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The Elmswell Newsletter



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Do stop reading if you've recently heard this... it's extracted from the text of a letter about Planning in Elmswell sent by the Parish Clerk:

If you have heard it, you are a long-time resident, and one with a very good memory. It was sent to Mid Suffolk on 1st July 1981 and reprinted here courtesy of our newly emerging Village Archive at Blackbourne.

But it would be very easy to feel that you had read it, or something very like it, in the last couple of weeks. Taking advantage of media not available 40 years ago when this handwritten letter was hand-posted and hand-delivered, you may have recently seen various messages expressing the general import of dissatisfaction with our Parish Council for, 'not rejecting planning permissions in many of the extensive applications upon our village.'

Could it be that we have been failed by the 10 different iterations of our Parish Council over those past 40 years since concerns were raised in 1981? Should we not have noticed the apparent shortcomings in our councillors and elected more able representatives to fight our corner – or perhaps given some thought to standing for office ourselves and showing them how it's done? And, surely, our neighbours, such as at Woolpit and Thurston, have avoided our overcrowded fate by electing a better class of councillor to chase the developers away, tails between their legs, to peddle their unwelcome pattern-book housing elsewhere.

Or, perish the thought, are we and communities like us simply at the mercy of an increasingly brutal national drive for housing and are the victims of our own success as a region with a burgeoning economy – think Felixstowe and Cambridge – and, in Elmswell's case, very good facilities?

Consider just 3 very recent examples – all in Elmswell.

Case A A developer seeks to build just 9 houses in a field. 9 houses is just below the threshold requiring any provision of affordable dwellings. Despite widespread objection, including from our Parish Council, Permission is granted. It then becomes clear that the size of the plot is such that affordable housing will, after all, be required. A new application is made for the same number of houses in the same field but on a much smaller plot. The reasoning is that it would not be profitable to build the houses and yet have to provide affordable dwellings. Despite further objections, including from the Parish Council, Permission granted. Other than what some may consider moral grounds, there was no basis for refusal. The neighbours suggest – 'if you can't afford to build them

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- 1 The Parish Council utterly rejects this Planning application. The Council are concerned about the high density of building in the village, a situation they consider to be unsatisfactory.
 - 2 The whole area of 'Planning' in the village has become an urgent matter and in view of the growing disquiet in the village over haphazard development it is the Parish Council's wish that all new planning applications should be deferred until a new village plan / structure plan has been agreed and the Councillors have met with the Chairman of the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Committee and Planning officers.
 - 3 The Parish Council intend to carry out a 'Village Appraisal' so that the true wishes of the residents of Elmswell can be made known.

properly, don't build them...the last thing we need is more houses.'

Case B A developer seeks to add 65 dwellings to 190 already being built in the village. The overloading of the support infrastructure - school, primary medical and highways - is the core of the objection case made by the Parish Council. Their case succeeds and Permission is refused. The developer Appeals the decision and, in parallel, makes exactly the same Application a second time. Again, the Parish Council objects. It is not unusual in such cases for the District Council, the Planning Authority, to give some weight to the considerable cost of the Appeal process when reconsidering. They grant Permission.

Case C A long-standing attempt to develop what was 250+ houses in 2017 finally emerges, after lengthy discussion in the intervening years regarding the highways infrastructure problems, as an application for 86 dwellings. The consistent objections of the Parish Council, backed by their own professionally commissioned Traffic Assessments, secure a victory of a sort. The principal element of new road layout on which Permission hinges must be built-out and formally certified as safe under Highway Safety Audit before a single house is built. That's as good as it gets.

These very recent cases are cited as examples of how and why the system is delivering some 48% more houses in Elmswell since 2016 and over the next few years. It is the same, give or take a percentage point or two, in Thurston and in Woolpit. They reinforce the sad fact that, regardless of what the community wants or what the community thinks it needs, national policy and planning law pays little

regard to local want or need. It measures what we perceive as drawbacks – bussing out youngest children to a new school in Woolpit, denying us our own Health Centre, considering a Relief Road – against national standards of acceptability and concludes that we are well within those standards.

There is no appeal against a granting of Planning permission. However, if a case can be made for a fault in the due process – if the Planning Authority has not properly followed the rules and therefore may have acted unlawfully – there is the opportunity to go to the courts and ask for a Judicial Review. Our neighbours at Thurston have done just this in trying to stop 210 new houses, citing, 'a number of defects', in the procedure followed in granting Permission. Should they succeed, it would lift spirits locally, but would change nothing beyond their specific case. The last such local champions, East Bergholt, failed at the High Court in 2018.

Meanwhile, Mid Suffolk are working on a Local Plan which will lay down the shape of development in the District until 2036. One of the several developers who have made representations towards influencing the shape of that Plan seeks to argue for a site allocation in Elmswell to take 170 new dwellings plus a new primary school.

Perhaps, when this comes up for discussion, we can re-use some of the words which made sense back in 1981...in view of the growing disquiet in the village over haphazard development...





