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As previously stated by Elmswell Parish Council and others both at the initial SCC consultation stage and at the Planning Application stage, there is dismay and resentment at this further indication of the lack of strategic planning when considering primary education provision for our children. The beginning of an avalanche of development in the village was forewarned when the Harris Bacon Factory site gained permission for 190 dwellings in 2013. Regardless of the necessity for the very compact school facilities to summarily absorb the extra year groups comprising older, larger and livelier children when the Middle School tier was abandoned, further developments have been granted Planning Permission in Elmswell which portend a 48% uplift in households without proper consideration of the need for a radical re-think of primary education provision if standards are not to be allowed to drift gradually backwards towards the basic minimum of provision and acceptability.

Meanwhile, the community has, itself, invested heavily in making provision for the well-being of its expanding population. Enhancements at the award winning Blackbourne facility, the purchase of and refurbishment / new-build at Wesley and the purchase of the Greene King Tavern site for the creation of a community pub and affordable homes stand the people of Elmswell in at some £2m of investment for the future. Community support for such future-proofing is sound and solid. It contrasts starkly with the make-do-and-mend, hand-to-mouth approach which residents perceive to be reflected in the proposals for our school.

The site is purported to comprise 1.84Ha., just 12% smaller than the recommended size for the facilities proposed. However, this figure includes the substantial Protected tree belt which distorts the figure considerably. The papers to the SCC D&R Committee on 23rd September have the site area at more realistic 0.6 Ha. The reality is cramming, and the result can only be seriously detrimental to the education, socialisation and mental wellbeing of generations of our children.

There seems no doubt that the end result will be a school with an enhanced intake but with, it is seriously to be hoped, no further room for expansion. Equally, there seems no doubt that the development pressures on A14 corridor villages such as Elmswell are not going to lessen. Mention has already been made in consideration of the rush of recent housebuilding proposals that the 420-pupil capacity here proposed will not be adequate in the medium-term future and that a new school in Woolpit will be built to take the overflow from Elmswell.

In light of the above, EPC and Ward Members met with Pete Mumford of SCC on 20th July. It was made clear that there are 2 options for an alternative way forward by way of sites for a properly sized school on a properly sized site with room for expansion beyond 420 intake.

Unless and until these options are properly considered, the CIL contribution in question should not be wasted on what is, effectively, a temporary solution which seeks to provide an experience well below that which Elmswell children deserve and which the community of Elmswell expects.

... see our editorial page

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At a couple of minutes past Noon on Friday 15th October, Jo Churchill MP, ably abetted by Domino the magician and applauded by an audience in good heart and in excellent humour was ceremoniously handing over the key to the door at Wesley to our Parish Council Chairman Fred Pallett, marking the official opening of a flagship community enterprise in her constituency.

At exactly the same moment, just 72 miles away down the A12, at a similar community gathering in Leigh on Sea in Essex, her colleague David Amess MP was being systematically stabbed to death.

A 25 year old individual has been charged with the murder. We can say nothing about the alleged perpetrator now that a charge has been brought. It is vitally important that everyone exercises restraint when commenting on it publicly, to ensure future court proceedings are not prejudiced in any way.

What we can say is that the victim might well have been, by all accounts, chosen at random. It could so easily have been Jo. It could have been Elmswell. The volunteers with the yellow 'Elmswell Amenities Association' tabards organised parking and cleared tables. They were not instructed in the matter of disarming any frenetic knife-wielding individuals intent on murder. The Risk Assessment made no mention of the security of the event with regard to armed attack. As was the case at Leigh on Sea that same morning where the local MP, a resident of the constituency, widely known and respected, was doing the job to which he had, by that community, been elected.

Those who choose to serve in the political arena, right across the board from Prime Minister to parish pump, have to accept that they have put their heads above the parapet and that pot-shots will, inevitably be taken. All of the people cannot not be pleased all of the time. There are 'issues' that divide, and these divisions run deeply enough to sometimes aberrate the usual human constraints of reason and proportionality. Think fox hunting, think individual 'rights' – think Brexit. There is a fine line between protest and harassment and, in some individuals, a blurring of the line between harassment and physical harm. David Amess joins a sad and salutary list; Jo Cox, Andrew Pennington, Stephen Timms – all the subject of similar attacks simply because they had a political presence. All sharing a heritage reaching back to Julius Caesar in 44BC, through Abraham Lincoln, John F Kennedy, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King. A litany of politically generated hate, of misguided ideals and a precursor to the

sad prevalence of such tendencies fuelled by the bilious outpourings of social media. Confirmation of politics as a blood sport.

In 1989 the then Prime Minister, Margret Thatcher, had gates installed at Downing Street putting an end to the tourist opportunities presented by a photo standing in front of no 10. This a gentle introduction to the steel and concrete barriers that nowadays surround most politically sensitive buildings, but even these more extreme measures were recently ineffective when The White House in Washington DC was overrun by various populist factions wishing to make the world aware that they were unhappy with their lot.

