collection with us and members were able to purchase 'a bit of perfection' to grow in their own greenhouse or garden. I know that many of us will nurture our plants and think about the enjoyable evening we spent with Luci Skinner in 2020.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm at the Blackbourne Community Centre. Head Gardener, Chris Reeve from Helmingham Hall will talk about 'A Gardeners Year at Helmingham Hall'. Helmingham Hall is a moated manor house and has been owned by the Tollemache family since 1487. The garden lies outside the moat and has a parterre flanked by hybrid musk roses that lead you into a stunning walled garden with exquisite herbaceous borders and vegetable beds. There is so much to discover that the EGC will visit the garden on the 21st July. Meeting Chris in March will be a great way to find out what the garden holds for us on our outing. More details of the trip will be shared on the 17th March and names gathered for those interested in a day out.

It was good to see so many gardening enthusiasts join us after the long break. There is room for more, so please do think about joining us. Gardens are beginning to shine with daffodils as the snowdrops begin to fade. The gardening year is about to burst forth with eager promise of what is to come. Spring is really on its way.

I do hope that you will feel minded to join the EGC on the third Tuesday of each month at The Blackbourne Community Centre. If you do a very warm welcome awaits. Membership fees for 2020 are £16.00 per person which includes light refreshments. We ask visitors to contribute £4.00 per meeting.

If you require further information about Elmswell Gardening Club (EGC), please contact Catherine, on 01359 242172 or Nick, on 01359 242601. The Club email is elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com and is a good way of asking a question that will be swiftly answered.



ELMSWELL W.I.

Val welcomed our speaker, Linda Shodbolt, who came to tell us about infant-feeding through the ages.

Apparently, there is evidence of feeding implements being used two thousand years ago. If a mother could not feed her baby, herself she would probably ask another woman, who had plenty of milk, to provide nourishment. Failing that, any available food would need to be processed, to enable the child to ingest it.

Through the ages, different types of bottles, "teapots," etc. have been found. Various teats, such as a cow's teat covered in muslin, were created, too. In well-to-do families, nannies were employed to look after babies and children, as well as wet nurses, who breast-fed babies if their mothers could not or did not want to feed them. Nannies had quite a high position in households and were responsible for feeding babies and infants all sorts of concoctions, which were often not approved of by doctors. During the years 1866-1903, a child's first solid food was called "pap," which was derived from a Scandinavian word for the sound made by a baby opening its mouth. It was a mushy mixture made from all manner of ingredients, including bread, flour, cooked rice, milk, broth, wine, small beer, sugar, raw meat and Castile soap (made of animal fat.) Also, the nanny would sometimes pre-chew it!

It is not surprising that only about two out of every ten children survived beyond the age of five, during Victorian times. The importance of hygiene was not understood and feeding bottles were not adequately cleaned. Eventually, a banana-shaped bottle was invented and this could be cleaned, properly. After the invention of Pyrex glass, bottles could be sterilized, by boiling.

During her interesting talk, Linda showed us examples of different-shaped feeding bottles and other artifacts, which she has collected over the years. How things have changed!

Several members had brought in photographs of themselves as babies or young children and we all had to guess who was who. It was surprising how obvious some of them were. Next month, there will be a talk by a representative from Stowmarket Foodbank.

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AROUND & ABOUT

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our speaker on 13 February was Terry Donohue and his subject was ' Bury's Guildhall'. The Guildhall is Britain's oldest continuously used civic building, its history spanning more than 800 years, It stands in the heart of Bury's 'medieval grid' and has recently had a complete makeover prior to its recent opening as a Heritage Centre.

One of the notable exhibitions is the only surviving Royal Observer Corps World War Two operations room in the country. The visitor is taken through the process of spotting, tracking and reporting aircraft movements in the Suffolk sky. The Court Room and Regency Banqueting Hall house paintings and exhibitions showing the history of the Guildhall and are used for civic and private conferences, dinners and receptions. Also on show are the Tudor Kitchen and Gardens, where other events will take place.

Terry's talk included a description of some of the paintings and their subjects – in the court room hangs a large portrait of James 1 who gave the town its first charter, in the council chamber there is a painting of one of the town's great benefactors, Jankyn Smith who was alderman seven times.

On 12 March we look forward to the visit of Frances Hart, who will be talking about British Canals and Waterways, including the River Gipping.

Our meetings take place in the Chamberlayne Hall at the Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. For further information, our website is www.elmswell-history.org.uk or telephone our Secretary Stella Chamberlain 01359-242601.



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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I

Beachcombing Bonkers - Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. went beachcombing at their February meeting. No coats, no boots, no buckets and most importantly, no backache. We had a visit from Kate Osborne who has, in the past, been the Ranger at Landguard Nature Reserve and is a committed conservationist. She brought along a vast amount of beach finds that were set out on a large table for us to study for ourselves. Did you know that the Suffolk Shingle, along with that in an area of Holland and Belgium is unique in the world? There is another in Japan. Kate's presentation was highly entertaining, and most interesting. There is, of course, a downside to our beachcombing as you would expect. Pollution !! From plastic, of course, but also the products we use on a daily basis for washing clothes, dishes and ourselves. Many of these have long term harmful effects on marine wild life. The advice to us was always read the small print on the bottle or container. We learned so much from this enthusiastic lady and her beach finds. She runs an organisation called Beachcombing Bonkers and during the winter months gives beachcombing talks and events to schools, clubs, village halls and any groups interested. She brings the beach with her. We can highly recommend these. In the summer, she takes small parties on beachcombing trips in Felixstowe. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon in the school holidays. I should add that these are ideal for grown up children too !!!!



