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Does Elmswell need its own dry ski slope? How about an atmospheric subterranean night club venue, a shooting gallery, and some squash courts? How about a bill for a million pounds plus – a serious bottom line back in the days when that sort of money could gain you access to a middle-ranking Government minister?

As our new Village Archive confirms, these suggestions were in the mix as we hit the headlines in 1989 when The East Anglian Daily Times reported on a gathering of 150 villagers, some pictured here at Blackbourne Meadow on the New Year's Day Walk toasting their vision of an 'ambitious project'.

The rest is, understandably in light of subsequent successes, taken for granted. A '£1.4m complex comprising a sports and social centre,' was to be delivered by the Amenities Association who had undertaken to form a 'special committee'. No problems there, then, and, surely, one's reach should exceed one's grasp? We were even going to apply, 'to the European Community to help foot the bill.' That bit didn't go as well as hoped... but, in 1998 Blackbourne was opened by Lord Henniker in the presence of the Great and the Good.

There were, of course, the Doomsayers, and wouldn't life be the duller without their wit and wisdom, declaring it a 'tin shed', 'a glorified scout hut', and, famously, 'a white elephant'? Events have proved the ill-considered vacuity of their judgement, and in 2014 the village, on the back of the energy generated by becoming, Village of the Year, opened the award-winning Blackbourne Phase II and, together with other add-ons as recently as this year's addition to the Chamberlayne Hall, Elmswell has had the confidence to deliver Wesley.

Significantly, and unusually for what is, effectively, a big-ish village hall, Blackbourne delivers its multitude of services and benefits at no cost to the village. The experience and dedication of the Blackbourne Management Association and the co-operation with the Parish Council allows a surplus of income over expenditure, even taking into account the interest on the Government loan which



in Daily Times, Monday, January 2, 1989

Elmswell celebrates birth of £1 million centre project

NEARLY 150 villagers toasted the vision of an ambitious project to build a community centre in Elmswell yesterday.
New Year's Day saw the passing of an 11-acre site into the hands of the village. It is hoped to establish a £1 million sports and social centre there.

has helped deliver the later facilities. It is far from the aim-of-the-game, but it does seem likely that the innovations built into the concept at Wesley could well produce an income towards sustaining community facilities there and elsewhere in the village.

32 years on and there's just a hint of déjà vu. The pressures are the same...instead of a village of some 3,000 we are now 4,500 and fast-growing. Instead of a heritage of the old Memorial Hall, the old Wesley Hall and makeshift sports facilities we are, see above, doing OK for community facilities. But the drive for better remains. Hence the Elmswell Tavern / Elmswell Affordable Homes schemes. With a refreshing new wave of input and energy, Elmswell Community Enterprise looks to be emerging from the swamp of bureaucracy, and with it in parallel Elmswell Community Land Trust – both bodies with the vision, the drive, the experience and the impetus to take Elmswell into the post-Covid era where 'local' is the new imperative and, learning from those who have gone before, second-best is not an option. With the support of the community enabling the purchase of the Greene King land at School Road, both the Community Pub project and the Affordable Homes scheme promise to make a difference and to help our community hold its head above the floodwaters of the relentless and, it seems, inevitable development.

Day by day we seem, whisper it ever-so-quietly, to be genuinely on the verge of a new beginning. The next few years will be different to our pre-pandemic 'ordinary' in vast and unforeseeable ways affecting our national and international life patterns as well as in much smaller local, homely, personal considerations of neighbourhood and the re-knitting of community. There have been massive, socially seismic challenges...but, as every every lifestyle guru will blithely assert through the haze of scented candle smoke, every challenge presents an opportunity.

Such an opportunity – an enormous opportunity - looks to be emerging for Elmswell. Once again, as was the case some 32 years ago, there are skilled, experienced and committed individuals in our midst willing to put their heads above the parapet and work towards an ideal which will benefit the village and beyond; Elmswell Community Enterprise and Elmswell Community Land Trust will soon be in a position to invite involvement, commitment and support when they begin to consult on the twin schemes for Elmswell Tavern and the Elmswell Community Affordable Homes. Not just another photo-opportunity but a chance for Elmswell to, once again, fight its corner and take possession of a small slice of its own destiny.

Be prepared to be a part of History.





ELMSWELL ART CLUB

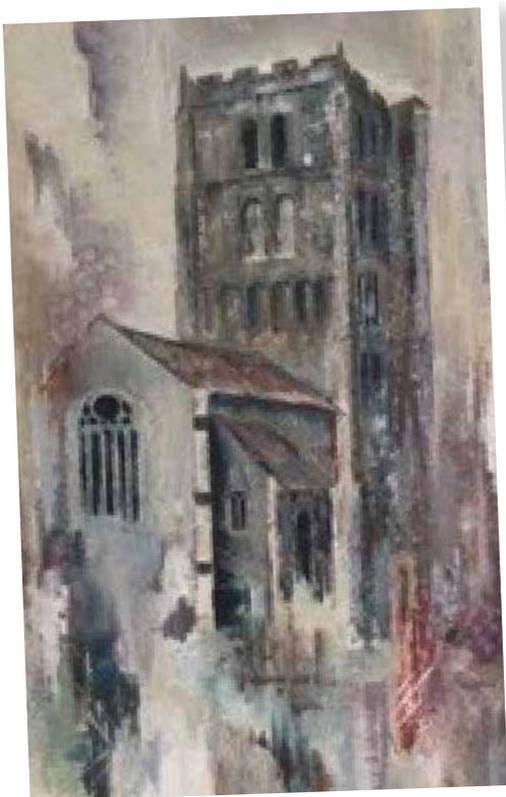
With the ending of the Trump presidency it's just possible that we shall see a reduction in Fake News from now on. Fakes, fraud, lies and forgeries are of course nothing new and will be with us for ever. During the Second World War, we Brits were pretty good at it but in those days it was called deception and misinformation. Fakes and forgeries have been part and parcel of the art world since heavens knows when! It can be very upsetting and stressful to find that the painting you discovered in Grannie's loft is not by a great and famous and very collectable artist with a potential price tag in the multi millions but a competent forgery done by a local but very talented amateur. It is not easy to pin-point a forgery and the cost of proving the provenance of a piece can be astronomically high involving time and the skills of several experts and specialists. Not all forgers create works with the intention of deceit and making money, many do these things as a test of their own skills and abilities and are completely honest with agents and galleries as to the origin of the work. Often these paintings fetch pretty good prices, sold as they are in "the style of....."! There is nothing wrong with this sort of activity and I can't think there is an art club in the country where copies of famous works or artists are not done. Nearly everyone in Elmswell art club will have done some copying at some stage.



