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## **Surely we can be trusted to manage our own covid crisis?**

**We've done OK so far without the social straitjacket needed to restrain top-tier-transgressors. For we are law abiding East Anglian folk, with St Edmund as our guide – one of several patron saints of plagues and pandemics. Doubt the powers of his intercession as we may, it would seem a safer bet than intravenous bleach.**

But no. We are to be locked down along with those unfortunate communities featured in the brightest colours on the TV press conference slides which gloomily plot the daily viral-creep across the land. East Anglia resolutely remains a dull shade of muddy-magnolia, determinedly below the pandemic rainbow, with figures representing just 5% of the many hundreds suffered by the seriously stricken.

But, regardless of our cleaner bill of health, we are to consider ourselves a risk to others for at least 28 days and revert to a meagre month enduring the threadbare daily grind of binge television interspersed with sessions of choral hand washing and masking-up to pop to the Mace or the Co-op.

Over the months our pages suggest, however, that we are not, actually, to be trusted. Common sense seems to desert us in certain specific regards. The annual appeal for hedges to be trimmed back from blocking the pavement and forcing baby buggies and wheelchairs into the gutter. The suggestion that, when the paper / bottle / textile banks are full it is very unhelpful to simply pile household recycling onto the pavement to become wet and windblown inviting yet more to consider this is a better option than taking the stuff back home for a few days grace while the collection system catches up. The dog-owning fraternity has its own problem minority.

And there's the speeding.

In this month's report, our Parish Council pledges another £5,000.00 towards upgrading the SIDs - Speed Indicator Devices - in the village to allow easier collection of data and a whole new site on Wetherden Road. This follows closely on the recent initiative to provide 30mph reminder stickers for wheelie bins along the village's busy main roads. It underpins the stalwart work of our volunteer Community Speed Watch Group who are out in all weathers scanning the traffic with their speed gun and passing on their often shocking findings to the Police for action.

Of course we do ourselves a great disservice if we ignore the hold that motors and motoring have acquired since, in 1886, Herr Karl Benz patented his Benz Patent-Motorwagen. Over 134 years, affluence and marketing have since taken the idea of a self-propelling machine to transport an individual from A to B to fantastical lengths of engineering and innovation feeding upon the clear acknowledgement that the car is an extension of the driver. That driver, who can make an enormous statement of power and prestige by simply buying a great big car, does so with little thought for the social or environmental consequences. The trickle-down effect for lesser mortals is evident in go-faster stripes and the occasional furry dice dangling in the windscreen...the overall effect is that bigger, better and flashier also means faster.

Well beyond our sleepy Suffolk enclave there is pressure to amend the Highway Code so that drivers are taught to expect 20mph in built-up areas. It is only the cost of signage which stops, for example, Birmingham slowing down 90% of its road network (the cost would be £12m pounds and it would take 5 years to implement). Where the costs have been manageable and duly met, the results are cheering.

**“...a meagre month enduring the threadbare daily grind of binge television interspersed with sessions of choral hand washing and masking-up to pop to the Mace or the Co-op.”**

In Chipping Norton, where lorries would thunder through at 60mph, they now register at 40mph or less. Still too fast, still over the limit, but slower and safer.

The reduced limits are often backed up with changes to the driving environment. The 'Streets for People' movement is a Europe-wide attempt to fight back against car dominance of our lives. As is inevitable, there is a posh new name for an old idea – 'pedestrianisation,' is now, 're-purposing', but there seems to be an advantage in removing the clear delineation between road and pavement and introducing physical barriers so that traffic cannot assume dominance.

Conversely, recent experiments during the pandemic have caused a backlash in some of our big cities where attempts to control the harmful emissions from through-traffic have created the need for enormous diversions. In the North London constituencies for some of our senior MP's there are demonstrations against the ETO's - experimental traffic orders - introduced as, 'People Friendly Streets'. Consequently, they won't last long.

We suggest 2 ways forward, both most unlikely to be implemented:

**20** Give Elmswell Parish Council (other Councils are available) the statutory right to implement traffic orders and install enforcement measures such as number plate recognition and average speed cameras. Then, return the fines that are collected back to the Parish Council rather than to the Treasury. The fines pay for the enforcement, the enforcement produces the fines. Virtuous circle.

**20** All Elmswell residents drive through their village at 20 mph. The chances are that, at any one time, most of our road traffic will include at least one resident...the traffic behind them will travel at 20mph. Some colourful language, but on safer roads.





## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Some time ago I started an occasional series of profiling individual members, their backgrounds, when they started painting, had they had formal lessons, where they came from and so forth. This month I thought I would do a feature about Anna Hawes especially as, in all the time in which I have been writing pieces for the Newsletter, I have to my shame and embarrassment never even shown any of her paintings. So recently I toddled off to see Anna and learnt a bit more about her, what makes her tick, her history and likes and dislikes, etc. We sat in her comfortable living room chaperoned by husband David and suitably applying correct social distancing. How wonderful to hear David speaking! The wonders of modern medical science! I outlined my ideas of how we should proceed and what I might write. Anna would have absolutely none of it. "I don't want to talk about my background or family, I want to talk about painting". As Robert Burns said, English translation at least, "All the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry". So instead of delving into history and what-not I spent a really enjoyable hour hearing all about different painting techniques, materials and understanding and appreciating Anna's enthusiasm. I could happily have spent so much longer there but felt I could not intrude any longer.

Anna does not trace, do portraits or landscapes or "formal". All of her work is abstract where she allows the paint to do the work. She has no real idea as to how the painting will turn out especially as so much work is experimental. Not only does she use paint to create her pictures, wood, cloth, string, salt, sandpaper and other unlikely materials are used. Shown here are three random examples of her recent work.



### **The green coloured background picture.**

Using 140lb. paper previously stretched and taped to a board, wetted slightly and randomly sprinkled with powdered paint called Brusho. Brusho is available in all art supplies shops and comes in boxes of twelve or twenty small pots of different colours. When this is applied to wet paper it spreads, mixes and intermingles to create a pattern. How much and where the powder is dropped onto the paper dictates to some degree the final pattern and also how wet the paper is. When dry Anna, who confesses to have a soft spot for seed heads, uses acrylic paint to paint the seed heads as this will cover the Brusho. She does an outline of the seed head with an ink pen.

### **The brown coloured background picture.**

Again using 140lb. paper apply a generous layer of water colour paint and whilst still wet, dab the paint with scrunched-up cling film to create a pattern. You can do the same by laying cling film over the wet paint and press down, lift off and there's the background done. Then do the seed heads in the same way as above. Of course, it doesn't have to be seed heads, you can do whatever you like.

