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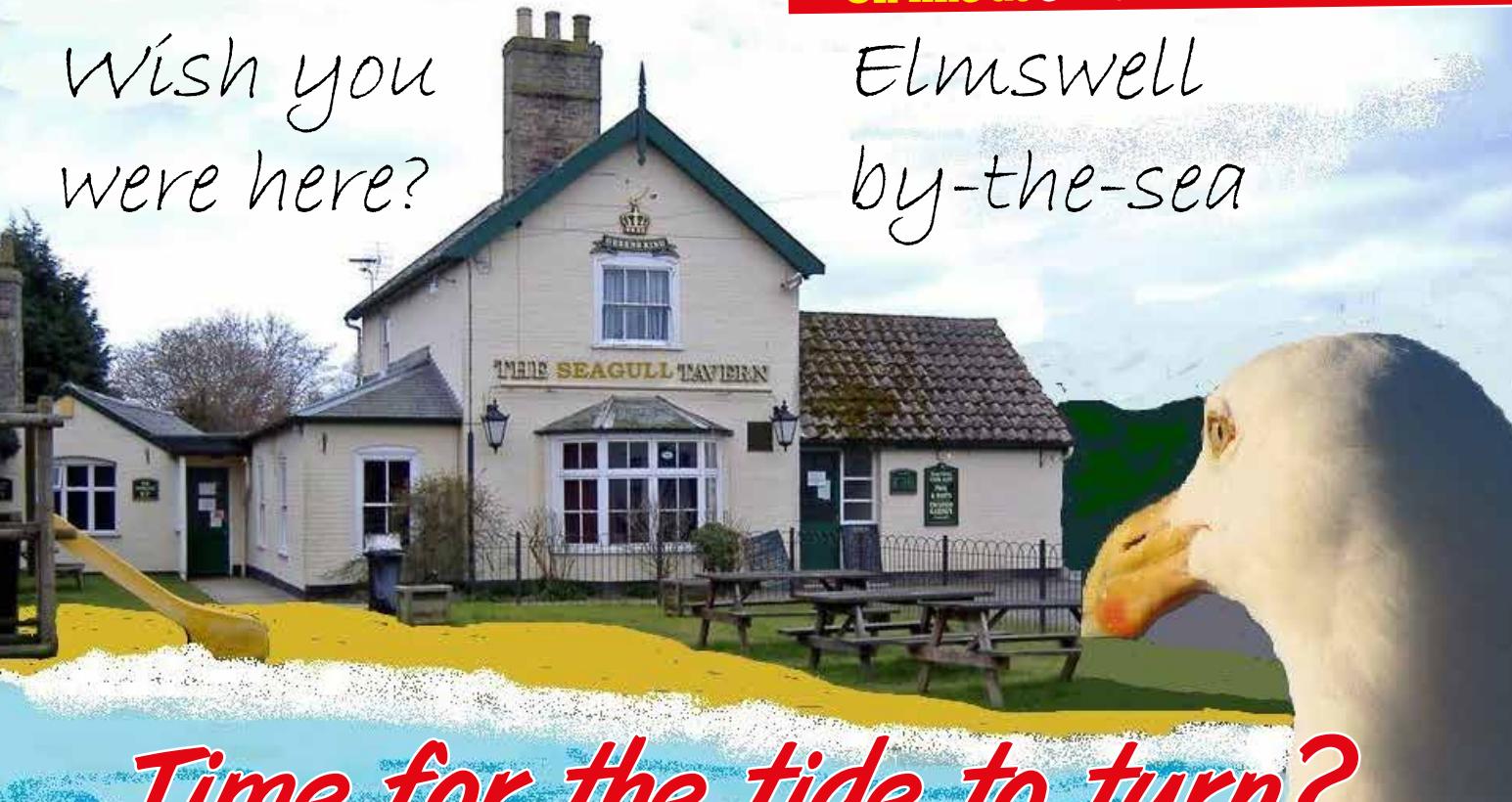
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... see our editorial

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Unfortunately due to the technicalities of obtaining the prestigious Community Shares Standard Mark, we have had to delay the Share Prospectus issue. This Standard Mark award is essential for us to be eligible for up to £100k of match funding. We do hope that all our prospective investors understand and will bear with us.

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EDITORIAL



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

**Our cover looks to the future – a bird's eye view.
It refers to 2 of the items we carry this month which offer the rare chance to have some control in two very different ways... one global (affecting our globe), the other local, (affecting our local). The seagull is just for dramatic effect.**

And drama there is. The pages of the daily press and the television news carry ample evidence of floods and wildfires and massive ocean ice melt that suggest that our management of the planet is awry, is so badly awry that there may be no way back. The ElmsWild Big Green Week, celebrated on pages 10 & 11, is echoed nationwide and the letter to our leaders as they convene to, effectively, decide the fate of the world, is a heartfelt plea towards avoiding the view enjoyed by our friendly seagull on the cover.

Elmswell is doing its green bit.

As it did 10 years ago when the Parish Council installed the '*Please switch off your engine when waiting at the gates,*' messages near the crossing – much to the chagrin of SCC officers, offended at the installation of, '*unapproved and non-standard signage on the highway*'. Perhaps we all breath a tiny bit more easily for that bit of cheek and, meanwhile, the outside world is catching up and the drive to switch off now carries the reminder that it is an offence not to do so (Highway Code Rule 123 echoing the Road Traffic [Vehicle Emissions] Regulations of 2002, as you ask).

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As it did 9 years ago when it dug up great swathes of its football pitches at Blackbourne to bury pipes to feed the ground source heat pump in the new extension, with the foresight (see below under, 'Strategic Planning'**) to install a unit far bigger than was needed so that, a few years later, the original building could be plugged into it. In the meantime, a bank of PV solar panels were added allowing a massive saving on heating the much-used facilities in an initiative that will be featured when Elmswell is used as an exemplary case in the forthcoming Mid Suffolk Babergh Local Energy Showcase at Wherstead Park in October- email emma@suffolkchamber.co.uk for details.

Elmswell is doing its green bit

as it officially opens Wesley on 15th October (see page 15) where, by drilling deep into the Elmswell clay, hundreds of yards more piping extracts more heat for yet another ground source heat pump to keep the glorious new facility warm and where, as at Blackbourne, the heavy duty cabling for speedy electric car charging points is already in place.

Elmswell is doing its green bit,

and there is the inevitable debate between the, '*drop in the ocean, spitting in the wind, what about the rest of the world still opening coal mines*', brigade and those who support

any effort in the right direction as, '*even the longest journey starts with a single step*'. Dispiriting it clearly is to drive into Bury when you can't miss the massive industrial sheds going up along A14 without a single solar panel to be seen and then to drive a little further and see acres of good farmland lying under serried rows of – you guessed it – solar panels. Similarly disheartening is the news of the delay to the much-vaunted plans to introduce compulsory surcharges on packaging with the funds thus collected redeemable against 'returns' making litter-picking a profitable business or unnecessary. Such blindingly obvious gaps in logical thinking occur when there is no ** strategic planning. No thinking ahead, no awareness of the trouble piling up for lack of early assessment of creeping consequences.