Anyone interested should contact Kate at : BeachBonkersHQ@gmail.com. I have included just a few pictures of the items we studied from Kate's "beach on wheels".

At our next meeting on Wednesday 4th March we welcome our old friend Chris Parfitt. We will be exploring the Mysteries of Easter Island. All are welcome. For further details contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033



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Our News

Our Rector, Peter Goodridge, continues on his sabbatical and will be back in Elmswell next month for the Easter services (mentioned below). While he's been gone, we've been keeping in touch with him via photos and updates on facebook and his regular newsletters. It's been fascinating to hear about his time in Cambodia and the specific prayer points he's requested. If you'd like to hear more about his trip, he'll be doing a Cambodia-themed talk at our 2020 Songs of Praise event (Sun 17 May 2020 7:00pm).

Our first ever Retro Praise will become an annual event – watch this space for more information! Everyone had such a marvellous time reminiscing. They loved the iconic tunes and words from previous decades, which carried precious memories for many... we already have a bucket full of requests for the next event.

Our contactless giving machine is up and running at St John's. Did you know that it costs nearly £1500 a week to keep the church and ministry running here in Elmswell? You can donate anything between £3 and £30. It's super quick and easy to use. With your donations, we ensure the church is available to everyone. We open every Sunday (often twice and occasionally three times) and run mid-week and weekend events – such as prayer meetings, Christian mum support groups, coffee mornings, school assemblies - all year long! Not only this we support many charities here in Mid



Suffolk (such as the Stowmarket Food Bank) and globally (such as Tearfund and WaterAid) non stop! It's brilliant to feel like we're making a real difference in this beautiful, flawed world. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Join us at one of our upcoming services, all at St John's, unless stated otherwise:

Sunday 1st March

9:30am Family Church

11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

Sunday 8th March

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Parish Praise

Sunday 15th March

9:30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9am)

11:00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

10:30am All Age Communion

Sunday 29th March

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Mercy Ships Sunday

Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

9:30am Family Church

11:00am BCP Holy Communion

Thursday 9th April Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Holy Communion

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Hello Everyone!

We trust that 2020 is treating you well... However, if you're having a tricky year, let us know. We love you and we care about you. We believe that Our Lord is a great healer and a can work miracles to fix problems. Maybe someone needed to hear that today.

Upcoming events:

Saturday 7 Mar 2020

7:00pm - Quiz Night with Sausage Casserole at St John's Church Elmswell. Teams are of 6 people and it's a £10 per person suggested donation... if you want to bring a team, message John Evans (johnvan21@btinternet.com). Can't make this one? No worries, the next one will be Saturday 6 Jun 2020 7:00pm.

Sunday 5th Apr 2020

2:15pm – Sunday Pilgrimage, Tea and Choral Evensong at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. If you'd like to come, please message Rosie Ellis (rellisstjohns@gmail.com)

Friday 19th Apr 2020

10:30am - Messy Church at St John's Church Elmswell - Jokes, crafts, songs and games! Stories about Jesus and party-style lunch at the end :) Messy Church is for all ages, not just children. Adults can enjoy a chat over cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake in the cafe whilst the craft activities take place. Or why not join in the mess with the rest of us? Please note children do need to be accompanied by an adult - children can not just be dropped off. Thank you!

Easter – all the Easter services are shared below. Please do join us if you're able to.



an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can simply make a donation.

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- 7 in loving memory of John Hopewell on his Birthday.
- 9 remembering Robert Dalby. "Always in our hearts". Love from all the family.
- 9 in loving memory of a dear brother, William Cammell (Bill). Love from all the family.
- 15 in loving memory of Joyce Ivy Jackson, also her son Barry Antony Jackson, formerly of Bury St. Edmunds, with Elmswell roots.
- 19 remembered with so much love, Evelyn Simpson, on her Birthday. "God Bless".
- 19 in memory of a beautiful Nan, Evelyn Simpson - Michala, Andy and Evie.
- 22 Evelyn Simpson. Special memories of a dear Mum/Nan/ Great Nan on Mothering Sunday.
- 22 Dora Handyside. Remembering a special Mum/ Nan/Great Nan. Loved and missed by all her family.
- 22 Mary Skinner. Remembered with love on this special day. "God Bless". Margaret & Tony.
- 23 in loving memory of Joy Cammell. "Always in our thoughts". Love from all the family.
- 29 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

What a month we've just endured of wind and rain I'm so glad that our village is well above any rivers or flood plains but at the same time can't help thinking about the people in other parts of the UK whose homes have been flooded and ruined, we have remembered all those affected in our prayers and will continue to do so.

We must also remember all those affected by the Corona Virus whether victims of the virus or those in quarantine, and the medical staff caring for them, it seems that more and more cases are appearing all over the world each day.

We hope and pray that the scientists will soon discover some form of treatment and a vaccine that might protect us from this killer disease.

I am writing this offering for the newsletter on Ash Wednesday which is the start of Lent a period in the Christian Calendar leading up to Easter some people give up things for lent as a form of penance

or as we are doing take up a course of study for lent. This year in our house groups we are following a York Course, which involves listening to recordings of prominent Christians offering their thoughts and opinions on various aspects of Christian life, this year's course is entitled "Jesus Christ Superstar" we then consider and discuss their comments amongst ourselves.

