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What's on at Blackbourne?



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Opportunities knock

For those hopefuls waiting for fireworks on Friday 31st January as a New Era dawned, there was nary a sparkler to be seen. Rockets were rare. Catherine's did not wheel, nor did bangers bang. Perhaps because it wasn't quite unanimously agreed that EU transmuted to UK was a Good Thing? Perhaps because of the contribution to global warming that would ensue? Or perhaps there is such widespread disaffection with the political class that the rest of us have given up caring?



Which could be considered to be an unreasonable view for us, the masses, to take, considering that we had been consulted on the EU / UK thing under two different models. Please see:

STRIKE 1

On 3rd June 2016 we were offered the chance to put our cross against, 'Leave the European Union,' or 'Remain a member of the European Union.' No party political boxes, no strange distortions because of constituency sizes or geography – a straight Yea or Nay and winner takes all. For more than 3 years our political class tried to deal with the fallout left by a 3.78% margin to leave. The result was...

STRIKE 2

...a General election on December 12th 2019 which, effectively, brought the process to an end...

AND WE'RE OUT.

Understandably, then, 3+ years of political exhaustion has set in and, given the chance to celebrate neither a win nor a loss, simply the end of a stalemate, both sides, largely, gave it a miss. When considering whether or not to celebrate a seismic change in our political outlook, those who wished we had stayed 'in' stayed in and those who wanted 'out' didn't venture out. Away from the metropolitan Twitter-chatter, in our world, the real world, the event fell as flat as did shares in Standard Fireworks.

The earth didn't move for us, then. We continue on the slippery slope from rural Suffolk to semi-rural Suffolk, a long way from Powerhouse status. By-passed by HS2

and gently appreciating the odd starring role as the backdrop for the occasional blockbuster movie. Every now and then making the papers as they cover the Planning battles of superstars trying to add city sparkle by way of exotic structures in the grounds of their mansions tucked-away and hidden from the gaze of all but the feature writers.

Luckily, our very own political class has remained level-headed and focussed on the job in hand. That job is to fight Elmswell's corner. Fight in the sense of defence - against the inexorable armies of developers; fight in the sense of attack - by doing our own development towards cushioning the attackers' blows.

Our team has won round one by accepting that things must change. Change means confusion. Confusion which reigns for a while when one looks all over the place for the start time of the Netflix programme of choice. For there was a time when streaming described a serious cold in the head. Confusion which will reign when e-scooters are released upon Elmswell's highways & by-ways...given that they can't deal with potholes and the pavement seems the obvious alternative. Confusion which remains - as to why zoos are still allowed to operate, whether there is a connection between honourable behaviours and the Honours System and, of course, dieting.

No confusion here. Things are changing, unstoppably. The 'A14 corridor villages' are, understandably given the national imperative for houses at all costs and the local attractions of currently sustainable communities, inundated with torrents of

housing. Neighbourhood Plans do not seem to have any of the clout that was promised – ask Thurston. The liberal Planning regime is about to be further liberalised in a promised shake-up to make permissions easier. The root-and-branch reform that would put 'infrastructure' – the little incidentals such as schools, health centres & adequate roads – where they belong, at the front of the process rather than competing with the pigs for flying space, seems an impossible ideal.

We do, however, have control at our very local level. We have, by luck or judgement, a team of parish councillors who give up their time in the fairly thankless activity of guiding and governing our meagre resources. Further, our luck extends to the qualities that they bring to the job. Professionals and entrepreneurs bringing business, legal and administrative skills offering both life-time local connections and time-served experience nationally and beyond...they are, unaccountably in some eyes, willing to address the change and plan for the new. Hence the Wesley which, before our very eyes, is morphing into a new exciting space and, casting an eye over the wall, the Greene King site which we gave approval for them to purchase on our behalf. These are ground-breaking initiatives...as was Blackbourne which, see pages 12 & 13, thrives and, watch this space, grows.

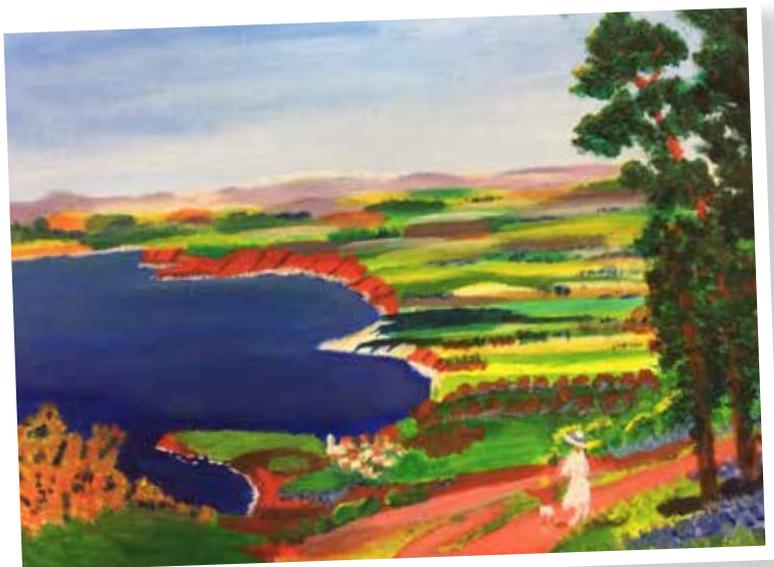
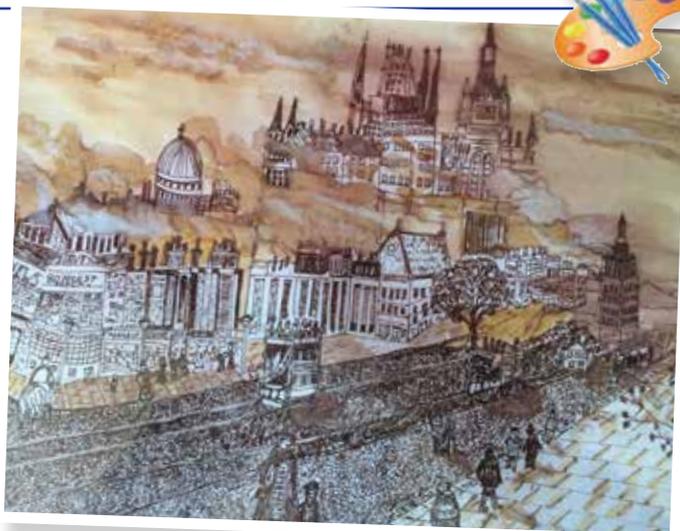
Our community is aware of the threats. Luckily there are those among us who can spot the opportunities and have the energy, imagination and courage to try to grasp them.

ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Theft is a reprehensible activity which can cause immense harm especially if the items stolen have sentimental as well as actual value. Having someone break into your personal space and rifle through your possessions can have devastating consequences. When a major work of art is stolen it is made worse simply by the high values of the stolen items and these thefts are investigated thoroughly by the police and authorities. Unlike household thefts, where investigations are cursory or non-existent due to reduced police numbers and cut-backs. Art thefts are carried out either opportunistically by individuals or by gangs in order to make a quick buck or on behalf of a dubious collector. Whatever the reason, the local police, Interpol, insurance companies, the underworld all somehow manage to get involved with a big heist.