### **The blue coloured background picture.**

This uses a product called Gesso (pronounced Jesso). You can buy this in a jam jar sized pot. It has a texture rather like stiff icing sugar which when you lift the spoon out of the mixture it stays up in peaks. Fix your paper to a board and then apply the Gesso onto the paper, in individual lumps or to make a rough design. Press another board exactly the same size as the original on top fairly firmly, lift off and allow the Gesso to dry. The end result is three dimensional. Once dry, apply watercolour paint. You can also rub the picture with sandpaper to create an interesting surface.



**Colour is a passion,  
painting is a passion.**

*Barbara Januskiewicz  
American painter, educator  
and creative activist*

These are just three examples of Anna's use of paints and varied materials to create interesting, different and exciting images. I can't get back soon enough to the Wesley to try my hand doing something I would never have tried without Anna's enthusiastic encouragement.

*John Welford 01359 240166*

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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON W.I.

**October has been a disappointing month so far.** Normally you can rely on some lovely autumn days but they have been few and far between.

**All our members will be pleased to know that their new meeting place is exceptional.** I was given a guided tour this morning with Barbara Yeates and four other group representatives. I was very impressed with the design, finish and excellent use of space. The Meeting Room which will be our new home, when we can eventually begin again, is spacious, light and you will be pleased to know **warm**. No more Christmas afternoon teas sitting in our coats. The other facilities are state of the art and the new Coffee Shop has everything a modern replica in Bury

St. Edmunds would wish for. The Chapel itself took my breath away. It has been turned into a light, airy and spacious meeting/party venue with the most modern equipment for sound and vision. There is a superb sprung wooden floor for dancing (and I did). All this has been completed with the integrity of the old Chapel protected. In fact, the old stained glass windows are at last displayed at their best and seem much more visible. My congratulations go to all the team who were instigators of this venture and brought it to fruition. You should all feel proud of the result.

As far as I am aware all our members are fine and coping well with the current situation. Unfortunately,

Florrie hasn't been too good so I have sent her a card with a letter enclosed so that she knows we are all thinking of her. With the strict visiting regimes in Care Homes at present it can't be very pleasant not to see your family.

As for me, John and I have had our Flu jabs at the Elmswell Pharmacy. Very quick, very efficient and with a friendly smile. We didn't have to sit with our sleeves rolled up and arms hanging out of a car window so that was a bonus. How lucky to have a good Pharmacy in the village for Elmswell folk and Wetherden folk like us. The way things are going, it won't be long before we are joined up anyway.

*Keep Safe and Keep Smiling.  
Maureen Davis*

## ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

How do you cope with the leaves that fall thick and fast onto garden paths, borders, and lawns? Are you someone who looks out of the window and takes a big 'sigh' at the amount that have fallen over night? Or do you stand in amazement at the glorious autumn glory of flame-red leaves and burnt-gold foliage? It is no wonder that America refers to the autumn season as 'The Fall'. Walking through wooded areas, along the village paths or just admiring what has landed in your own humble garden you cannot but marvel at the glorious colour surrounding you. Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, when daylight hours get noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably as we witness the shedding of leaves from deciduous tree.

So, what to do about leaves? Composting takes time, patience and effort but simply making leaf mould is a great way to clear the excess for the benefit your garden - maybe not this year but certainly next. If you have the

space and time, then the soft cushiony texture of leaf mould found naturally in woodlands just above the soil is a brilliant way to enrich the earth. Leaf mould decomposes slowly adding nutrients to the soil that gradually feed plants. It is not as rich in nutrient value as completely composted leaves, but it is easier and quicker to make. It will make a useful mulch around the garden and has a fantastic ability to retain water. Good topsoil can hold around 60% of its weight in water, but leaf mould can hold 300% and more of its own weight in water!

It is easy to get started. All you need is a wire container or some sacks with holes punched into the sides to store the leaves. Sweep them into a pile and scoop into your chosen containers, dampen and wait. The leaf mould should be ready to use next spring or summer but can be stored even longer if you prefer. However, you may not have room in your garden to give space to a bin of leaves. The answer to this could be to leave a pile in a corner

of your garden as a welcome refuge for small creatures and insects. Watch closely as winter sets in as the birds love to dive in and see what they can find.

November would have been the last formal meeting of the Elmswell Gardening Club for this year. We continue to plan for a return to the Club activities in 2021 when a full programme of talks has been arranged for all those who love gardening. If you are not already a member make a note in your diary to join us on the third Tuesday in the month when the Club 'will meet again'.

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



## WHEN THE PAPER BANK IS FULL...

which is often the case during the current circumstances, please, take your papers back home until there's room in the containers.

Same with bottles and textiles please.

PS It's a great help to our volunteers who try to keep the site clean and tidy if you remember no bedding or curtains in the textile bank (it blocks it up!) and NO FLY TIPPING of general waste items.





## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

### 80th anniversary of WW2's 'Battle of Britain', 1940

Some of you may have been able to visit the Imperial War Museum's Duxford site to attend one of their recent Battle of Britain tours or look round the refreshed and permanent Exhibition on this subject - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/battle-of-britain>. Much closer to home and as described to us so comprehensively by Terry O'Donoghue back in February, is Bury's impressive Guildhall - <https://burystedmundsguildhall.org.uk/> - just re-opened for guided tours. There the personnel of the Observer Corps who staffed the WW2 Operations Room played a pivotal role as the 'many' who supported the 'few' to win this strategic battle of the air - #BattleOfBritain80. Also, radar stations such as at Bawdsey provided invaluable intelligence throughout WW2 and particularly during the Battle of Britain when 2,600 Luftwaffe planes were set against the RAF's 640. Some of us were fortunate to hear Miriam Stead's SLHC talk on the

improvements and re-opening after major Lottery-funded refurbishment of Bawdsey Radar Museum - <https://www.bawdseyradar.org.uk/>. Of course, there were WW2 airfields all over East Anglia, and Martlesham Heath Control Tower Museum is also worth a visit when you can - <http://www.mhas.org.uk/> - as that was one of the main local bases for Spitfires and Hurricanes.

November being the month of **Remembrance Day**, from our collection we have reviewed the book **"The Last Fighting Tommy"** - the Life of Harry Patch, 1898-2009. Harry was the last British Tommy left alive to have fought in the WW1 trenches, and was the last British male with a 19th century birth date. As such, he was not unique among millions of his comrades who endured that prolonged and supreme test of nerve and courage but, uniquely, as the last survivor, he embodies them all, while remaining extraordinarily bright and eloquent to the end.