Our activities for March are,

2nd March our Ladies Friendship meet at 7.45pm to hear about the life of a Paramedic contact Margaret on 01359241541 if you would like to join the ladies for what sounds like a very interesting evening.

12th March our Food & Friends lunch takes place at midday contact Jackie on 01359245918 if you haven't been before and would like to join us.

Our Sunday services at 10.30am will be led by:-

March 1st

Stephen Spurgeon (Inc Communion)

March 8th

Stephen Spurgeon (Sunday Morning together)

March 15th

Mike Forrester

March 22nd

Stephen Spurgeon

March 29th

Irene Martin

If you need any more information about our church and our activities contact Tony our church secretary on 01359241541 or go to our website www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk



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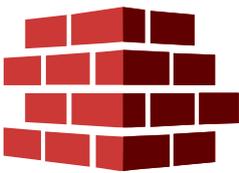


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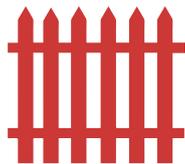
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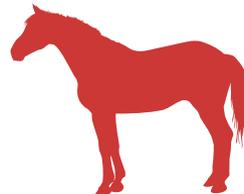
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We are also looking at how we can help customers who can no longer make it to the library or the mobile library due to health or mobility. If you would be interested in the home library service please get in touch. Also if you would be interested in volunteering to help with the home library service let me know.

The story sacks are proving popular. If you have not heard of them before story sacks are cloth bags containing a popular young children's picture book as well as puppets and props to bring children's favourite stories to life. You can find them above the beginner reads, short chapter books and picture books for older readers shelves or you can reserve them from other libraries just like regular books.

Another service you can get free through the library is access to digital editions of newspapers and magazines through PressReader. There is a selection of over 700 British publications as well as more from all over the world in various languages. If you enjoy broadsheets or tabloids there are many of the national newspapers. Or if you enjoy magazines there are several magazines covering all manner of interests and hobbies.

The main display this month will be books which have been made into films and released in 2019 or will be released later this year. This includes How we took to the air which the film The aeronauts was based on, Without remorse which is a Tom Clancey book which will come to cinemas in September and How to build a girl by Caitlin Moran.

We hope to see you soon, Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Suffolk Libraries offer a wide range of books, audiobooks, DVDs, internet access, printing and various eLibrary services. We also have a range of regular community events. We'd love to see you - please pop in and take a good book home.

Baby Bounce

Starts 9.10am every Tuesday

The Keep in Touch Community Café

10.30am Wednesday 18th March at the Fox

Lego Club

11.00am - 12.00 noon every Sunday

Adult Colouring

6.00pm - 7.00pm every Tuesday

The **Velveteen Rabbit** performance by Spinning Wheel Theatre Company
4pm Saturday 4th April Adults £4, Children £2

Elmswell Library Friends Group AGM

6pm Wednesday 22nd April

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CITIZENS ADVICE

I live in a privately rented two-bedroom house and the damp in the living room is aggravating my three-year-old daughter's asthma. I've told my landlord but she's not taking action. What can I do?

Resolving damp issues can be difficult - especially as the cause of the problem is not always obvious. Also, by raising any disrepair complaint to a private landlord it's important to realise that there is a risk of retaliatory eviction.

First, make sure you're not doing anything that could be contributing to the damp, such as drying clothes indoors or blocking vents. Once that's done, you have two potential routes available.

The first is to report the problem to the Environmental Health department at your local authority. This route is best if you're unsure what's causing the damp, but it's also an option if you think your landlord is responsible.

Tell your council the damp is causing your daughter's asthma to worsen and

provide evidence, including letters from your GP, photos of the damp, and a copy of your tenancy agreement.

The local authority can issue an awareness notice, which tells your landlord there's a hazard in the home and what she needs to do to fix it, although it does not require her to take action. The authority can also serve the more serious improvement notice, which requires your landlord to carry out the work and also offers you some protection from retaliatory eviction.

Alternatively, you could take her to court. Your landlord may be held responsible for repairing the damp but this will depend on the cause - such as a broken heater or window - and the terms of your tenancy agreement.

If she is responsible, the court can

grant an injunction and possibly award compensation. Seek advice from Citizens Advice before going down this route because the legal process can be complex. You may also be entitled to legal aid.

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.



WHAT GOES ON AT BLACKBOURNE?



There are currently more than 30 separate activities held at Blackbourne each month. When the new-improved Wesley is back in commission, hopefully in May, there will be scope for some of the groups which cannot be accommodated at the moment.

Meanwhile, by frequent request, we publish a breakdown of who does what and when. The contact details give access to more information and we have invited the various groups to give a brief outline of what they are about.



Circle Dancing

Drawing on traditional dances of many countries plus a growing repertoire set to classical music and contemporary songs, dances (lively or gentle) chosen reflect the group's abilities; the aim is to enjoy dancing with others and enhance well-being.

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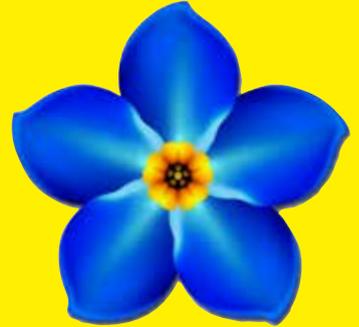


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Companions is a friendly group for carers and the ones they care for for.

