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The Elmswell Newsletter



More than thirty years of Parish Record... all the Community News...

January 2020

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See pages 17 & 18 for:

New Year's day walkers gather to begin a Happy New Year!



Looking forward

(to better service than this local wag considers we are currently receiving!)



Looking back on 3 decades of excellent volunteer efforts

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Another decade done and dusted.

Another chance to look back in the hope of insight to help with looking forward.



Looking back is the more easily done with the aid of the Elmswell Newsletter Archive. As we enter our 4th decade of 'Parish Record – All the Community News...', the following snippets add colour to the community's growth and progress.

January 1990

The editorial recorded; *'Seventy villagers attended and walked Elmswell's cross country footpaths on New Year's day. Halfway stop for refreshments of hot punch and mince pies in the marquee on the Ashfield sports field were supplied and served by Goblins...'*

The Parish Council reported that the Lease with British Rail for the railway station buildings (subsequently sub-let to Travel Stop) was almost ready for signing, that the Amenities Association was to be approached towards increasing the number of bottle banks at the Memorial Hall from 2 to 3, and that issues regarding the trees threatened by a proposed development of 6 houses in the grounds of The Grange had been satisfactorily addressed.

Volunteers were sought to help with the Meals on Wheels service based at the Memorial Hall and the Elmswheelians were advertising their next trip abroad to Holland (return fare £29.50) whilst announcing that Santa and the Elmswheelian Carol Singers had collected £24.50 to be donated to the Over 60's.

In the same edition, we note,

- ! The Amenities Association St Valentines dance to the ever-popular Travelling Raspberries at the Memorial Hall included a buffet meal
- ! David's Coaches on Grove Lane advertised 3 days at Blackpool in October for £56.00
- ! Servicemaster advertised their comprehensive cleaning services and have done so in every Newsletter edition since!

January 2000

The Millennium had hit! Joy was not unconfined. Witness a letter (in the days before social media took on the job of spreading vitriol) suggested that the then Parish Council *"might have supported one of our local charities rather than spend £1,000.00 on a poorly-supported fireworks event"*, to mark the occasion. Seasoned village-watchers will know that this was the infamous and bloodied era of the Village versus the Parish Council and the magazine's ever-growing 'Letters' pages reflected this, with criticism of an unsafe access ramp at Blackbourne reflecting a *'high and mighty attitude'*, and the reported proposal to triple charges made to village sports clubs for use of the community facilities at Blackbourne. Meanwhile...

- ! The Valentine's dance was at Blackbourne with popular beat combo, Cover the Night, organised by Roy Finch Promotions at £4.00 per ticket;
- ! The Elmswell Amateur Dramatic Society Trivia Quiz was advertised for 17th February at Blackbourne – team of 6 entry fee £10.00;
- ! The Carl Finch Memorial Dance with the Stonkin' Blues Band would cost £5.00 for a ticket at Blackbourne on 22nd April;
- ! "W Jarvis for Tree Maintenance", advertised his services – and still does to this day helping provide the funding that keeps your Newsletter going.

January 2010

By now your Newsletter cover and centre pages are in glorious colour, but still the smaller format. The Parish Council has long-lost its wish to rule by diktat and the forward-thinking and progressive trend that has maintained since is highlighted in our editorial which mentions, *'...testing times ahead; the Bacon Factory development, a possible bypass road, expanding the hall at Blackbourne, developing the green cemetery & allotment scheme...'* Meanwhile...

- ! Elmswell PTA were promoting The Nearly New Romantics, 80's tribute band at Blackbourne in February – tickets £7.50;
- ! A 'Thank You' for support of the New Year's Dance at Blackbourne recorded a total of £304.00 raised for good causes;
- ! A community litter-pick was advertised for 24th January;
- ! Advertisers supporting us then and still doing so today include Steve Gage, Park Garage, KDS Print, Burnett Barker Solicitors, MK Auto's, Wayne Salmon Electrical, Travel Stop, 4 Paws Pet Foods, PH Peckham plumbing, The Old Tea Rooms Veterinary Surgery, FG Brown Opticians, Haywards Solicitors, Paul Scase, David Martin Motor Engineer, Kevin Hollings Kitchens, BJW Plumbing & Heating – and Stowmarket Skip Hire who's advert has never changed over 120 editions!

January 2020

That's enough looking back! Where does this edition tell us we are, and what might that hold in store for the next decade? Your 2020 full-colour magazine has a print run of 1,950, and it is a fact that this must increase by 500 within the next couple of years. Not a fact, but a strong probability is that this won't be enough. By the time you read this, a decision on 75 more houses to be added to the Bacon Factory site will have been made and within weeks Mid Suffolk councillors will sit again to rule on the application for an estate of a further 105 dwellings off School Road. The pressure on our local councils from central government to accept more houses will be irresistible, despite Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. Whitehall's Weighty Wisdom versus Suffolk Quality of Life is No Contest. When Suffolk County Council Highways officers can advise that the accepted overload on the School Road / Church Road junction will be acceptable because, *"There are alternative routes from the proposed development and it could be considered that many drivers will choose these routes to avoid queuing on School Road."* saying, in effect, that people will have to find alternative ways into and out of the village, there can be little hope of community common sense holding sway.

What does seem clear is that, with the community's support, our immediately local elected representatives can help improve our social infrastructure so as to keep up with the demands that a 40%+ increase in our village population must bring. And not just more people – younger people. As hundreds of young families move in and the Planners refuse to recognise the need for affordable / bungalow / suitable-for-downsizing units, our demography will change. As will the social structures needed to support it. The briefest of glimpses afforded here of times past hints at a community life fast retreating in the face of on-demand wall-to-wall 24/7 infotainment...all on-line, just a digit away and in your face. No more Valentines dances, New Year's Eve bashes, or amateur dramatics. Fun is phone-shaped. Organised fun has become costly. Organisers have become a rarity. Organisations struggle.