Sadly, there is a trickle-down effect. An MP receives some £82,000 plus allowances for a job which, in the commercial world, would attract at least 3 times the salary. A Suffolk County Councillor is entitled to a basic allowance of some £10,688.00 and Mid Suffolk District Council allows members £5,000 each year. They work far harder than people give credit. Expenses? The Mid Suffolk average claim last year was £11.00 per week. None is in it for the money.

There is, of course, the brown-envelope brigade who argue that they are all in it for the influence it gives and the financial kick-back that earns. There is massive evidence for this being the case, but in a tiny minority of circumstances – think John Poulson or, for younger readers, Greensill Capital.

And, resolutely bottom of this food chain, are our very local town and parish council representatives. All entitled to accord themselves an attendance allowance, none but a very few large Authorities across the country doing so. All free to reclaim expenses and this an equally unused option. These are our neighbours who bring, free of charge, their commitment, experience, energy and ability to the simple job of making a difference and improving their community. Nevertheless, there remains a body of opinion that suggests they must be in it for gain, for, let's face it, there's not a

lot of glory.

For 10 years now, we have detailed the solid progress made by Elmswell in facing up to and dealing effectively with, the onrush of development. Spearheaded by its community leaders, with parish councillors at the forefront, the village has made, and continues to make, provision for the gradual emergence of a small town from what was once just a cluster of farms with a railway station and a bacon factory. Clubs and Societies are encouraged and thrive offering contact and community – witness the formal opening at Wesley, already a proven success in providing a safe and pleasant place to meet and mix. And witness the acquisition, with wide community support, of the Greene King site on School Road where the Elmswell Community Land Trust aims to provide affordable homes for Elmswell people, and the Elmswell Community Enterprise group bring forward the chance to invest in the ambitions plans for a community pub at the Elmswell Tavern.

When either or both of these projects get to the opening ceremony stage, it is to be hoped that, once again, we can invite our elected representatives to be there and that they will be safe.

Our sympathy must lie with the family and friends of David Amess. Our hope must lie in the robust and worthy determination of our own community to work towards safety and stability and the personal efforts of us all to give credit to those who do put their heads above the parapet.

But our sober awareness must be that, despite all best efforts, Friday 15th October might have featured in Elmswell's history as a very different day than that which we record here.



On our cover... is an example of the efforts made on our behalf by the parish council to address the shortcomings in strategic planning which threaten our children's education in the future. It is extracted from a letter to the Mid Suffolk Cabinet asking that they delay the allocation of developer contribution funding to what councillors believe to be an ill-considered and harmful expansion of our school.



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

October has been a busy month in the art club. Our Tuesday morning meetings have been well attended and are a hive of activity. We really are getting back into the swing of things after the torpor of the lockdown period. Our display at Wesley put on to support the Great Big Green Week (featured in the October issue) was extended for a second week which got October off to a good start. The display was unmanned but the excellent ladies serving in the coffee shop reported considerable interest and the display was always busy with comments from visitors indicating high praise for the variety, quality, styles and range of pictures on display. On the 15th, we had the official opening ceremony of the Wesley performed by our MP, Jo Churchill. At this we had a small display which again was very much praised. MPs generally have a busy lifestyle, particularly those with ministerial responsibilities and as we had insufficient time to put in much publicity, the reduced number of the general public was more than offset by the very good attendance by members of local clubs, who turned out in force. There was very good interest surrounding our display, which was pleasing. The 19th saw us having our AGM. In spite of the long lay off our finances remain healthy. Jo Finter was unanimously voted on to the committee as treasurer to replace Barbara Clark, who sadly passed away earlier this year. We have been busy making plans for the immediate future. In the pre-Covid times we used to organise trips out to art galleries, exhibitions and the like which understandably had to end. As yet nothing is in the pipeline. We also used to get in artists to give us demonstrations and workshops. So



our first visiting artist to give us a demo in this new post covid time is coming along on the 2nd November. Hashim Akib may not be a household name in the same way as Tracey Emin or Damien Hirst but in the art world he is very well known indeed and much respected. His speciality is landscape and busy crowd scenes in acrylics. He will regale us with his distinctive and iconic style with a landscape painting demo. There has been a lot of outside interest in this visit so we have decided to throw open the doors and invite non-members to join us for what we think will be a fascinating and inspiring demonstration. Entrance fee of £3 will be payable at the door. I really don't know whether I should be writing in the present or the past tense because the demo date is the 2nd November and the November issue will not be distributed until Friday 5th November but final copy date is 26th October. But I'm sure you will get the message, the art club is really up and running again. Interest in the club is growing and

membership is rising which is very pleasing. One recent new member is Kelvin Fellingham, whose depiction of four aircrew scrambling to take off in their Hurricane, we reproduce here. This picture has so caught the attention of everyone at the art club that we feel it deserves special sole showing in our November issue. The running figures are spectacularly lifelike, you can feel the urgency. The picture is based on a black and white contemporary photograph on display at the Imperial War Museum and the majority was done in pastel pencils, whereas the sky was also done in pastels but here Kelvin used square pastel blocks.