And anyone who would like a friendly chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit you can play cards, scrabble or just have a chat to like-minded people.

We meet fortnightly at the Blackbourne centre from 10 am to 12 noon.
Look forward to seeing you.



Beavers meet, term time only, for children aged 6 – 8 – contact Ruth



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We look forward to welcoming you at our monthly meetings which cover all aspects of East Anglian history. We also organise outings to local places of interest, attend Sept's ElmsFest, and like to involve everyone in our community as much as possible.

To find out more, do read our monthly column in the village newsletter, and visit our extensive website –

www.elmswell-history.org.uk

Elmswell Art Club



Friendly, relaxed, and informal. Whether experienced or complete greenhorn join us on a Tuesday morning to paint, draw or sketch. You choose the subject and the materials, it's your choice, no one tells you what you have to do. There are no formal teaching lessons. All welcome.

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	Guides	evening	sueguides2011@talktalk.net
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TUESDAYS			
	Slimming World	morning + evening sessions	07979 151248
	Art Club	morning	welford955@btinternet.com
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	Bingo	evening - last Friday	brian.hawes@suffolk.gov.uk
	Mardle Quilters	all day- last Friday	stevenson33z@btinternet.com
	Sewing Bee	afternoon - 2 nd Saturday	isabel.burgess@live.com
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Managers Write Up – First Team

1st February we played Stage FC at home in what was a goal fest, finishing the game 9.1 winners and a hat trick for the leagues top goalscorer Ryan Mannell.

On the 8th February we travelled to 3rd place Kesgrave Kestrels (our boogie

side) we lost the 1st fixture against them dominating the game for 80 minutes and the latest game against them went the same way. We hit the bar and post numerous times and fair play to their keeper who also made some very good saves to keep them in the game. Our goal came from Josh Curtis but it wasn't enough for us and They ran out 2.1 winners. Very hard loss to take when we created so much and again dominated possession.

22nd of February we bounced back very well against another top team in the league Winesham Wasps. We won 4.1 against them earlier in the season. So to get another result like that would put us back on track. The lads didn't disappoint winning the game 4.0 goals from Will Crocker, Kieron Waller, and another 2 goals for Ryan Mannell.

Next game sees us face what looks like an inform Occold side which I believe will be one of the hardest games of the season so far. The following week we play our quarter final game against Brandon town reserves in the primary cup.

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Managers Write Up – Reserves

We left you last month savouring a clean sheet and four goals away at Needham Market 'A' with a little help from a few first team players. For our next game The Reserves were away to Somersham on their decidedly sloped pitch. We lost the toss and started uphill. Apart from gravity and the referee being against us, we were also missing our two main centre-backs. We gave away two early goals as Somersham rampaged downhill, and then two more before we started to play. Although 4-0 down at half time, we had worked our way back into the game and had finished the first half strongly. The second half continued with Elmswell pressing and dominating possession but despite our efforts we were unable to overcome the first half deficit. The game finished 4-2 with Josh Daly and Paul Cable pulling the two goals back. Our injury list lengthened the Sunday after with Ally Clarke breaking his ankle nastily; we wish him a speedy recovery.

On the 8th Feb we hosted local rivals Old Newton 'A' who we had narrowly edged 1-2 in the away fixture. They had several of their reserves in the squad and that probably made the difference. Ed Flack got his first goal for Elmswell, but a fairly close game ended 1-3 to the visitors; Old Newton making more of their opportunities than we did.

Stormy weather caused the local derby against Bacton to be called off leaving everyone hungry for the rematch against Somersham Reserves.

Conditions were not conducive to beautiful football in our game against Somersham. The weather was actually worse than for the cancelled game the previous week. The visitors again won the toss and went with the wind, pegging us back. Steven 'The Hoff' Reid made several important saves to keep us in the game. The second half had a lot less wind and a bit more quality. We finished strongly, coming close twice late on but 0-0 and a point a piece was probably a fair result. We have a couple of weeks off now so hopefully the weather will improve before our next game in mid-March.

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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD FLOWERS

Elmswell Scattered Orchard is here!

By the time this is published, we'll have completed our first three tree-planting sessions, so there will be new trees at Norman's Orchard in Lukeswood, around the Maze and beside the Library.

Our session at Elmswell Maze on 22nd was pretty straightforward, as the soil was soft and moist, making for easy digging. Once the hole was big enough for the roots of the tree in question, we beat in a strong support to keep the tree upright in this constant wind, then gently eased a tubex covering over the tree trunk to protect it. Then it was simply a case of backfilling the hole with the soil we'd removed.

While we were doing this heavy work, the kiddos entertained themselves rescuing worms, creating a bug hotel, sitting in other holes, chasing each other around the field (reminding me of The Little House on the Prairie opening credits!) and exploring the brick maze.



It's finally possible to complete a journey around the whole maze, as we met earlier in the month to lift soil from ALL of the bricks! Next time you visit, do pause to enjoy the new trees; two plums, two pears and one apple, and feel free to wear your child(ren) out by challenging them to start at the entrance the south-west tree, and run along the brick path the whole way around the maze!

Work at Crown Mill has had to be postponed, as we've discovered that there is quite a lot of metal under the grass, so we're researching to find out what is under there. However, by the time you're reading this, you'll also be able to see the bigger wildflower patch beside the library and the fruit trees we'll have planted there.