Vincenzo Perrugia stole the MONA LISA on August 21st 1911. He had been employed by the Louvre to erect glass panels over some paintings and he simply walked out with the painting tucked under his cloak. A wonderful example of opportunism! His motivation was to return the painting to Italy – you could call that Italian patriotism. His attempt to sell the artwork to Italy's foremost art gallery, the Uffizi in Florence resulted in him spending seven months in gaol for his pains.

The GHENT ALTARPIECE has had a chequered history too. This twelve panel work was the creation of brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck in 1432. One hundred years later, the Calvinists did their best to burn it and over the years various panels have been stolen and some of these thefts have been the subject of trade between owners. In 1920 the altarpiece was finally complete, only for a couple of the panels being stolen allegedly by one Arsene Goedertier 14 years later. Just one panel has since been recovered, the alleged thief having died before revealing the whereabouts of the missing section. Film buffs will recall that this artwork was featured in "The Monuments Men" starring George Clooney. During the Second World War there were thousands of paintings and sculptures stolen, not just by the Nazi authorities but by individuals intent on making a fortune at the expense of those poor souls destined to be wiped off the face of the earth. Art galleries, religious sites, museums, etc. were all targeted.



Munch's SCREAM was stolen in broad daylight in 2004 from Oslo's National Art Gallery. The thieves were actually filmed during the theft. Recovery took two years and the perpetrators subsequently spent several years peering through the bars of their cell windows, screaming perhaps at their ineptitude!

Our two paintings this month could not be more different than chalk and cheese. Ken Guy's depiction of Old London was done with pen and ink with an overwash of watercolour. Linda Cornish usually paints continental scenes so this painting of Lime Regis and the bay is not one you would expect from her. However, it is very distinctly her style. The club view is that as long as you are enjoying what you do, it doesn't matter. We do what we like, how we like! Chat mostly, but that's another matter!

John Welford 01359 240166

Art is too important not to share.

Romero Britto

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Firstly I must correct the printing error in the January Newsletter report. The first meeting of the club will be held on Thursday February 20th at 7 00pm when we welcome "Brotherhood" as our entertainers. (Open Evening)

We always welcome prospective new members and visitors to our meetings especially when there is entertainment.

Just a reminder to those going to the Tynedale at Llandudno that payment is due on February 20th.

Meetings will continue every two weeks with a varied programme which is published in the Whats on Section of the Newsletter.

We have managed to secure a limited block of tickets for the Thursford Xmas Spectacular on November 26th 2pm performance so please book early to secure a seat.

Diann (241002)

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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



The new Committee for 2020 recently met to review the speaker list for the year and to ensure that everything is ready to welcome members old and new to the first meeting of our gardening year.

We meet on **Tuesday 18th February 7.30pm at The Blackbourne Community Centre.** **Luci Skinner from Wootens of Wenhasston** will share the secret of how to grow and cultivate successful 'Auriculas'. This beautiful yet understated plant is derived from the humble cowslip and primula. At this time of the year it will be a timely reminder that spring is just around the corner. Wootens Nursery in Wenhasston has been growing Primulas for over 15 years and the collection has developed into the largest in the UK. We are privileged that Luci has found time to join us when thoughts begin to turn to making our garden space ready to welcome the spring.

It does not come as a surprise to people that garden, how just 20 minutes outside tending a small plot, large plot or a balcony of pots can make such a difference to a day. You may have just acquired a new garden, decided to change the way your space looks or want to organise your pots to further enhance the patio area. It may be that you need a little encouragement to get going, which is how similar thoughts brought people to be EGC members. Many of us do not have specialist gardening knowledge but just want to learn how to garden. Those who have developed a passion for gardening are always on hand to share ideas. Our monthly meeting of handpicked speakers aims to inspire and help us to have a go at making decisions to improve our outdoor space. Members can enjoy a visit to Helming Hall in July, following a talk by the Head Gardener in our March meeting. We are also looking at broadening our excursions in the summer months to ensure that we gain as much from our membership as possible.

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.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

ELMSWELL WI

January can be a busy month for the WI, annual subscriptions are paid along with the normal business of the day so it is not usual to have a speaker this time of year. But we had invited along a speaker who was going to talk about bees and we had thought this would be interesting but a relatively brief talk. How wrong we were! Alan Seager was a fascinating and very learned speaker and what he didn't know about bees you could write on the back of a postage stamp! There are 250 types of bees in the UK, bumble bees, honey bees, solitary bees etc. The bees you see on flowers collecting pollen are female. Some 60,000 can live in a hive during the summer but down to 10,000 during the winter months.

The honey we buy has been produced by an amazing workforce! Bees communicate the distance and location of food through a system known as the "waggle dance" using the sun as a compass. There are different flavours to honey which is defined by the type of pollen collected in the area. Bees see much more of the blue spectrum of colour than we can including ultra violet light and see the sun even when behind clouds. Bees do not see red so it's best to plant blue and yellow flowers in the garden especially for the spring when they are just beginning to become active and in great need of food. Bees are under threat of survival from modern farming methods which destroy a lot of the natural habitat. Asian hornets are another threat though not many have reached the UK as yet but bee keepers are tracking them whenever sighted as their nests have to be destroyed.

Alan went well the allotted time we usually have for speakers but our members had so many questions, which he was more than happy to answer, which only lead to another interesting fact he could tell us about, and then another question! He could have talked and we could have listened, definitely a return visit required!

Our next meeting is on February 11th at 7.30 when our speaker will be Linda Shodbolt who will talk on baby feeding through history. Please come and join us if you would like to find out more about the WI.

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE WI

It was the first meeting of 2020 and Val wished us all the best for the coming year. She said that there had been very positive feedback about the Christmas meal: everyone had thoroughly enjoyed it. We were then introduced to Alan Seager, from Suffolk Bee-keepers, who was our speaker for the evening.

He told us about a year in the life of a hive, as well as lots of fascinating information about bees. A honey bee is a super-organism and the colony is the organism. Apparently, only the females visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen. The males only have a superficial role: to mate with the queen, to produce the next generation, and this happens during May and June.

Food-stocks are built up in the hive, during the summer, to keep the bees supplied with food in the winter. Each hive contains about sixty thousand bees in the summer and about ten thousand in the winter. When it is cold, the bees form a ball and vibrate their muscles, to keep warm and those on the cooler outside of the ball gradually migrate to the centre.

Each hive has a queen, who spends her life laying thousands of eggs. She lives, on average, for about three years. The adult females look after the young by feeding them and keeping them clean and healthy. Each bee has a life-span of six weeks, when they work tirelessly, visiting flowers. If one bee finds a good source of nectar, they perform the "waggle dance" to show the other bees where to go. They navigate by using the sun and ultra-violet light and range up to three miles from the hive.

When the nectar has been taken back to the hive, the water content is reduced to 20%, which prevents it deteriorating. The oldest known honey is four thousand years old and it was found in one of the Pyramids. It is still edible!