A glaring and very current example lies no further than at Woolpit petrol station... inundated, as were similar facilities country-wide, and drained of fuel because no-one realised that the deliveries need lorry drivers, currently as scarce as a gallon of unleaded. As close to home, but with far more serious long-term ramifications, is the decision by Suffolk County Council, in the face of strong opposition from parents and the Parish Council alike, to grant itself Planning permission for the expansion of Elmswell Primary School – yet again - on a site which is less than half of the size that the regulations would require of a new-build facility. To compound the clear lack of vision, it is generally accepted that the expanded facility will not be big enough to take all of the pupils generated by the new housing which currently has Planning permission in Elmswell. They do have a plan. Put these overflow kids on a bus every day to a newly built school in Woolpit.

Of course, the best laid schemes can often, '*gang aft a-gley*', as the estimable Caladone, Mr Burns, has it – or go, '*belly up*', in vernacular Sassenach terms. Hence the blunt statement which shares space on our cover with the seagull's view. The breakneck speed with which the champions

of the Elmswell Tavern project have pushed the scheme along thus far has faltered. The publication of the share prospectus which will offer the chance for all and sundry to buy into the scheme and help to make it a reality is delayed whilst 't's' are crossed and, 'i's', dotted in an important element of the offer and where advice on strict compliance has been difficult to secure in current circumstance.

An excellent example of forward planning – securing the site at the heart of the village for the revamped community pub and affordable homes – is well on the way to succeeding. The delay will be weeks. Don't panic! The outcome looks to be, potentially, very rewarding.

Last word goes to the seagull. Surveying the proposed community venture does he see a feather-brained flight of fancy? Having heard of possible entertainment at the pub does he hope for the renowned tribute girl-band, Gulls Aloud? Or, is he making the case for continued efforts in community self-help rather than heads in the sand?

Best guess? He's waiting to pinch a chip.



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ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Like father, like son.

Pieter Bruegel the Elder, perhaps one of the most significant artists of the Dutch and Flemish renaissance period, was born in 1525 in Breda in southern Holland, at the height of the reformation in Europe. The reformation was possibly the most turbulent time in European religious history. Henry VIII of England broke away from the Roman Catholic Church in 1534 by passing the "Act of Supremacy" thereby making him and his heirs the supreme head of the Church of England. His desire for a male heir was stronger than his commitment to follow the teachings of the Catholic Church in Rome. Henceforth, we became a Protestant nation. Even before that the German, Martin Luther had been busy publishing many articles protesting the supremacy of the Catholic Church. This led to the delightfully named "Diet of Worms", in effect giving the impetus to the creation of the Protestant religion. All of this had a major and lasting effect in the art world. No longer were artists under pressure to paint religious subjects, saints, gods, angels, scenes depicting miracles or biblical subjects. The shackles were off, the constraints removed! Now artists could show and paint whatever they wanted, subjects

like ordinary people, crowd scenes, peasants and other previously frowned upon subjects. One early artist who revelled in this new found freedom was the Dutchman, Pieter

Bruegel the Elder. His reputation is based on his exuberant paintings of crowds of peasants, sometimes on large canvases. Some of the most notable are *The Fight between Carnival and Lent*, *Hunters in the Snow* and *Peasant Wedding* to name but a few. His son, Pieter Bruegel the Younger very much followed in his father's footsteps in painting peasant scenes in the same style. The son was born five years before his father's death and it is unlikely therefore that the Elder taught his son. There is no doubt that Bruegel the Elder was the better artist in both quality and



range but the son was not an insignificant artist in his own right, who also excelled at taking many of his father's sketches and reproducing them in larger formats and in full colour. Both artists works are displayed in galleries throughout the world and any opportunity to see these magnificent paintings is well worth while. This month we are breaking with tradition and instead of showing copies of work completed by individual members we are showing two photographs. One shows the group during one of our Tuesday morning sessions at the Wesley. The other was taken during the week long display held recently at the Wesley as part of the **THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK** in Elmswell. The paintings shown have been selected by individual members featuring a green or natural element and are a small sample of the range of different subjects covered by our members.

John Welford
01359 240166

**Life is too short to
paint something you
don't have feeling for.**

Unknown.



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

It was a pleasant surprise to see so many members and visitors turn out for our first meeting on September 9th after a break of 18 months.

We did receive some apologies from several who could not attend but those there were fully entertained by Bob Whiting for about 2 hours

Our next meeting on Sept 23rd featured The Old Codgers who paid us a return visit.

The meeting on Oct 7th will be a Bingo night.

We now have an almost full card for the remainder of 2021, the hall is also booked for 2022 commencing on February 24th

Looking forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming meetings.

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

Our September meeting was opened by Terry, our new president. She welcomed our many new members and introduced our speaker, Sian Fox, who has spent many years working in various catering-related posts.

At the age of fourteen, she decided that she wanted to study Home Economics and eventually left school to do a degree in Bath, where Mary Berry had attended. She related many entertaining stories about mishaps which occurred, during her time there.

Sian's first post was in Trading Standards, where she was the only woman, at that time, which had its difficulties! However, as a seemingly innocent young person, she became adept at finding out if people selling alcohol were cheating customers. She would visit the bar in question, order a drink and discreetly test the alcohol content. On another occasion, two live raccoons were found in a delivery of bananas. Eventually, they were caught and found a new home in the local zoo.

After she married and had a family, she was at home for ten years but then she started working for Sainsbury's on the food advisory team, demonstrating recipes at shows and exhibitions around the country. She also worked on the shop floor, introducing customers to new foods etc. On one occasion, the creme brûlée, which was being prepared, became rather burnt. Three fire engines arrived to put out the "fire." An embarrassing incident!

Sian also worked with nurses, advising coronary patients about diet and talked to children's groups about different foods in the store. When Jamie Oliver launched his "Feed Me Better" campaign, she became involved in advising families with obese children about their eating habits. She met him several times over the two years. During Sainsbury's launch of new products with The Calendar Girls, they were on a train and were served food by a chef wearing only an apron, which was rather a shock!

Sian was a very entertaining speaker and we enjoyed her funny, real-life stories, very much.

Next, Fred Pallet and Di Jackson talked about the suggested changes to the site of the proposed community pub, The Elmswell Tavern, and invited people to contribute their ideas in the suggestion box provided.

The Dennis Rose Bowl competition, "An Item Depicting Harvest," was won by Maureen Lazarus.

Next week is Big Green Week and some W.I. members are celebrating the beautiful old oak tree nearby by decorating it with bunting on Sunday, 19.9.