Although Harry was a somewhat reluctant military man, he believed that he must "do his bit", like so many others. He was very matter-of-fact about Remembrance Day itself (some might say scathingly so), saying that *"For me, 11th November is just show business; the Armistice Day celebrations are nothing but a show of military force. I don't think there is any actual remembrance except for those who have lost someone they really cared for in either war. That day, the day I lost my pals, 22nd September 1917, that is my Remembrance Day, not Armistice Day."*

Much of what we consider so quintessentially a part of the Edwardian age was so mundane to a child of that time that it seemed to Harry hardly worth mentioning. His childhood was in a small village just outside Bath, where rural poverty was rife (similarly in Suffolk), but lack of money did not mean a lack of fun in the Somerset countryside. Children lived at a time

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The garden of Harry's home. The original building was destroyed by the Luftwaffe in 1940. The garden was built by Harry's mother in 1941.



Looking for the trees. Behind the trees was an excellent and extensive garden with many trees.



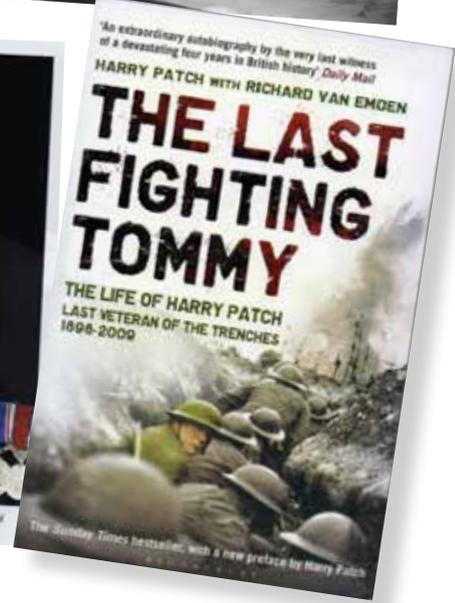
A Line Gun team in the trenches. The soldiers are in the foreground and the machine gun is in the background. The soldiers are in the foreground and the machine gun is in the background.



Harry's father would bring up to him in the trenches. He would bring up to him in the trenches. He would bring up to him in the trenches.



Harry in 1941. Above the medals is the cap badge of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.



when danger was accepted and managed, and accidents were an unavoidable fact of life and of growing up. The book contains some tantalising glimpses of many a boyhood adventure and mischievous scrape. Harry grew up in what is now an almost forgotten world; the country life into which he was born was parochial in the extreme.

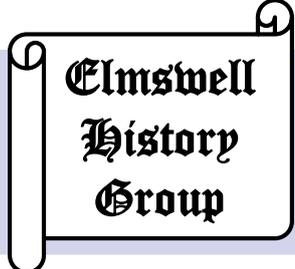
To give some context to Harry's long life - in the year he was born, it was just 22 years since Custer's Last Stand at the battle of Little Bighorn, and 19 years since Rorke's Drift, in time much closer to Harry than the Falklands War is for us: and Queen Victoria still had nearly three years to reign! He was five when the Wright brothers took the first power-controlled flight in 1903, nine when Baden-Powell formed the Scout movement, nearly 14 when the *Titanic* sank, and he began his first job the year in which suffragette Emily

Davidson threw herself under the King's horse at the Epsom Derby.

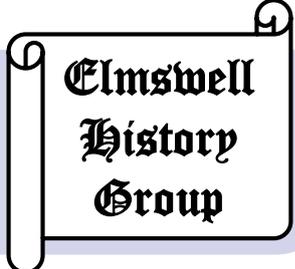
Some of Harry's childhood was spent exploring the local underground caves after his father took him down there at the age of 10, to investigate why a wall in their house had shifted; these were the quarries from which the famous Bath stone was mined. When Harry qualified as a Sanitary Inspector, he got to know these underground workings even better: so much so that in 1990, at age 92, he was asked by geologists from Bristol University to help explore the tunnels, using the knowledge he retained from his childhood.

Harry just happened to be the last to witness the remarkable moment in history of WW1's Western Front battle. When he died, the battle and the war joined the long pantheon of other battles and wars that Britain has fought down the centuries and that are now beyond living memory. Yet Harry was hardly warlike: on the contrary, as a

reluctant conscript he never wanted to fight anyone and, indeed, he recalled a hair-raising incident of an oncoming German soldier whom Harry chose to shoot in the leg rather than anywhere more fatal. In 2004, he was pleased to meet and shake hands with a German veteran, who was conscripted just like Harry, and fought for his Kaiser as Harry had fought for his King. As Harry points out, the German Kaiser and British King were "relations, of course, cousins, so it was a family affair, which just shows you how stupid war is". There was a natural fighter in Harry: his war experiences made him want to fight for justice on many fronts, and they changed his attitude to life. But his instinct to fight was not something entirely derived from his war experiences (he also served in the Auxiliary Fire Service during WW2), coming more from his nature when, as an Edwardian child, he learnt to stand on his own two feet.



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The artists will also be visiting villages across Mid-Suffolk and Babergh,

including Laxfield, Eye, Combs, Buxhall and Westhorpe, where they will connect with village residents to create artworks, drawing on the many and varied ways in which communities connect.

If you fancy getting together, but not face-to-face, then why not join one of the friendly Community online get-togethers? Whether it's taking part in a writing group or one of the Radio Drama Listening Clubs, these relaxed Zoom sessions will help you develop technical skills and confidence whilst enjoying a creative workshop.

The Zoom sessions are ALL FREE, but booking essential as spaces are limited.

**Full information about the activities can be found at [www.makedoandfriends.co.uk](http://www.makedoandfriends.co.uk).**

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#### **Forthcoming dates**

Creative writing and Zoom skills with Dean Parkin, 3rd November, 10.30am-12.00pm.

Get more out of online radio drama listening with Lynn Whitehead, 30th November, 11.00am-12.30pm.

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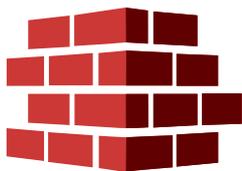
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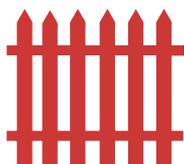
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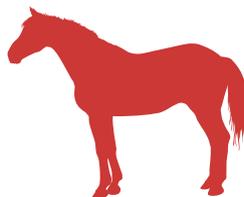
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The library is back to being open to 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This month's book group has moved time to 6pm on Monday 9th November. The audiobook is *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz and read by Allan Corduner and Samantha Bond.