When the Wesley project is finished in May, its champions will have realised a step forward – a community space at the heart of the village designed to offer an open, welcome and accessible meeting place for us to drop into and to meet and to mix. No need to join, but every opportunity to join in. As Blackbourne continues to expand it is hoped that it will build upon its success in providing top quality affordable meeting places for more organised community activity. And as the Greene King site on School Road is, hopefully, secured, there is the once-in-a-lifetime chance of seriously addressing community needs and aspirations in so many ways – and we decide how.



Come back in 2030 and find out how it all went...



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be the most famous and well known painting in the world. So what is the second? The Norwegian artist Edvard Munch's *The Scream* is undoubtedly the second most famous painting ever produced. In fact there were four versions, two pastels and two paintings. Munch was born on 12th December 1863. His childhood was overshadowed by illness, bereavement and the dread of inheriting a mental condition which ran in the family. When his father, a doctor, was appointed the medical officer at the Akershus Fortress overlooking the waterfront in Oslo, the family was obliged to move house from their home in Adalsbruk. Munch's mother died when he was just 5 years old and his older sister died a year later. Munch and his siblings were brought up by their father and an aunt. Munch senior was of a nervous disposition and extremely religious, excessively so. From him Edvard inherited the seeds of madness. The religious regime together with poor health, vivid ghost stories and oppression from his father helped inspire his macabre visions and nightmares. He felt death was constantly advancing on him. He claimed he had inherited two of mankind's most frightful enemies – the heritage of consumption and insanity. He studied at a technical college in Kristiania, previously known as Christiania but which we now know as Oslo. Frequent illness and depression interrupted his studies and after a year he gave up his studies to become a full time painter, which his father considered an unholy trade. Munch subsequently travelled to Paris and was much influenced by the works of Gauguin, Vincent Van Gogh and Toulouse Lautrec. He spent some years in Berlin and

became very much part of the Bohemian scene. *The Scream* shows the torments in his mind. Munch's anxiety, compounded by excessive drinking and brawling became acute with hallucinations and feelings of persecution. During the Second World War his work was seen by Hitler and the Nazis as degenerate and when Germany invaded Norway in 1940, Munch who hated parting with any of his paintings, was fearful that the occupiers would confiscate or destroy all his work. He spent the last decades of his life in virtual solitude and died aged 80 on 23rd January 1944. So in spite of his hang ups and mental problems he still managed to reach old age.

Our two paintings this month are examples of painting with minimum colours, the "Christmas card" tree was painted by Caroline Cooke in watercolour using essentially blue with some dark grey and a little pink while the drawing of the Woolpacks on Kinder Scout in the Peak District was done by Eddie Douglas using just charcoal. Not the same as the charcoal of my school days but charcoal pencils that look like ordinary pencils which you can sharpen and use without covering your fingers in black charcoal dust.

John Welford. 01359 240166



In my art I attempt to explain life and it's meaning to myself
Edvard Munch

ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB

This month the club enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. Our thanks to Amy and her team for managing to serve us a hot and tasty meal. Betty Phillips provided the attractive table decorations and our thanks to her for donating them to the committee members. Jean Turner kindly played Carols for us to join in after lunch. Our thanks to Derek Folkard for providing our new programmes for 2020.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work during the year.

I wish all our members a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year.

Our first meeting for 2020 is on February 18th when we will be having a Beetle Drive.

New members are always welcome.

Enquiries to Carol 242 884

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On Thursday 12 December the entertainment for our 'Christmas' meeting was provided by Bristol Fashion Band. The group of five musicians play traditional folk music on traditional instruments, eg the Thiebel Violin – a violin with a horn attached to enhance the volume; a dulcimer, which is played with 'hammers' and is related to the zither; a mandolin, a melodian and a double bass.

The music included various polkas, Music Hall songs, songs about the army and one entitled 'The Sailors farewell to his horse'. Songs popular in the early twentieth century were also included, such as 'I wonder who's kissing her now'. Also included in the performance were 'jig dolls', which are small articulated dolls which are made to 'dance' on a board to the music – audience participation was included in this item. This was a very entertaining evening, attended by around 100 members and friends, followed by a seasonal buffet provided by our Committee.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Blackbourne on Thursday 9th January. Our speaker will be Keeley Taylor; since researching her own family history, Keeley has been studying with the Heraldic and Genealogist Society and helps people in the fascinating occupation of building their own family tree.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to our 2020 programme.

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

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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

No. I haven't gone into hibernation for the winter – I just missed deadline last month, that is all.

I do, however, have the perfect excuse -incompetence! I am sorry that I missed the chance to wish you all an enjoyable Christmas but it is not too late to hope that 2020 goes well for you so I will do that.

We held our third AGM way back on November 21st and had an encouraging turn-out of about 50% of the existing membership with several apologies from those who couldn't make it.

Gratifyingly, everybody was so impressed with the performance of their elected officers over the past twelvemonth that they insisted that we should remain in office for a further year. Or, possibly, they thought we needed one more season to fully master the task, you choose. Actually Ann Richards, Secretary, Barry Hayward, Treasurer, and Dick Burch, Club Captain, have all done a splendid job and it is just my Chairmanship that needs a little fine-tuning, but I will work at it.