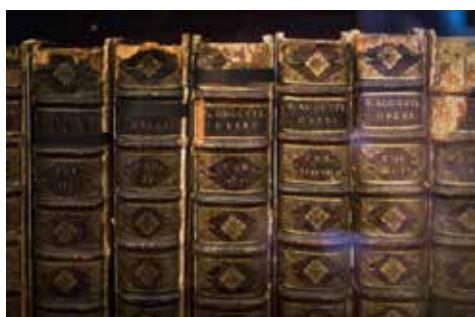
During our October "Getting to know You" meeting, prosecco and cakes will be served.

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652

Do come and join us if you are interested. For more details contact Mary on 01359 245022 or Maureen on 01359 241033.



ELMSWELL EXCHANGE SOCIAL CLUB



Another full house and a busy meeting. **We began with Michael Holton, a Book Surgeon from Ipswich.** Michael repairs and restores books using skills learned from his father, a bookbinder by trade. He brought along some interesting tools of the trade, some over 100 years old. Sadly his slides illustrating the traditional construction of a book were hardly visible as

it wasn't possible to blackout the windows in the new Wesley Chapel Hall. As many of our speakers use slides and films this is going to be an ongoing problem for us which we really hope can be resolved.

After refreshments **we held our first AGM since before the pandemic halted everything.** Our W.I.

Adviser, Jill Newell, joined us for this meeting. Volunteers to join our depleted committee were requested and several offers of help were forthcoming. Wonderful! Now we will set about organising the new roles within the committee and members will be brought up to date at our next meeting. Juliet who will be moving and Barbara were thanked for their contribution over the years. Mary

asked if anyone would like to stand for President but there were no responses. She agreed to continue in the role and members unanimously voted her back for a further year.

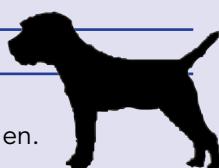
Next month, on Wednesday 6th October at 2 pm our guest speaker is Michele Russell, a local lady who is a stained glass artist. Michele will be telling us how she started in stained glass and demonstrating her skill. She will also be bringing items for sale. Thankfully, she isn't using a slide show.

New members and guests are always welcome. For more details contact Maureen on 01359 241033 or Mary on 01359 245022. Otherwise, just turn up on the day.

Carol

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the lady, for finding our little Border Terrier named 'Spud', we are very grateful to you. Stowe Vets phoned us to say that she was safely in their care. What a relief, thank you, R&S Pollen.



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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our **September** speaker was George Agnew, telling us about '**The Rise and Fall of Rougham Hall**'. Set on the south side of what is now the A14, the Old Hall was built in 1680 by Roger Kedington, a Yeoman; when he moved to Kedington, the Hall was purchased by a friend of Arthur Young, agriculturist writer of 'The Annals of Agriculture'. Various other wealthy men purchased the Old Hall which eventually was destroyed by fire and the New Hall was built. The owner of the London Evening Standard bought the Hall and he became interested in the

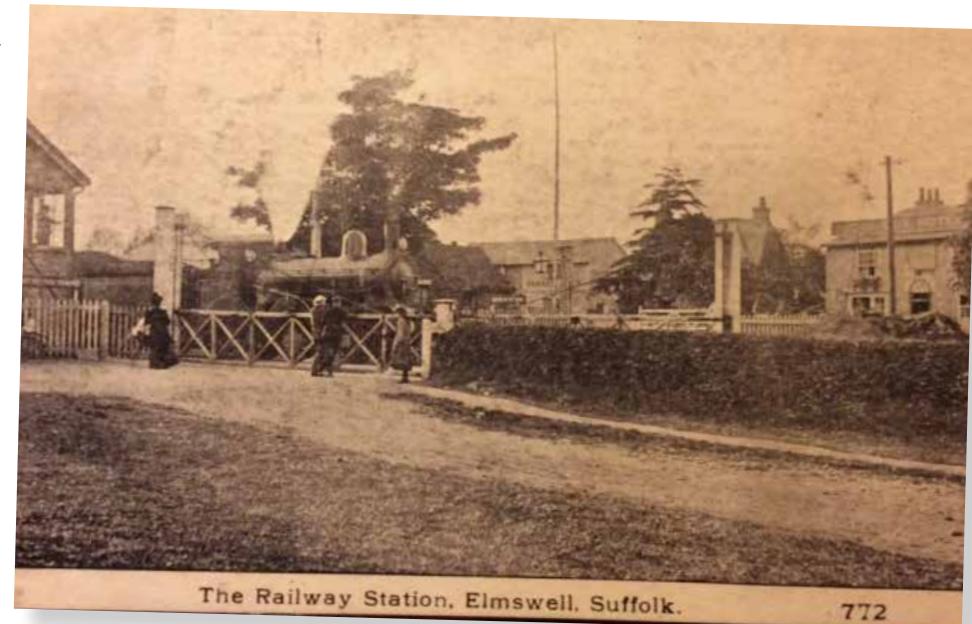
village, building a Reading Room and paying for the church organ. In 1904 he sold up and the house was bought by our speaker's great-grandfather, an art dealer who was involved with the Auction House belonging to Christies. Sir George Agnew (George's grandfather) was an MP for Salford and owner of Punch Magazine and, during his time there, the Hall was the venue for many grand parties, having been increased in size and grandeur. The gardens were magnificent with about 300 men working there. In 1915 and 1916 there were

two Zeppelin raids, destroying a large wing of the house, although this did not stop the family entertaining, and in 1922-3 there were parties to celebrate Sir George and Lady Agnew's Golden Wedding. By 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War, the Hall and grounds were requisitioned by the Army as an arms dump. What was once a happy family home, the Hall gradually fell into disrepair and little is left to see today, although there are some tentative possible plans for its partial renovation.

Our Talk on 14th October will be "Railways of East Anglia" by Douglas Bourn

Based on his recently-published book, Douglas will tell us how he grew up in a close-knit rail community which sparked his lifelong passion in railway history, particularly about the stories of the people who kept the tracks safe and the trains running, sometimes at great personal cost. People like his father, grandfather and their predecessors who did exhausting and often dangerous jobs for very low pay.

On a similar theme, the Colchester to Bury St Edmunds railway line, an enterprise involving the former Eastern Counties Railway and also ultimately the Eastern Union Railway, has just celebrated its 175th anniversary. To commemorate this, the 61306 Mayflower locomotive (renamed *Ipswich Town* for the weekend) came through Elmswell several times in August, for which Greater Anglia provided very helpful personnel



The Railway Station, Elmswell, Suffolk.