Everyone found the evening's topic interesting and there were many questions but time ran out and Alan had to conclude his talk.

Remember! Every time you eat a teaspoonful of honey, that it is the work of twelve bees each toiling for six weeks!

We were very grateful to Alan, who came to speak at the last minute, because our planned speaker was unable to come.

*Rosie Collins.
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AROUND & ABOUT

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On Thursday 9 January our speaker was Keely Taylor and her subject was 'How to build your family tree.' Keely started work on her own family tree in 1982 and has since that time been working with the Heraldic and Genealogist Society, helping people to research their own families. Keely told us about the various web sites – some of them free – which can be used to research family members, as well as asking family members for photos, letters, etc which might have been kept over the years. Two members had requested some guidance in their research; this entailed looking at some specialist sites, eg Military records.

February's speaker on 13th February will be Terry O'Donoghue; one of Bury's 'Green' guides. he will speak about Bury's Guildhall, the oldest continuously-used civic building in Britain and still in use. One of the exhibits in the Guildhall illustrates the work of the World War 2 Observer Corps.

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.

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

During Lent the Friends will be holding a series of discussion groups; this year's topic is 'The Passion of Christ' and is based on Paul's letters to the Corinthians as explained by Bishop Michael Baughn.

We meet in the Church Room at 12noon and each session ends with the serving of a light lunch.

The first in this year's series of meetings will be on Wednesday 4 March. For more information please telephone 01359-242099.



WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT KEEPING YOUR PIPES CLEAR . . .

Anglian Water is responding to concerns about flooding in Elmswell. CCTV surveys are being conducted to search for points where surface water could be incorrectly connected or where there are blockages.

The biggest causes of blockages are wipes and sanitary waste being flushed, or fats, oils, grease and food scraps put down the sink. Anglian Water has reported technicians are being called out on a regular basis to unblock pumps at a pumping station in the area which have become tangled with wipes, sanitary products and condoms. These pumps are designed to push used water through to works for treatment and recycling. It is therefore vital that they remain blockage free.

Surface water run-off from homes which have been altered with extensions or conservatories and wrongly connected to a foul water sewer can cause flooding. The run-off should flow either to a soakaway or surface water sewer. Historically in the area there has been a high level of misconnections. Over a period of time the sewer becomes overwhelmed and floods, particularly in wet weather.

Misconnections are not always visible, but Anglian Water is encouraging residents to give pipes the "once over" – for instance check if the rainwater guttering downpipe is feeding into the same drain as the sink or toilet. Ensure you or your builder always uses an approved plumber as they will know the difference!

Anglian Water is raising awareness through a number of campaigns and programmes. **Keep It Clear** is working with communities to make them aware of the potential harm to the environment and the general misery blockages can cause. Water companies in the UK have reported 362,000 sewer blockages annually, 70 per cent of which were avoidable. They cost some £80million annually across the UK to sort out and £19million in the AW region alone.

Some sanitary items and wipes contain micro plastics too, which are deadly for marine life. Only the 3Ps should be flushed – poo, pee and paper (toilet paper). Products with the 'Fine to Flush' logo are ok to be flushed. Wipes mixed with food scraps, fat and oil, can combine to cause the blockage. Fat, oil and grease should be put in the bin or recycled.



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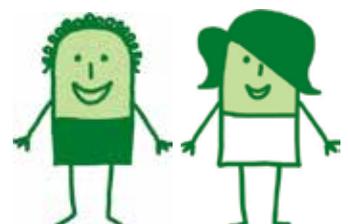
If you feel that you might qualify for help in meeting the bill, Mid Suffolk run a Council Tax Reduction (low income) scheme that might help, even if you are working.

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ELMS FEST

As another year passes, it seems strange to think that ElmsFest is now in its fourth year! Each year has gone from strength to strength and last year saw a record crowd of well over 2,500! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over this time.

ELMSWELL TODDLER GROUP

On Sunday 28th March, we will be having our bi-annual Nearly New Sale at the Blackbourne Centre from 11am-2pm. If you have anything to sell, please get in touch on elmswell.nns@gmail.com and let us know! We accept toys, books, baby equipment, school uniforms, clothing for 0-9 year olds, and more. 25% of the sale fees will go to Elmswell baby and toddler group and 75% back to you! Even if you have nothing to sell, please feel free to pop by between 11-2 to see if you can find a bargain.

It's been great in our lovely warm hall throughout January at the group, playing with friends and making some wonderful craft, such as snowflakes and rats for Chinese New Year!

The group is held in the main hall of the Blackbourne community centre every Monday and Wednesday. We meet from 1000-1130 and have a different variety of activities for toddlers to explore such as train tracks, cars, dinosaurs, dolls, play kitchen, work bench, dress up, see saws, several ride on toys, a slide, a trampoline, and much more! For babies, we have a large soft mat area to wiggle about on, with many baby toys to keep them entertained. We have a snack time (included in the entry fee) for your child, as well as tea/coffee and a biscuit for the adults (also included in the entry fee!).

Our friendly team of committee members and helpers are always happy to welcome you - if you haven't visited before and fancy seeing if you like it, your first session is free, so do come along and give it a try!

We charge only £1 entry per child, with any additional children/adults at 50p (additional siblings 6 months or younger are free).

Elmswell Baby and Toddler Group can be contacted on elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com or just pop along for a chat.

However, it is with great sadness that both myself, Chris, and my fiancée, Brittany, will be stepping down from the ElmsFest committee from next year. It has been an incredible opportunity for both of us, but with our private and work lives becoming increasingly busier, it is just not possible for us to continue. So here is a fantastic opportunity for one or two dedicated individuals to join the team alongside Mike and Sol, who both do so much to make ElmsFest possible, but they simply cannot run it alone. If you are interested in volunteering and working alongside all four of us this year to see how it all works, please contact me on 07544762448 or email chris.wiley@hotmail.co.uk. It would be a tremendous shame to see ElmsFest fall after three incredible years. I can, however, assure you that the experience you gain and immense proudness of seeing all your hard work come to fruition is something most people could only dream of.

We are currently booking all of the entertainment for this year, which takes place at Blackbourne Community Centre on Sunday 06 September from 1200 til 1700. Many of you (especially parents) will be pleased to hear that the circus will be returning...and if we get the same level of support as last year, we will be donating to local causes too.

I look forward to, hopefully, hearing from you soon - Mike and Sol do an amazing job and I know they will be deeply saddened if no new faces come forward, so please show them your support.



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January Highlights!

As usual, we kicked off 2020 with a busy diary and an enthusiastic team! At Family Church on Epiphany Sunday we celebrated the Wise Men and understood more about their gifts. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own lolly-stick-wise-person. Following that, there was a beautiful Book of Common Prayer service at 11am.

The men enjoyed a breakfast meet up where they learnt about Gavin's personal journey to faith and enjoyed the usual "Full English" platefuls. If you'd like to know more about Men's Breakfast, please get in touch.

At the end of January we hosted "Retro Praise!" This was the first event of its kind and contained favourite hymns and songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s! We had a great time at our afternoon of nostalgia, finishing off with tea, coffee, cake, etc.