There are several outstandingly clever forgers who have made the news over the years. It is believed that Tom Keating faked over 2,000 works by as many as 100 different artists, a feat which must make him one of the best and prolific. Fancy being able to paint in the style of a hundred different artists! John Myatt, claimed by Scotland Yard to have perpetrated the biggest art fraud in the twentieth century was extremely active. He advertised his works in Private Eye as being genuine fakes at prices from £150 but when a regular customer, John Drewe, sold one of his pictures as genuine, Myatt started to work as a serious forger. Drewe was the driving force behind the enterprise as can be seen by the sentences each received, Drewe got 6 years and Wyatt 2. John Myatt still paints in various styles but each is marked very clearly as fakes. He now aids the police in art fraud cases. Han van Meereen specialised in "doing" Johannes Vermeer of Ghent after his peers criticised his own work. Elmyr de Hory, a Hungarian, was active after the Second World War. Wolfgang Beltracchi started in his teenage years and one of his copies of a landscape by Capendock was allegedly sold to the actor Steve Martin for \$860,000. It is reported that a work by Beltracchi was sold to a Parisian gallery for \$7million. Not bad, if you can get away with it! Who then is the best forger in the world? We simply don't know, he simply has never been caught!

As usual we have two paintings to show this month, both done during lockdown. In keeping with the theme of forgeries and copies of other peoples work, the fishing boats at Hastings is a copy (I hasten to add not a forgery) of a painting by the American born English artist Rowland Hilder. Clearly the original is of a far higher standard but the copy gave several hours of relaxed pleasure in order to while away the time at home. The church, St Andrew's at South Lopham, is a fine example of the sort of original work that Linda Stephenson does so well.

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I wouldn't be ashamed to sell my own art for a lot of money.

Wolfgang Beltracchi

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI



A lot has happened since my last report. We have mourned the death of Prince Phillip and most of us, I am sure, watched his funeral on tv. I thought the service was fitting and very moving. The abiding image of Her Majesty the Queen sitting alone, head bowed, will stay with me for always. We also lost the remarkable Dame Shirley Williams. It doesn't matter your political beliefs, she championed the cause of women all her life and has left a marvellous legacy.

Life in the W.I. continues regardless. Carol attended our Suffolk West Federation Annual Meeting recently via Zoom. All the up to date business and federation finances were discussed and then everyone enjoyed guest speakers, Dr. Chris Smith (The Naked Scientist). Carol assured us that he wasn't !!! Also Simon Gregor who gave an entertaining talk on the Cambridge Colleges. We are also being invited to join this year's **Resolution Conference** (on Zoom, of course) on Thursday 29th April. Two sessions at 2.30 and 7.30 pm so members can choose which to join. **The Resolution**

that won most votes by far was "Raising Awareness of Ovarian Cancer". There will be two guest speakers, one from the Ovarian Cancer Trust and the other from Ovacom. We will let all the members know the outcome of this meeting and what steps we will need to take in the future to further this cause.

We are still planning to meet in July. If all people remain sensible (dream on!) we will soon see each other again. Meantime, we look forward positively. We have had several enquiries from ladies who wish to join us although we know we will be losing one or two for family reasons. We will be doing a recruitment drive once things are back to normal.

We wish all our members well, particularly those who are currently "under the weather".

Keep Safe, Keep your distance and most importantly Keep Smiling, Maureen



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Just to keep you all in touch we hope that everybody has now had a second vaccination and you haven't had any side effects. Hopefully we can now look forward to some warmer weather with the chance of being able to get outside to find a sunny spot in the garden to soak up some sunshine to help top up our vitamin D levels and breath in some fresh air.

Regrettably we have had to cancel the proposed Holiday to Tenby as there wasn't enough interest to justify the cost of the coach hire for 5 days.

At present we are hoping to have a trial meeting on September 9th when we have booked "Times Past" to come along to entertain us so it would be nice to welcome any of the other local

groups to come along and join us for a sing-along and a cuppa and biscuits, we will start at 7.00pm..Please ring Diann nearer the time so that we know likely numbers.

Grant (240943)

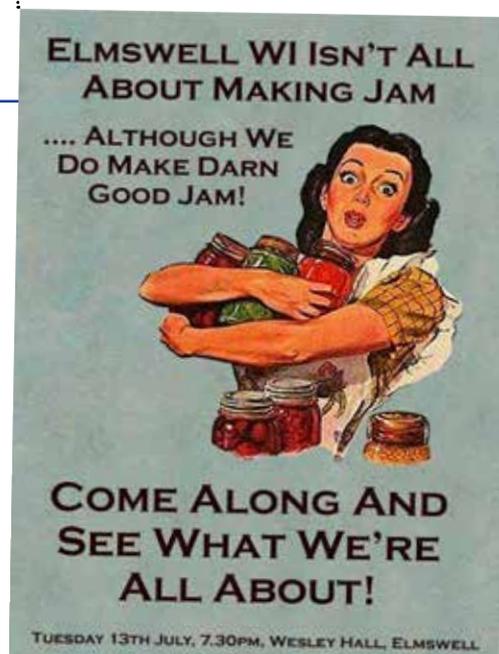
ELMSWELL WI

There is now light at the end of the tunnel and Elmswell Women's Institute is looking forward to the start of our meetings beginning with our first get together on 13th July at 7.30 pm at the Wesley Hall. We will have an evening of reflection of the past year or so, catching up with our members, and hopefully meet some new members and visitors. Please feel free to come along and see what we are about and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake, or perhaps a celebratory glass of bubbles!

For those wishing to come along and see what we are about, we are a group of Ladies of varying ages, meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30. We have a varied programme of activities for the year as below, but have in the past covered such topics as Sushi foods, Bees, theatrical costume design, furniture restoration, and even Murder! Plus, we have also ventured further afield

with local walks and a Ghost walk in Bury. We try and vary our programme to meet all our member interests.