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on the platform to give up-to-the-minute information as to its progress through Suffolk. The rail link between Ipswich and Bury was particularly instrumental in the economic development of towns and villages like Elmswell all along the route, which also led to architecturally

fine stations at Ipswich, Stowmarket and Bury; the Ipswich one was built in an Italianate style, whilst Stowmarket was in Jacobean style and painted by the Ipswich water colour artist, Leonard Squirrell (1893-1979). The Mayflower was designed by Edward Thompson, built at the North British Locomotive Works in 1948, and eventually retired from service in 1967. These locomotives were used for mixed-traffic work, and Mayflower is now one of the only two such remaining. What a thrill this was to see Mayflower steaming through our very own station!



COMING SOON, 11th November – Charlie Haylock's talk on "The Dig", detailing his recent stint as Suffolk-dialect coach to actor, Ralph Fiennes, on the set of this film, all about the famous 1939 discovery of the Sutton Hoo ship burial, helmet and artefacts (now in the British Museum). In anticipation of a good audience for this very popular local speaker, we shall relocate in November to the bigger venue of **The Blackbourne**, but still charging **ONLY £2** for members and visitors alike. This promises to be an informative and entertaining evening which will also feature some film clips, so a definite date for your diary – see you there then, if not before!



**Elmswell
History
Group**

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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

No points for guessing what happens at the end of this month! It's Hallowe'en and some gardeners will certainly have been growing pumpkins in readiness for the event. There are so many types and colours - not all suitable for carving - but mostly really good for culinary purposes. The other advantage of growing pumpkins and squash is that they can be stored for such a long time.

Our first club meeting since 'lockdown', held in the newly refurbished Wesley Hall, was well attended with several new members joining us. Our speaker was the eagerly anticipated, Dr Ian Bedford. As expected, we were treated to a really interesting and enjoyable evening. You might wonder how anyone can talk about wasps at all for more than 5 seconds, but Dr Bedford kept us enthralled, amused and educated for over an hour. There were questions at the end and despite not actually liking wasps very much, I think many of those attending the talk felt an unexpected interest and certainly a new respect for the tiny creatures. We owe them more than you can imagine. As the title of the talk 'The problem without wasps' hints, our planet would be a vastly poorer place without them and our lives most especially the ability to produce food as we do currently, would be dramatically different. They are undoubtably an essential link in the food chain.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 19th. This will be a Members and Friends Evening including a short AGM before we share plans for 2022. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new members.

Only £2.00 admission. Please bring your own refreshments.

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 is a good way of asking a question that will be swiftly answered.



COMPANIONS CLUB

We are a group of friendly folk meeting at Wesley, our brand new centre in Elmswell.

We meet every other Friday morning between 10-12, come along and see for yourself you are very welcome on your own or bring a friend or partner for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. You don't have to live in Elmswell, all surrounding villages are very welcome

We have tables laid out for puzzles, crib, scrabble, a good way to make new friends or just come for a chat, all different needs are met and all COVID Rules apply. The next club date is 1st October.

**For further information please contact
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Wishing everybody Happy Autumn from
St John's Church.

Our curate, Ernest Okeke, has now left to become to Rector of Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge in the beautiful county of Shropshire. His Induction service on the 18 September was a lovely occasion and we wish the Okeke family every blessing with their future ministry.

September was an encouraging month at St John's as a number of things seemed to return back to normal(ish) following the pandemic. As we look ahead to October we hope this will continue. October kicks off with our All Age Harvest Celebration. It is always good to thank the good Lord for all his love in providing for all our needs. We will be collecting non-perishable items only this year for the Stowmarket Foodbank, which does a super job in helping out many in need in the local community.



On the 10 October, we will be focussing on the work of Christians Against Poverty. CAP provides free debt help across the UK. Their free services provide practical and emotional support and show people that there is always hope. Many have had their lives transformed through the help CAP have provided.



Our main services in St John's Church are currently held at 10:30am each Sunday. There is also a shorter service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 9am. Please do join us. We are a friendly group of people and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Also this month we are looking forward to a great evening of music on 1 October with Nutz 'n' Boltz, a band that play music mainly from the 50s and 60s. Do feel free to turn up on the night with a donation of £7.00. At the end of the month, there is a Quiz Night over Zoom. These have worked well and been very enjoyable during the pandemic – please let John Evans (Johnlevans2020@outlook.com) know if you can make it. All are very welcome.

Diary for October:

Fri 1 Oct 8:00pm
Nutz 'n' Boltz concert in St John's.
£7 on the door.
Sun 3 Oct 9:00am
Lord's Supper (spoken service)
Sun 3 Oct 10:30am
All Age Harvest Celebration
Sun 10 Oct 10:30am
Mission Sunday focussing on the work of Christians Against Poverty
Sun 17 Oct 10:30am
Holy Communion
Sun 24 Oct 10:30am
Sunday Worship
Sat 30 Oct 7:00pm
Quiz Night (Zoom)
Sun 31 Oct 10:30am
Holy Communion

We hope to also live stream most of the 10:30am services on our Facebook page (also available on our main web site later that day).

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- 1 Joan Catchpole. I would like to say "Thank You" to my lovely God Daughters, Julie and Alison, and their families, for my beautiful flowers and cards I received on my 80th Birthday. Love always, Auntie Joan. xx.
- 5 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner.
- 5 in loving memory of my husband, Vic Moss. "11 years ago today, 5th October. Still miss you". Your loving wife Gwen and son James.
- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 17 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 19 remembering Roger Dalby on your Anniversary. "As always, love from all the family".

- 21 remembering my Mum, Olive Rose Dalton, on her Birthday.
- 21 in loving memory of Ron Comber.
- 22 remembering our dear son, Matthew J. Pollen, on his 44th Birthday. With our love from Mum, Dad & Glenda. xxx.
- 24 remembering our Dad, Bernard Booth.



- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
 27 remembered with love on her Birthday, and always, Mary Eveline Skinner. "God Bless".
 28 in loving memory of a dear Nana, Rene Stiff. "God Bless". Louise and Brian. X.
 28 "As the leaves fall this Autumn, precious memories of a dear Mum and Dad, Rene and George Stiff ". Monica, Philip and family. xx.
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Margaret and I had our flu jab at the drive-through clinic. One of the examples of the NHS working well. There are obviously areas that are not working so well so our prayers are needed for those who are responsible for making decisions about where resources are used as well as those who have to make decisions about how we deal with the Covid virus which will probably be with us for several years yet. It's easy for us to look on from the sidelines and criticise isn't it? Rather like we criticise the referee at a football match (guilty as charged!). Far better if we constantly uphold in prayer those who have authority over us, and have issues to deal with that don't always have a simple solution, as the Bible exhorts us to.

Our activities this month are as follows:-

The Ladies Friendship Group meet at 2pm (note the new time) on October 4th when Janet Brown will be giving a talk on "Patchwork". Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more. All ladies are welcome.