ELMSWELL ART CLUB

This article was intended for the January newsletter but unfortunately due to a minor glitch in the system the words from December were regrettably repeated into January while the pictures planned for January did actually appear. The editorial and production teams have put in place processes which will ensure this will not recur. So apologies all round.

The Coronavirus has caused much sickness and undreamt of early deaths as well as devastating many businesses, the normal things in life are no longer taken for granted and we wonder when the new normal will kick in. The hospitality industry is in disarray, as is the entertainment industry and TV schedules have had to seriously adjust. Art seems to take up more air time. There are currently a plethora of art and painting shows getting coverage. One show which has drawn a wide audience, even though it was first aired in the USA during the years 1983 to 1994, features a now deceased artist named Bob Ross. During each half hour show, he paints using wet on wet oils with a two inch wide brush held at 90 degrees to the board and employs a free style approach with no sketching outlines beforehand. His commentary is delivered in a soft American accent and he talks about such things as "adding some happy little trees". Very captivating and easy on the ear as well as the eye. Lots of club members enjoy his shows and one or two have tried to follow his style.



Painting competitions have been aired pretty well during lockdown, as have instructional painting classes. Many of our members follow these shows. Another very popular show although not painting is the Great Pottery Throw Down, displaying fantastic skills and creativity.

The recent program sensibly presented by Alan Yentob covering the life and works of Tracey Emin was absolutely fascinating and her life story was a revelation, especially her early years when she had to endure abuse and hardship. Her works are much sought after and she is now world renowned.

Grayson Perry had a series of programs made and aired during the first lockdown.

He arranged for viewers to submit works every week covering different subjects from which he would select a picture of the week to go into an exhibition to be held in Manchester. Once selected he would have a zoom discussion with the artist who were just ordinary folk doing the sort of work any art club would produce. His choice of his favourite painting was of a couple of waste bins shown in an area at the back of some houses! Additionally, he would get celebs to show their work, Harry Hill and Noel Fielding among them. Grayson has a delightfully relaxed easy going style combined with an amazingly raucous laugh. Unfortunately, the exhibition was cancelled, again caused by the corona virus but I understand there will be more to follow.

The shows were called, "Grayson's Art Club". Not a bit like Elmswell Art Club but great viewing. Many members have said they enjoyed this series. Anyone who was inspired to paint or draw whilst watching any of these programs will be given a warm welcome when we do start up again, whether experienced or just would like to have a go, come along, you're all welcome.

Our pictures this month feature a painting of Elmswell station by Eddie Douglas, done in acrylics. We are so fortunate here in Elmswell when this station was saved from destruction by a group of community minded residents. The pencil drawing of that well known American pop idol was done by Bobbie Fiske.

Barbara Clark, one of the founders of the art club passed away in December and is due to be cremated in mid January. She was extremely popular with everyone and had such a lovely easy going nature. We shall miss her. Thank you Barbara for all you have done for us.

John Welford 01359 240166



**A man paints with his brain
and not with his hands.**

Michaelangelo

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Yet another false dawn.

Our planned "new start" at the beginning of February scuppered I am afraid. We hope that Christmas and New Year were celebrated even if somewhat differently this year. I know that some of our members were unavoidably alone. We did try to ensure that there was telephone contact in these instances. Everyone will now have had notification about our programme changes and we are going to try again in April. If it actually happens, **Stephanie will be demonstrating how to make the most of a supermarket bunch.** We will try and make this a social gathering too.

With changes to the NFWI Constitution, which were inevitable in the circumstances, end of year AGM's all put on hold, the business side of the W.I. has slowed down considerably. However, we have been able to vote on this year's Resolutions. These were listed in our monthly W.I. Life magazine and slips available for members to vote. That is, of course, if we have any postmen left fit and well to deliver them. We have also been able to take part in Zoom on line courses. Some of these have been very interesting and good value for money. Although it seems a strange message, I would add that we will be open for new members and guests once we

are up and running again. You can join us for a meeting free of charge to "test the water" before you make any decisions.

We are easily contactable. Just phone Mary on 01359 245022 or Maureen on 10359 241033.

Just in case you have forgotten what we all look like, I thought these photos would bring back a few memories

Keep safe. Maureen Davis

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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE AT HOME

With many people finding themselves learning or teaching from home again, the team from Ely Museum are offering you a helping hand with its "History at Home" project. This brings real and replica museum objects to life, shares worksheets and activities as well as crafts, songs and fun ideas to help everyone enjoy history lessons at home. A great way of bringing history to life, starting with the Romans and Anglo Saxons, in the coming days and weeks the museum will continue to add more content on topics from pre-history Stone Age and Bronze Age, fossils, dinosaurs, Toys Long Ago, to the Second World War, etc. These are all **free of charge** so do visit their website - elymuseum.org.uk/history-at-home - to find out more.

"COMPANIONS"

Sorry folks, we haven't forgotten you but it is still not safe to be together yet.

However, if you want a chat at any time please just 'phone me on 01359 242224. Linda Waspe.