We will go through the formality of the AGM at our first meeting, but as there has been no activity for the past year this will be fairly quick. We do have election of officers and committee so this may be the perfect time for you to become more involved should you wish. Fees will also be taken at the meeting, free for your first visit. We have a very varied program for the remainder of the year, starting in September with our guest speaker Sian Fox. The talk is titled "It shouldn't happen to a home economist", Sian was a food advisor for Sainsburys, and also worked with Jamie Oliver during the great school meals debate! The following month Charles Garland will relay tales of working as assistant to the writers of Dad's Army, followed by Margaret Blanchard who worked as



a film extra. We also have a talk a by Wiltshire Farm Foods, and December we will welcome all our members to a Christmas Party! Let's hope we can keep to the plan for the remainder of 2021 and we look forward to seeing you.

Val Rogerson, President

SAVE BRITAIN'S HERITAGE

Many thanks to Juliet Walker who has recently passed us a catalogue of historic buildings to restore in England and Wales published by 'Save Britain's Heritage', which is an organisation formed in 1975 by a group of journalists, historians, architects and planners to campaign publicly for endangered historic buildings. From the start, SBH always placed a special emphasis on the possibility of alternative uses for historic buildings and, in a number of cases, prepared its own schemes for re-use of threatened properties. It is a strong, independent voice in conservation, free to respond rapidly to emergencies and to speak out loud for the historic built environment.



land reclaimed from the tidal basin in 1842. From this time until 1881, the centre of activities of this area was the original lock gates where shipping passed from the canal into the dock area. Here the Lock Keeper's Cottages and the Harbour Master's House were built to allow effective management of the marine traffic. Now the area is at the core of the historic area on the Island Site and these two buildings have been recognised as buildings of special local architectural and historic interest within the Wet Dock Conservation Area. The wider Ipswich dock and waterfront area has been the site of much regeneration development with the conversion of old warehouses and dock buildings to create housing, offices and other spaces for cultural, educational and leisure activities. Ipswich is also still a working Dock, although much smaller than in its heyday. It is very important to the whole area that these cottages and house are repaired and brought back into functional use as part of this

Several current campaigns are happening in East Anglia, one such being at **Anglia Square** in central **Norwich**, following the landmark decision by the Secretary of State to refuse the highly controversial 20-storey tower proposals. This follows a three-year battle against the plans, concluding in a public inquiry in 2020, where SBH alongside Historic England, The Norwich Society and other local and national bodies, played a leading role in fighting the plans. Whilst the principle of regenerating Anglia Square is supported, SBH contends the square can be redeveloped in a different way which will unlock public benefits without harming the historic character of the city.



Another local campaign is the **Lock-Keeper's Cottages and Harbour Master's House in Ipswich**. Dating from the mid-19th Century, these cottages played a key role in the history of Ipswich Docks. This diminutive row of cottages, with simple detailing of Tudor-style

square hood moulds over windows and the zig-zagging gables, sit in front of larger warehouses with the towering presence of the Felaw Maltings behind. They are located on the Island Site on





vibrant quarter. These buildings were recently added to SBH's register when it was understood that their future was under review by their owner. At the time, these plans were closely linked to the Upper Orwell Crossing project - plans to build three new river crossings close to Ipswich, across this part of the old dock area - but this project was abandoned in 2019. The heritage status of the Lock Keepers' Cottages along with the Harbour Master's House, Public Warehouse No.1 and the visible stonework of the original lock entrance has been given high priority by the Council, but the onus is now on the owner to bring these buildings back into use.



The Royal Terrace, Southend-on-Sea, Essex was merely The Terrace until 1804, when Princess Caroline, wife of the Prince Regent, stayed in nos. 7, 8 and 9. That's according to Pevsner, but he does not say whether three houses were knocked into one for her, or if they were built that way, in the 1790s, and later divided. Two of the houses, of course, have the special royal cachet, but the entire row is special, being the earliest phase of the development of the fashionable resort of Southend-on-Sea, although the hoped-for early resort did not quite take off because of difficulties simply getting there before the railway came in 1856. The Royal Terrace is the only surviving Georgian example, with its lovely iron balconies overlooking the sea and all the elegance you might expect - it is all Grade II listed. At the High Street end of the terrace is the Royal Hotel, built contemporaneously, and recently revamped and reopened, with great ambitions.

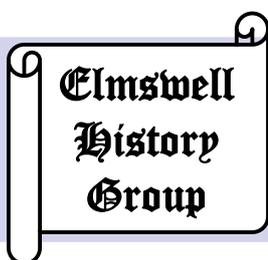


Closer to home, a current project is **Brandon's** historic country **Railway Station** which has been designated as a Grade II listed building after a 14-year battle by local people. When the battle seemed lost and the local council had given Greater Anglia the go-ahead for demolition in May 2020, SBH initiated and won a High Court action which resulted in a quashing order of the permitted development. SBH and the Suffolk Building Preservation Trust secured the listing on the basis that the little station, built of the flints which have been produced near Brandon for over 4000 years, is a landmark of the golden age of railway building in the 1840s. The Cambridge to Norwich Line it serves was built by some of the greatest figures of the railway age, including the engineer Robert Stephenson and one of the leading railway builders in Victorian England, Sir Samuel Morton Peto (as we learnt from Bob Webb in his 2018 talk). Exciting evidence is emerging that the little station, built in Elizabethan style with barley twist chimneys, may have been designed by one of the greatest sculptors of the age, John Thomas who rose from the humblest beginnings to win patronage from the Prince Consort, and went on to design Peto's imposing country house at Somerleyton (near Lowestoft) and the estate village, where the cottages have a family resemblance to Brandon Station. Opened in 1845, Brandon served as

the terminus station connecting two of Norfolk's most historic railway lines - the Norfolk Railway (formerly the Norwich & Brandon) and the Eastern Counties Railway. Whilst Brandon flint was used both for the station and much of the town itself, during WW2 the town became the leading supplier of military gunflint for the British Army. The station also served as the main station for the American Airforce at nearby RAF Lakenheath and AAF Mildenhall, with the large American Sidings installed. Brandon also featured in a 1968 episode of Dad's Army, and remains a tourist attraction for location tours run by Thetford's Dads Army Museum. Although the station remains a well-used stop on the main line, the station offices were closed in 1978 and, up until September 2004, were leased to a building company. They are now empty and boarded up.