Barry Hayward circulated a statement of accounts for the year which showed a balance of some £1200 and it was unanimously agreed to donate £500 back to the EPC, in recognition of their unstinting support, with the wish that it is put towards the Wesley project.

It was confirmed that we would operate in the Bury League Monday afternoon and Thursday evening competitions and the Suffolk County Bowls Association Tuesday evening league and that we were already registered for these. The desire to enter the Stowmarket Tuesday afternoon league was expressed and supported by several present but doubts were cast over our ability to field a team given that we were already committed to Tuesday evenings. It has since been agreed to try for 2021 and start things moving earlier.

Team captains remain as last season with Dick Burch and myself sharing the roles. Dick will continue with Thursday evenings, never in doubt, myself with Monday afternoons and we will split the Tuesday evenings between us as it is effectively two teams, one playing at home and one away.

It was decided to peg all fees at last year's rates i.e.:

Membership p.a. £15.00,

match fee £2.50,

roll-ups and friendlies £2.00.

Ways of increasing our membership were discussed and the suggestion that found most favour was to offer six free training sessions next season for anyone who wished to give our sport a try.

If successful, this will increase our chances of joining the Tuesday pm league whilst continuing in the Area D evening side as well.

This month's photos show the Monday afternoon trophy, which I have shown you before, now mounted on David Gruenbaum's superb wooden base and an example of Glynn Baker's rink markers both of which, for technical reasons, I was unable to bring to you before, plus a summery one to remind you what sunshine looks like.

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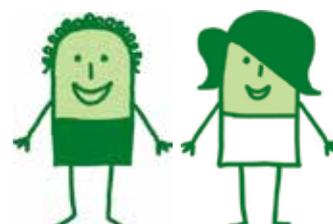


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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE WI

“A BIT OF A DO”

Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I. are twenty ! On Wednesday 4th December we had a wonderful Afternoon Tea Party in The Chamberlayne Hall. Mary, our President, welcomed Presidents from Woolpit, Thurston, and Norton. Our W.I. Adviser Jill Newell. Also Peter Hancock our “volunteer Man Friday” whose help is invaluable. Our very special guest was Fire Station Commander Brian Hawes and his wife Julie. The Firefighters at Elmswell have been very supportive over the years in different ways and we wanted to acknowledge this. Also joining us were many of our past members. It was nice to see them again and revive old memories. A surprise visitor called Theodora appeared and joined the celebrations. A beautiful teddy bear purchased by Suffolk West Federation to mark their Centenary year in 2020. She was named after Lady Theodora Hervey from Ickworth House who was the first President of Ickworth W.I. and the Suffolk West Federation. She was given a place of honour beside our Anniversary Cake.



Maureen paid tribute to the late Jill Reed who founded our group in November 1999 with 8 members. We now have 30. Her guidance and wisdom were vital to our survival in the early days and she supported us until she knew we could stand on our own feet. A wonderful lady who will be sorely missed by everyone.

Our caterers, Crossways Farm from Kiln Lane provided a delicious afternoon tea buffet with just about everything you could think of. Thanks to Diane and the Over 55's the Chamberlayne Hall looked magnificent. We were grateful to her and the team. We benefited from their hard work. Our President Mary Chown cut the cake which had been created by Jean Barker. The table decorations



were made for us and donated by Stephanie Lester. Works of art that were offered as raffle prizes. We were very capably entertained by John Evans and friends. They started the proceedings with our anthem Jerusalem. They continued with music throughout the afternoon, interspersed with a few seasonal readings and ending with Christmas

Carols. We enjoyed singing and everyone joined in.

Lesley then announced the monthly Competition winners. First was Barbara Yeates. Joint second prizes went to Margaret Hitchin, Dot Dixon and Jayne Knights. Joint third were Betty Phillips and Mary Chown. Congratulations to them all.

A very successful and memorable afternoon. Here's to the next twenty !!!



Left: a few of our special guests.

We begin 2020 with our first meeting on Wednesday 5th February. (We have a break in January) Our guest speaker will be Kate Osborne who will be going “Beachcombing Bonkers” There is a twist in this tale.

Guests are always welcome. Further details from Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033.

ELMSWELL WI

One evening in November several members met and went on a Ghost Walk in Bury St Edmunds. Fortunately, it was a mild, dry evening and we wandered round the streets visiting buildings where there had been supposed sightings and there were quite a few! It was a fascinating insight into the history of the town and our guide was very entertaining and knowledgeable of the ghosts that haunt several old buildings.

Members attended our annual Christmas party at the Blackbourne in December and enjoyed a glass of wine on arrival and then sat to a meal of chicken casserole with roast potatoes followed by mince pies and cream. During the evening the members were entertained with Christmas readings and some hilarious jokes, and a quiz was completed during the meal. A raffle was also drawn for a special Christmas hamper. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and our thanks go the Blackbourne users who had decorated the room beautifully.?

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ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

As you will have seen from the December Newsletter the Hall had been beautifully decorated by a group of the members for the benefit of all the users of the Chamberlin Hall we think it looked the best ever (may be we will have some more new decorations for 2020)

Our Christmas Party on December 7th was by all accounts from all present a resounding success with a beautiful meal by Amy Cross and a full evenings entertainment by Pat James,

Our first meeting is on February 27th at 7.30pm with entertainment by Brotherhood.

Best wishes for 2020

Grant (240943)



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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Happy New Year from all at St John's Church Elmswell – a welcoming church for all ages!

Wow! What a wonderful Christmas! December is always an action-packed month at St John's. We started the month with an engaging Family Church, followed by a traditional BCP service, both focusing on Advent. Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord and is full of hope for what he brings. The countdown to Christmas had begun!