Companions past - Muriel in 1999 with the late Bill Farrow on a group outing to Spalding Carnival



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

The Life and Times of an 1863 Railway Carriage

We were recently donated a videocassette tape by Albert Welham who used to live in Hawk End Lane. We have not been able to view the tape yet, but Albert mentioned it showed the removal of an old railway carriage body on its journey by road to the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway (MSLR) at Wetheringsett.

It transpires that the carriage body, No.140, was owned by the late Charles Capon who lived at "Jayance", Hawk End Lane, with his wife Joyce, and he used it as a garden store. There is no record of how long it was in his possession or from whom he acquired it. The carriage was spotted in the garden by a Mid-Suffolk Light Railway member, and a consortium of their members purchased it from Mr Capon in 1995.

As there was insufficient room at the MSLR site for the carriage body, it was transferred to MSLR member Eric Noy's farm at Haughley, as a temporary measure, where it remained for two years before being moved to Brockford in 1997. The photograph below shows the state of the external bodywork when it was moved from Elmswell. Apparently one side was in a fair condition as it had been protected to a certain degree by a canopy.



Photo: Gill Terry

It will be interesting when we have the correct technology to be able to view the video as Hawk End Lane is quite narrow, and it cannot have been easy manoeuvring the crane and lorry when No. 140 was taken from Elmswell on 2 September 1995.

The MSLR has undertaken a considerable amount of research, helped by the Great Eastern Railway Society, and it transpires that this carriage was a four-wheeled first-class

smoking saloon built at the Stratford Works of the Great Eastern Railway in 1863, being one of a batch of six built at that time. It was withdrawn from service in 1895 with the body probably being sold as living accommodation, which was the custom at that time. It would have been used on suburban services out of London's Liverpool Street Station.

In Summer 2014, ownership of the carriage body was transferred by the consortium of members to the MSLR who agreed to fund the restoration. As with all heritage railways, any refurbishment carried out ensures a carriage or locomotive is restored to its original condition, and the photograph below gives an idea of the extent of timberwork which needed to be renewed.



Listed are a few of the examples of the work carried out which give an idea of how much restoration was involved - replacement side panels and internal doors, roof ventilators and new iron work had to be manufactured. Once the bodywork was completed, the seats and door panels were upholstered and carpet laid to give an authentic appearance. Researching authentic designs all costs time and money. The restoration of the coach body was finally completed in 2016, and it was lifted onto a brakevan under-frame on 20 July 2016. Although originally a Smoking Carriage, today's passengers are unable to smoke in the carriage because of current legislation.

Below is a photograph of No. 140 in all its glory following completion of the restoration project. It is the oldest known Great Eastern Railway carriage in preservation – only to be seen at the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway! An enormous amount of time will have been spent on the restoration, and it is important we all support Heritage

Railways to ensure their survival. If you would like to see the carriage, do visit the MSLR once they are again permitted to open their collection to visitors. They are at Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, Stowmarket, IP14 5PW; Tel: 01449-766874; website = www.mslr.org.uk

Charles Capon (1920-2009) is recorded in the 1939 Register as living at "Malting Cottage", The Street, Norton with his parents and sister. The occupations for both Charles and his father are noted as working at a Bacon Factory, undoubtedly in Elmswell. Coincidentally, in the September 2020 edition of the Norton Messenger newsletter there is mention of the Capon family living at "Pond Cottage", The Street, Norton. This became Charles' mother's shop, selling sweets and vegetables. The article includes a photograph of three children outside the cottage, two of whom were Charles and his sister.

Our website mentions a G.C. Capon being present for the Laying of the Foundation Stone at the Bacon Factory in 1911. He may have been a relative of Charles but not his father who was John. The website also includes a letter written by Albert Welham in May 2018 with a recollection of the day he officially moved into "Yew Tree Cottage", Hawk End Lane when a neighbour, Charlie Capon, dragged over a sack of coal saying "there you are, boy, that'll keep you warm till the coalman comes."

We are very grateful to the Mid-Suffolk Light Railway (affectionately known as the MIDDY) for granting us permission to reproduce the above photographs and information in their "The Middy Restored" booklet.



**Elmswell
History
Group**

For further information about our History Group, please visit our website – www.elmswell-history.org.uk or contact our Secretary, Stella Chamberlin on 01359-242601

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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

Winter really took hold in January, making sure we knew that cold weather had wrapped around us. Freezing temperatures needed our tender plants tucked under fleece or given protection in whatever way we could. They will survive, as each day I refill the bird feeders I see yet more bulbs pushing their way through the frozen earth. Today, I noticed a clump of snowdrops braving the elements as they showed off their pure white petals. Always an energizing sight in the garden for I know there will be many more to come.



The beauty of the frost dripping from the trees at the beginning of the month was awesome. Looking out of the window, watching icicles drop from branches to leave a pile of glittering ice at the base of the tree was something special. Even the birds were quick to flit around to make sure not to get hurt as the icicles fell.

February, a month full of optimism although it could be cold with continuing biting winds and harsh frosts and maybe more snow to the fuel excited children. However, our garden borders and pots will be showing signs of hope that spring is on its way. I am sure you will find that your garden or planted pots sing with the promise of better things to come, something we all need in these uncertain times.