For further details on SBH's campaign and plans for Brandon Station, click onto this link - <https://www.savebritainsheritage.org/campaigns/item/654/PRESS-RELEASE-Dads-Army-station-saved-from-bulldozers>

We have booked a speaker for December from Suffolk Building Preservation Trust which collaborated with SBH in the rescue of Brandon Railway Station, so we shall hopefully learn more about that then as well as other local historic buildings they have helped to save.



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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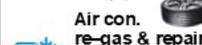
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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

The month of May has arrived, the old phrase 'April showers bring May flowers' hasn't quite rung true. But despite wind knocking the blossom off many trees earlier last month, and the lack of rain, the gardens of Elmswell continue to look delightful.

Some of us will be looking forward to picking our own strawberries very soon and possibly digging up early potatoes. Beans have begun growing at a great pace and container plants and hanging baskets will be adorning many gardens this month.

In recent years chrysanthemums and dahlias have been 'making a comeback'. They come in such a variety of forms and colours and are so good as cut flowers, to be enjoyed indoors, that it seems surprising their popularity ever waned.

Another area of interest that is becoming ever more popular is the idea of 're-wilding' urban spaces. There have been a number of TV gardening personalities advocating leaving parts of our garden to go quite wild. Others suggest that we stop mowing our lawns, or even dig up our lawns and plant wild flowers instead. Apparently, a neatly mown lawn is like a barren desert to insects and in order to help pollinators we need to take prompt action. Such an idea is probably going against the grain with many gardeners, but there will be others who recognise the logic of the argument and decide they can tolerate a 'scruffy' lawn in order to benefit wildlife. It will be interesting to see how many folk decide to take the wildlife route in Elmswell.

As more of us have the Covid -19 vaccination, our lives are returning to some sort of normality. It is very much hoped that we will be able to restart the Gardening Club later this year.

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 Hilary who put this article together for the Newsletter.



The COVID Community Testing Team were based at The Blackbourne as part of the Government's Test & Trace initiative. Testing began in mid February and around 1000 tests utilising lateral flow test kits were conducted at the site before its closure on 16th April with results being forwarded to those tested in around 30 minutes. With an excellent job done, the team thanked the people of Elmswell and surrounding villages for their support during their eight weeks in operation.

In line with Government advice, the emphasis is now on changing to home testing with kits being available from local pharmacies, libraries or by placing an order online for free home delivery. More information is available on-line at **Gov.uk** - just search for '**order coronavirus rapid lateral flow tests**'.

Paul Marshall, who led the team on behalf of Public Health Suffolk, maintains that people in the Elmswell area had been great to deal with and that they had seen many 'regulars' being tested twice a week in line with Government

guidance. He confirmed that getting tested regularly is the only way to know if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading. Clearly, then, as many people as possible are encouraged to get home test kits and do their bit to keep the community safe.

Paul also thanked Elmswell Parish Council and the Clerk's office team who hosted the daily shifts at Blackbourne, ensuring that the cleaning-down between sessions was top class, and for their cheerful help, hospitality and support.

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Hello from St John's Church.

It has been so great to be able to meet back in the church, even if we can't sing inside at the moment (although we have enjoyed singing the final song of praise outdoors each Sunday). But it's not just Sundays when we have been back inside the building. The month of April saw the first 2 weddings of 2021 at St John's! Only limited numbers could attend, but this did not stop the weddings being such happy and joyful occasions. St John's makes an excellent location for weddings – please get in touch to see if we can help you with your wedding. In the meantime, we offer our congratulations to Emma and Andy and to Holly and Lewis (pictured below).



April was the month lockdown restrictions continued to be lifted. Isn't it lovely to see life becoming slightly more normal? I have been deeply moved seeing people meeting outside cafés, enjoying being together. God has created us to be relational creatures and eating together is an important social activity. COVID-19 has done great harm to our relationships. However, we must remember there is one relationship that COVID-19 cannot attack and that is the most important relationship we were created for. In

Revelation 3:20, Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." It's a wonderful invitation that no lockdown can thwart.

As far as meeting together as the Church of Christ - during May, we are open for our main act of worship each Sunday at 10:30am. Please do feel very welcome to join us and find out about our awesome God - social distancing measures will be in place, but please bring a mask. There will also be an earlier service of the Lord's Supper (without music) at 9:00am on the first and third Sundays in the month.

Our Sunday School continues to be held over Zoom at 9:30am each week.

Diary for May:

Every Sunday:

- 9:30am Sunday School via Zoom. Contact us for details.
- 10:30am Sunday Worship in church & streamed online.

Sunday 2 and 16 May:

- 9:00am Lord's Supper (spoken service) in church

Every Tuesday and Thursday:

- 8:00pm Night Prayer streamed on Facebook

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30th April 2021 marked the end of the 27th year of floodlighting St. John's Tower, a year in which we raised £825, which brings the sum accumulated since we started to a magnificent £22,025.

Over the years floodlighting the tower has become an integral part of village life. As well as raising funds for St. John's, it has become a very popular way of enhancing the profile of the church itself. As "taker of the money" I would like to say, once again, a huge public THANK YOU to all those people who have sponsored the lights during 2020/21, and before. Your support is hugely appreciated. St. John's really does benefit from your generosity; and parishioners repeatedly tell me how much they enjoy seeing our beacon on the hill as they make their way home along the A14 late at night. Thank you all.

Everyone is welcome to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's, a lovely way to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other occasion special to you. Alternatively, you can simply make a donation. And it all helps to pay the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. For the summer months the lights will be on between 8.00 p.m. and midnight. A night's floodlighting costs £5. Cheques payable to "ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL".

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- 6 in memory of John Ray.
- 7 in memory of John Ray.
- 7 in loving memory of Rose Emma Manning.
- 9 remembering Rachel Louise Finch on her Birthday.
- 9 remembering Roger Dalby on your Birthday. As always, love from all the family.
- 14 remembering Percy Pleasance, a dear Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad, on his Birthday.
- 21 in loving memory of a dear Nana, Rene Stiff. Louise & Brian. x.
- 21 remembering a dear Mum, Rene Stiff, on her Birthday. Monica, Philip & family. x.