February Favourites!

This month continues with our regular Sunday Services (see below) and lots of regular weekly groups (such as Mums the Word and Coffee Break at the Rectory).

During the school half term, on Friday 21st February at 10:30am Messy Church returns for 2020!! There will be the usual signing, crafting, joking and we will be finishing with a light party-style lunch. All welcome and this is free event.

Also this month, Lent starts and many people decide to use this time to "check up" their spirituality or do some self improvement as they walk through this world. Wherever you are and whatever you're up to, you're invited to our Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30pm.

Message from our Rector, Peter Goodridge, who is taking a sabbatical in early 2020:

I am flying to Cambodia for 5 weeks on Saturday 18 January. For the first 2 weeks I will be part of a Mission Direct team building houses in a new Christian village for displaced poor people (<https://missiondirect.org/country/cambodia/>). Following this, time will be spent with local pastors and OMF (<https://omf.org/uk/>) who are involved in the encouraging church growth happening in the country.

Upon my return, I will spend some time writing, reflecting and visiting family, before heading off to Portugal and Spain to walk the Camino De Santiago.

I will be back a few days before a busy Easter weekend. Please do pray for me during this time. I will keep you updated - particular with prayer needs for what is going on in Cambodia.



Services this February at St John's

Sunday 2nd February

9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 9th February

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

Sunday 16th February

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

Friday 21st February

10:30am Messy Church (concludes with light lunch)

Sunday 23rd February

10:30am Healing Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 1st March

9:30am Family Church
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

Dates for the Diary

Sun 26 Jan 2020 3:00pm - Retro Praise 60s to 80s worship songs at St John's Church Elmswell

Fri 21 Feb 2020 10:30am - Messy Church at St John's Church Elmswell

Sat 7 Mar 2020 7:00pm - Quiz Night with sausage casserole at St John's Church Elmswell

Sun 29 Mar 2020 10:30am - Mercy Ships Sunday at St John's Church Elmswell

Fri 19 Apr 2020 10:30am - Messy Church at St John's Church Elmswell

Sun 17 May 2020 7:00pm - Songs of Praise - Cambodia theme - at St John's Church Elmswell

Sat 6 Jun 2020 7:00pm - Quiz Night at St John's Church Elmswell

Sun 28 Jun 2020 12:30pm - St John's Church BBQ at the Rectory

Sun 2 Aug 2020 2:30pm - St John's Summer walk (meet at Rectory)

Fri 4 Sep 2020 7:30pm - Nutz and Boltz concert at St John's Church Elmswell

Sun 27 Sep 2020 10:30am - Harvest Sunday with Tearfund speaker followed by bring & share lunch at St John's Church Elmswell

Sat 10 Oct 2020 7:00pm

- Variety and Spice Concert at St John's Church Elmswell



Rector
Peter Goodridge





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FEBRUARY 2020 SPONSORSHIPS

- 2 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 4 in loving memory of my dear Dad, Geoffrey Dalton.
- 6 Geoffrey Sturgeon. "Remembering the best Grandad". Love from Shaun & Shelly. xxx.
- 10 in memory of a dear Grandad, George Stiff. Love, Louise & Brian.
- 11 in memory of my Brother. Love, Louise. x.
- 12 Ted Rookard. Happy birthday memories. Love from all his family. xxx.
- 13 in loving memory of Marjorie Ellen Manning.
- 13 remembering Fred Rush, a dear Dad, Grandad, and Great Grandad, on his Birthday.
- 13 remembering Anthony (Tony) Clark on his Birthday. "He will always be loved and greatly missed by all his family".
- 20 in loving memory of Wally Fraser on his Birthday.
- 27 Louise is "21". Happy 21st Birthday. Lots of love from Mum & Nan. xxxxxx.
- 29 in loving memory of a dear Nan, Dora Handyside. Michala, Andy and Evie.

All bookings and payments please to :- Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell (Tel: 240908)

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday (First Mass of Sunday) – 6PM
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

By the time you read this we will be out of the EU although with many negotiations about our future relationship still to be resolved! What is even more important is that our relationship with Jesus Christ is resolved. We were reminded at a recent Sunday morning service that there is much talk in the media, even in the world of football, about mental health and wellbeing. One factor in all this is not mentioned, namely spiritual health and wellbeing. Is it a coincidence that there is an increasing level of mental ill health amongst our young people and that most of them have no connection with the Christian faith and many are being brought up by only one parent? Without saying that many single parents don't do a great job, I don't think so. The Christian message is that all are precious in the sight of God and are valued by him and that (as backed up by current research) children flourish most in the traditional family setting with their mother and father working together to provide stability and security. If you are looking for assurances about your life and confirmation that you are a valued child of God, why not come and join us one Sunday morning to find out more? Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Our activities in the next few weeks are:-

We've resumed our midweek get togethers at 10.30am on Thursday mornings (for this quarter) in different people's homes. These are very informal times when we discuss a passage

in the bible (nothing too deeply theological) and pray together, but also spend a lot of time chatting about all sorts of things. You'd be very welcome to join us. Phone Tony or Margaret on 241541 to find out where we're meeting in any particular week (we don't meet in the week when Food 'n' Friends is taking place).

The Ladies Friendship Group meets on Monday February 3rd at 7.45pm when Chris Parfitt will be giving "A Portrait of a Suffolk River". Phone Margaret on 241541 for more information. ALL ladies are welcome. On March 2nd Lester Burdiss will be talking about his work as a Paramedic.

Food & Friends on Thursday February 13th at midday – for the older folk – a chance to meet other people and enjoy a nutritious meal at nominal cost. This is run in conjunction with Age UK. Phone Jackie on 245918 to book your place.

Just to emphasise that to attend either the Ladies Friendship Group or Food 'n' Friends it is not a requirement that you attend our Sunday services or indeed attend any church.

On Sunday February 19^h we are celebrating our 133rd Church Anniversary. This special Sunday Morning Together will be led by Stephen Spurgeon.

We are grateful to all those who come to preach each week. Our preachers at our 10.30am services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

- February 2nd Stephen Spurgeon (inc Communion)
- February 9th Stephen Spurgeon (Sunday Morning Together) – 133rd Church Anniversary
- February 16th Eddie Kerridge
- February 23rd Martin Lancaster
- March 1st Stephen Spurgeon (inc Communion)

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend any of the above events.

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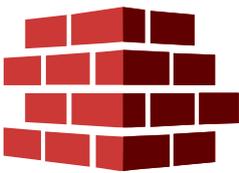


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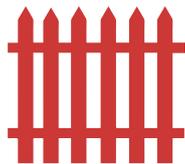
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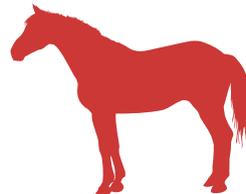
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Tickets are selling fast for the Elmswell Library Friends' South American Wine evening on Friday 28th February. Tickets are £12.50 per person and are available from Elmswell Library. Come along and find out more about South American wines with local wine expert Bob Stopp.