The November meeting is on November 1st when Pip Wright will speaking about Lady Alice de Bryene

The next Food 'n' Friends is on Thursday October 14th at Midday. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food for a voluntary donation. There are a good number who come regularly. Everyone is welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

Our Harvest for All service is on October 17th at 10.30am and will be led by Mark Partridge. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch, ALL are welcome, some idea of numbers would be useful. Phone 241541, email cockant2@btinternet.com or text 07784095225.



We are grateful to all those who come to preach in our worship each Sunday. Our preachers for the next few weeks are as follows:-

October 3rd Rev. Norman Tharby - Communion
 October 10th Rev. Barbara Challis
 October 17th Mark Partridge – Harvest for All – followed by a BBQ

October 24th Rev. Norman Tharby
 October 31st Rev. Paul Hills

November 7th Rev. Norman Tharby inc Communion
 Anyone turning up can be assured of a warm welcome at all these events.

Visit our website at www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk (I'm currently having problems updating this) or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony



Way to go...

Elmswell's monthly footpath walks resume on footpaths in and around the village ...4 miles maximum – easy walking, everyone welcome, dogs on leads please .

All walks start from the village sign on Crown Mill.



NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Dear World Leaders,

This November as you are preparing to gather in Glasgow for COP26, the UN's climate summit, you are no doubt preoccupied with the weighty problems of the world's climate crisis and the drastic measures that will be required to be taken by all nations to limit the catastrophe that threatens our planet and our way of life.

Nevertheless, we would like you to take a little time out of your busy schedules to have a look at what thousands of communities across our nations have been doing as part of the Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week.

Here in Elmswell, as our photos show, we have held a whole week of events aimed at raising awareness of the challenges we face but also at the same time celebrating what we are doing ourselves to protect biodiversity in our community and looking ahead to how we can create a cleaner, greener, healthier place to live. From rewilding our gardens to sowing wildflower meadows, from creating artworks and decorating trees to supporting Forest

Schools, from clearing up litter to trying to improve air quality in our village, our events have caught the mood of the moment. Our planet, our home, is in trouble and people are anxious for solutions.

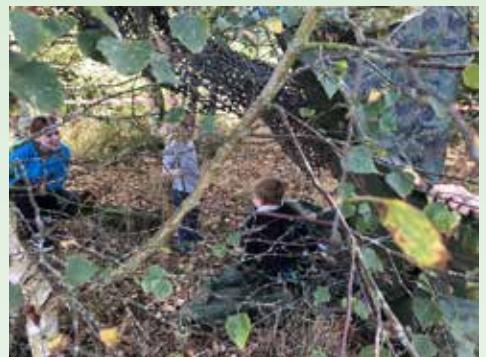
The comments that we've received show that people are most concerned about their children and grandchildren and the kind of world they will inherit. They want action, not words, they want a clear plan to deliver on targets and, most of all, they want leadership from you – who have the position and the power to make a difference.

And so, dear world leaders, we await the outcome of your deliberations in November. Communities here in the UK and across the world are doing what they can at a local level, but we need global actions, global solutions, which only you can achieve. Now it's over to you.

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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

We had over 50 children complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to everyone who took part.

Also in September we had a refresh of junior fiction so we have new books to start the autumn with.

From November DVDs will need to be reserved from larger libraries through Suffolk Libraries website or through us at Elmswell Library. The reducing demand for DVDs means we will have more room for audiobooks on CD and for quick reads.

We have a volunteer helping adults practice their reading. Come in and book a slot. Lottie, the volunteer can come

in between 4pm – 5pm Wednesday or 11am – 1pm Thursday. These are not formal teaching to read sessions, but hopefully it will help anyone wishing to practice their reading or gain confidence reading aloud.

The October book display will be for Black History Month with a mix of fiction and non-fiction by black authors, authors who are part of black history or books about black history. These include We are all birds of Uganda by Hafsa Zayyan, Real men knit by Kwana Jackson, Black Tudors by Miranda Kaufmann, The captain's daughter by Aleksandr Pushkin and others.

The home testing kits have been updated to the quicker ones that just require nasal swabbing and not tonsil swabbing and are still available from the library.

Keep up to date with what services are available through <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus>.

See you in the library soon,

Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Baby Bounce

9.10am every dry Tuesday on the grass outside the library. Cushions provided.

The Keep in Touch Community Café

10.30am on 21st October (3rd Wednesday of every month at the Fox).

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

Lego Club

Lego ideas will be posted on Facebook every Sunday.

Opening times

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm

Wednesday: 2pm – 5pm

Thursday:

10am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm

Friday: 2pm – 5pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Sunday: 10am – 3pm

ELMSWHEELIANS 2021

Sunday 19th September was a significant day - the first Sunday ride of the year, and the first since Sunday 8th December 2019, thanks to Covid ! And luckily we were greeted with a pleasant sunny morning for our outing into the Suffolk countryside.

Our ride took us out of the village via Bunkers Hill, then on to Tostock Green, Drinkstone Park, Hessett, Smallwood Green, and our turn-around point at Gedding. From there it was home via Drinkstone Green, Woolpit Green, Woolpit Heath, Borley Green and back into the village along Warren Lane.

The ride ended in time-honoured tradition at "The Fox" for some well-earned refreshment.

A really nice ride, enjoyed by all. In total we cycled a fraction short of 15 miles.

Future Rides :

Sunday 17th October -
starting at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 21st November -
starting at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 19th December -
starting at 11.00 a.m.

To remind everyone, we are an informal group of like-minded individuals who enjoy cycling, at a normal pace, and not for long distances. Our rides vary between 12 and 20 miles depending upon whether we are doing an evening ride or a daytime ride.

Ride details are always published in advance in the Monthly Newsletter and all our rides start from Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell.

There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people.

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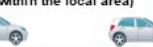
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A gathering in August 2019 of Parish Councillors and Wesley user-group representatives handing over the keys to Seamans Builders so that work could begin.



Jo Churchill



WESLEY GRAND OPENING – hopefully!

To the hundreds of customers who have already enjoyed the coffee shop at Wesley or met in the Meeting Room or the lovely Chapel space, it may be confusing to suggest that Wesley is not yet open.

But, no. On two previous dates there has been a ceremonial declaration of openness planned.

On both those dates, the news went viral but so did that disease.

Postponed, prevented, put off and positively frustrated.

We're trying again. Our newly promoted MP, Jo Churchill, is on hand to do the honours at

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Ukulele Band

Farewell Party

...we did not have a chance to say a proper goodbye to Steve and Paul, pictured here with their essential helpmate Paula, when, in March of this year, in mid-pandemic, they handed over responsibility for this important and much-loved community facility, The Mace Stores, to Thiva.

Clearly not the way we would have liked to have bid farewell, so some of the shop regulars,

spearheaded by Andrew Skinner of Pro-Mech, have organised an opportunity for a better send-off.