- 23 to remember and thank all the Elmswell Fire-Fighters who have served their village and community so well.
- 24 treasured Birthday memories Mum, and today would have been your "100th". xxxx.
- 25 treasured happy memories of Ted Rookard. Love from All of his family. xxxxx.
- 28 Dean Goodchild. Remembering you on your Birthday. Love Colin. xx.
- 30 in memory of Mark Jones. "Always in our thoughts". Mum & Dad.



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As with churches throughout the country we offered prayers for the Queen and her family following the death of Prince Philip, he was a remarkable man who will be missed by the whole nation. If ever a man deserved a full state funeral it was him but it seems that because of the Covid restrictions it was a private funeral something that he wanted because as we have heard from members of the Royal Family, he didn't like a lot of fuss!

It was reassuring to see the plans for a European football super league get blown out of the water by pressure from the fans, players, managers and government, proving that greed of that sort is not going to be tolerated in our society.

The roadmap out of the pandemic restrictions appears to be going to plan numbers of infections reported and deaths appear to be on a downward trend lets hope that it continues as more and more people receive their vaccinations but maintaining the social distancing rules is still important as we

get back to a more normal way of life. We continue to hold our services on zoom for the next few weeks but we are looking to reopen our church in mid-May Covid restrictions allowing. For the present we are reading George Ling's Seven Sacred Spaces and discussing it in our Wednesday morning Zoom meetings.

Our services during May will be led by:-

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ELMSWELL VILLAGE ARCHIVE

One of the recent documents lodged with the newly established collection of Elmswell history and memories is the Minute book of the Elmswell Youth Club 'Adult Management Committee' from September 1965 to May 1979 when it was reported, 'The March Disco was very well supported but unfortunately some outsiders started fighting amongst themselves...'



If you have any documents, pictures or other artefacts which might be safely copied or retained to help retain Elmswell's heritage, do please be in touch with the Parish Clerk's office on 244134 or at clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk



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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



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Wild Cherry



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It's blossom time!

Despite wildly fluctuating temperatures and the frostiest April for over 50 years, the trees are showing in their spring best with gorgeous blossoms buzzing with bees.

In Japan the flowering of blossom trees, especially cherry, is celebrated with the festival of Hanami when people enjoy the fleeting beauty of these flowers. Each year the Japanese Meteorological Agency watches carefully the weather conditions and announces the blossom forecast so that families can plan their celebrations when the cherry blossoms are at their best. During the brief period while the flowers last, families get together for picnics underneath the trees, sometimes hanging paper lanterns from the branches in the evening. It's a time of hope, looking forward to the warm days of summer, while also recognising the fragility and transience of these beautiful flowers which only last a week or two.

Here, the National Trust has started Blossom Watch Day on 24th April, and is encouraging people to discover all the beautiful blossoms we can enjoy here. You can post photos of blossom you have seen on their interactive map. Their website has plenty of suggestions for things to do, including a spotter sheet which you can use to find nine different types of blossom. And you can find all nine during a walk around Lukeswood! Plus a few more which aren't on the list. You need to have a good look round, though, as they aren't all in the orchard. One unusual and very pretty tree at this time of year is the Bird Cherry, which we planted at Lukeswood especially for its blossom. Why not have a walk round

and see how many you can spot? Hurry though – they won't be there for long.



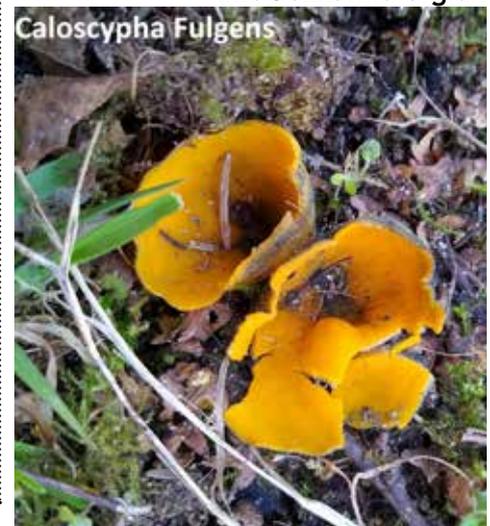
Bird Cherry

Another fantastic find at Lukeswood

It's amazing how, given the right conditions and a bit of encouragement, nature begins to take over right on your doorstep and can produce some surprises. It's also amazing what you can spot just by mooching about and keeping your eyes open. Last year we found a rare fungus – Hemipholiata Populnea – growing on the black poplar which fell down last March. This year has brought an even rarer find. We spotted some small orange-coloured fungi growing in Lukeswood, at a time of year when you wouldn't normally expect to see fruiting bodies. Consulting our collective guide books left us none the wiser, although we did find out that some fungi do indeed fruit at this time of year. Then a breakthrough. When looking at

the photos on my phone I accidentally pressed a button which uses image recognition to do an internet search on the picture. Up popped a name – Caloscypha Fulgens. It looked very like our find, but its rarity made us wonder if that could be right. Time to consult the expert! Our good friend Neil, the County Recorder, on hearing the name, jumped on his motorbike and came straight over. He confirmed our find as Caloscypha Fulgens and – even better – this was the first example he had ever seen! It has been reported in Suffolk only once before, but that was many years ago and the record was incomplete. We're very grateful to Neil and highly delighted to have Lukeswood on the map once again. Luckily, this uncommon fungus does have a common name, which is much easier to remember – Golden Cup. So, next time you're walking around Lukeswood (or Kiln Meadow), keep your eyes peeled. You never know what you might find! (But if you do find something interesting – do tell us about it!)

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AROUND & ABOUT



ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

Browsing is going well and it has been wonderful to get back to having you in the library.

One of the main changes from last month is that we now have home testing packs available. There are plenty to go around and to get one you simply come to the library and pick one up. Each pack contains 7 tests and all the instructions. There is no need to let us know beforehand. These tests are for when you do not have symptoms.

Charges for DVDs and CDs as well as fines will be back from 17th May. Please make sure that you have returned all the loans extended because of lockdowns by then. If you need to renew your loans but are not able to come to a library then you can either do it online if there are no reservations or renew over the phone on 01359 240 974.

This month's display is friendship and romance themed books. We had a lot of requests for these sorts of books while people were not able to browse so thought we would do a display to reflect that. They are also the sort of books that are perfect for reading in warm sunny weather in the garden.