Baby Bounce sessions have restarted with at a new time. They are now every Tuesday from 9.10am. The free nursery rhyme sessions are for children 0 – 18 months but older siblings are welcome too. We also have story sacks available with books, puppets and toys for you to borrow. These can also be ordered in from other libraries.

Suffolk Libraries have teamed up with Suffolk Wildlife Trust for the Wild Reads project. This new partnership connects the natural world and the written word and celebrates the different ways authors relate to nature. There is a selection of 10 books that are available here at Elmswell Library as we are close to both Black Bourn Valley and Bradfield Woods Nature Reserves. If you are interested these books will be found on the top of the non-fiction shelves.

The main display this month will have a selection of fiction with a lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, intersex or asexual connection to fit in with LGBTQIA+ history month. The display has a mix of books including the latest one by Val McDermid and another described by Sarah Perry as "Quite simply extraordinary... Imagine if Maggie Nelson, Daphne du Maurier and Daniel Defoe collaborated."

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

Wednesday 19th February 10.30am at the Fox

Lego Club

11.00am - 12.00 noon every Sunday

Adult Colouring

6.00pm - 7.00pm every Tuesday

South American Wines Evening

Friday 28th February 7.30pm

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You don't need to apply by the end of the month - your rights won't change until 31 December 2020. However, you should apply as soon as you can in case of any delays. After the transition period ends on 31 December you might be asked to prove your right to do things like get a job or use a service like the NHS. Having your status sorted will make this more straightforward.

To get settled status, you need evidence that you've lived in the UK for 6 months out of every 12 months for 5 years in a row. As you say you and your children have lived in the UK for six years, you should be eligible for this.

In order to apply, you'll need to have a few things. These include a passport or national ID card, a digital photo, your National Insurance number or proof of how long you've lived in the UK, a mobile number and an email address.

If you've been working, you can find your National Insurance number on your pay slip. If not you can contact HM Revenue and Customs National Insurance Helpline on 0300 200 3500 to help find it.

It may be easier to make your children's application after you've made your own. This way you'll be able to 'link' your child's application to yours, using the application number you got when you applied for yourself. You can do this at any time after you've applied - you do not need to wait for a decision. And if your own application is successful, your child will get the same status as you.

In order to apply on behalf of your children, you will need to have proof of your relationship - for example a birth certificate.

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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.



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



ELMSWELL EXCHANGE (Afternoon) W.I.

An informal, friendly group of W.I. ladies who prefer to meet in the afternoons. A great bonus in the winter months. We welcome new members from all age groups, all faiths or no faith. We have interesting speakers at most meetings and occasional craft afternoons. Give us a try as a guest and see what you think. We look forward to seeing you.



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Do come and try it – Thursday afternoon 1.50-3.20. £6/session.

Details: Jen Larner, 01284 705548, jenlarner@gmail.com



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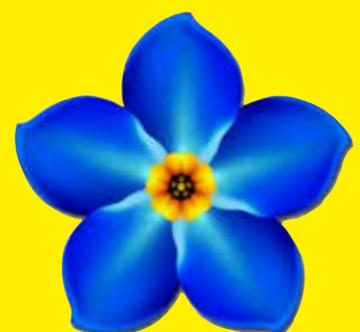


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Companions is a friendly group for carers and the ones they care for for.

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.





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| | Ju jitsu | evening | 07711 680262 |
| | Guides | evening | sueguides2011@talktalk.net |
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| TUESDAYS | Slimming World | morning + evening sessions | 07979 151248 |
| | Art Club | morning | welford955@btinternet.com |
| | Beavers | evening | ruthcourt4@hotmail.co.uk |
| | Karate | after school | www.elmswellkarate.com |
| WEDNESDAYS | Circuit Training (MetaPWR) | morning | sarahjane.fitness@outlook.com |
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| | Bingo | evening - last Friday | brian.hawes@suffolk.gov.uk |
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Managers Write Up – First Team

Only 1 game to update you on this month from the first team and it came with a 4-3 win against Ipswich exiles. Goal scorers for the first team; a worldie from Warren Taylor Holt, Matt last, Ryan Norman and the gaffa will Crocker

The cup game away v Halesworth town res was called off after the warm up due to the referee being involved in a car crash en route to the game - everyone at EFC would like to wish him a speedy recovery

As usual, training at SKYLINER way bse every Tuesday 8-9pm - any new players are always welcome (bring your £3!)



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Managers Write Up – Reserves

Happy new year to all from Elmswell FC Reserves! The new year got off to tricky start for the reserves with an away trip to top side Halesworth Town Reserves. The form side took a first half lead and thoroughly dominated proceedings before the break. A half time rollicking from manager Chris Edmonds got the boys fired up for the second half though. Striker Ash Farmer leading from the front, his long-range effort cannoning off the crossbar before being slotted home by Alastair Clark for his first goal of the season. The home team regained the lead but another thunderbolt from Ash Farmer levelled the scores late on and gave us our first point of the new year. Ash was sadly unavailable for the following weeks game at home to Saxmundham Sports Reserves. His loss was keenly felt as we let several chances go to waste before the away team capitalised on some sloppy defending to take a 1-0 lead into half time. More calamitous defending followed the break and even more bad news on the injury front, captain Kurtis Bevan joining Nathan Baird on the long term absence list. Saxmundham took advantage and came away with a mostly deserved 4-0 win. On the 18th we headed to Needham Market to take on their 'A' side. Some fixture congestion resulting in the match kicking off late in the day under the floodlights. The extra lay in seemed to suit us though, first team manager Jed Hughes leading the line and scoring midway through the first half as the young Needham side struggled to cope with the physicality in the Elmswell midfield. There was bad news on the injury front yet again, stand in centre back Alan Buxton damaging his knee on the all weather pitch, early signs are not promising though we're hoping to have him back training in the near future. Despite the setback, midfield maestro Luke Spillett filled in assuredly and helped steer us to our first clean sheet of 2020, only losing out on man of the match narrowly to goalscoring hero Jed Hughes who completed his hattrick in the second half with a sublime volley into the top corner. Our next match is away to Somersham Reserves on the 25th.



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| 15/2. | HOME | WALTON. | AWAY | BACTON A |
| 22/2. | AWAY | WITNESHAM. | HOME | SOMERSHAM RES |
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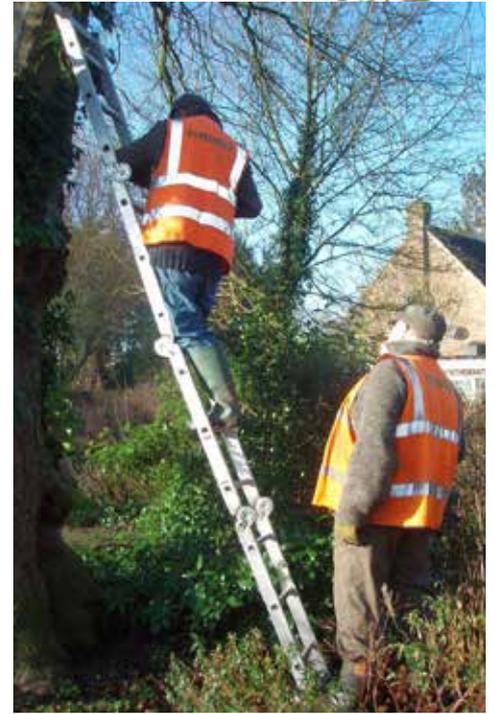


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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

Desirable new homes going up in Elmswell

For the birds! With suitable habitats disappearing from the landscape, our feathered friends often need a helping hand to find places to nest and breed. Last year we put up some nestboxes at Lukeswood and signs are that many were occupied and hosted nests in the first year. This month we've been putting nestboxes up at Kiln Meadow. We used to have lots of boxes at Kiln Meadow, but over the years some have deteriorated, that process helped along by woodpeckers which often peck at the entrance holes, eventually making them useless for smaller birds. Some brand new boxes are now awaiting occupation. We've also put a new box on the chestnut tree in the Memorial Garden. Which birds will move in? Most likely we'll have families of Blue and Great Tits. Let's hope they're all successful.