Elmswell Garden Club Committee continue to be aware of the ongoing Covid19 situation and know that as a Club we cannot meet at present. However, the Committee is optimistic that 'WE WILL BE BACK' when the time is right and safe. In more ways than one it will be an exciting start for EGC as we have been able to secure the new Wesley Hall for our monthly evening meetings. Speakers are provisionally booked for the evenings in 2021 that we should meet. Until the time we can safely get together enjoy your garden and 'keeping planting'.



If you require further information about Elmswell Garden Club (EGC), please contact Catherine, on 01359 242172 or Nick, on 01359 242601.

The Club email is elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com and a good way of asking a question that will be swiftly answered.

Thank you to Margaret, an Elmswell Garden Club member who shared photos of the frosty weather in her garden borders in January.

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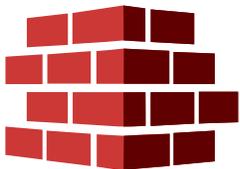
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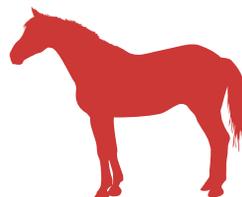
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We have started doing our digital displays again on Facebook. Last month's display was 2020 Award winning books. If you missed it you can see it here <https://www.facebook.com/ElmswellLibrary/>

posts/2900732150208898. This month's display is themed around LGBTQIA+ history month and includes ebooks and audiobooks by Val McDermid, Patrick Ness, Stephen Fry, Nicola Upson and Jan Morris among others. There is crime fiction, romance fiction, true stories and stories inspired by real events and more so should have something for everyone.

For those who are missing seeing authors, Suffolk Libraries have regular live author Q&As. In February Louise Penny and Stephanie Yeboah are taking part. If you have missed previous ones or want to see what they are like visit the Suffolk libraries YouTube channel where all the previous online author events are available to watch.

Unfortunately the drop box for returning books is still unavailable but do not worry as loans that would have been due from Christmas have been extended to March. For the most up to date information check the Elmswell Library page on Suffolk Libraries website. <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/elmswell-library>

I hope you are all enjoying the snow and the sun,

Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Baby Bounce

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

The Keep in Touch Community Café

Cancelled until further notice.

Lego Club

Lego ideas will be posted on Facebook every Sunday.

Elmswell Library Friends Group AGM

Postponed until further notice.

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CITIZENS ADVICE

"I'm really worried about my elderly relatives being targeted by coronavirus scams - are there any warning signs that I can tell them to look out for? What should they do if they think that something is a scam?"

Unfortunately, we've seen an increase in scams since the beginning of the pandemic, so it's good to be thinking about the steps you can take to help protect friends and family.

Common scams we're seeing are about bogus testing kits, coronavirus vaccinations and government refunds or fines. You should watch out for messages about coronavirus from unusual email addresses or phone numbers, and shouldn't click on any links. Be aware that you won't be asked to pay for coronavirus vaccinations - they are provided for free by the NHS.

Here are some general warning signs to look out for:

- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address

- You've been asked to transfer money quickly or to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed

If you think something is a scam you should hang up the phone, close the website, or shut the front door. Never feel pressured to make a decision straight away, and don't give out personal details or money unless you're certain that they can trust the person. If you feel threatened or unsafe you can ring 999.

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Looking ahead to later this month, our next Zoom Quiz Night is on 27 February at 7pm. This will be a fun family quiz that is not too brain-numbing over Zoom. Teams can be up to 6 and across households (we will use breakout rooms so teams can confer together). But small teams are just fine as well. It promises to be an enjoyable evening and all are welcome. The cost is £7.00 donation. Please contact John Evans to register on 01449 781251 or email babsjevans@outlook.com

Weekly Diary for February:

Sunday:

- 9:30am Sunday School via Zoom (not February 7). Contact us for details.
- 10:30am Service streamed on Facebook and YouTube. Followed by Coffee and Chat via Zoom.

Tuesday and Thursday:

- 8:00pm Night Prayer streamed on Facebook

Saturday:

- 9:00am Weekly prayer meeting via Zoom.
- 10:30am Coffee and Chat via Zoom

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello from St John's Church.

"It will get worse before it gets better." This is a phrase I have heard a few times recently and it seems it will indeed be our experience in early 2021. I am confident, however, that things will start to improve as more of us are vaccinated. But for the time being keyworkers are working endlessly and the rest of us are stuck at home again. I have been drawing strength from Psalm 139 in the Bible, which says:

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

This reminds me that the Lord is not limited like us by lockdown. He can still go anywhere he likes. His Spirit is everywhere to strengthen us, encourage us and guide us. Why not invite him into your house? The normal bubble rules do not apply.

Although places of worship are permitted to stay open, St John's believes it is important to keep people safe and we have closed the building (except for funerals). We are worshipping online again every Sunday at 10:30am. If you would like a DVD of the service delivered, please let the Rector know. Sunday School is also going well on Sundays over Zoom at 9:30am. You are very welcome to join us – details to connect to services are below. Please contact us if you would like your children to join Sunday School.