Discoverreads is being relaunched this year. There is a launch event with Q&A session with Stella Tillyard at 7pm on Wednesday 5th May. This author talk takes place on Zoom. DiscoverReads is a promotion of six recommended titles that allows you to step out of your comfort zone and try reading something new, with the 6 titles being I Am, I Am, I Am by Maggie O'Farrell, The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell, The Great Level by Stella Tillyard, Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi, The Shepherd's Hut by Tim Winton and The Sister's Brothers by Patrick DeWitt. For more information and to book onto the Stella Tillyard session please visit <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/author-q-and-a-with-stella-tillyard-discoverreads-launch-event>

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

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

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Secretary's May Report

April brought forth Spring vibes and the long-awaited rebirth of grassroots football. As you may remember the SIL decided there wasn't time for any "meaningful completion" of league fixtures so they arranged 'league organised friendlies' to at least get some football in before the cricketers take over. Before the 'league friendlies' started both Elmswell sides had a 'pre-friendly friendly' to get back into the swing of things. In a very promising start, our First Team lost narrowly to Div.1 Haughley. Haughley sneaking a 1-2 win in the final stages. Our Reserves played a very young Stow Falcons A side, winning 7-2 (Goals Farmer 3, Spillet 2, Hodgson 1, Hayden 1, Brookin 4 assists).

Next was a double header against local rivals Bacton. The First Teams drew 0-0 at Grove Lane while our Reserves travelled to Brickwall for a nine-goal thriller. In a terrible game we came out 4-5 winners (Goals Farmer, Daly, Hodgson, Brookin, Van Campenhout deflected goal).

Out of respect to the funeral of Prince Phillip the F.A. moved all kick off times nationwide causing the First Team's Junior Cup game against Brandon to kick off at 12:30. This meant a few players couldn't make the game at all and a couple of others rushed over after work to make the second half. Despite this we had the better of the first half and should have gone in ahead. Brandon upped their game in the second half and capitalised on a couple of errors to go 0-2 up. Elmswell fought their way back into the game and pulled one back thanks to Will Gudgeon but couldn't quite find that illusive equaliser. Their next game against Grundisburgh was cancelled.

The Reserves game against Bury Rams was cancelled and the following week they were sent all the way over to Div.3 Locomotive Laxfield. We made a terrible start, gifting them two goals. Then a 'worldie' and a deflection made it 4-0 by half time. We'd woken up by the second half and with a few substitutions we started to get a grip on the game and play some football. We regained some pride drawing the second half 1-1, our goal coming from a bullet header by Andy Brookin.

Our future fixtures only get released week by week so I can't tell you who we'll be playing but as Blackbourne and Grove Lane are public land we can now have supporters up there as long as they socially distance. Hope to see you soon. Up the Elm.



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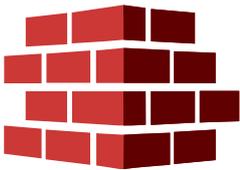
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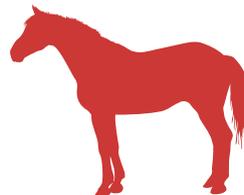
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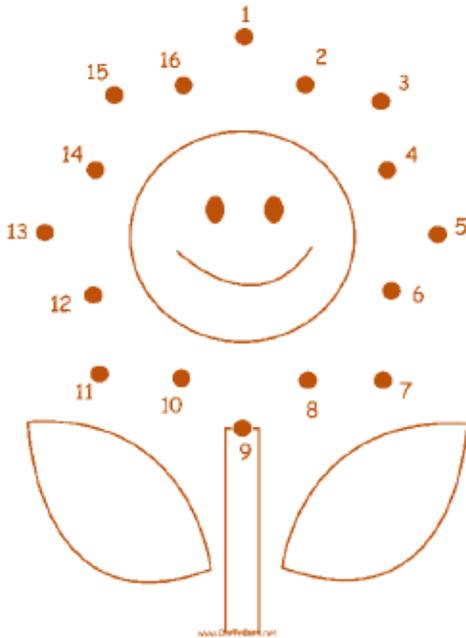
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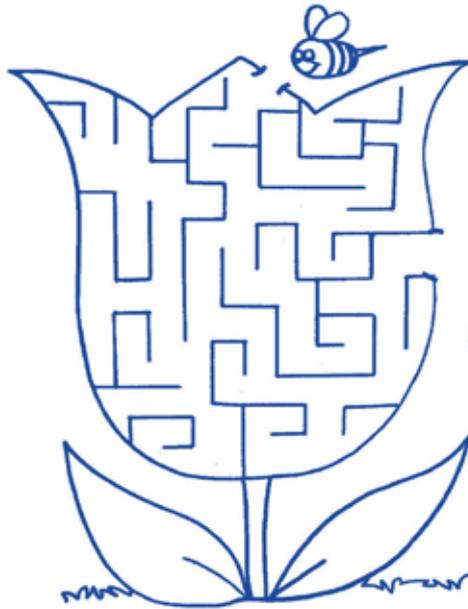


Flowers

Flower Dot to Dot



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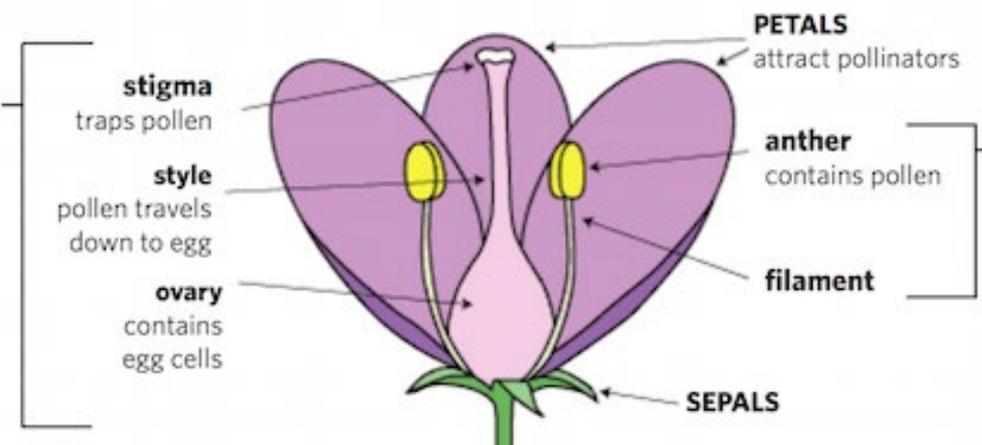


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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

At last, I have some concrete news to report. Like yourselves, I was beginning to think it would never happen! We actually have a fixture list for the Suffolk County Area D Tuesday evening league. It is, sadly, reduced to 6 teams (there are 12 in Division 1) so we will have to play each other twice. This is the quirky league where we play home and away simultaneously so we will send them 6 and receive 6 on 2 separate nights instead of playing home and away with 12, as in a 'normal' game. But those are the rules. Before mobile phones it was very suspenseful because you didn't know the overall result until your team returned but that aspect of

the competition has been somewhat undermined by technology these days. No hospitality is allowed so the post-match bun-fight is held in abeyance for a while but we have decided to return to the Pub after friendlies with or without our opponents according to their degree of risk aversion in relation to their thirst. We are waiting for the Bury League to process team information and put a fixture list together and then we can plan our season.