The Advent theme continued as we welcomed Year 5 and 6 from the primary school to "Discover Advent," which is a creative way of reflecting on the original Christmas events of 2000 years ago. The children loved moving around five areas of the church and engaging with some of the main characters and events of Christmas.

The following day it was the turn of Little Elms Pre-School to take over St John's for their wonderful nativity, watched over by many proud parents, grandparents and carers. One week later, it was great to welcome back Elmswell Community Primary School for their Carol Celebration.

In the middle of the month, the church was lit splendidly with candles for Carols By Candlelight service, an atmospheric occasion, as we thought about how Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of this world.

The theme of hope continued as we approached Christmas Eve. Another packed church at Messy Nativity, where we heard the story from Eddie the Donkey's point of view. And then there was our more reflective Late Night Communion, which saw in Christmas Day.

As we head into a new decade, we will continue to support the needs of those nearby



(e.g. through the Stowmarket foodbank) and those far away (e.g. through Mercy Ships and TearFund). We will also continue to make known the love of God to all. Perhaps you feel you need to experience his love and compassion or are seeking meaning in life. Why not come along or get in touch? Encountering Jesus can be life-changing.

In mid-January our Rector, Peter, is taking a 12 week sabbatical. The first 5 weeks will take him to the fascinating country of Cambodia. Watch this space for opportunities to hear about what he was up to following his return.

There is always lots going on at St John's and everyone is always welcome. Remember this is your church – it is for everyone. If you'd like to know more or enquire about getting married or having your baby christened, please get in touch! Revd Peter Goodridge, 01359 240512, elmswellrector@gmail.com, www.stjohnselmswell.org.uk ... and do check us out on facebook.

Here are our services for January,

Sunday 5th January

9:30am Family Church -
The 3 Wise Men Visit Jesus
11:00am BCP Morning Prayer plus Communion

Sunday 12th January

8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Parish Praise Morning Service

Sunday 19th January

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

Sunday 26th January

10:30am Holy Communion
3:00pm Retro Praise (1960s to 80s worship)

Sunday 2nd February

9:30am Family Church
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

It feels strange to be writing this offering for the newsletter in the first half of December, our Ladies Friendship Nosh and Natter Evening was a huge success when husbands and friends were invited to enjoy a buffet supper followed by a performance of Christmas Songs by the Musicology Choir. On the 12th December thirty

or so friends joined us, for our Food and Friends Christmas Lunch followed by singing some of the guests' favourite Christmas Carols, and the election never got a mention.

At the time of writing we are still looking forward to Carols on the Green with our friends from St Johns and the Norton Salvation Army musicians, and of course our annual Carol's by Candlelight Service and of course the birth of the Baby Jesus.

I trust that all our readers had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, our activities for 2020 begin with:-

Monday 6th January Ladies Friendship Group meet at the Church at 7.45pm for their first meeting of 2020 which is described as Jenny's surprise evening, contact Margaret on 01359241323 if you would like to join our ladies

Thursday 9th January is our Food and Friends Lunch at 12 noon aimed at our more senior residents please contact Jackie on 01359 245918 if you would like to join us.

The Food and Friends lunches were started several years ago in conjunction with Help the Aged as was to offer a hot meal once a month to the senior citizens of our village, we cater for around 30 guests some coming from surrounding villages to be with us we do not expect any diners to be regulars at our Sunday Services all are welcome.

Our 10.30 Sunday Services in January will be led

by:-

- January 5th Stephen Spurgeon – inc. Communion
- January 12th Stephen Spurgeon "Sunday Morning Together"
- January 19th Rev Barbara Challis
- January 26th Kevin Moore
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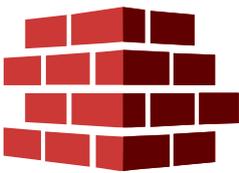


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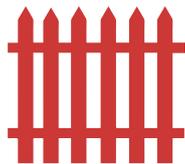
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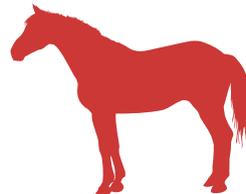
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If you fancy something a bit stronger than a cup of tea, we are now selling tickets for Elmswell Library Friends' next wine evening on Friday 28th February. This one will be an opportunity to taste South American wines with local expert Bob Stopp. Tickets cost £12.50.

As it is a new year, I thought I would bring together some of the books that won awards and prizes in 2019. January's book display includes winners of International Man Booker Prize, Women's Prize for Fiction, Windham Campbell Prize, British Book Awards, Saltair Literary Awards, The Society of Authors, International Dylan Thomas Prize, Forward Prizes for Poetry and Crime Writers Association Daggers Awards.

We also have the new dates for the Keep in Touch Community Café which is held at the Fox. Wednesday 15th January, Wednesday 19th February, Wednesday 18th March, Wednesday 22nd April, Wednesday 20th May, Wednesday 17th June and Wednesday 15th July.

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

We are in the process of getting a volunteer in place for Baby Bounce so watch this space. If you would like us to get in touch with you when Baby Bounce session start pop in and let us know.

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The students pictured here took part in gradings from 9th to 2nd Kyu (brown belt) and were all awarded their next grade by a panel of international instructors. They were highly praised for their spirited and precise demonstrations.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank Donna and Helen for setting up a just giving page and to all the generous people who contributed. Thanks also to the over 55's club, the Companions club, the Art club, and the Carpet bowls club who also made generous donations.