We also continue to meet together for "Coffee and Chat" over Zoom on Saturdays at 10:30am and after the Sunday service. You can find details in our weekly update on our website or Facebook page. Please feel free to join us.

One highlight of January to mention was our Variety and Spice evening, which was streamed at the end of the month. Many thanks to all who watched and made donations and, of course, to all those who took part in the comedy, songs and poems. It was a lovely, fun evening of entertainment.



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- 10 in loving memory of a dear Grandad, George Stiff. Louise & Brian. x.
- 11 in loving memory of my Brother. Louise. x.
- 12 Ted Rookard. Treasured "Happy Birthday" memories, for a dear Husband, Dad & Grandad. Lots of love from all his family. xxxx.
- 13 in loving memory of Marjorie Ellen Manning.
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Have you had your Covid jab yet? I've heard of some who have, even some who've had their second jab! I'm sure we are all eagerly waiting to get the call. How good it will be when we are able to get together again, meet our friends and families and give and receive hugs (if that's your thing!).

Thinking about waiting for a call, the words of an old hymn were brought to mind which I can't remember singing for a very long time (it's a long time since we sang anything communally of course) (I've taken out the thees and thous and abbreviated it a bit!):-

*Jesus is tenderly calling you home—
calling today, calling today!*

*Why from the sunshine of love will you
roam, farther and farther away?*

Calling today! calling today!

*Jesus is calling, is tenderly calling
today.*

*Jesus is calling the weary to rest –
bring him your burden and you will be
blest; he will not turn you away.*

Calling today.....

*Jesus is waiting, O come to him now –
come with your sins, at his feet lowly
bow; come and no longer delay!*

Calling today.....

*Jesus is pleading, O list to his voice –
they who believe in his name shall
rejoice; answer his call and obey.*

Calling today.....

Answering Jesus' call leads to an assurance that, despite the dark times we are living through, all will be well, and your eternal destiny would be in the presence of God.

Our activities at the chapel are all suspended and it will likely be sometime before the Ladies Friendship Group and Food 'n' Friends will be able to resume. It would be good if we were able to gather physically for Easter Sunday, but I don't think we can take that for granted at present.

We meet each Wednesday at 10.00am on Zoom for a short time of bible study (currently we're working through the early chapters of St. Luke's gospel) followed by a time of chat. 40 minutes in all. All are welcome to join in, please email cockant2@btinternet.com to ask for an invite.

We are grateful to all those who preach each week, currently of course over Zoom. Our preachers at our 10.30am services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

February 7th

Rev. Norman Tharby (inc Communion)

February 14th

Rev. Rodney Sawtell –
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February 21st

Ann Rudland

February 28th

Rev. Norman Tharby

March 7th

Rev. Norman Tharby (inc Communion)

Again, please email cockant2@btinternet.com to ask for an invite.

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

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If you're invited to have your vaccination at a larger vaccination centre or at a pharmacy, you'll get a letter.

If you're invited to have your vaccination at a local centre such as a hospital or GP surgery, you'll usually get a text or email. You may sometimes get a letter.

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Spotting a scam

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EDITORIAL

Like the rest of the world of sport - local football has somewhat fell away into distant memories with the current covid crisis .

It seems everyone, whatever walk of life you are from, is sadly affected by the virus . However , we will try to be upbeat & optimistic, and we all cling on to the hope that , albeit unlikely, in the not too distant future some normality will return and it will be deemed safe to venture outside.

All the players & backroom staff , are patiently waiting for Boris & his team to announce a lifting of restrictions & we can start kicking a ball again .

But in the meantime, we hope you all stay safe and well . Keep your distance . Wash your hands . Put on a mask . And look forward to good times that are just around the corner .

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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



A new wildlife site for Elmswell!

This month brings the exciting news that ElmsWild will now be working on a new wildlife site in the village, accessible for all to visit. At the end of Spong Lane the public right of way crosses several fields before arriving at Kiln Meadow. One of these fields belongs to the Poores' Land Charity, which many readers will know from the generous gifts they offer to older residents at Christmas. This field has been tenanted for many years, but last year the tenancy became vacant. The Trustees of ElmsWild decided that here was a wonderful opportunity to manage this plot for the benefit of wildlife, and after a short negotiation we were delighted to sign a licence agreement with the Poores' Land Charity. The licence is renewable from year to year, and we hope that 2021 will mark the beginning of our involvement with this interesting site over the long term.

The field itself is quite small – just over an acre – but of immense historical and conservation value. Originally known as "Town Field", it is the last remaining field from the old tithe map which still retains its original shape and boundary. The hedges which enclose it are ancient and species-rich. Stand in the middle of the field, look down towards the lower hedge and imagine the land being worked by Elmswell villagers going back through the centuries – you can almost hear the jingle of the horses' harness and the swish of the scythe!

In the first year we're going to spend some time surveying the site, seeing what's there and planning what to do next. We've asked Suffolk Wildlife Trust to advise us, as they have with all our projects. Many thanks go to all

the Poores' Land Trustees for offering us this wonderful new opportunity and to Elmswell Parish Council for their generous support. As soon as we're allowed to get out and about again we'll start work on this exciting new project!