We opened the green officially on Saturday, 17th April having had a couple of Roll-Ups prior to that and now await our fist friendly match.

I have some Open Day photos for you this month, and one of some of the preparations that went into it. Action shots feature John Irvine trying to skittle out the other players on his rink and one of myself having bowed to popular demand to swap one side of the camera for the other. I hope the pair of you are happy now and I can return to the 'safe side'. Interestingly, look how fascinated Ann and John are with my technique!

Peter Edmonds

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ELMSWELL AUTUMN FAYRE GOLF DAY

Looks like the Autumn Fayre golf day will be back this year.

It's booked to be on Thursday 29th July if all goes to plan.

This year it's only going to be a 18 hole competition as per the Stowmarket golf club request.

As there has not been much golf the club felt it was unfair to close the course for most of the day stopping members from play and I 100% agree with them.

The day will start with the normal Bacon rolls, coffee and 18 holes after that and all in for a light lunch.

The day will finish off with a presentation of the trophy to the winner. There will be other opportunities to win a prize ie: winning team etc.

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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. The meeting date was put back to allow for the observation of the period of national mourning respecting the passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

8 Councillors attended along with 2 members of the public, District Council Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake and, for part of the meeting, SCC Ward Member Cllr Jane Storey.

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

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when published, are available 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 18th January, as approved at this meeting, are posted on the community notice board at the Co-op.

Planning results

The Meeting noted results of Planning Applications, as determined by Mid Suffolk District Council for approval of the erection of extensions at 9 Warren Close, for the installation of windows and doors at Milford Barn, Ashfield Road, for the erection of a detached double garage at Holly Lodge in Cross Street, the Discharge of Conditions at Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane and at Hedgerows in Grove Lane, for the erection of first floor extensions at 92 Bennett Avenue and for a front porch extension at The Brindles in Oak Lane.

Planning Applications

The Meeting discussed submissions, as forwarded for comment by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority, and agreed to support applications for a garage and car port at 5, School Avenue together with extensions at Teasel House in Cooks Road and at 5 Gardener's Walk.

A Holding Objection was urged ref DC/21/01481 regarding details of development at Lawn Park in Woolpit on grounds that:

1. The Flood & Water Engineer from Suffolk County Council confirms that there is no reference to a sustainable drainage system within the plans for this proposal and that Permission cannot be supported unless or until an above-ground scheme is designed and submitted covering the points raised in the SCC objection or until a reasoned and evidential argument is provided as to why this is not necessary in this case. There is considerable flooding nuisance at Kiln Lane where the Blackbourne tributary takes outflow from this site and there has been a noticeable increase in sale and frequency of this problem since work on the Lawn Park industrial complex has progressed. To proceed without a planned approach to surface water disposal can only make this worse.

2. There has been considerable nuisance to Elmswell residents from the light pollution produced by the 2 units built or currently under construction here. Details should be secured which manage spillage and use the available technologies such as mono-directional, movement-sensitive installations to a minimum acceptable output towards a proportionate and balanced result providing safety and security with as little pollution and intrusion as possible. Well-rehearsed factors relating to the ecology and wildlife of the immediate environment when barraged by permanent high-level artificial light support this requirement.

3. Experience suggests that the expansion of industrial activity on this site imposes much greater strain on the immediate highway infrastructure as LGV and car traffic seeks to access A14 Westbound via Warren Lane / Kiln lane or Warren Lane / Church Road and as HGV traffic ignores the Warren Lane weight restriction to do likewise. A comprehensive road signage scheme must be in place before the extra traffic from this proposal is generated so as to make clear the constraints, particularly on the single-track rural roads.

New School

Objections were also made to the detailed Planning proposals for 300 more houses at Woolpit including the site for a new primary school serving both villages.

Councillors objected to this application for reasons that reinforced the Council's original objections to the principle of providing education for Elmswell's youngest children remote from the community and situated so as to make sustainable travel difficult and unlikely.

Demographics suggest that a sizeable proportion of the proposed new school intake will have to travel from Elmswell over A14. The plans show

no recognition of this in terms of parking close to or on the site. There is, furthermore, the overriding lack of practical planning in that the spine road requires traffic to wind through the residential development in order to reach the school. This is an additional deterrent when non-vehicular travel is considered and counts against the essential consideration of sustainable travel. Should this site be developed, vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access should be provided directly into the school site at the earliest opportunity after leaving the proposed new roundabout.

An overriding concern is the proximity of the school site to the increasingly busy A14 which represents a major pollutant source, a factor very recently reinforced when a Coroner's published finding was that air pollution from traffic made a material contribution to the death of a child. The emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan, at LP16, requires that major planning applications such as this submit an air quality assessment where it is anticipated that contamination may be present near the development area. The Planning process here should be halted until the Applicant can demonstrate, as at paragraph 15.6 in the Plan, that there is no unacceptable risk to health.

School Road Oak tree

The significant land mark represented by the 100 year-old oak tree near the bend at School Road was threatened by the road widening-scheme which was proposed in order to allow for 85 new houses to be built on land at School Road adjacent to School Avenue. The highways situation here and at the School Road / Church Road junction is critical, and hard-fought concessions were won by the Parish Council with public support before Permission for the development was granted, including protection for the tree which is now official under Tree Protection Order 440.