Brian is progressing well and is now halfway through his chemotherapy and as most of you know continues with his charity work.

Once again thank you all for your generosity and get well cards. We wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Regards, Julie & Brian Hawes

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Managers Write Up – First Team

The 1st team ended November with another very comfortable win against wortham, a game in which we completely dominated for 85 minutes saw us leave with a well deserved 9-2 victory. Goal scorers for elm; Ash Reilly x4, Ryan mannell x2, Matt Lucas x1, Ryan Jolly x1 and Josh Curtis x1

Our first game of December and we travelled away to Gainsborough to face hope church. We were light at the back this game with 2 new faces coming into our back 3 of Ash farmer and Chris Couves these lads stepped up and helped us keep a clean sheet and win 5-0 after a rather shaky start to the game. Goal scorers for elm; Josh Curtis x1, Ryan Jolly x1, Ryan Mannell x1, Warren Taylor-Holt x1 and Matt Last x1

Our last game of the year was to face local lads bardwell sports in the Suffolk primary cup. This is the second time we have faced bardwell this season so we knew we would be in for a battle all the way through the 90 minutes, and that's exactly how the game played out on a windy wet day with 1 red card and plenty of fouls and challenges being put in. Only 1 goal separated us on the day 2-1 to elmswell goals scorers; Josh Curtis x1 and our top goal scorer Ryan mannell with the winner. We March on into the last 16 were we face top of league C halesworth on the 11/01/20

Our first game of the new year is at home to ipswich exiles on the 4th. The lads would love to see some new faces up there to show support to their local side #uptheelm



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16/11	CLAYDON A 2	v	0 EFC res
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Managers Write Up – Reserves

The frustrations continued for the reserve side in December. Despite having a full schedule planned for the month earlier in the season, an inundation of cup ties and fixture clashes saw us left with only two games in the run up to Christmas. The first, a home league tie with Ufford Reserves was looking like the game to kick-start our season and a surge up the table. Our excitement was short lived however, Ufford proving unable to field a team and pulling out less than an hour before kick-off. Our one and only fixture left in the seven week stretch between the 16th November and the start of fixtures in the new year, was away at Walsham Le Willows 'A' in the Divisional Cup. An unfortunate mix of injuries and holidays left us severely undermanned, the bench comprising just one player with any previous minutes this season. Heading away to one of our closest and strongest rivals is tough enough even with a fully fit and match ready squad, the combination of absences and lack of games proving to be our downfall as we conceded within minutes of the start. The afternoon didn't get much better, a highly dubious second half penalty our only real cause for complaint as we succumbed to our heaviest defeat of the season, Walsham running out 11-0 winners as more injuries piled up for the reserves. Our season resumes after a lengthy Christmas break with an away trip in the league to Halesworth Town Reserves on the 4th of January, where we will look to get our league season back in gear and start catching up the five games in hand we have over some of our rivals.



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- 4/1. EFC 1st v IPS EXILES
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LOOKING FORWARD

In 1894, Marie Curie took a break from discovering radium to suggest, **“One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.”**

Our pictures act as a serving suggestion as to what 2020 might hold for Elmswell:

- 1 Alan & Linda Wells provide the refreshment to start the community year off half-way round the New Year's Day walk.
- 2 Will St John's become a traffic island as the Planners find more and more clever ways to allow the overloading of the key road junction at School Road / Church Road?
- 3 Will the football teams need snorkels and join the seagulls on the pitches at Blackbourne, or will the rain stop?
- 4 Will Blackbourne continue to expand and improve – here Andrew Clarke fits the latest innovation, the new overhead projector in the Chamberlayne Hall, soon to be extended and improved.
- 5 Will the Wesley Project prove to be as successful as Blackbourne? Here, working towards a May opening we see steel girders being lowered into place...
- 6 ...and the walls are up...
- 7 ...whilst the chapel is having a serious makeover...
- 8 and just one of the possibilities which will emerge if the community succeeds in buying the Greene King site next door – a shared garden space with direct access from the Wesley.





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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

In last month's Newsletter we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our winning the People's Millions competition and securing the funding to buy the land for Lukeswood, our community woodland.

And how lucky we were to get four – and later six and a half – acres of land to devote to nature! Nowadays there is such pressure on land that open space for wildlife and people has to jostle with all the other land uses competing for priority, especially for much-needed housing. In that competition it's very hard indeed to come out on top.

All the more reason to make the most of what we've got. Whilst it would be wonderful to get a few more acres – to extend Lukeswood, to join up with Kiln Meadow, perhaps? – we have to acknowledge that that dream remains a distant prospect. We may not have an empty field or two to play with, but that doesn't mean we have to give up on the idea of rewilding. There are all sorts of odd corners and pockets of land where we can dig, sow, plant and – above all – encourage nature to thrive. That's the idea behind the ElmsWild Flowers project that we started last year and the Scattered Orchard which we'll be working on in 2020. Read Jen's article for more information! The individual plots may be small in themselves but together they add up to a lot – a big win for wildlife and a wonderful opportunity to bring people closer to nature.

And nature does have an extraordinary knack of creeping in where you least expect it – often without any intervention from us. Given half a chance, wildlife will find its niche and begin to thrive. But you do have to keep your eyes open to see it. It's very easy to walk past without noticing what's right there on your own doorstep. Here are a few things you might spot this season (but you won't see them from inside your car – you'll have to get out on foot or bike). As well as being wonderful to see, each one has its own narrative, it tells us an interesting story.