All are welcome, therefore, to gather at

The Fox on

**Sunday 17th October
from 2:30 pm until late.**

An open invitation to mark a milestone 18 years of service to the growing community of Elmswell and to remember some of the characters who have made the Mace, over those years, a focus for news and gossip well beyond what the newspapers had to offer. **Enquiries to Andrew on andrewskinner66@gmail**





Some of the real successes at Blackbourne lie with groups which have started up in the facility there and gone on to prosper.

Step forward Sarah Evans who started with a couple of daytime sessions in January 2018 and now, as our pictures show, offers a range of fitness classes having revealed demand and amazing support from people in and around the village. Currently on offer are some 15+ classes a week with both daytime and evening options available.

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If you're on a low income or unemployed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ.

Free school meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. If you have older children you can apply for free school meals if you get certain benefits. In your case as you're on Universal Credit and you applied after 1 April 2018 you would be eligible if you earn less than £7,400 a year without benefits. You can see the full list of eligibility requirements on the national Citizens Advice website – just go to citizensadvice.org.uk and search "school meals" on the site.

Transport

If your children are aged between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to Suffolk County Council for help.

Uniforms and other costs

Suffolk County Council might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes advise on finding secondhand uniforms.

If it gets too much

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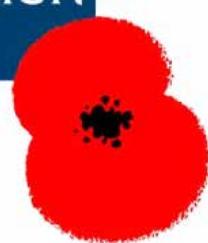
I am pleased to say that since my last request for volunteer collectors, I have had a number of kind people come forward with generous offers of help. Thank you.

Ryan at the Coop has also kindly agreed to allow us to have a table in the foyer for collections to take place. Thank you very much Ryan.

Owing to the small number of volunteers so far, any door to door collections this year will, unfortunately, be rather restricted and the table sale can only continue with the help and assistance of more volunteers.

As the Royal British Legion celebrates 100 years since its formation, the need for assistance to our serving and ex serving personnel and their dependants increases as time and age ravage on. There is as much need in 2021 as there was in 1921 and, the money raised each year through the Poppy Appeal goes a long way in making it possible to serve those who have served us. Some of them making the ultimate sacrifice, for US.

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FIRST TEAM REPORT

The first team started September at home to a strong Somersham side who look to be in contention this year. Starting well we came in at the break 2-1 up. The lads were spurred up at the break and we stretched our lead to 4-1 and looked out of sight. We then fell apart, Somersham, down to ten men, scored an equaliser with the last kick of the ball to make it 4-4. A very disappointing result. Goal Scorers- Dom Bradley, Ben Humphreys, Romaine Scott and an own goal.

The following week were away to Ipswich Athletic a side that were, like ourselves, looking for their first win to kick start the campaign. A very slim squad this week, due to players being away. We went a goal up, from Matt McComb and then missed a penalty to make it 2-0. Fatigue started to hit and after an injury we were left with no substitutions. Final score Ipswich Athletic 3-1 Elmswell.

A tough game then followed against a Cockfield team who have always been seen as a good footballing side over the years. A bigger squad this week meant that the players were able to rotate easier and have a break if needed. We went 1-0 up in this game thanks to a goal from Romaine Scott. Just before the half was out a well taken free kick met the head of a Cockfield player to make it 1-1 at the break. Elmswell continued to press in the second half and had two shots cleared off the line as well as a fine save from the Cockfield keeper. The referee then adjudged an Elmswell player to have been fouled in the box, giving us a penalty which Matt McComb slotted home calmly to make it 2-1. A massive shout out to Jake Hayhoe who kept us from conceding late on with a fine save with his trailing leg. Final score Elmswell 2-1 Cockfield. The lads fully deserved their first win of the season, may there be plenty more to follow.

October Fixtures

- 02/10/2021 – Home Vs Thurston (Local Derby)
- 09/10/2021 – Home Vs Stanton (Cup)
- 16/10/2021 – Away Vs Kirton Athletic
- 23/10/2021 – Home Vs Melton Utd
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RESERVES REPORT

We left you just before the Bank Holiday (hope you had a good one) having drawn our first game of the season against Somersham Reserves. Next up was old foe, Old Newton 'A'. Both sides had lost a handful of players before the game for various reasons and maybe this contributed to the scoreless draw. Elmswell did have the vast majority of the play to be fair and several decent chances, including a definite penalty that was turned down. MOTM Will 'The Wall' Hayden.

Following that we were at home to top side Kesgrave Kestrels Reserves. They had the better of the opening play but we got back into the game and deservedly got to half time holding them 0-0. They started the second half very quickly, and while we were still sucking our oranges they went ahead, poking in from short range after a cross from the right wing. Again, we fought back and started to dominate, finding an equaliser through new-boy Jake Fisher. Sadly, a lack of concentration at the death gifted Kestrels the three points. MOTM Kieron Ramsey.

We then made the short journey over to play Bacton 'A' with the ghost of the pre-season 5-4 loss still haunting us. Without playing particularly well we were 4-1 up at half time and could have had double that had we taken advantage of the aerial superiority we showed at corners. As always, it was a game of two halves (45 mins each). Bacton had five subs to our one and the extra legs paid dividend. They managed to get 5-4 ahead before we finally rallied and grabbed a late equaliser. Just to blend in, even the referee was terrible. The only real shining light was a hat-trick from MOTM Jake Fisher; Ash Farmer scored the other goal.

We play Bildeston Rangers on Saturday before away games to Ipswich Valley Exiles Reserves and Woolverstone Reserves.

Home games at Blackbourne CC in October are:
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23/10 Beccles 'A' (Primary Cup)
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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

With all leagues and club competitions done for the season, it is time now to reflect on our achievements, briefly, before beginning the green's winter maintenance program. After all the leagues were finished we used the remaining days of September to run some club competitions. Alan Wells, the well-known supporter of all things Elmswell, sponsored us for a splendid cup for the Elmswell Fox individual champion, which was won in fine style by Mark Edwards. Mark had a difficult route to the final where he met, and defeated Barry Hayward.

Mark was again amongst the trophies in the doubles where he triumphed again, ably supported by Eddie Barber. Eddie was unable to attend the presentation dinner so Mark had quite a collection of trophies to take home, including the doubles cup which he will pass on to Eddie in six months time. Rob Dann stormed to success in the singles contest for the Horseshoe trophy.

We have also had a couple of friendlies against an Alan Wells and Bobby Rice inspired team from the Fox. Unfortunately, Alan was not able to attend either and the second game only came about because so many Fox regulars enjoyed it so much. We spotted a recruitment opportunity so we hastily arranged a re-match. Hopefully, it will lead to a few new signings next season, who knows?

But now it is time to roll our sleeves up and get the green ready for a restriction-free 2022 season.

Well, there's no harm in dreaming, is there?