Elmswell Tavern

The Clerk reported that the group which has come together to suggest the way forward for the pub purchased by the Parish Council with a view to its redevelopment as a community pub, Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited (ECE), is now well established with the 10 founder members making progress, as advised by the Plunkett Foundation, in selecting an architect and producing a draft concept plan for public consultation towards a design. A Plunkett Bursary of £2,500 has been granted to defray the setting-up expense and this will, as anticipated, repay to EPC the costs incurred thus far in advertising for Expressions of Interest from architects and for Plunkett Membership fees. The group is in the process of establishing a bank account. This could not begin until it was formally registered as a Community Benefit Society with the Financial Conduct Authority which process itself was not able to be completed until 22nd March. In the interim, until their own account is established, ECE funding, which includes £600.00 from the Hopkins Homes Charitable Fund, will be channelled through the Council. All transactions are identified in the monthly financial reports to Council and the stand-alone account is expected to be in place within weeks.

Play areas

The possibility of refreshing the play area safety inspection training for the Blackbourne caretaker and village warden has been made difficult by the restrictions over the past year. Therefore, the Clerk arranged for a bespoke training day at Blackbourne on 15th April with the Play Area Inspection Company who are the organisation which, under the joint inspection programme made available by BMSDC, conduct the annual inspections of Elmswell's play areas including the Multi-Use facility at Blackbourne and the green space at Clay Field. At £795.00, this is an expensive option, but places on the course were sold to 5 other parishes to defray the cost.

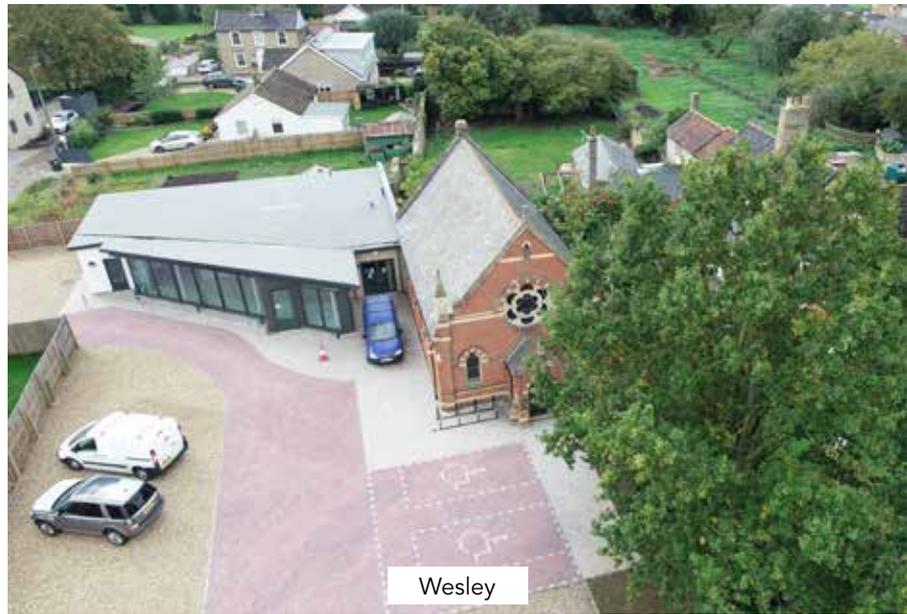
Both employees are now up-to-date with their training and certified as such and Caretaker Mark Edwards is once more RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International) certificated.

Wesley opening

After several false starts, as circumstances have obviously dictated, the Clerk confirmed that he is working with Cllr Pallett towards a formal opening at Wesley. Jo Churchill MP has agreed to officiate on Friday 9th July at 11.00am should those same circumstances allow. User groups are to be invited to provide an exhibition of what their organisations have to offer and ECE will be taking the opportunity to inform and consult on the Elmswell Tavern project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is the Council's Annual Meeting - a sort of AGM - and is scheduled to take place on Monday 17th May at 7.00pm in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne or on-line should prevailing restrictions so require. If held live, the proceedings will also be open, through 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. It is to be hoped that Government advice will allow that a 'blended' meeting with socially distanced participation but with on-line access will be possible by this date.



Wesley

Building Plot at Crown Mill

Since 1991 the Parish Council has retained a housing plot on Crown Mill, originally intended to provide a landing for a footbridge over the railway, which development having subsequently proved unworkable under more stringent statutory regulation requiring far more space than is available. The Meeting agreed that Planning permission be sought for the development of the plot towards its possible disposal.

The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council and Council Committee meetings, both live and virtual, and the agenda will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published on-line at www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk cloud, and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.



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.

May	June	July	Sept	Oct
17th	21st	19th	20th	18th

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

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What's On in Elmswell ?



Both Blackbourne and Wesley will become available to the many user 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.

May 2021

- 5 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Annual General Meeting

June 2021

- 2 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
The Work of a Parish Nurse - Lesley Williams

July 2021

- 7 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
How To Look Good in a Bin Bag !
- Mandy Wild
- 13 Evening WI at Wesley
- 15 ELF AGM to be held at the Library
commencing at 5:00pm All welcome

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
- 6 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell
Baptist Church - Armchair Walk of Ipswich
Waterfront with an Ipswich Tourist Guide
7.45pm
- 9 Elmswell History Group
Speaker to be confirmed

October 2021

- 4 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist
Church - Patchwork with Janet Brown
7.45pm
- 6 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Chile - the long thin country - Chris Parfitt

November 2021

- 1 Ladies Friendship Group at
Elmswell Baptist Church - Lady Alice de
Bryene with Pip Wright 7.45pm
- 3 Elmswell Exchange Afternoon WI 2 pm
Creat your own special bookmark for
Christmas
Materials provided - Jane Knights
- 29 Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist
Church - Nosh and Natter - Entertainment
by John Evans and friends - men welcome as
well 7.45pm

December 2021

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

STOP PRESS

Blackbourne and Wesley have bounced back before and will do so again - these are the activities that have told us they are ready to be up and running as soon as they are permitted to operate:

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Slimming World – Tuesday mornings – Jen.sw19@yahoo.com

Ju jitsu – Monday & Wednesday evenings – tel. Gary on 07711 680262

Rainbows - Monday evenings – elmswellrainbows@yahoo.com

Guides - Monday evenings – gem_2910@hotmail.co.uk

Beavers - Tuesday evenings – ruthcourt4@hotmail.co.uk

Scouts – Wednesday evenings

Brownies – Thursday evenings

Baby & Toddlers – Monday mornings

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