Bugs and birds at Kiln Meadow – all is explained....

....thanks to BBC Winterwatch! In a recent edition we were intrigued to see Gillian Burke pay a visit to a sewage works with a local bird enthusiast. There were lots of birds to see, hopping around on the filter beds, and Gillian went on to explain in graphic detail how these beds encouraged insects – even in winter – which in turn attract birds to feed on them. Anyone who walks around the footpath from Kiln Lane to Kiln Meadow will be familiar with the swarms of tiny flies that buzz around as you flap your arms about trying to fend them off. Now we know why! Just as Gillian described, there are lots of birds attracted here too, at the Anglian Water sewage works right next to Kiln Meadow. You can see Pied and Grey Wagtails riding around on the filter arms as they circle over the gravel, with Wrens darting in and out, all feeding on the bountiful supply of bugs and insects. In the spring Swallows and House Martins swoop about overhead, feeding up after their long migration from Africa. Gillian concluded that sewage works are actually great places for a nature reserve. From our observations of Kiln Meadow we can certainly agree with that. Worth paying your licence fee for, as Mr Packham would say!



Jack Frost has been visiting

The Inuit, or so we are told, have many different words for snow. But what about frost? A quick google of the Met Office shows us that there are at least four different types of frost – air, ground, hoar and rime. There's also 'grass' frost, which can form on surface vegetation if the temperature dips suddenly, and 'glaze', which can lead to the alarming phenomenon of black ice. I don't know if we've had all four types this winter, but we certainly seem to have had a lot of frosty nights and mornings. Some of the hoar frosts have been quite spectacular, especially first thing on a sunny morning. The birch trees at Lukeswood, covered in a thick, sparkling coat of ice, have looked quite magical. The magic doesn't last long, though, before the sun gets to work, the frost loses its grip and falls in a heavy shower of ice crystals. It's worth getting up early to enjoy this best of the wintry weather!



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Make your own bird feeder

You will need:

lard, fir cone, bird seed and string.

- Mix the bird seed with the lard
- Push the mixture into the fir cone
- Put in the fridge overnight to harden
- Remove from the fridge
- Tie some string on to the top
- Hang outside in the garden for the birds to enjoy

Can you find the following birds?

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| Starling | Blackbird | Magpie |
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Leave food out for birds in the spring, this will help them to feed their young

Dry ground in the summer makes it hard for birds to find food. Don't forget to put some food out.

In the autumn birds are moulting and preparing their bodies for winter so it is important to put food out for them

By feeding birds in the winter will help the birds survive.



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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

I have a very strong feeling that the splendid roll-out of the vaccination process might not be in time to save our 2021 bowls season and we will, again, have to make do with some friendly matches by about mid-summer. Every time we get close to victory Covid goes and pulls a fast one on us and we slide back down the corona snake to square one. Frustrating simply isn't the word for it. A lot of bowlers will get the call with the early groups to receive treatment but lockdown will be eased by area and not by age group, so that won't help us at all in real terms.

On a positive note, or at least, not a negative one, Kevin's ukulele group has, against all odds, gained another new member and will add him to the

list of those emailed with his regular updates and practice suggestions. If anyone would like to have a look at our song-book whether interested in joining or just curious, just ping me an email to the address below and I will forward it to Kevin. Actually, there isn't much to up-date with so little happening but he is trying to keep everyone interested until we return to normal. Normal, we hope, will be Thursday mornings at the Wesley where we are hoping to secure the position of 'House Band' but I suppose we will have to wait to see how, or if, we affect sales. The attraction for us is that we might pick the odd member or two which won't happen if we are locked away somewhere, although that might well be what the public will demand!

This month's photos show the Foxes at the home of the Coney Weston Swans and Dick and Barry using the mower we bought from the greatly missed Stonham Aspal Bowls Club

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The Government having passed emergency legislation to allow Local Government to continue within the law, local councils are currently permitted to meet 'virtually' over the internet and to properly make binding decisions. With neither Blackbourne or Wesley available for use within the prevailing lockdown restrictions the Parish Council convened using the Zoom internet video conferencing facility. The meeting was posted in the usual way, including on the Council's website, and details were clearly given as to how public attendance and contributions could be made either with a screen presence or over a telephone link if preferred.

9 Councillors attended along with 1 member of the public and, for part of the meeting, SCC Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which comprises the Council Chairman, Cllr Fred Pallett, the Council Vice-chairman, Cllr David Barker, and Cllr Mike Friend, nominated by his peers to join them. It seeks to cover some of the more interesting or significant items thought to deserve wider public attention. Included, where appropriate, are matters reported to the meetings by external bodies such as Ward Members or as raised at the meeting by members of the public. Further background and reference to subsequent events are included where relevant.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available online 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 19th October, as approved at this meeting, are posted on the Council notice board at the Co-op.