'When editor Susan Ryeland is given the tattered manuscript of Alan Conway's latest novel, she has little idea it will change her life. She's worked with the revered crime writer for years and Susan knows only too well, vintage crime sells handsomely. But Conway's latest tale of murder isn't quite what it seems... Between the pages of the manuscript hides another story, one of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition and murder.'

This month's book display has been inspired by the gunpowder plot. All the books are based on some plot of treason, to gain power or overthrow rulers. The books spread from fiction set in the 12th century with *The Anarchy* and *Empress Matilda* and King Stephen to fiction of an exiled Russian countess in the 20th century

We will be putting out our Christmas book selection later in the month so keep an eye out for that. They are available to reserve all year through the Suffolk Libraries website so you can read them before they are on display too.

We have Christmas cards for sale. Each pack is 10 cards total with 2 designs and cost £3.99. We are a charity and these cards help support us and the work we do across all libraries to nurture children's literacy, support vulnerable people and promote wellbeing across Suffolk.

Royal British legion poppies are available from the library for a donation. We also have wristbands, pins and crosses from them.

For the latest updates about which services are available and where they are available check <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/>.

Stay well and I hope to see you soon,

*Miles*

### What's on at Elmswell Library?

#### Baby Bounce

There will be a Baby Bounce post on Elmswell Library Facebook page 11am every Tuesday.

#### Online Audio Book Club

*Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz and read by Allan Corduner and Samantha Bond

6pm on Monday 9th November (2nd Monday of the month)

#### The Keep in Touch Community Café

Cancelled until further notice.

#### Lego Club

Lego ideas will be posted on Facebook every Sunday.

#### Elmswell Library Friends Group AGM

Postponed until further notice.

### Open times

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10.30am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 7pm
Wednesday:	2.30pm – 5pm
Thursday:	10.30am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 7pm
Friday:	2.30pm – 5pm
Saturday:	10.30am – 1pm
Sunday:	10.30am – 3pm

## OUR COVER PICTURE SHOWS...

Staff and their enthusiastic charges from Little Elms took the opportunity recently to try out the refurbished play area at Blackbourne. Parish Councillors Sue Roots and Mike Schofield have worked with the Parish Clerk to specify some new play equipment replacing redundant and worn wooden pieces before the re-laying of the safety play surface which had deteriorated beyond repair over 10 years of intensive, and increasing, use.

The new apparatus includes a 'Streetboard' spring-mounted balancing board, a junior climbing wall and a log traverse.

The opportunity was taken to remove the slide for a full refurbishment – specialist stainless steel works requiring expert fabricating techniques which were carried out by Mark Manning and colleagues from local engineers Uniseed. An excellent job and all carried out - removal, refurbishment & refitting - free of charge.

The main contract was funded in the sum of £33,000.00 entirely from the

Community Infrastructure Levy which is a charge paid by developers on every house built.





## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St John's.

October was a funny month. We tried to recreate a bit of normality, but nothing is really normal at the moment. Nonetheless, the month began with an enjoyable all age celebration of Harvest. Thank you for the tremendous response to our appeal for donations for Stowmarket Foodbank. The guys at the foodbank are a great bunch of volunteers, helping to looking after those in need – especially important at this time.

Also this month we enjoyed a quiz night by Zoom, which was great fun. Many of us got to know the Mr. Men characters a bit better (a lot of points were going on that round!) Our annual meeting was also by Zoom. It was very encouraging to think back to how 2019 was such a great year, mainly because we were able to gather together in numbers, both socially and in worship. We will get back there one day. However, it is sad that our annual Christmas Fair held in November is cancelled this year – it's always a great bash.

**Remembrance Sunday – if coming book a place.**

This year, the service in church for Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 8 November 10:30am) will be limited in numbers able to attend. Please book a place by emailing the Rector at [elmswellrector@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellrector@gmail.com). If you cannot attend in person, the service will be streamed live onto our Facebook page and will also be posted onto the front page of our web site by noon. Additionally, the church will be open between 2:00pm and 4:00pm for people to come and light a candle and lay a poppy by the memorial. Hand gel will be available, but please wear a mask.



### **A Prayer for Remembrance Day:**

*O God of truth and justice,  
we hold before you those people  
who have been injured or who have  
died in active service.*

*As we honour their courage and  
cherish their memory,  
may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life, peace  
and hope,  
now and forever.  
Amen.*

At this time of uncertainty, please remember that you can still come to church on Sundays or join in online. We also have midweek services of Night Prayer streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our web site also has a virtual prayer wall if you wish to post a prayer and there is a section with videos covering Questions about Christianity. May the Lord use these to give you encouragement and strength during these days.

### **Weekly Diary for November:**

#### **Sunday:**

10:30am - Service in church and streamed on Facebook. November 8 is Remembrance Sunday. Please book for Remembrance Sunday by emailing [elmswellrector@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellrector@gmail.com)  
9:30am - Sunday School via Zoom (not November 1). Contact us for details.



**Tuesday and Thursday:**

8:00pm Night Prayer streamed on Facebook

**Saturday:**

9:00am Weekly prayer meeting via Zoom.

10:30am Coffee and Chat via Zoom

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- 6 in loving memory of Derek Bloomfield.

- 8 Remembrance Sunday
- 11 in loving memory of Ena May Clover.
- 12 in loving memory of Thomas Henry Manning.
- 13 in loving memory of Natasha Smith on her Birthday.
- 14 anon.
- 15 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 20 in memory of Hector Francis, who died 20th November 1988. From your loving wife Ruth & family.
- 21 in loving memory of a dear sister, Margery Bendall. "Remembered with love". From Audrey, John & family.
- 26 in loving memory of a dear Mum, Margery Cammell. "Always in our thoughts". From Audrey, John & family.
- 28 anon
- 28 in memory of Evelyn Clark.

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We are sad to have to report that Stephen Spurgeon has stood down from his role of Pastoral Oversight and he and Jenny will be moving on to pastures new after 18 years of dedicated unpaid service for which we are more grateful than we can express. We knew that this might well happen but, truth be told, we've preferred to take the ostrich approach and not think about it until it happened! This means we have some discussions to have about the future.

We hope that we will be able to start holding a short service each week in the chapel this month. This is dependant on people who can't come being able to access the service on Zoom which means we have some technical issues to sort out and we are not experts in that area! Please keep an eye on our noticeboard. We will need to know if you intend to come on a Sunday morning as there is a limit to how many people we can accommodate safely. If you would like to join us, either physically or on Zoom please ring 01359 241541, text or ring 07784 095225 or email cockant2@btinternet.com. We are also hoping to be able to record the services on to DVDs (another technical challenge!) so please let us know if you would like one.