Celebrate Valentine's Day ...

.... By putting up a nestbox in your garden! February 14th is the traditional day for installing nestboxes. The birds have already been taking an interest in potential nesting sites, so they may move in and start building straight away. Many birds, especially Blue and Great Tits, time their breeding to coincide with the emergence of their favourite food, mainly caterpillars. If your box finds favour with the parent birds you will soon see them flitting busily in and out, bringing food for hungry beaks. You can find details of how to make your own nestbox on the RSPB website. It's easy to do and you may be rewarded with families of breeding birds over many years. A great boon for gardeners - think of all those caterpillars being organically removed from your flower beds and vegetable plots! Don't worry if you don't have a suitable tree in the garden - fences, sheds and walls can also provide a suitable surface.



Winter colour at the Memorial Garden

Colourful shrubs and bulbs are putting on a lovely display in our Memorial Garden. The carpet of pink cyclamen under the chestnut tree is particularly pretty. Even some spring bulbs, such as crocus are beginning to peep out. Well worth a look if you're passing or visiting the library.

Have you seen our broom??

ElmsWild Volunteers are usually to be seen working at the Memorial Garden every other Tuesday morning. We weed, prune and keep everything neat and tidy. But our trusty broom has gone missing! This essential piece of kit is kept tucked away at the garden so we don't have to carry stuff there every time we're working. Whilst we are quite open to the possibility of gremlins and other wee beasties lurking in the undergrowth, we don't believe that it could have grown legs and wandered away all by itself, so if anyone has seen it or knows of its whereabouts, please let us know, so we can get back to work keeping the Memorial Garden spick and span for visitors. Or just put it back, please.

Fruit tree planting this month

Old maps show that there used to be lots of little orchards in Elmswell. However, house building and smaller gardens mean that many of these have disappeared. With our Scattered Orchard project we're trying to reverse this trend by planting fruit trees in publicly accessible areas in the village. Amazingly, five trees planted together constitutes an orchard! In a few years' time these trees will be providing apples, pears and plums for anyone to pick and eat (with some of the bounty going to the birds, of course). It's always great to plant a tree, and it's especially great to plant a fruit tree, which will give a bountiful harvest for years to come. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether to do a little digging, or just cheer on from the sidelines. See Jen's report for all the dates and times, or just get in touch with us.

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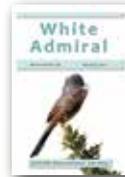
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VILLAGE GREEN



We've had a busy start to the year, with a community gardening session and Wassail already completed!

On 18th March, we were already digging by 10am, lifting the turf in the second ring of the maze beside Church Road. With the ElmsWild team and help from a few volunteers, we made short work of preparing that ring to be sown with wildflowers. Then we started on the bigger job; clearing the grass which has grown over the brickwork of the maze.

It is so much bigger than we knew! The compass points, which were just about peeping out, are not, as I assumed, on the outside of the maze. The paths twist right around them! We worked solidly, with a quick KitKat pause, until midday, and I feel we've done the majority of the work. We'll be coming back to finish the job sometime soon, but in the meantime, do go and explore what we've uncovered! Perhaps you can work out the route?

After our work, we processed through the community orchard in Lukeswood, making lots of noise with our various instruments. We recited a Wassail poem to the trees, decorated them with party poppers and then enjoyed

a hot shared lunch around the firepit. Soup was slurped, many marshmallows roasted and the small people enjoyed playing in natural surroundings. We were blessed with a beautifully clear and crisp day and it was a wonderful occasion. Thanks to everyone who came along to help and get involved.



We are pleased to be able to confirm two of our sites for the Scattered Orchards project. We'll be planting five native fruit trees beside the Memorial Library, and extending the wildflower meadow to surround those trees. Thanks to Elmswell Amenities Association for kindly allowing us to place one orchard on their land. We'll also be planting five trees at Crown Mill, in a line alongside the railway line and again, these

will be under-sown with wildflowers. Thanks to Elmswell Parish Council for allowing us to use their land for the project. Biggest thanks must go to Sarah Mansel, who has donated money from her locality budget to enable us to buy all the trees, seeds and other materials required to get this scattered orchard started.

Of course, we need as many volunteers as possible to come along to help plant these trees, or even just watch and support, so here are the important dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 18th February at 9:30: We'll be planting some new fruit trees in Norman's Orchard at Lukeswood.

Saturday 22nd February at 10:00: We can't reveal this location yet, because it's owned by MSDC and we're awaiting the results of a survey to local residents, but we'll hopefully be planting six fruit trees in the village on this day.

Saturday 29th February at 10:00: We aim to plant the trees at the Library and Crown Mill in one day.

Further details and updates will be listed on our Facebook Group and website, so look there for all the information!

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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

I hope the New Year has got off to a good start for you. For the Elmswell Fox Bowls Club it has been a case of 'all of a sudden, nothing happened!' Not that it is anyone's fault, of course, it is simply that there is very little to do. With a bowls green there is always *something* to do but, at this time of the year, there is rarely anything urgent and besides, the weather has a big say in what goes on, too.

We have had a couple of work parties at various times as the green needs cutting even in winter and we did a little work on it in the autumn before the weather turned wintery on us. A few of us, armed with sharp-pointed forks, courtesy, once again, of Glynn Baker, attacked the compacted areas which had turned an unhealthy shade of brown during the dry summer because these areas were too hard for the spiker to be effective. The 'softening -up' process worked well and the subsequent spiking was a roaring success with the tines digging in nicely and not just bouncing over the top. Our pictures show the customary 'sunshine shot' -this time its Kenny Ball and Derek Cross book-ending a couple of St Edmundsbury veterans, and the green after the spiking and the first winter cut - plus a generous dose of rain, of course .

This is a strange time for bowls as we are about mid-way between seasons. Last year is fading into memory and attention has only beginning to move towards 2010 because the season is still 2 months away. What is already abundantly clear is that our run of 2 seasons and 2 trophies will be coming to an end as all our existing teams will do well to maintain their current status. For the newly-promoted Monday side, our best chance of glory, for want of a better word, will be in the cup competitions because although we exited in the first round last year, we lost to a side from the league above by only a few points. The same applies to the Thursday team, more or less, as they will be vastly more experienced this year having blooded several rookies in 2019. The next task, then, is to draw up our teams and decide who will play when. After that, holidays will come along and drive a coach and horses through the whole plan and leave it in tatters. Happy days!