Further details, photos and updates are listed on our Facebook Group and website, so look keep up to date with our progress!

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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Orchards in the spring

Spring can be a fickle time of year. All the spring flowers seem to appear earlier each year, with some daffodils flowering even in January. At the same time, the weather can turn distinctly wintry. This year we've had gales, cold winds and LOTS of rain! When the weather is so mixed up it's difficult to identify long-term trends, but phenologists (scientists who study the changing seasons and the influence of changing weather patterns) are generally agreed that signs of spring – flowering bulbs, leaf buds, birds starting to build nests and animals emerging from hibernation – are gradually getting earlier. At the same time fluctuating weather events can sometimes be extreme – warm and sunny one day, then torrents of rain, or even snow, the next.

Against this background, when it comes to tree-planting, especially fruit trees, timing can be tricky. All of our trees are bare root, which means that they need to be planted in the winter months when they are dormant and the soil is still reasonably damp. Hard frosts can delay planting – sometimes you can't even get a spade in the ground! Equally, water-logged soil is a complete no-no. We just have to press on, grabbing a good day when it comes, and giving all of our trees robust protection from the wind, which just lately seems to be a near-constant presence. Once they're in, we watch anxiously, hoping that there won't be a late frost which could blight the blossom, ruling out a decent crop in the autumn. Then it's a matter of waiting, and praying that summer does not bring drought.

Our orchards

This year we've started planting our new Scattered Orchard as well as adding stock to our well-established plot at Lukeswood – Norman's Orchard. The groups of five trees at the Maze and next to the library will provide lots of delicious fruit that people can pick for themselves and take home – apples, pears and plums. Or – the best! – just eat straight from the tree. At Norman's Orchard we've added some more unusual varieties – figs, mulberry and quince. We hope the mulberry will grow into a long-lived and interesting tree. And it is a tree, despite – perhaps because of the nursery rhyme – everyone thinking that it's a bush. If you want to see a properly old mulberry, visit the garden of Gainsborough's House in Sudbury. As well as providing delicious fruit, the mulberry is also connected with the silk industry, and Sudbury has been the home of silk weaving in this country for many years up to the present day. While figs seem exotic to us, they can often be found in traditional Suffolk orchards where they flourish even in our unpredictable weather.

Turf-cutting, the quick and easy way!

Alongside our Scattered Orchard trees we're planning to sow wildflower seeds. In the summer this will be a feast for our eyes as well as for pollinating insects. For the wildflowers to take, areas of existing grass have to be removed, which can be an arduous job. So we are very grateful to Paul from CBRE GWS who brought a turf cutting machine to help us out at the library. Paul is part of the Grounds Maintenance ops within the BT workplace team and his company is the supplier of facilities management services to the UK and R.O.I BT estate. Paul looks after the grounds at the Elmswell telephone exchange (and many



other BT sites in the region). Using this brilliant machine made short work of cutting the turf, saving us a lot of hard work. Paul is planning to make the grassy area around the exchange more wildlife friendly by introducing areas of wildflowers, altering the mowing regime to encourage more wildflowers, and planting some small flowering trees to attract insects. It will add greatly to all the environmentally friendly pockets that we're beginning to introduce in the village. Cheers, Paul! Your help is much appreciated.

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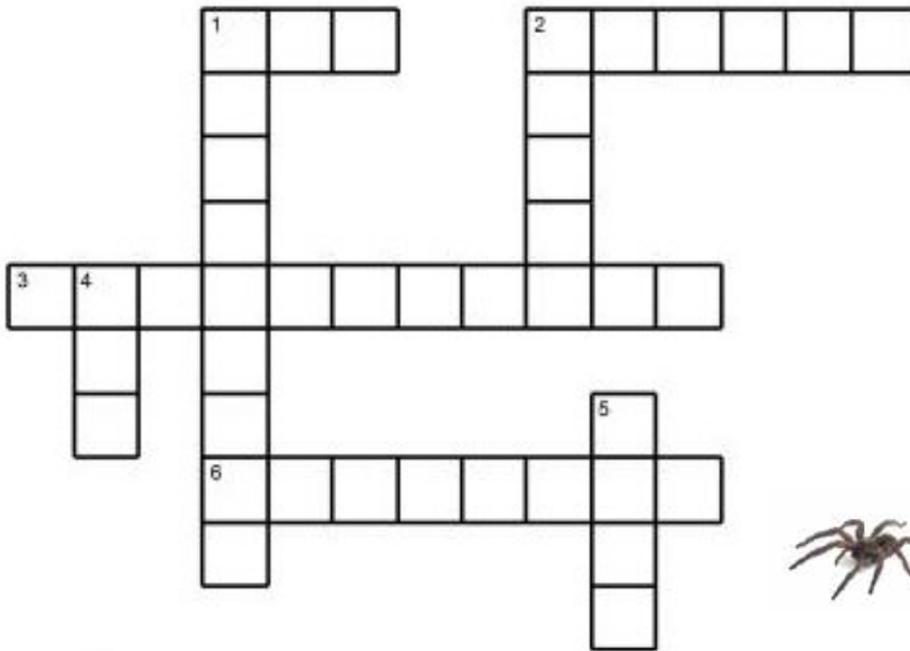
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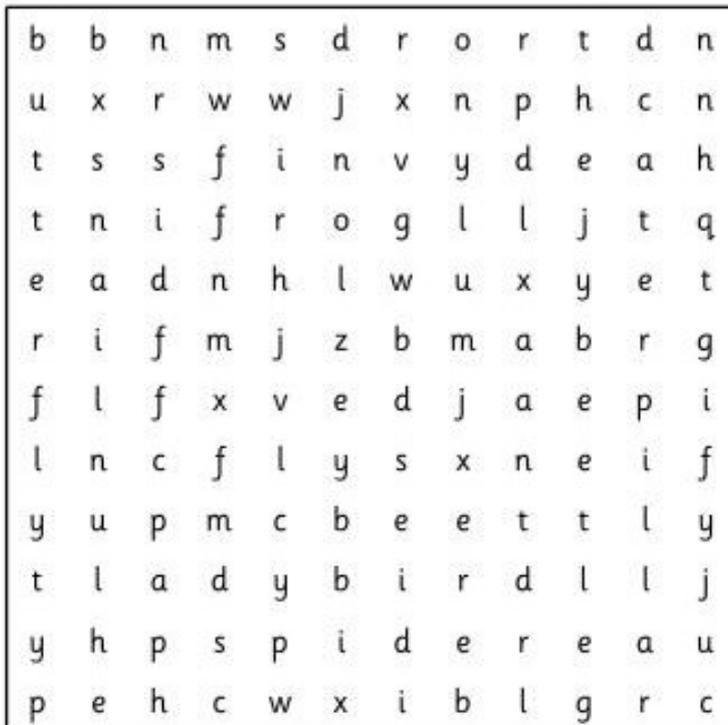
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2. I spin webs.
3. I'm a baby butterfly.
6. I'm red and spotty.