The first is very seasonal – mistletoe. As you walk around the village look up at the trees and you may spot these round bundles of leaves studded with white berries. Mistletoe is traditionally associated with apple trees, but as you can see in our own village, they can be found on a variety of other trees too, such as hawthorn, poplar and lime. It's a semi-parasite that lives off the root sap of its host but without harming the tree. The seeds are spread by birds which eat the berries and then wipe their beaks on the bark. Mistletoe used to be rare in the east but is becoming much more common. Natural scientists think this is because continental blackcaps, which are particularly fond of mistletoe, are beginning to overwinter here in large numbers. Warming temperatures are also a factor. So as well as serving as a convenient excuse for kissing at Christmas, our mistletoe is also a super food for hungry birds and a warning sign of climate change – all in one plant!



The second also requires you to look up – into the sky this time. Flocks of starlings, late in the afternoon, looking for a roosting site. We've all seen pictures on television of those huge murmurations of starlings making fantastic swirling shapes in the sky. But you don't have to go to Minsmere or the Norfolk Broads – you can see mini-murmurations on winter evenings here in Elmswell. While the flock may be in the tens rather than the thousands, they are still a fine sight as they swoop about. If you're *really* lucky you might even spot a sparrowhawk alongside, hunting for its supper. The hawk tries to divide the flock and pick off an unfortunate straggler, but it's a hard job as the birds stick together and move as one – there's safety in numbers. Starlings are declining in numbers in this country, but their forces are boosted by migrants from the continent at this time of year, so it's a great time to see them at their acrobatic best.

For our third winter wonder, look down at your feet. Mild, wet winters often see an extension of the fungi season from autumn. Some colourful fungi appear almost overnight if the conditions are right, and there are lots to see in odd nooks



and crannies throughout the village. Why do they sprout in the places they do? Often it's because hidden under the ground there is still some rotting wood, the remains of a tree long gone, lost to felling or a winter storm. In this way fungi are a marker for the ghosts of trees that have disappeared from the landscape, leaving only a flush of toadstools to remind of us their presence.

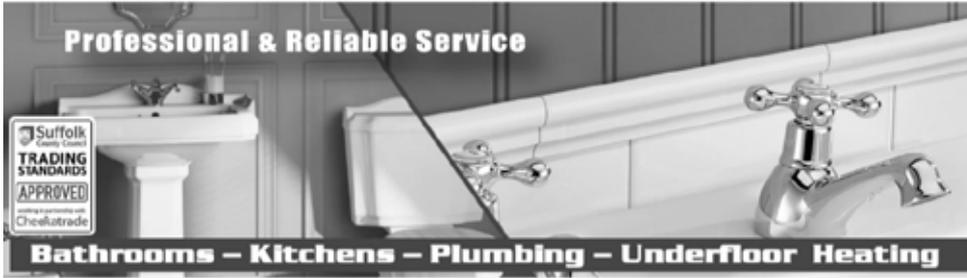
These are just some of the winter gems you can enjoy on your own doorstep. You can add your own!

Happy New Year, and happy winter nature spotting from all of us at ElmsWild!

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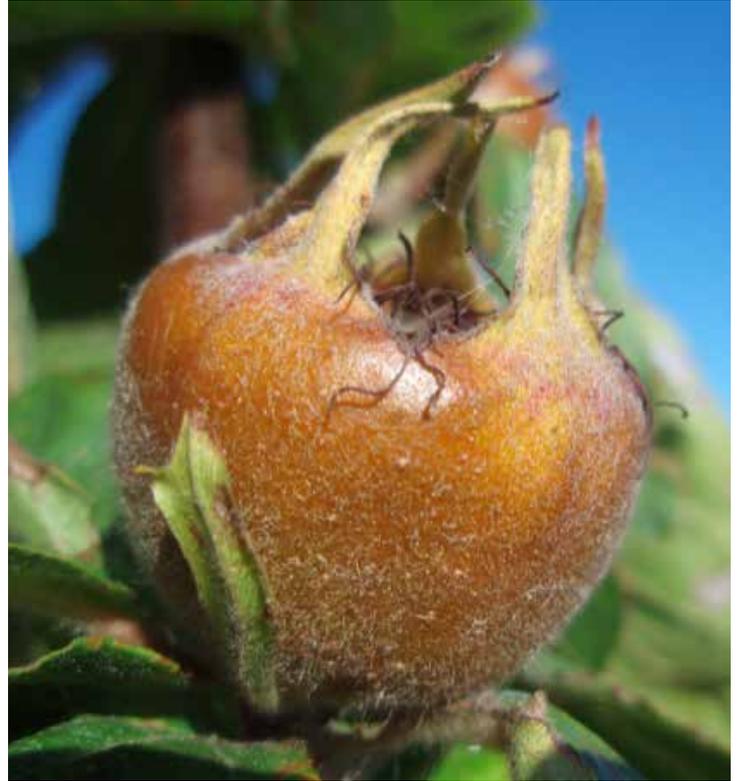
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Happy New Year from the ElmsWild Flowers team! After the initial success of the wildflower project in 2019, we're eager to get on with the next phase in 2020. Two public mini-meadows have already been extended and we've got a community gardening event coming up very soon to extend the third.

When: Saturday 18th January.

When: 10am til about 12:30pm
(when the Wassail will begin)

Where: Elmswell Maze (on the green alongside Church Road, nearly opposite Lukeswood entrance).

We'll be lifting turf to increase the size of the current meadow, and removing as much of the grass from the bricks of the labyrinth paths as possible, so they can be seen and used. If you've got them, gardening gloves, wellies or sturdy boots and tools like forks, spades and edge cutters will be really handy. If all you have is your enthusiasm, bring that along and we'll equip you with our spare tools.