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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL February 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 January meeting took place on the 20th at The Blackbourne with all 11 councillors present together with 2 member of the public, District Council Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake 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 16th December, 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/17/02909 Erection of up to 9 No. dwellings and creation of access on land to the East of Oak Lane GRANTED EPC objected

Planning Appeal ref APP/W3520/W/19/3239171 Re land adjacent to Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road APPEAL DISMISSED EPC objected

DC/19/05246 Works to trees protected by Preservation Order at Canley House, Church Road

GRANTED PC made no comment

DC/19/05200 Erection of outbuilding at Willow Wood Farm, Grove Lane

REFUSED EPC made no comment

DC/19/05183 Erection of single storey rear extension at Newbury House, Church Road GRANTED

EPC supported

Planning applications

The Meeting agreed to support Applications ref DC/20/00076 for an

extension at The Cottage, Church Road and ref DC/19/05924 for an extension and other works at

Ten-Ten, Kiln Lane.

Objections were raised to an Application ref. DC/19/05703 for the stationing of a static caravan at Ten-Ten Farm, Kiln Lane, for the following reasons:

- 1 **The Application seeks to establish residential use on an industrial site without restriction or constraint as to occupancy. Permission would not normally be granted on this site for permanent residential development. If permitted, the case for further mobile homes would be difficult to resist with the subsequent risk that these might be transmuted in the future to**

permanent dwellings. Regardless of the immediate circumstance of the Applicant, Permission would endure with the site and would open the door to further inappropriate development on the part of future owners. It runs counter to the Policy requirement for strict control over residential caravans in the countryside.

- 2 A 6 berth mobile home in the countryside will necessitate journeys by private car. The site access is from Kiln Lane, a single-track country lane which serves many properties, including 3 industrial sites. There are no passing places and the constraints of hedge and ditch severely restrict opportunities for safe passage of opposing vehicles. The over-use of the lane and the subsequent damage to the running surface make for a hazardous situation, particularly for cyclists. The lane is over its safe capacity and no further traffic use should be invited.
- 3 The industrial context of the proposed setting for a residential unit proposes an inappropriate site which may now, or in the future, be subject to or become affected by industrial activity and processes which significantly reduce amenity and safety.

[In reaching their conclusion, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies H11, E12, H17, RT19 & T10]

Objections were also raised to an Application ref. DC/19/05810 for the erection of 2 No dwellings on land at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane, for the following reasons:

This proposal is in the countryside outside of the settlement boundary of the village. It represents an unsustainable form of residential development for which there is no justification, as required by Local Plan Policies H7 & H10 and by Core Strategy Policies Cor1 & Cor2. Councillors have had reference to NPPF paragraph 11 and consider that there are no factors which mitigate in favour of allowing this as an extraordinary case in that the adverse effects of granting permission would outweigh any perceived benefits for the following reasons:

- 1 It is accepted by the Applicant, and common sense confirms, that the 3 households created under this Proposal

would entirely rely on private vehicular transport for access to the amenities at either Elmswell or Woolpit, both in excess of a mile distant.

- 2 Kiln Lane is a single-track road with no passing places which serves several domestic dwellings as well as a major Anglian Water facility and 3 industrial sites. It is already subject to heavy use and constant degradation of both its verges and its running surface. There is no footway or pavement along any of its length. Any further traffic poses further hazard, contrary to Local Plan Policy T10.
- 3 Kiln Lane feeds on to Warren Lane for traffic East to Stowmarket or seeking the shortest route into Elmswell. Warren Lane itself is a single-track road with passing places. It must serve as the feeder road to the recently permitted development of up to 38 dwellings at its Northern end. There is no footway along its length until Warren Close at the village boundary. Any additional traffic in this context is clearly adding to the existing hazard for pedestrians and cyclists and for all traffic at the Church Road / Warren Lane / New Road staggered junction, a situation soon to be exacerbated by the traffic from this new estate of houses and by the additional load from 240 dwellings currently being built-out at Wetherden Road. When traffic is frequently diverted from A14 or otherwise through the village, as is proposed for some 3 months during the development of the Wetherden Road housing estate, Warren Lane and Kiln Lane are overwhelmed.
- 4 In seeking to assess any justification for the granting of this proposal within the constraints of NPPF, Councillors could not accept that the Paragraph 8 objectives of the Framework are met in that;
 - 4.1 There is no economic imperative to add a further dwelling to the 652 which currently have the benefit of Planning Permission in Elmswell. Village infrastructure does not need further impetus or growth, rather it struggles to keep pace with the relentless pressures towards a 38% uplift in its housing stock within the short and medium term.
 - 4.2 The social objectives seeking a sufficient number and range of homes towards a strong, vibrant and health community are well met within the

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growth already determined, as above, and the rider within the Policy aspiring to produce a safe built environment counts entirely against this Proposal for further stress, hazard and congestion on the village's roads.

4.3 Environmental objectives within the Framework are ill-served by a proposal requiring all travel to be by private vehicles rather than, 'minimising waste and pollution and mitigating and adapting to climate change'.

- 5 Reliance upon the precedent established under DC/ 18/05363 presents a false premise. The addition of a third dwelling and the increase in height, footprint and occupancy from the original 2 bungalows to 3 No. effectively 2-storey houses each with 4 bedrooms represents a significant and unacceptable increase in density, occupancy and character which will invite further development on the remaining 'amenity' land adjacent.

In summary, and with reference, again, to Paragraph 11 of the Framework, the effects of this Proposal would be impose adverse impacts which would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits on a community which has:

- A thoroughly adequate supply of homes
- A robust economy already at a sometimes uncomfortable maximum and looking to be stretched under development pressures

For these reasons, Elmswell Parish Council urges rejection of this application.

65 dwellings at Ashfield Road

The Clerk reported on his attendance at the MSDC Development Control Committee B meeting at Endeavour House on 8th January to support Council's case for the refusal of the Application ref. DC/19/03924 on land to the west of the former bacon factory. Councillors were reminded of their objections in September 2019 to the proposal for up to 65 dwellings on a 7.7 acre site accessed from the estate of 190 dwellings currently under construction by Taylor Wimpey. These were reinforced, in particular with regard to the resultant overloading of the Church Road / School Road junction as identified by EPC's own September 2018 Traffic Study conducted by Waterman Infrastructure & Environment Ltd. This overloading is also noted by the Applicant and by SCC Highways who suggest that, 'There are alternative routes ...and it could be considered that many drivers will choose these routes to avoid queuing on School Road.'

On the community's behalf, it was suggested that the alternative routes via New Road / Warren Lane Kiln Lane or up Ashfield Road and along the winding back lane to Norton are unsuited to increased traffic. One of the Mid Suffolk Committee members spoke of his 'Chronic unease' at the quality of input from SCC Highways when consulted on such major Planning applications. With the support of Cllrs Mansel and Geake the

Committee was persuaded to defer a decision so that alternative highways routes can be assessed.