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1. I come out of a chrysalis.
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4. I live in a hill.
5. A tadpole turns into me.



Minibeast Wordsearch



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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Well, we can't say that we haven't had the best possible winter to set us up for a long, hot, dry summer, can we? Not that we will get one, of course. We all know that life doesn't work like that.

Also, it doesn't really apply to Bowls Greens anyway as they are not designed to store moisture but to let it drain through. It does make one wonder what it happening with the weather though as it is definitely becoming more extreme and a high water bill for the Foxes this summer is something to seriously budget for.



Rain encourages moss to grow on grass and is the bane of bowls greens so, unsurprisingly, it is having a field day at our Blackbourne green. Fortunately, we have the use of the EPC's latest acquisition, a motorised sprayer. It is a battery-operated beast with a 50 litre tank and a 2 metre spray beam. Being 40 metres square, the green took ages to spray using back-packs and we never managed to get a good, even coverage but now things are very different. Also, switching to liquid reagents means no messy filtering and iron sulphate always turned my fingers black so I looked as if I was in the early stages of frostbite!

I have a picture of Dick Burch and Mark Edwards making their maiden voyage with the new sprayer so you will understand if they look a little apprehensive. The other shots are from a September work party and show Treasurer, Barry Hayward attempting to tunnel his way out of the green and Dick and Mark aided by Eddie Barber and Peter Williams planting potatoes.

Not much news on the team front but the Bury and District league website is still advertising for a league Secretary without whom we will have no fixtures so a season of friendlies is looking a distinct possibility. This would be very damaging for our beloved sport but, as most of us just want to play bowls, not the end of the world.

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



ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL March Report

Full Council is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Monday monthly, excepting August, unless the timetable for responding to consultations on Planning applications requires an extraordinary meeting. The Ordinary February meeting took place on the 17th at Blackbourne with 8 councillors present together with 3 member of the public and, for part of the meeting, SCC Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey.

This report is compiled from that 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 January, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Planning results

The Meeting noted the following results of Planning Applications determined by Mid Suffolk District Council as the Planning Authority:

DC/19/05924 Erection of two storey rear extension...Ten-Ten, Kiln Lane... GRANTED...EPC supported

DC/19/03924 Outline Planning up to 65 dwellings... Land to the West of Former Bacon Factory...REFUSED... EPC objected

DC/19/05810 Erection of 3no. dwellings ... Land at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane... GRANTED ...EPC objected

DC/20/00129 Non material amendment DC/18/01679 removal of window... Land to the North and South of Wetherden Road...APPROVED... EPC no comment

DC/19/05599 Discharge of Conditions Application 3469/16 – Condition 10... Land to the East of Borley Crescent... REFUSED...EPC no comment

DC/19/05703 Siting of a residential caravan... Ten Ten, Kiln Lane... REFUSED...EPC objected

DC/20/00076 Single storey extension... The Cottage, Church Road... GRANTED... EPC Supported

DC/19/05959 Discharge of Conditions... Land adjacent Wetherden Road...EPC did not comment

Planning Applications

The Meeting discussed the following as forwarded for comment by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority, and agreed to submit comments as detailed:

DC/20/00233 Submission of details re Conditions 16, 17 & 27 under Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01279 Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

The detail provided in this application serves to reinforce concerns regarding the highway access. There are 60 HGV/LGV units to be accommodated in a location from which Westbound access to A14 can only be safely effected by detouring along the old A45, through Haughley New Street to the Tothill interchange. The benefits in time and mileage to the drivers of the short cuts afforded through Elmswell and Woolpit already result in abuse of the weight restriction at Warren Lane Elmswell. The lack of signage reinforcing the Warren Lane HGV ban renders it less than effective and this proposal will worsen the

hazards thus created. Meanwhile, the 80 car parking spaces for vehicles which can legitimately use the single-track Warren Lane / Kiln Lane access impose a serious further hazard and reduce considerably the chance that the host community will choose to cycle or walk rather than resort to car travel.