Immediately after this gardening event, we'll be holding a village **Wassail at Lukeswood**. "What's a Wassail?", I hear you ask... it's an ancient tradition, dating back to the 1700s. The purpose of wassailing is to awake the cider apple trees and to scare away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit in the Autumn. It's a tradition which is still popular in cider producing areas of the UK, like Somerset and Devon.

This Wassail is to celebrate the many native fruit trees already growing well in the Lukeswood orchard, and to build awareness and momentum for the scattered orchard of apple, pear and plum trees, which we'll be beginning to plant in three initial locations around the village in the next month or so.

We're planning a bring and share lunch, with hot drinks and soup provided by us, to enjoy around the firepit. So pack some noise-making equipment (pans, spoons, shakers etc), food to eat and share and any extra goodies you'd like to roast on the firepit too - I'm thinking marshmallows, bananas in tinfoil...

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Craft Ideas using Paint



How to make a hanging rainbow decoration

You will need:

- Red, orange, yellow, blue and purple paint
- Paper plate
- Cotton wool balls
- Various coloured ribbons
- Glue

Method:

1. Cut a rainbow shape out of a plain white paper plate
2. Paint equal lines from the top to the bottom of the plate to create a rainbow effect using each paint colour
3. Using your glue attach two rows of cotton wool balls at each end of your rainbow to create cloud like effects
4. Now you need to turn your rainbow around
5. Attach one piece of ribbon to the top of your rainbow to create a way of hanging your craft
6. Then attach your randomly coloured ribbons to the bottom of the rainbow in a line across. This will then give the effect of them hanging from the rainbow when it is turned around
7. Leave your rainbow to dry for at least half an hour before the ribbon and cotton wool is dry
8. Now your rainbow is ready to hang!

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ELMSWELL PARISH COUNCIL January 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 December meeting took place on the 16th at The Blackbourne with 7 councillors present together with 3 member of the public and District Council Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake

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](https://www.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 18th November, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the community notice board at the Co-op.

Planning result

The Meeting noted that Planning Application ref DC/19/04242 for the erection of a dwelling with an annexe, summerhouse and external swimming pool had been refused by Mid Suffolk District Council in accordance with the objections made by Elmswell Parish Council and by the Suffolk Preservation Society.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that Mid Suffolk District Council offers grants of between £1,000 to £5,000 towards adapting homes where someone has a disability or long term health condition requiring special fixtures and fittings. This scheme is open to all homeowners, private tenants and council property tenants. For more information see the website <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/disabled-adaptations-grants/> or call 0300 123 4000. It was also noted that, following monitoring of the spilt hydrocarbons at the Thedwastre Close housing units where a heating oil spillage some years ago caused the bungalows there to be uninhabitable, contamination is now believed to be at a safe level and Mid Suffolk are currently working with Suffolk County Council on a project to provide some supported housing units for a partner client. Cllr Mansel undertook to secure details of any partnership entered into in securing the restoration of the site.

BWMA

A report was noted from a recent meeting of the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association, which manages these community facilities on Council's behalf. The projected turnover for the year is £63,272.00 which, if it is realised, represents an increase over last year, despite the difficulties affecting occupancy rates posed by the need to accommodate all of the Wesley user groups at Blackbourne whilst the Wesley refurbishment / new-build project takes place.

Neighbourhood Plan

A Report, included as part of the Clerk's Report to the Meeting, was noted suggesting that, in light of continuing discussion with Cllrs Mansel and Pallett as respective Chairs of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Group and of Council, it would seem appropriate to suggest that the Plan be revisited in anticipation of key Planning decisions currently in the pipeline, given that many issues, away from site specific allocations, might well be taken forward in the meantime. This might best be effected by a small co-ordinating group drawn from the NP Group membership who would begin, in close liaison with MSDC Officers, to pull together

the accumulated material garnered and worked-up over recent years into a coherent narrative. They would have reference to NP Group members and to the wider community where specific skills and knowledge suggest this to be appropriate.

Cllr Shaw has agreed to take on the crucially important role of central co-ordinator. His professional skills and experience in related fields and initiatives recommend him well. The Report suggested that there is no quick fix to this procedure. Informed best guesses suggest that 6 months might take it to the point at which a further 6 months are needed for formal inspection, referral & Referendum.

Community Land Trust

The Clerk's report addressed the understandable, confusion and, in some quarters, suspicion regarding the proposals for a Community Land Trust (CLT) in Elmswell. It went on to explain that, as outlined by Debbie Wildridge from the Government backed agency, Locality, at the recent 2 public meetings at which the concept was outlined and widely supported, the CLT has a membership entirely made up of local community individuals who hold shares (usually a non-refundable £1). As an organisation of entirely charitable intent, ECLT would strive to meet long term needs of the Elmswell community by acquiring assets, eg building permanently affordable housing, providing premises for a Post Office / shops / etc. The first steps taken by Council have been towards establishing an appropriate legal structure and affiliating to the National CLT Network where support and advice is freely available. Once an appropriate framework in terms of structure and governance has been identified by our specialist solicitors a draft constitution will form the basis of the establishment of the Group proper. The Parish Council will then cease to have a primary role in ECLT, although continued liaison would seem to be a constructive way forward. ECLT will be an autonomous body, controlled by its members drawn entirely from the community and with day-to-day governance as determined by its Management Committee, elected at the AGM which will be open to all and at which all attending will have an equal vote.