These are certainly very troublesome times although we are fortunate to live in a part of the country much less badly affected than others. Our government, councils and all those working in the health and care services are much in need of our prayers at this time even if they don't personally acknowledge the value of prayer. There is no doubt that those who have faith that God is in control, even though that can be difficult to accept in times like this, do have a firm assurance that, in the end, all will be well, all will be well. Or in the words of Captain Tom "tomorrow will be a better day".

The preachers at our services in the coming weeks to whom we are very grateful are:-

**November**

- 8th Remembrance Service by members of the congregation
- 15th Rev. Paul Hills
- 22nd Members of the Congregation
- 29th Rev. Barbara Challis

**December**

- 6th Members of the Congregation

**Remember to practice Hands, Face and Space and keep safe!**

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God bless.

Tony



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They were described as inspirational, dedicated and regular attenders at group.

Bridget keeps active and does lots of gardening, Dot and Lindy say that losing weight has greatly improved their mobility and made knee joints less painful.

In the eyes of the group all three ladies are Women of the Year, and their success was celebrated. After voting Dot was acknowledged as Woman of the Year.



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## ODE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING by Anon

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Away from our airspace which may not be pure,  
so they may be safe and their health endure.

But society finds that not all behave, and some find it OK to attend a rave;

Without care or worry that the virus may spread  
and those they mix with may end up dead.

But they aren't alone as we have seen, as crowds descend on beach and green.

They think it's OK to do as they like, with no fear of the oncoming spike;

But they will learn by their selfish acts, this virus will probably hit us back.

## COMPANIONS

We cannot play Scrabble, do Jigsaw puzzles or even play crib together but as "Companions" we can keep talking to one another on the telephone. I am on the end of the 'phone if you need any help or someone to chat to.

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### FIRST TEAM EDITORIAL

The first team had a great preseason this year with results and recruitment, we are happy to say we managed to sign 7 additional players to our squad, welcome ; Jake Hayhoe, Charlie potter, Dylan peskett, Julian castell, Kaine Lee fryer, Ben Humphreys and Charlie orvis. These lads have 100% improved the quality of our side and that really did show preseason as we beat Thurston, ransomes, westerfield and personal favourite putting 8 passed bacton with 0 response .

We were lucky enough to carry on the cup from last season so we faced leiston A in the semi held at Woodbridge. We went 1 - 0 down In this game and down to 10 men, the lads never gave up and fought back to win the game 3-1 goals for the elm coming from Ryan mannell, Josh Curtis and Jed 'Harry hill' Hughes Unfortunately we lost the final 4-3 after some terrible refereeing. Man of the match Kieran Waller with 2 quality goals and the other goal came from a Ryan jolly corner.

Only 1 game to comment on from this season div 2 campaign and it was a much enjoyed 6-2 victory over Thurston. Our goals came from Ryan mannell x3 Kaine fryer x2 and Kieran Waller x1.

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## RESERVES EDITORIAL

After a decent pre-season, losing only to higher division opposition, Elmswell Reserves started our league campaign away to Stowmarket A. We started on the front foot and were unlucky to concede after 20 minutes with the linesman and referee both missing a clear offside. We fought back and levelled when young Edmonds pounced on a defensive error and slotted home. We continued the pressure and went ahead before half time, Andy Brookin volleying in from Dragon's cross. The second half saw us romp away with the game with last season's top scorer, Paul Cable, smashing in a hat trick and taking man of the match.

Our first home game was against top of the table Leiston A, who were narrowly beaten by our first team in the Primary Cup semi final. This was a very different game. We never really got started and struggled to keep hold of the ball, inviting more pressure from a young but capable Leiston side. The game finished 0-4 with assistant manager and third choice keeper, Richard Adlington, a well deserved Man of the Match.

The following week's game, away to Whitton A, was postponed citing Covid (sadly, they have since folded).

Next up was Bury Rams away. We made a strong start and stuck to our game plan to great success. Goals from Aidan Ashton, Harry Collen, Paul Cable and two from Harry King saw us go in 1-5 at half time. Vertigo struck second half and we stopped playing our football and missed some glorious chances. With two soft penalties and a deflected looping goal, Bury Rams were back in the game but we managed to hold on for a 4-5 win. Aidan 'Action' Ashton gave away the two penalties, scored and then rounded his afternoon off with Man of the Match.

10th of October found us hosting Kesgrave Kestrels Reserves at The Blackbourne. Playing up the slope and against the wind we made what can only be described as a very timid start. Lacking confidence in our play we let them pin us back and gave away two goals early on. We slowly warmed to it though and after having one disallowed for offside, Paddy 'Power' Carroll, pulled one back for The Elm. This was the kick start we needed and with a bit more belief and guile we pulled level through Paul Cable. Yet another highly dubious penalty was given against us in the second half when the ball struck Jack MacDonald's formidable torso. Luckily, Man of the match, Aran McRaith dived the right way to make a great stop and also made a couple of excellent reaction saves to keep us in the game. Harry King saved us a point, equalising with our third goal. Somersham away was postponed due to Covid issues.

Elmswell Reserves' next home game is Old Newton A on the 31st October, 14:30ko. Up the Elm. Ed Edmonds



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Sport is an essential part of many people's lives. So as Chairman of our local amateur football club I see the benefits & disappointment that it brings to grown men. Guys that work all week, then seek a little break and social bonding at weekends through sport.

This Year saw an early finish to last seasons football, without a start date there was so much frustration for everyone involved with the club to get going again. So it was a great pre season, well attended for both teams observing the distancing rules whilst still managing to train & play out pre season friendlies.

The first team fell at the final hurdle in the 2019/20 Primary Cup final. Despite a great effort in front of a great local support, the lads were finally beaten by Melton, the weather & the ref didn't help either. But it has left a taste of "wanting to do it again" - so watch this space.

I'd like to thank all our club sponsors, both old & new, who grace these pages promoting their business - without your support the club would not survive.

Kind regards, Shaun Pratt

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# NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

## Phew!! What a busy autumn!

October has been a super busy month for us as this is the time we do the cutting and raking of all the grassland we manage. At one point we thought we might not be able to do any of this work, what with rules of six, social distancing and the like. But, amazingly, and with some very welcome help, it's all complete.

It's a particularly big task at Kiln Meadow, so we were delighted once again to welcome a team of volunteers from Anglian Water who set to with rakes and pitchforks to finish the job in just a few hours. The lads even did a bit extra and strimmed the nettles on the footpath around the sewage works, which should make it easier for walkers and visitors to Kiln Meadow. A big thank you to all the volunteers (and especially for the cake afterwards, which was an unexpected bonus!).