Parish Councillors agreed that the repeated and serious inadequacies of SCC Highways officers when responding to consultation requests for such large and potentially damaging development proposals should be raised as a matter of concern with the Highways Portfolio Holder at Suffolk County Council.

Wesley

The Clerk included, in his Report to the Meeting, an update on the position at the Wesley project site on School Road where the first of the Ground Source Heat Pump boreholes has been drilled, piped and infilled. This process furnishes data on ground conditions towards refining the specification for the total collector-pipe network, ie how many more holes and to what depth. These should be drilled within the next 2 weeks. The roof to the new-build is in place and internal scaffolding removed. External scaffolding and scaffolding inside the chapel will be struck within 2 weeks when a better 'feel' for the facility will be evident.

Greene King site

The Clerk's Report included the fact that he had attended with the Chairman at the Green King site in School Road together with the Greene King Estate Manager to clarify various issues, none of which look to pose any problem towards finalising a Contract to purchase. On Solicitor's advice Council is engaging with a professional practice with expertise in, and experience of, charitable structures in order to determine the most appropriate framework within which conveyance can best be effected.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that MSDC has agreed a new initiative to issue new fines for Council Tax fraud on 6th January. Alongside the penalties, councillors adopted a new protocol produced by Citizens Advice and Local Government Association for the collection of council tax arrears. Meanwhile, Plans for a £600,000 visitor centre/cafe at Needham Lake have been approved. Planning permission was granted on 11th December and 127 Trading company are the preferred tenants. Works should begin in spring 2020, and this will be a welcome addition to East Anglia's most visited free attraction.

On 6th January MSDC Cabinet agreed an application for CIL Funding for a new Sixth Form Centre at Stowupland High School outside of the normal bid cycle. An original bid for approximately £1.2M was submitted during bid round 1, but this fell far short of the actual costs and at that time there was no planning permission. Following the grant of planning permission in October the bid was validated and has now been revised to approximately £2.5M.

After four years of government-enforced reductions, the council is also proposing putting up council house rents by 2.7% - 1% above Consumer Prices Index. This will result in an average increase of £2.19 per

week increase for tenants. Sheltered housing tenants also face an increase of £2 a week on their bills plus a 62p a week increase to their utility bills.

Christmas tree at Crown Mill

Elmswell Gardening Club has undertaken to organise the annual provision of a Christmas tree at Crown Mill if provision can be made for an electrical supply for lighting. The Meeting agreed that SCC be asked to install a supply pillar fed from one of the lighting columns adjacent for a sum not to exceed £2,305.86 net of VAT.

Precept

It was agreed that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax for 2020 / 2021 be set at £159,000.00. This is based on a zero increase on all expenditures other than the repayment of the loan to fund the purchase of the Greene King site at School Road. The necessary public consultation on this proposal yielded support sufficient for the Government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to grant permission for the loan. The increase, as pledged in the consultation documents, represents an uplift of 33p per week for the 'average' Band D household. The Clerk tabled a draft note for publication in the Elmswell Newsletter by way of a full explanation of the relevant reasoning, process and outcome.

A14 / A1088 roundabout

SCC Highways' response to a request on grounds of a dangerous lack of visibility at the roundabout at the bottom of Church Hill was a very thorough clearance of the intrusive vegetation, including the necessary coppicing of some of the trees. The Meeting agreed that the Authority be approached for liaison towards the possibility of a community-based planting scheme and subsequent maintenance programme so as to present a more attractive outlook at this major access into the village.

Scattered Orchard

The Meeting agreed that ElmsWild should be invited to use Crown Mill as one of the sites in their Scattered Orchard project which seeks to plant five varieties of fruit tree in publicly accessible locations within the village.

Governance Review

On 8th January, as requested by Council, the Chairman, Vice chairman and Cllr Sue Roots attended at the Council Office to undertake a thorough inspection of any files, paperwork and electronic records relating to the Council's activities towards confirming, or otherwise, appropriate stewardship of the finances, governance and resources as demonstrated therein. Their report was tabled at the meeting and formally received. The signed document forms part of the assessment to be made by the Council's Internal Auditor in May towards the submission to the Government appointed external Auditors. It is published on the Council's website at elmswell.suffolk.cloud.

Relief Road

There was discussion regarding the place in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan of the long-standing aspiration to provide a road from north of the railway line by-



passing the current gated crossing and onwards to access A14. It was noted that, with no financial or policy support from any other quarter, the scheme would not be capable of being delivered and, as such, would not be permitted by the Government appointed Inspector in a Neighbourhood Plan. However, any Plan would have a section which lists and defines, 'Community Aspirations', being schemes, ideas and ideals which, although outside of the purview of Planning control or which are clearly not achievable within the relevant national and local plan structures. A Relief Road would, it was suggested, figure prominently as something which has been discussed and well-researched over many years and which should always be included in future Planning deliberations against the possibility that a fast-changing Planning regime might allow for its inclusion beyond a mere aspiration. In the meantime, the Meeting noted that a Neighbourhood Plan would be legally required to be subject to a formal village referendum requiring 51% support and thus testing the public mood on this and all of the other Plan elements.

Village Warden

The Clerk reported that Elmswell's Village Warden, Peter Hancock is to move on, having, effectively, created and shaped the job whilst, in the process, acting as an excellent ambassador for EPC in its attempts to keep our village clean and pleasant. He extended his personal thanks to him for this and for his advice as a time-served building trades professional on various matters concerning Council projects which, it was hoped would continue, as will his representation on Council's behalf on the BWMA. Advertisements for the vacancy will be posted about the village.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 17th February 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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Future Council Meetings
 Notice of all meetings and agendas is posted on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op.
 Feb 17th Mar 16th Apr 20th May 18th June 25th
 Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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FOOTPATH WALK
 Our next walk starts, as usual, from Crown Mill, on
Sunday 16th February
 beginning at 11.00 am from the village sign
 Open to all comers & led by Footpath Officer Dick Burch
 A couple of hours gentle walking on the footpaths in and around Elmswell
 Dogs on leads welcome – stout shoes recommended

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What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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

February 2020

- 3 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church 7.45pm. Chris Parfitt is coming to give "A Portrait of a Suffolk River" All ladies welcome.
- 5 Elmswell Exchange WI - Beachcombing Bonkers - Kate Osborne Comp: Anything found on a beach.
- 7 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Linda Shodbolt, Baby feeding through the ages
- 13 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, The Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Terry O'Donoghue: "Bury's Guildhall"
- 18 Elmswell Gardening Club meet at The Blackbourne 7.30pm Speaker: Luci Skinner from Woottens of Wenhasston - 'Auriculas'
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Beetle Drive + Raffle
- 20 Over 55's Club Brotherhood entertain Open Evening
- 21 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 28 BINGO at Blackbourne Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 28 "ELF Wine Tasting of South American wines. Commencing at 7:30pm Tickets £12.50 each from the Library".

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

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
- 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
- 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
- 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

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 - Mildenhall's Warren Lodge 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



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