Concerns have widely been expressed regarding the imposition on to the otherwise rural landscape imposed by the already completed building adjacent to this site. The startling and harsh blue colour scheme is viewed by many as being painfully intrusive. This is set to be repeated here and, unless reason prevails and a more suitable green-hued theme is followed, it presents grounds for further objection.

Councillors urged rejection of this Proposal having had reference to Local Plan policies E9, E12 &

T10 and NPPF paras. 102, 124 & 127,

DC/19/05878 Erection of 1no. dwelling (following demolition of buildings) Land North of Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

The Settlement Boundary, as defined in the Local Plan, now has behind it the empowering factor of an accepted 5 year housing land supply. The site is in the countryside outside of the Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly

take place. Further, the site is not identified in the emerging joint Local Plan as suitable for development. With regard to the strong policy imperatives aimed at protecting the existing character and appearance of the countryside, this proposal offers no justification for exceptional treatment and does not present a case for special consideration under categories identified and defined in the Local Plan, the Core Strategy or the National Planning Policy Framework. The current burden of development with extant Permission amounts to a 37% uplift in housing stock imposed on a community already suffering from poor infrastructure provision, in particular regarding education and highways. There is no need for the extra dwelling proposed.

Furthermore, the emerging Joint Local Plan has it, at LP24, that development should 'Respond and safeguard the existing character and context', and that, 'Development

that fails to improve the quality and character of the area will not be supported.' This ad hoc, opportunistic off-Plan proposal clearly fails on both of these counts. If granted, it would breach the current building line boundary presented by the existing farm track and represents an incursion into an adjacent holding which would make further creep of development difficult to resist. In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies SB1 & H7, Core Strategy Policies CS1 & CS2, National Planning Policy Framework para.55 and to the emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan.

Wesley

The Clerk included, in his Report to the Meeting, an update on the position at the Wesley project site on School Road where works are proceeding with no factors likely to cause serious problem or delay. The heat pump boreholes are now drilled, the flow / return pipework embedded and the site can now be cleaned off towards preparation for surfacing. The chapel floor is now laid to the first concrete course with all top works complete and scaffolding removed. As the new-build takes shape a site visit is to be arranged for Councillors and BWMA Committee members to gain a 'feel' of

the various spaces towards deciding on refinements and finishing touches. The project remains deliverable on time and within budget.

Greene King site

The Clerk's Report included the fact that he had attended with the Chairman at meetings with professional advisors towards confirming the way forward regarding various strands of the conveyance of the Greene King site. Advice confirms that it is clearly to the community's fiscal advantage that the purchase will be with the Railway Tavern as a going concern. It is proposed that the business will continue as-is with the current tenant continuing under exactly the same terms as currently maintain although, as previously stated, EPC has no plans beyond the purchase of the site. For the transfer of a going concern to be tax-effective, EPC must be registered for VAT, which process was agreed by Councillors.

HMRC has accepted the principle of registration under Trust status which removes the condition that liability falls on Council Members. The Council's RFO will bear liability for any shortcoming or default in this regard. This Registration does not affect the Council's current VAT arrangement which, typically for Councils & some bodies of charitable intent, allows for the recovery of VAT but does not allow VAT to be levied on any sales. Meanwhile, draft Contracts are with lawyers on either side and, as and when there is a finalised document presented and recommended for adoption, Council will be convened to consider signing-off.

Elmswell Community Land Trust

The Clerk reported that, together with the Chairman and Cllrs Mansell & Shaw, who had expressed a specific interest, he had met with Debbie Wildridge of Locality, the Government's community support organisation, on 10th February to take forward the formation of the Elmswell Community Land Trust which proposal seems to have received wide community support. Regardless of any appropriate development on the Greene King site, an ECLT would, once established, stand ready to front community developments elsewhere in the village. This core group will

seek to add 3 other residents to their number in order to establish, by means of wide public consultation and publicity, a membership base from which will emerge an elected Board of up to 12 Members reporting to the AGM. The format is well tried and tested nationally and is governed by well-founded model rules and operational frameworks, copies of which had been circulated to all Councillors.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that Stowmarket Town Council and MSDC are funding a refurbishment project at the Regal in Stowmarket where work is due to begin in March and should be complete by the end of the year. During this time, films will be shown at the John Peel Centre. Meanwhile, SCC have agreed in principal to take on the old housing units at Thedwastre Close for supported housing, but they need to be refurbished by MSDC before that can happen. Both Members had, at a recent Development Control Committee meeting, supported the Parish Council's case against the recent Planning application (ref DC/19/03924) seeking outline Planning permission for up to 65 houses to the west of the Taylor Wimpey site on the old Bacon Factory. The unanimous refusal went against Officer recommendation for approval and reasoned:

"The application would result in the expansion of Elmswell to the west and would place a burden upon the infrastructure of the village to cope. The site is not allocated in the Local Plan (1998), Core Strategy (2008) or Focused Review (2012) and is not proposed to be allocated within the emergent Joint Local Plan as a sustainable development supported by services and benefiting from suitable access to those services. While the emergent Joint Local Plan does allocate other development sites within Elmswell, the supporting Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019) makes account for these and provision is made for the expansion of facilities and services in order to cope with the impacts of development on these allocated sites. This site is unallocated and as such sits outside of the scope of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan

(2019) such that there may not be capacity within the existing services, including provision of school places, to accommodate the increased population that is expected were this application to be approved. In conclusion, the emerging Joint Local Plan is given reasonable weight alongside the current policy position for proper planned development. In this case, as directed by the National Planning Policy Framework (2019), the merits and benefits offered by this application are not considered to outweigh the risk to sustainability of future development within this settlement."