We've also cut the grassland at Norman's Orchard, along with the four mini-meadows in the village. We're looking forward to seeing some lovely wildflowers again next year which, without this essential work, would not thrive.



## A rare find at Lukeswood – all is revealed.....

Last month we reported on some interesting fungi which had sprouted from the log head of the black poplar

which fell down earlier in the year. We didn't know what it was, and we speculated as to why it had grown out of the holes we had drilled to attract solitary bees. Then Jane, a visitor to Lukeswood, got in touch to say she thought the fungus was *Hemipholiata populnea*. We looked it up but it didn't feature in any of our guidebooks; a quick check with Google clinched the ID and revealed that it has no common name **because it's not found very often**. We immediately contacted our friend Neil, the County Recorder for fungi, who came and had a look. Neil confirmed the ID, took some pictures of his own, and told us that this occurrence at Lukeswood was **only the second record ever in Suffolk!** We're well pleased that this rarity has chosen to pop up in our own Lukeswood. It's also turned into a very attractive fungus, as you can see from our photos. A big thank you to our sharp-eyed visitor and to Neil for solving the mystery **and** putting us on the map.



## The Chicken returns....

Also pictured is a return visitor to Lukeswood, not as rare as *Hemipholiata*, but still a welcome and interesting fungus. This is the Chicken-of-the-woods, which seems to enjoy growing on the very old log in the pond at Lukeswood. It derives its name from the fact that it's supposed to taste like chicken. It's classed as edible, but I'm certainly not going to volunteer to taste it to see if it lives up to its name.

## A letter from Iliana, Head Llama Girl

We recently received a very important communication from Tostock which we would like to take the opportunity to pass on to all those generous people

who donated their windfall fruits and excess veg to the Animal Park.



## Dear kind people of Elmswell,

We enjoy very much all the apples, courgettes, etc., you have been bringing for us at Tostock Animal Parks.

They taste lovely and also help to keep us warm from inside.

Please keep them coming our way!

We also very much look forward to our Xmas/New Year treats, namely your Xmas trees. They last for weeks in our paddocks. Please don't chop off the branches from the main trunk, as we need it as counter weight when pulling off the branches to eat – you see, we camelids, unlike humans, only have bottom teeth.

Keep warm and stay healthy

From Iliana, the Head Llama Girl, Tostock Animal Parks

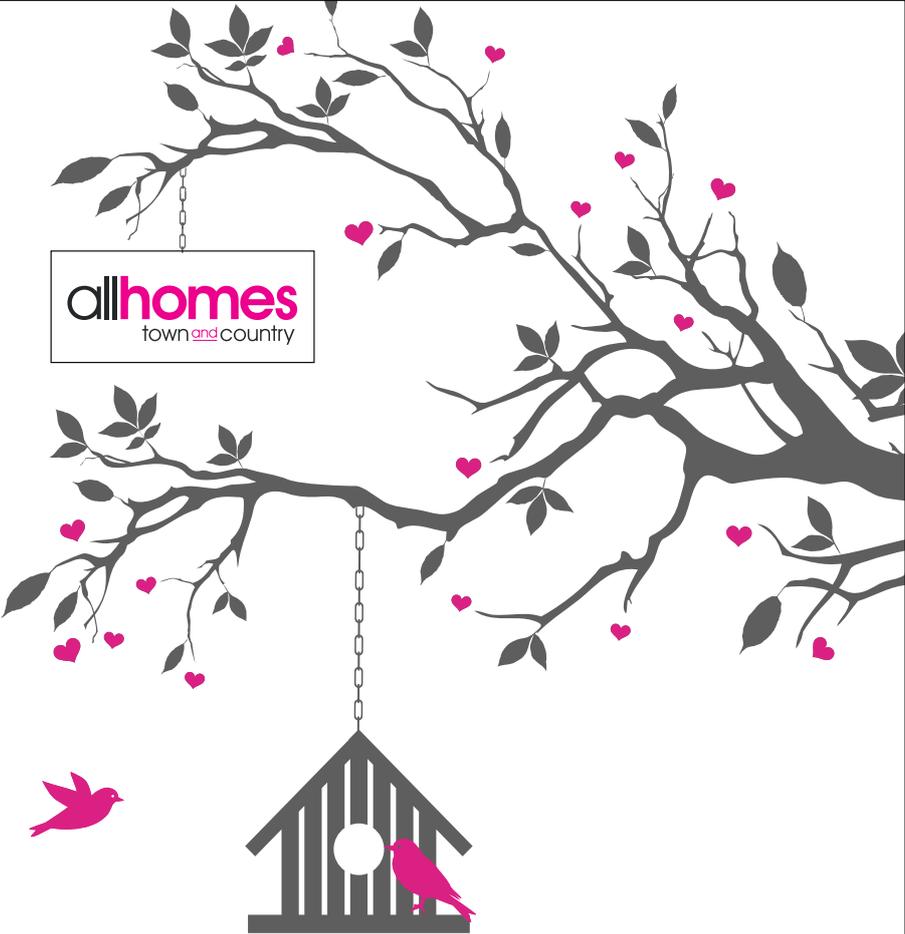
Iliana also sent us her portrait, and we're sure you'll agree that she is very beautiful indeed.

So please remember after Christmas to take your Xmas trees to Tostock, as Iliana requests. Could there be a better way to recycle your tree?

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- Glue or sticky tape
- Glitter

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1. Roll a piece of cardboard into a tunnel shape
2. Decorate how you wish! Make it sparkle like a firework!
3. Twist and bend your pipe cleaners, then attach these inside one side of your firework.
4. Leave to dry, and then your firework will be ready!

## Firework Night Safety!

- Always stay a safe distance away from the bonfire and fireworks! Ask your adult where it's safe to be.
- Always hold sparklers at arm's length and wear gloves when handling them.
- Once sparklers are out, make sure you put them in a bucket of water.

## COLOUR IN THE BONFIRE

What colours will you use?



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## ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Just think, next month will be the 'Christmas Special' edition! 2020 may have been one of the worst years ever but at least it had the good grace to pass as quickly as all others before it. The infamous virus can wreak havoc on all aspects of our lives but can't slow down time although for some, perhaps, it may have felt that way. As far as Bowls is concerned, and many other sports and activities beside, this year will go down as 'the year that never was.' A handful of Friendlies and that's your lot.

Worse still is that we have no idea whether 2021 will be any different. Things are capable of changing so quickly these days that we can't be sure next year will be any better. We may get League fixtures back or we may not. We may be able to arrange lots of friendlies in lieu of league games or will that consolation be taken away from us too?