Planning results

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

DC/20/04972 Change of use of land for creation of 2 traveller pitches...1 Broadgrass Green GRANTED

DC/20/04375 Erection of 6 dwellings...White House Barns GRANTED

DC/20/05090 Permission without compliance of conditions...Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane GRANTED

DC/20/05089 Change of use of land for highway access...26 Eastern Way GRANTED

DC/20/05540 Discharge of Conditions Application 4911/16 - Condition 18 (Archaeological) Land adjacent to Wetherden Road APPROVED

DC/20/03027 Erection of 1no dwelling...Crest Nicolson Site, Land at Wetherden Road GRANTED

Planning Applications

The Meeting discussed submissions as forwarded for comment by Mid Suffolk District

Council, the Planning Authority, and agreed to support applications ref. DC/21/00024 for the erection of extensions

and a car port at 1 Farm Meadow and ref. DC/20/05714 for a first floor rear extension at 30 Wetherden Road.

Objections were made to other

applications as follows:

DC/20/05686 Erection of a detached dwelling with detached double garage at Kiln Farm Guest House, Kiln Lane.

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons; This site is in the countryside, outside of the settlement boundary of the village. The proposal represents an unsustainable form of residential development for which there is no justification. The new household created would entirely rely on private vehicular transport for access to the amenities at either Elmswell or Woolpit, both in excess of a mile distant, via Kiln Lane, an already over-used single track road with no passing places which serves several domestic dwellings as well as a major Anglian Water facility and 3 industrial sites. Kiln Lane is currently demonstrating that it cannot take the increased traffic resulting from the industrial sites recently developed and in process of development on the old A45 adjacent. The pressure the lane has to absorb when frequent road closures at Church Hill divert traffic are evident in the parlous state of the carriageway.

With regard to the strong policy imperatives aimed at protecting the character and appearance of the countryside, this proposal offers no justification for an exception to the constraints against development in the countryside and it would, if permitted, place further

unacceptable strain on the highway, contrary to Local Plan policy T10. **DC/20/05053 Erection of up to 9 dwellings on land to the east of Oak Lane**

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons; The Settlement Boundary, as defined in the Local Plan, now has behind it the empowering factor of an accepted 5-year housing land supply, thus adding considerable strength to the argument presented when this proposal was first considered and rejected. The site is in the countryside outside of the Settlement Boundary within which new development will properly take place.

With regard to the strong policy imperatives aimed at protecting the existing character and appearance of the countryside, this proposal offers no justification for exceptional treatment and does not present a case for special consideration under categories identified and defined in the Local Plan, the Core Strategy or the National Planning Policy Framework.

Furthermore, the emerging Joint Local Plan has it, at LP24, that development should 'Respond and safeguard the existing character and context', and that, 'Development that fails to improve the quality and character of the area will not be supported.' This ad hoc, opportunistic off-Plan proposal clearly fails on both of these counts.

The further reduction in site area in this 3rd iteration of the Proposal creates an urban result entirely at odds with the rural setting and in jarring contrast to the existing dwellings on Oak Lane which are individual dwellings set on substantial plots off this quiet single-track cul de sac. Any comparison with the adjacent housing estate is erroneous; the context is the Oak Lane community of houses which have a specific identity and which identity would be dramatically eroded if this townscape proposal were to be permitted.

The admitted reduction in site area as a strategy to remove any requirement for the provision of Affordable Housing denies at a stroke any small benefit that the original 2 proposals offered to the village of Elmswell. With no justification other than the Applicant's own assessment of viability, 3 affordable units are no longer part of the housing mix. No viability assessment is put forward and no consultation with the Planning Authority has been undertaken. Without this small concession to the community infrastructure, the addition of 9 more dwellings to the 699 which have current Planning Permission and which being or are soon to be built-out offers only more pressure on an already-stretched infrastructure.

Councillors also vigorously support the objections as voiced by neighbours on grounds of highway safety and suitability with regard to the safe and free flow of traffic and safeguarding pedestrians. The suggested relaxation of the Design Manual requirement of a 90m visibility splay is unacceptable, particularly in light of the Elmswell Community Speed Watch figures which put the average traffic speed on Ashfield road passing the junction with Oak Lane at well in excess of the 30mph limit. Further, the re-orientation of the roadside footpaths proposed so as to enable even a truncated visibility splay layout poses a serious threat to pedestrians who will be forced to cross the busy Ashfield Road in order to make the journey to and from the village centre and North of Oak Lane. In summary, the proposed mitigation measures required to allow the considerable extra traffic loading which would result from this proposal

run counter to the requirements of Local Plan policy T10.

In reaching these conclusions, Councillors had reference to Local Plan policies SB1 & H7, Core Strategy Policies CS1 & CS2, National Planning Policy Framework para.55 and to the emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan.