With regard to the actual setting-up of the ECLT, Council is now confirmed as an Affiliate Member of the National CLT Network which gives access to advice and guidance including Model Rules and other documentation. This will help establish a firm basis for the creation of the Elmswell trust body at which point, as above, EPC steps back. Meanwhile, the specialist solicitors, Anthony Collins LLP, are properly engaged to prepare a draft Constitution and

to liaise with relevant registration bodies and Debbie Wildridge is appointed to work with Council and the solicitors to produce a scoping document coupled with an aims and ambitions briefing to guide the legal drafting process. Final drafts will be before Council before the public consultation begins towards establishing a membership and a Committee framework drawn from that membership.

Wesley

The Clerk included, in his Report to the Meeting, feedback from the recent monthly site Wesley project site meeting which he had attended with the Chairman. All blockwork for the new-build facility is finished with brickwork to plate level and the steelwork all in place presenting the roof structure ready for boarding early in the new year. The chapel 1st fix electrics are in place with the insulation and high level work well on the way to be ready for the installation of the sound attenuation panels. A total of 12 days are logged as lost to the weather, although work in the chapel does not stop. Any assessment as to how much and when the lost time will be made up must wait until further into the job. A Ground Source Heat Pump exploratory bore hole is to be drilled on 6th January informing the scope of the full installation to be drilled and fitted before the end of the month. The site closes on 20th December until 6th January. There are no causes for concern and, as the shape emerges, anticipation of a very striking result. Thanks were extended to Colin Gould of Colin Gould Bodyworks for providing transport for the substantial Victorian timber beams rescued from the demolition of the internal dividing wall in the chapel. They now sit at Blackbourne to be, eventually, re-fashioned and assembled on the Wesley site as seating.

Extension at Blackbourne

With regard to the extension and improvements to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne, the Clerk, together with Cllr Pallett and Peter Hancock, the Village Warden whose previous professional experience as a Quantity Surveyor is proving to be valuable, has met with the Architect who drew up the plans for the successful Planning application. These plans are being worked-up for issue on application in response to Expressions of Interest from contractors. Various small matters are in discussion including with an M&E Contractor who will specify the all-important improved ventilation system.

Greene King site

The Clerk confirmed that Council has secured Borrowing Approval from the Ministry of Housing & Local Government for a loan of up to £805,000.00 towards the

purchase of, 'the 0.5 Hectare at the centre of Elmswell', being the Greene King site at School Road. This opens the door to the application to the Government's Public Works Loan Board for the money which will be made once a time-scale for Exchange of Contracts is determined. Meanwhile, Council's solicitors are negotiating the Contract with the other side, as advised by the Clerk, Chairman, Vice chairman, towards ratification by Council in the near future.

Audits

Councillors agreed the text of a pro forma document which will guide an internal review of any and all of the accounts and documentation held in the Council office to be carried out in January by the Chairman, Vice chairman and Cllr Sue Roots. The ensuing report on their findings will come back to Council and then be passed to Heelis & Lodge who are appointed to provide an independent Internal Audit at the end of the financial year. In turn, their report will form part of the formal submission to the Government appointed External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLB., whose findings are published and retained on the Council's website.

Grant

Councillors noted that the Over 55's Club had undertaken a recent 3 month stewardship of the community recycling centre at Station Road and had also, to great effect, decorated the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne for Christmas events to be held there. It was agreed that a grant of £200.00 be paid towards the Club's funds in recognition of their public-spirited activities.

Railway crossing / road closures

The Clerk detailed efforts to try to secure reliable information related to the proposed closure of Station Road at the railway crossing over the weekend of 7th / 8th December. From the earliest enquiry on 4th November the scenarios had ranged from full road closure, partial road closure, traffic light controls and staff controlled gate management. In the event, the road was not closed at all, other than for the passage of line-maintenance trains. All other rail traffic was stopped so that, rather than the potential disruption and inconvenience anticipated, traffic flowed much more freely than usual. The situation had caused some concern for those, particularly the elderly residents planning trips across the line and the Clerk undertook to pursue a meeting with the agencies concerned to try to avoid any repeat over the next anticipated closure on 8th & 9th February.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 20th January 2020 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.

Enquiries on any Parish Council matter are invited to the Clerk, Peter Dow, at The Council Office, Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH – right next to the car park and with wheelchair access. Staffed Mondays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 4pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 12 noon and at other times by arrangement.

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What's On in Elmswell ?



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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.

January 2020

- 5 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30
- 8 7.45pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - another of Jenny's Surprise Evenings
- 9 Food n Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Elmswell History Groupmeeting, Chamberlayne Hall, Blackbourne - 7.30pm. Speaker Keely Taylor: "How to Build your Family Tree"
- 10 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 14 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Kirsten Ryland, Bees
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 26 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

February 2020

- 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 Wenhamston - 'Auriculas'
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Beetle Drive + Raffle
- 21 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 23 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

- 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
- 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
- 20 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 30 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

April 2020

- 1 Elmswell Exchange WI - An Afternoon with The Dance Comp: Any Dance related item
- 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
- 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
- 27 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

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*
- 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'
- 25 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*
- 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
- 26 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 29 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 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 Summer activity TBC
- 24 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 27 BINGO at Blackbourne
Doors open 6.45...Eyes Down 7.30

August 2020

- 5 Elmswell Exchange WI - Members Meeting - Create a Bookmark with Jayne Comp: The best three on the day
- 7 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 11 Elmswell WI at The Blackbourne at 7.30pm Social evening
- 18 Elmswell Exchange Social Club Corncraft
- 21 "Companions" meet at The Wesley Hall 10.15am - 12 noon
- 31 BINGO at Blackbourne
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