We have little choice but to soldier on, keep the green and facilities in good order and hope for the best. Personally, I think there is every chance of getting back to a full programme



next year but there are bound to be some practices kept over from what will then be 'the old pandemic days'. I can't think of what they might be but more general awareness of health issues and how illnesses can be passed on can be no bad thing.

I don't have any actual bowls news for you this month, oh, you noticed! I do have some photos, though, which I managed to salvage from the

wreckage of 2020 so, as the clocks go back and evenings drawn in, enjoy this little reminder of summer. And remember, there will be another one!

Pictured above: Gary and Rob spiking the green. Same green on the same day, that's I-Phones for you!

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# PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING REPORT



The Government having passed emergency legislation to allow Local Government to continue within the law, councils are currently permitted to meet 'virtually' over the internet and to properly make binding decisions.

With the usual venue at Blackbourne available for use within the current restrictions the Parish Council convened there at a suitably-spaced meeting which was made available to councillors and to the public on line using, as before, the Zoom internet video conferencing facility. The meeting was posted in the usual way, including on the Council's website, and details were clearly given as to how public attendance and contributions could be made either with a screen presence or over a telephone link if preferred. Public attendance in person was invited with advance notice and provision of contact details necessary.

7 Councillors attended in person and 1 on-line. Mid Suffolk District Council Ward Member Cllr Dr Helen Geake. Also attended in person.

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](http://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 July, as approved at this meeting, are posted on the Council notice boards at the Co-op and at Crown Mill.

## Planning results

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

DC/20/03539

Erection extensions Jayance,  
Hawk End Lane

GRANTED EPC objected

DC/19/01876

Outline Permission for erection of  
2 detached single-storey dwellings,  
Hedgerows, Grove Lane

GRANTED EPC objected

## Planning Applications

The Meeting discussed submissions as forwarded for comment by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority, and agreed to support the Application ref. DC/20/04326 for an amendment to an original application ref. DC/19/05924 permitting 2 additional dormers.

Councillors registered a holding objection, however, in the matter of DC/20/04285 for the erection of a 2 storey rear extension at The Links, Church Road, as there was insufficient detail on the plans to allay fears of overlooking the adjacent property, Brindles. They argued that further contextual information is needed for an informed view to be taken.

Rejection was urged regarding an application ref. DC/20/04375 for 6 dwellings on land adjacent to White

House Barns on Ashfield Road where the principle of residential development is not in question, but the density of the Proposal was considered unsuitable for the site, and the following comments were recorded to make the case:

Given the inevitably crowded nature of the layout, no account can be taken of the very close proximity of the Blackbourne community facility which generates noise from its legitimate activities often well into the evening hours. A less congested layout would allow for sensible distancing from the SE boundary and reduce the chance of nuisance to the new dwellings.

A further undesirable aspect of the proposed overcrowding is the difficulty in providing safe pedestrian connectivity with Ashfield Road. Further, SCC Highways comments are noted suggesting that 6 further dwellings would require a lower standard of acceptability for the visibility play parameters than is normally acceptable for safe access.

There is no constraint in this application regarding house types, although there is a suggestion of the possibility that 2 storey dwellings might be considered. In the context of the existing White House Barns development, any re-submission should be conditioned so as to allow single or 1½ storey housing.

## Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that the Annual Meeting was held on 24th September. Cllr Barry Humphreys was elected as Chair and Cllr Paul Ekpenyong as Vice Chair. The Committees and Chairs were all agreed, with the Chairperson using his casting vote to elect all the chairs from the Conservative and Independent Group except for Overview and Scrutiny which is traditionally chaired by a member of the opposition group. Cllr Keith Welham continues to chair this committee with Cllr Keith Scarff as Vice Chair. At the Cabinet meeting on 5th October, Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan's examination report was discussed. Subject to some changes this will now proceed to the referendum stage at some point next year. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have been awarded a grant of £100,000 to help cover the cost of temporary accommodation for homeless people over the winter. In Mid Suffolk there are currently only a couple of people sleeping rough. Many others became officially homeless at the start of lockdown and have been accommodated in hotels. This will need to continue for some months at least.

## Wesley

The Clerk included, in his Report

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to the Meeting, an update on the position at the Wesley project site on School Road where Councillors, BWMA members and some user groups have taken the opportunity to view Wesley on a number-limited pre-arranged tours which are now being offered to wider public access. Meanwhile, there remain several minor snagging issues which make slow progress under the all-pervading constraint of coronavirus. An official complaint is now accepted by BT who received the initial order for a 'phone line connection in July and have still not managed to do the job, hence no Wi-Fi, which is a serious constraint. The coffee machine and ancillary kit will be commissioned imminently and it is to be hoped that service can commence early in November, although the table tops (legs have arrived) and chairs are delayed and please see above for the reasoning. There has been a very good response to the advertisement in the Newsletter for coffee shop staff and Cllr Roots has agreed to lend her experience to the interview process.

### Railway Tavern site

The Clerk's Report included confirmation that the area to the rear of the site is now secured and gated. The smoking shelter has been replaced as part of the agreement to annexe some of the pub garden land for Wesley use. Meanwhile, Cllrs Pallett and Barker, as Chairman and Vice chairman, met on 25th September at Wesley with Jo Churchill MP together with, by video link, Arthur Charvonia, BMSDC Chief Executive Officer, and Cllr Suzie Morley, Leader of MSDC. With regard to the potential of this site, the background to the development of the community facilities in Elmswell was detailed, stressing the community cohesion which allowed efforts to be concentrated towards far-reaching benefits together with details of the proposed way forward in terms of the Community Land Trust and a Community Benefit Society to realise the village's aspirations for affordable community homes and a community pub respectively. Written details with back-up documentation were promised and

a draft document to this effect was before a meeting with the Clerk and Chairman when they hosted officers from MSDC Community Development & Grants team on 12th October, touring both Blackbourne and Wesley with the aim of impressing upon grass-roots officers and relevant Team Leaders the considerable strides made by the community of Elmswell in preparing for the burgeoning population and the subsequent social pressures.

The presentation was also considered to be good groundwork in seeking District-wide CIL monies in the very near future as the expansion of land at Blackbourne suggests an opportunity for further facilities improvement.

### Extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne

The Meeting noted that the Chamberlayne extension is ready for the roof cladding and there have been no major problems, with practical completion possibly some 3 weeks away. The electrical works have presented the opportunity to rationalise the existing office supply and to replace the forest of extension leads and Wi-Fi routers / junction boxes which currently dangle about the place with safer and more efficient hard-wiring back to source. The access to the roof voids has allowed the installation of a substantial cable directly from the main fuse board to the car park towards the stated intention of providing electric car charging points, this in conjunction with Suffolk County Council and benefitting from their local tie-in with EO Charging of Stowmarket who are currently working on the installation at Wesley. The intention to improve the ventilation in the hall by providing electrically controlled roof lights has been snagged by the realisation that the existing sheet metal roof is likely to need replacing within a very few years and that, clearly, it would be ill-considered to install the new units in a fast deteriorating roof. An approach has been made to MSDC for a Community Infrastructure Levy grant from their general fund towards the works.

**Blackbourne play area** The refurbishment of the fenced play area at Blackbourne is complete and thanks were recorded to Cllrs. Root and Schofield for their input in specifying 3 new pieces of kit. The entire cost of some £33k is covered by neighbourhood CIL grant. Thanks also went to Mark Manning at Messrs Uniseed Engineering who, taking advantage of the opportunity that the main works presented, removed the slide in its entirety for some necessary specialist restoration to the stainless steel and refitted it, a substantial job and all at no cost.

### Internal Audit

The Clerk, as proper Financial Officer, advises that Council changes its internal auditor every three years so as to avoid any tendency to overfamiliarity encouraging a less rigorous approach. Heelis & Lodge have provided an excellent service for the past two years and the Meeting agreed that they should be engaged again for the 2020-2021 audit.

### Break in

A recent break-in to one of the outside stores at Blackbourne caused little damage or loss but pointed up the need for better external CCTV coverage. The recent installation at Wesley has highlighted the shortcomings of the existing system at Blackbourne. The Meeting noted the suggestion that, as and when funding is negotiated for the Chamberlayne ventilation, the project is extended to cover a CCTV upgrade which becomes the more pressing as use of the facilities is set to increase in line with village population.

### Grants

Once each year the Council considers any applications made to it for grant aid from bodies outside the village. The meeting agreed to grant £150.00 to each of Headway Suffolk, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS) and Mid Anglia General Practitioner Practice Service (MAGPAS).



**Speeding traffic** The Parish Council actively engages in initiatives to try to educate and persuade drivers through the village to keep their speed down to legal and safe limits as the roads become ever busier. The recent innovation providing 30mph speed stickers for wheelie bins has been widely recognised as being a useful reminder and the 2 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which detect and flash the speed of passing vehicles were recently made easier to manage with the conversion to solar power. The Meeting agreed a budget of £5,000.00 net of VAT for the further improvement to the existing units allowing wireless downloading of the statistics they gather and for the installation of a third unit at Wetherden Road, once clearance is obtained from SCC Highways and the Police with regard to the allocation of a specific site.

**Street lights**

The Clerk was asked to chase again the progress of the installation of 4 street lights, the order for which was originally placed with SCC in November 2020. Cllr Jane Storey is to be asked to help pursue the matter.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

The Meeting noted that the document which was compiled by Cllr Philip Shaw from some 7 years of work and research by the village's Neighbourhood Plan volunteers is now with Mid Suffolk District Council officers for an assessment prior to formal submission as a draft to go forward through the due process towards referendum and inspection.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday

16th November at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne or on-line should prevailing restrictions so require. If held live, the proceedings will also be open, through Zoom on-line conferencing, to all who notify the Clerk of their wish to be included. The notice of meeting on notice boards and on the Council's website, will include full details as to how to register to join.

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](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.cloud), and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

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The Railway Tavern site on School Road immediately adjacent to the Wesley. Both are now owned by the village with plans to develop a refurbished community pub within a Community Interest Company structure and to build local affordable homes through the Elmswell Community Land Trust. Membership of both of these bodies will be open to all residents of Elmswell. Further information from the Parish Council Office – [clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk)

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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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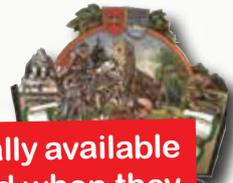
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# What's On in Elmswell ?



Once Lockdown II is eased, hopefully in December, Blackbourne is gradually available to the many groups, organisations and activities represented here as and when they feel comfortable with a return to meeting and within the rules which will govern how the facility is used in light of Government and other advice.

We copy here the programme of events and bookings as originally planned, but, clearly, it will be down to individual organisers to keep members informed as to when their particular meeting or activity resumes.

All of the established booking slots will be honoured, as long as there is space within the usual venue to follow guidelines. We will help wherever possible by offering a larger space if necessary and available and letting fees will not be increased if this has to be the case.

**ORGANISERS** – if you have news of when you might consider re-starting, do let the Newsletter know and we can spread the word.

## November 2020

- 4 Elmswell Exchange WI - The Ancient Skill of Book Binding with demonstration. Michael Holton Comp: A hard back bound book
- 10 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Vanessa Hale, Wiltshire Farm Foods
- 12 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed. \*December tickets on sale\*
- 13 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
- 17 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm. Annual General Meeting followed by Speaker / Club Event
- 17 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Speaker Mr. Parfitt Romania + Raffle
- 27 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
- 27 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

## December 2020

- 1 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Christmas Lunch
- 2 Elmswell Exchange WI - Christmas Celebrations
- 6 Elmswell Baby and Toddler Christmas Party
- 8 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Christmas Party
- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed.
- 11 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am – 12 noon
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## January 2021

- 14 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

## February 2021

- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

## March 2021

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## April 2021

- 8 Elmswell History Group's 21st Anniversary meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

## May 2021

- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed. \*July tickets on sale\*

## June 2021

- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be confirmed. \*July tickets on sale\*

## July 2021

- 8 Elmswell History Group Annual Outing – to be confirmed Details and Tickets from 01359-242601

## STOP PRESS

Already back at Blackbourne before the latest lockdown and looking forward to being back in December:

### Sarah's classes

- stretch and flex /spin /boxercise /legs bums and tums/ bodyblast...details at sarahjane. fitness@outlook.com

### Karate with Lewis

- find details at info@greatheadma.com

### Slimming World

- Tuesday mornings – Jen.sw19@yahoo.com

### Slimming World

- Tuesday evening – emma.jelley@yahoo.co.uk

### Ju jitsu – Monday & Wednesday evenings

- tel. Gary on 07711 680262

### Rainbows - Monday evenings

- elmswellrainbows @yahoo.com



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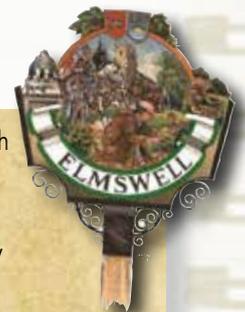
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