Planning appeals

The Clerk confirmed his attendance at a forthcoming Planning Appeal against the Refusal of Permission for up to 120 dwellings at Haughley Park. Liaison with neighbouring parish councils has confirmed solid local opposition to the proposal which is one of many off-Plan ad hoc applications encouraged by the Government's drive to drive forward the building of more houses and relying upon the very attractive 'honey-pot' locations along the A14 corridor - particularly at Elmswell, Woolpit & Thurston - serving the employment hubs of Felixstowe and Cambridge.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake tabled a joint written report confirming that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils had decided to suspend the Garden Waste service from week commencing 11th January to enable the staff to concentrate on the collection of household waste and recycling during this lockdown period. Meanwhile, proposals for the draft budget and housing revenue account (HRA) for the coming year include a 1.66% increase in Council Tax. The HRA proposals suggest that Council house rents are likely to increase by 1.5%. Sheltered housing service charges look set to increase by £1 per week, and both garage rents and sheltered housing utility charges are to remain at the same level. The Green and Liberal Democrat group will be discussing their alternative budget arrangement with officers over the next few weeks. The Cabinets of both Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils are to discuss the use of hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO) as a fuel for the waste fleet. If this is agreed, it will mean up to 90% reduction in carbon emissions as it is using a waste product. Conversion of the tankers to use the new fuel is expected to cost about £50k, but it should result in lower

maintenance costs in the longer term, as well as helping the environment. The deadline for applications for grants from the Member Locality Budget scheme has been extended to Friday 26th February 2021. Further details and an application form for any group which would like to apply for funding are available at: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/locality-awards-2020-21/> The Government Minister for Housing and Communities issued a statement about housing numbers just before Christmas. It is confirmed that the number of new houses in Mid Suffolk will not be changed, so that the basis on which the emerging Joint Local Plan was written remains unchanged.

Suffolk County Council

County Council Ward Member, Cllr Jane Storey, tabled a written report which drew attention to reports that the increase in Council Tax bills required by SCC would be 4%, with a firm decision due at a full Council meeting on 11th February. This meeting will be available to view online. Cllr Storey also confirmed that she is pursuing the problem of poor reinstatement work to potholes, including the basis on which the contracts are agreed between SCC and the contractors who carry out the works. Efforts continue to have the problems of over-use and subsequent deterioration of Kiln Lane highlighted along with resolution of the confusion regarding responsibility for maintenance of the junction where Bunkers Hill meets A1088.

Precept

The Meeting agreed that the Precept set by the Parish Council as part of the Council Tax charged to all households should be set at £163,514.00, a figure which will impose no increase on households in Elmswell. The 3 other Authorities with tax-raising powers, District Council, County Council and Suffolk Police, have all indicated an increase in their share of the bill. It was noted that the Parish council levy is for money which is entirely dedicated to expenditures in Elmswell.

Railway Tavern site

The Clerk's Report included confirmation that grant aid has been secured from the

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Government-funded Plunkett Foundation towards professional advice in taking forward the scheme, as supported

in the September 2019 Village-wide consultation, to realise the potential of the Railway Tavern by establishing community ownership and management structures, as has so successfully been achieved by many community pub groups in Suffolk and elsewhere. This will allow the village to take forward the establishment of the

proposed Community Benefit Society, a process which will necessarily involve very wide public input, membership, consultation and approval at all stages. It is hoped that this process will become easier in coming months. Meanwhile, the groundwork will be laid through remote conferencing with full reports via the Newsletter.

Neighbourhood Plan

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

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne or on-line should prevailing restrictions so require. If held live,

the proceedings will also be open, through Zoom on-line conferencing, to all who notify the Clerk of their wish to be included. The notice of meeting on notice boards and on the Council's website, will include full details as to how to register to join. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on-line at www.elmswell.suffolk.cloud, and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.



The recent extension to the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne including much needed office and storage space include the new Village Archive room. Already attracting a queue.

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 15th	Mar 15th	Apr 19th	May 17th	June 21st
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What's On in Elmswell ?



As soon as tier 4 or any other restrictions allow, Blackbourne will be available to the many groups, organisations and activities represented here as and when they feel comfortable with a return to meeting and within the rules which will govern how the facility is used in light of Government and other advice.

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

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

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

February 2021

- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Back Together Again - Social Afternoon.
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm;
Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

March 2021

- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
The Art & Craft of Stained Glass -
Michele Russell
- 11 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm;
Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

April 2021

- 7 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Making the Best of a Supermarket Bunch
Stephanie Lester
- 8 Elmswell History Group's 21st Anniversary
meeting, 7.30pm; Venue and speaker to be
confirmed.

May 2021

- 5 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Annual General Meeting
- 13 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm;
Venue and speaker to be confirmed. *July
tickets on sale*

June 2021

- 2 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
The Work of a Parish Nurse - Lesley Williams
- 10 Elmswell History Group meeting, 7.30pm;
Venue and speaker to be confirmed. *July
tickets on sale*

July 2021

- 7 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
How To Look Good in a Bin Bag ! - Mandy
Wild
- 8 Elmswell History Group Annual Outing –
to be confirmed Details and Tickets from
01359-242601

August 2021

- 4 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Edith Cavell - A British Heroine -
Richard and Jill Mann

September 2021

- 1 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Never Judge a Book by it's Cover
The ancient skill of bookbinding
Michael Holton

October 2021

- 6 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Chile - the long thin country - Chris Parfitt

November 2021

- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Create your own special bookmark for
Christmas
Materials provided - Jane Knights

December 2021

- 1 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
It's Christmas - Let's Celebrate !

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