This month's photos show Mark surrounded by his silverware and Rob collecting his Horseshoe trophy from the Fox landlady and chef, Nan, at our presentation dinner.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - September 2021



The September meeting of the Parish Council convened in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 20th with 8 councillors present, together with the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which is made up of the Council Chairman, the Council Vice-chairman and Cllr Sue Roots, elected by her 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 meeting by external bodies such as the County and District Council 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 various Annual Reports as tabled at the meeting are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available on line at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged in the Village Archive at Blackbourne and with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes, from the 19th July Ordinary Council meeting and the 16th August Extraordinary Meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

Co-option

The Casual Vacancy, which occurred when Cllr Mike Friend moved away from the village and tendered his resignation, was duly posted by Mid Suffolk. There were no requests from the public for an election and the Parish Council was thus empowered to fill the place by co-option. The Meeting noted a letter from Mr David Brown, who has recently volunteered his professional civil engineering expertise in Council matters, offering to serve and he was unanimously elected as a Member. By signing his Declaration of Acceptance of Office there and then, Cllr Brown was able to join the Meeting as a councillor.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake tabled a written report on the past 2 months' BMSDC activities which confirmed several matters. Planning permission for the controversial Gateway 14, 156-acre business and logistics park which is to be sited between the A14 and the A1120 at Stowmarket have been approved, despite heavy opposition from local people, ward Councillors, Creeting St Peter Parish Council and the Gateway 14 Residents Campaign Group. Concerns about the increase in traffic, HGVs using narrow country lanes and the reduced landscaping areas around the site were raised.

Construction has now begun on the community car park at Woolpit Health Centre which will see an additional 120 spaces created. MSDC brought this project forward in response to the COVID emergency, working in partnership with the Health Centre, Suffolk County Council, NHS West Suffolk CCG, David Wilson Homes and Woolpit Parish Council.

MSDC along with other district, borough and County Councils have stated they are committed to re-homing Afghan people who have fled their homeland but as of yet details have not been confirmed as to how this will be implemented.

MSDC and Babergh Cabinets are working on a new parking strategy. This will include both on- and off-street parking. There will be consultation with town and parish councils and the new strategy should be launched by Sept 2022.

The Council is organising a 2-day event about Local Energy solutions at Wherstead Park on 21st/22nd October. Tickets are free but you have to book via Event Brite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-energy-showcase-21-22-october-2021-tickets-163475761403> The event will include a presentation from Elmswell Parish Council on its successful use of ground source heat pump and solar technologies at Blackbourne and Elmswell together with similar aspirations for the development of the Elmswell Tavern and adjacent community affordable homes development.

MSDC are working with local schools and businesses to put on several session for young people during the October half term. Details should be publicised in due course.

Suffolk County Council

Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report confirming that Suffolk County Council has released its Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan which sets out broad goals for change in behaviours and technology to achieve zero carbon by 2030 by means of measures of: 'transitioning to a fully decarbonised

heat supply for homes; improving energy efficiency; behavioural change to use less energy; low carbon travel; reducing car use; more efficient freight transport; reductions in commercial and industrial carbon use; improvements in renewable energy production and a flexible grid' among others.

Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision which has now been completed. The report, with any recommendations, is due to be published on Suffolk County Council's website, shared with those who contributed to it and also scrutinised, in public, by the council's Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Regarding Suffolk's expression of interest in discussions with Government on Devolution for Suffolk, a 'levelling up' white paper is to be produced by Government and Robert Jenrick MP (Sec. of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) has invited Councils to express interest in involvement in this. The aim appears to be to allow local 'leaders groups' to have more power in local decision making including 'greater financial efficiency, administrative streamlining and/or more joined up services'. It is not necessary to be a unitary authority although Government want evidence of working together.

A Zero Carbon battle bus has been visiting Suffolk. The purpose of the 'Zero Carbon Tour' is to discuss the concept of net zero carbon and why it is critical for businesses. Suffolk's businesses, organisations and community groups will share their stories about how they have

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started their journeys to net zero. This will inspire and give confidence to those considering how to reduce their carbon emissions.

This event and others are taking place across Suffolk in the lead up to COP26, as part of Suffolk's collective campaign of Creating The Greenest County, and be net zero by 2030. As part of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, these events look to encourage collaborative action by educating and engaging with residents and businesses to develop net zero journey.

Other events which are being planned in Suffolk in the lead up to COP26 include:

- 12 October – Ten Steps to Net Zero (Suffolk Chamber of Commerce)
- 21-22 October – Local Energy Showcase (Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council)
- TBC October - A Greener NHS day
- 12 November – Greenest County Awards (Suffolk County Council)
- 23-25 November – Low Carbon Homes

All events are subject to change, visit www.greensuffolk.org for the latest details and information about starting your journey to net zero.

New speed limit on Wetherden Road

The Meeting agreed to respond positively to the proposal for a 40mph speed limit on Wetherden Road between the existing 30mph speed limits at Elmswell and Wetherden. This accords with conditions attached to the new housing development at Elmswell but is a move long advocated by Elmswell Parish Council given the dangerous nature of this short stretch of rural road where several accidents have happened in recent years, particularly in the frost-pocket adjacent to the pond. The Clerk was asked to renew efforts to have a similar situation addressed along Ashfield Road between Elmswell and Great Ashfield.

Paper banks The Clerk reported that the large metal paper banks at the Station Road recycling centre which were summarily withdrawn

some months ago have, at last, been replaced. The new facility is managed by Mid Suffolk and comprises adapted 1100 litre wheeled bins of which Elmswell was allocated 2. The uplift is fortnightly when the household recycling collection is made. He has secured a third unit as 2 were clearly not going to cope once people realised that the banks were available again. Unfortunately, these new bins are labelled 'paper and card'. Inevitably, users are stuffing cardboard boxes in – in the first week one bin was filled with just one visit and 3 such boxes. Unless properly flattened, this will always be a problem. Mid Suffolk are persuaded to change their policy and to invite paper only. Card is to go in or with green household recycling bins. This will be advertised in the Elmswell Newsletter towards encouraging use which generates income for EPC to be passed on to the volunteer groups who keep the site commendably clear.

Recycling centre duties

The Meeting noted the excellent stewardship of the Council's Station Road recycling centre by the Elmswell Gardening Club for the 3 months to 27th August and agree that a grant of £150.00 be made to the Club's funds. It is open to any village group or organisation to apply to undertake this valuable volunteer role.

Noise nuisance

The Clerk reported on recent issues regarding neighbourhood nuisance caused by outdoor music events at the Elmswell Tavern. The Clerk and Chairman have met with the Tenant who has subsequently given an apology and assurance of no recurrence backed up by a Method Statement and checklist governing future music at the venue.

Elmswell Tavern share issue

The Meeting was informed that the issuing of shares in the Elmswell Community Enterprise (ECE) project for the refurbishment of the Elmswell tavern as a community pub has been delayed by the current administrative constraints related to one aspect of the process. The new issue date will be publicised as soon as the necessary paperwork is complete.