Village Warden

The Meeting agreed that Kevin Knock of Grove Lane should be appointed Elmswell's Village Warden following the vacancy caused by Peter Hancock having moved on. The task includes being an ambassador for EPC whilst engaged in activities designed to keep our village clean and pleasant.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 16th March 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.



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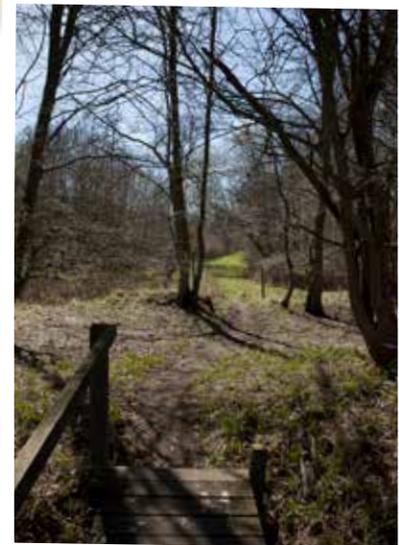
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March 2020

- 2 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church 7.45pm. Lester Burdis is coming to talk about his work as a Paramedic. All ladies welcome.
- 4 Elmswell Exchange WI - The Mysteries of Easter Island - Chris Parfitt Comp: A quirky or unusual item
- 6 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 5 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Mike Smith, Stowmarket Food Bank
- 12 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Frances Hart: "British Canals and Waterways"
- 17 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Chris Reeve Head Gardener - 'A Gardener's Year at Helmingham' Hall
- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr. Parfitt Cornwall + Raffle
- 19 Over 55's Club Fish & Chip Supper followed by AGM
- 20 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 22 Over 55's Club Tynedale Llandudno Mock Cruise 4 nights
- 27 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 28 Elmswell Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale
- 29 10:30am - Mercy Ships Sunday at St John's Church Elmswell

April 2020

- 1 Elmswell Exchange WI - An Afternoon with The Dance Comp: Any Dance related item
- 2 Over 55's Club "Bryan of Note" entertains Visitors welcome
- 3 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 9 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Elmswell History Group's 20th Anniversary meeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Claire Gapper: "Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk"
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm David McDonnell, Romans in Suffolk
- 16 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 17 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon

- 19 10:30am - Messy Church at St John's Church Elmswell
- 21 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Speaker: Jim Paine from Walnut Tree Garden Nursery - 'The Secret Life of Plants'
- 21 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr. Leader Portugal + Raffle
- 24 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 30 Over 55's Club Sing along with Hank Open evening

May 2020

- 1 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 6 Elmswell Exchange WI - AGM and Resolutions Meeting Comp: A landscape photograph
- 12 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Annual General Meeting
- 14 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Jacquie Norman: "Tudor Costume in the time of Henry VIII" *July tickets on sale*
- 14 Over 55's Club Outing
- 15 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 17 7:00pm - Songs of Praise - Cambodia theme - at St John's Church Elmswell
- 19 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Outing
- 19 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm Speaker: Chris Dale - 'Sweet Peas'
- 28 Over 55's Club
- 29 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 29 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon

June 2020

- 3 Elmswell Exchange WI - Edith Cavell - A British Heroine - Richard Mann Comp: Any memorabilia from World War 1
- 6 7:00pm - Quiz Night at St John's Church Elmswell
- 9 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Judith Muncila, A look at the lighter side of life
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7pm A.G.M., the Speaker Anthony Cobbold: "The Cobbold Family" *July tickets on sale*
- 11 Over 55's Club Bingo

- 12 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 16 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm Speaker: Dr Ian Bedford - 'The trouble without wasps'
- 16 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Talk Our Special Friends + Raffle
- 25 Over 55's Club Music with "Times Past" open evening
- 26 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 26 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 28 12:30pm - St John's Church BBQ at the Rectory

July 2020

- 1 Elmswell Exchange WI - The Work of a Parish Nurse - Lesley Williams Comp: A single flower in a container of your choice
- 9 Over 55's Club Strawberry Supper
- 9 Elmswell History Group- 6.45pm. Annual Outing - Bury Cathedral Details and Tickets from 01359-242601
- 10 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Summer outing
- 21 Elmswell Exchange Social Club A.G.M. + Strawberry Tea
- 21 Elmswell Gardening Club Summer Outing to Helmingham Hall. Coach will leave the Blackbourne car park at 1.00pm
- 23 Over 55's Club Bury Male Voice Choir in Jubilee Hall Visitors welcome
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 31 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

August 2020

- 2 2:30pm - St John's Summer walk (meet at Rectory)
- 5 Elmswell Exchange WI - Members Meeting - Create a Bookmark with Jayne Comp: The best three on the day
- 6 Over 55's Club Outing
- 7 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Social evening
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Corncraft
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- 28 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 31 Over 55's Club Holiday



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