Audit

The Council undergoes 3 levels of audit each year. The Meeting noted,

in respect of the 3rd tier of this

Process which is conducted by a Government-appointed auditor practice, its formal Approval and Acceptance

of the External Auditor's Certificate and Report for the year ended 31st March 2021, signed off by Messrs PKF

Littlejohn LLP, noting that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices, that no matters gave cause for concern, that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have

been met, and that the Auditors found no other matters affecting their opinion to be drawn to Council's attention.

Elmswell Tavern development

Council's submission of a request for pre-application Planning advice from Mid Suffolk District Council regarding the concept designs for and principle of the refurbishment and new build at Elmswell Tavern has produced an extremely positive and supportive response confirming that the scheme would be likely to be acceptable and could result in the creation of a successful community hub operating for the benefit of residents of the village. An exercise to estimate costs is in hand in parallel with the floating of the shares towards an indication of the parameters for a full Planning application in due course.

New land at Blackbourne

The Meeting noted that the matter of the incursion on to the Council's recently acquired land adjacent to Blackbourne had reached a settlement and was currently in the process of legal formalisation which would trigger consideration of the use to which the extra space might be put. The Blackbourne and Wesley Management Association advises Council on the use of these facilities and is due to resume meetings soon when the various options will be discussed.

Formal opening of Wesley

The twice-postponed formal opening of Wesley is now scheduled to take place on Friday 15th of October. Jo Churchill MP, newly promoted Parliamentary Undersecretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will officially declare the facility open at 12 noon.



Planning results

The Meeting noted the following results of Planning applications made to Mid Suffolk, the Planning authority:

DC/21/03836

Erection of single storey rear extension at Mace Stores, Station Road GRANTED EPC supported

DC/21/03620

Discharge of Conditions
DC/19/01700 - Condition 9 ...
Land to the rear of Orchard House,
Ashfield Road APPROVAL
GIVEN EPC made no comment

DC/21/02616 Erection of side extension and front porch...5
Prescott Drive GRANTED
EPC made no comment on grounds that the plans provided were inadequate

Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18th October beginning 7.30pm at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings and the agendas will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on line at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

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Future Council Meetings

Notice of all meetings and agendas is posted on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and in the community notice board at the Co-op.

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

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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.



October 2021

- 4 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Patchwork with Janet Brown 2.00pm
- 6 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I @ Wesley Centre 2pm. The Art of Stained Glass - Michele Russell
- 7 Over 55's Club Bingo
- 12 Elmswell Evening WI Margaret Blanchard on her life as a film extra. Meeting starts at 7.30pm at The Wesley.
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 Elmswell History Group, 7.30pm; in Wesley's Chapel. Speaker Douglas Bourne: Railways of East Anglia
- 19 Elmswell Garden Club - Wesley Centre 7.30pm- Pat Hodgkins NT 'Constable the Man at his Landscapes'
- 21 Choose Refill – mobile refill shop at Wesley
- 21 Over 55's Club Fever Pitch Entertain
- 29 Bingo at Blackbourne, Doors open 6.30, Eyes down 7.30. Bar & Refreshments

November 2021

- 1 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Lady Alice de Bryene with Pip Wright 2.00pm
- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I @ Wesley Centre 2pm. Create a Seasonal Book Mark with Jayne. All materials supplied Materials provided - Jane Knights
- 4 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs And Bingo
- 9 Elmswell Evening WI Vanessa Hale from Wiltshire Farm Foods. Meeting starts at 7.30pm at The Wesley
- 11 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 11 Elmswell History Group, 7.30pm; * in Blackbourne's Chamberlayne Hall * Speaker Charlie Haylock: Charlie and "The Dig"
- 16 Elmswell Garden Club - Wesley Centre 7.30pm AGM followed by Club Event
- 18 Choose Refill – mobile refill shop at Wesley
- 18 Over 55's Club Alan Mann Entertains
- 26 Bingo at Blackbourne, Doors open 6.30, Eyes down 7.30. Bar & Refreshments
- 29 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Nosh and Natter - Entertainment by John Evans and friends - men welcome as well 7.00pm

December 2021

- 1 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon W.I @ Wesley Centre 2pm. Special Christmas Celebrations To make up for the dreadful year of 2020/21 (Wear something sparkly)
- 2 Over 55's Club Gwyn Pritchard Entertains
- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Elmswell History Group, 7.30pm; in Wesley's Chapel. Speaker Piers Hart: Suffolk Building Preservation Trust
- 14 Elmswell Evening WI Christmas party. Meeting starts at 7.30pm at The Wesley
- 16 Choose Refill – mobile refill shop at Wesley
- 16 Over 55's Club Bingo Or Salvation Army Concert
- 17 Bingo at Blackbourne, Doors open 6.30, Eyes down 7.30. Bar & Refreshments
- 18 Over 55's Club Xmas Party Home Farm Catering And Brotherhood

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KARATE with Lewis - Tuesday 4.30 – 5.45 / Friday 5.00 – 7.00 info@greatheadma.com

JAPANESE JUJUTSU / SELF DEFENCE - Monday & Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30 gary@chapeldevelopments.co.uk tel. 07711 680262

BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Monday mornings elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com

BOWLS - ann.richards47@gmail.com

GUIDES - Monday evenings 5.00 – 8.30 gem_2910@hotmail.co.uk

FOOTBALL - shaun.pratt@btinternet.com 07494 864231

RAINBOWS - elmswellrainbows@yahoo.com

JUNIOR FOOTBALL - smyth98@hotmail.com 07717 841591

CUBS Tuesdays 6.15 – 7.30 - claremariekeefe@gmail.com

BEAVERS / SCOUTS - Wednesday 5.45 – 9.15 ddc.paula@stowmarketscouts.org.uk

OVER 55'S - every other Thursday 6.30 – 10.30 Diann Armstrong tel. 241002

CIRCLE DANCING - Thursdays 1.45 – 3.15 jenlarner@gmail.com

TREFOIL GUILD - 1st Tuesday monthly lesley.grout@btinternet.com

MARDLE QUILTERS - last Friday monthly carpajak@aol.com

MOO MUSIC - Fridays 12.45 – 3.15 bury@moo-music.co.uk

WI – evening at Wesley 2nd Tuesday monthly 7.30pm Terry Byford bbazby@aol.com

WI – afternoon at Wesley 1st Wednesday monthly Carol Blissett carolblissett@hotmail.co.uk

ART CLUB at Wesley every Tuesday 9.30 – 12.00 John Welford welford955@btinternet.com

HISTORY GROUP at Wesley 2nd Thursday monthly 7.30 stellachamberlin@yahoo.co.uk

GARDEN CLUB at Wesley 3rd Tuesday monthly 7.30 elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com

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