John Welford
01359 240166



**A picture
is a poem
without words.**

Horace

The Bingo has now been running again for three months and is proving to be very popular, It's great to see so many players and many new faces coming along to join in the fun.

Just to keep everyone updated, the Bingo is now being run separately from Elmswell fire station, this is because the fire-fighters charity fund is now closed, so as to not end the Bingo we have decided to carry on separately and all money raised from the bingo will be donated to local charities and good causes.

Just a couple of dates for your diary, the next bingo will be on Friday November the 26th and our Christmas special will be held on Friday the 17th December, all are welcome.



Brian Hawes 07761 125093

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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

October was our best meeting so far since we began in August. Michele Russell, aided by her husband John, enthralled us with her **journey through Stained Glass.** She came equipped with all the tools needed for this craft and demonstrated their use. Both methods of joining the panels were shown, lead and copper foil. She displayed examples of her work from the first pieces she had ever completed to her current day creations. She has now ventured into fused glass with the purchase of a second hand kiln and the ladies were able to choose from a selection of beautiful pendants, earrings and also stained glass light catchers. All very reasonably priced. **Photos of Michele's creations demonstrate her artistic skills.** Michele explained that she was quite nervous as this was her first group presentation. We feel sure there will be many more when word gets round. Michele & John have settled very well in Elmswell, this being the first home where she has had a proper workshop. John is a member of the Ukelele group and they

are enjoying life in the village. We thoroughly recommend this talk to any group interested in crafts. After refreshments we discussed the business matters and took details of members interested in our trip to Scotsdales in November. Our first trip for two years.

At our next meeting on November 3rd Jayne, one of our members, will be guiding us through the creation of a seasonal bookmark. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Sadly, our membership list is now closed. We can no longer accommodate any further members and adhere to reasonable social distancing in the Wesley Chapel.



We will let everyone know via your Parish Newsletter when this changes. If you have any queries please contact Mary on 245022 or Maureen on 241033. We will be delighted to help.

Maureen Davis

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Although numbers were low at our meeting on October 9th due to holidays and sickness those attending thoroughly enjoyed some bingo, it seemed ages since we last last played in fact it was March 5th 2020 to put a date to it.

On Thursday October 21st we welcomed "Fever Pitch" a group of 4 talented singers who kept everyone entertained in their own style of harmony with no musical backing.

We wish them every success in their forthcoming competition in Yorkshire considering they formed up two years ago they had been unable to get together to practice so we acted as guinea pigs for them. It was a pleasure to welcome some visitors who had recently moved into the village.

As you can see from the What's On page at the rear of the newsletter we have now put together a full programme for the remainder of 2021.

Just a reminder that those booked to go to Thursford on Thursday November 25th we are likely to leave from Wetherden road at 10 00am followed by Manns Court Church Road School Road and Ashfield Road allowing time to get lunch and look round the shops before taking our seats for the 2 00pm show.

Menus for the Xmas Party will be out at the next meeting which must be returned by December 2nd with your payment of

£22 Members and guests included.

Diann

Diann 241002 for further information





ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

We had an excellent turn-out again in October for the second talk of our 2021-22 season, Douglas Bourn's "Railways of East Anglia". We learnt about the experiences of his father and grandfather as railwaymen from the 1930s-1950s. East Anglian railways were very influential in opening up the region generally, but particularly the holiday trade on the east coast, such as the numerous Butlins Specials to the resorts of the 1950s and 60s, and the Harwich continental port. In the very early days of the railways, Ipswich was more important than Norwich because of the influence of its port. Although working for the railways was "a job for life", conditions were harsh (health-and-safety was notably absent!), and pay was poor, but nevertheless there was a feeling of camaraderie amongst the close-knit local workforce.

**Thursday, 11th November; 7.30pm -
"Charlie & The Dig"
by Charlie Haylock
at The BLACKBOURNE's
Chamberlayne Hall, Blackbourne Rd,
E'well IP30 9UH**

As we anticipate a large audience for this very popular and excellent local speaker, this will be held at the bigger venue of **The Blackbourne** - still **ONLY £2** for members and visitors alike, payable on the door. Charlie will regale us with his recent stint as Suffolk-dialect coach to actor Ralph Fiennes (and others) on the set of the film "The Dig", all about the famous 1939 discovery of Sutton Hoo's Anglo-Saxon ship burial, helmet and artefacts. This promises to be an informative and entertaining evening which will also feature some film clips, so please arrive in plenty of time - it will be first-come-first-served on the night - doors open at 6.45pm.



**Saturday, 13th November;
11am-4.30pm -
WW1 BOOK LAUNCH & EXHIBITION
at The WESLEY Hall, School Rd,
E'well IP30 9EE - FREE Admission**

HOT OFF THE PRESS! Having just received copies of our keenly-awaited book about our four-year research project on Elmswell's WW1 AERODROME and the ROYAL FLYING CORPS stationed there, we look forward to seeing you at the Book Launch and exhibition. All are welcome to view the exhibits and talk to the project members, when copies of the book will be available for purchase (signed by the authors, if you so wish).



**Elmswell
History
Group**

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



ELMSWHEELIANS 2021

Sunday 17th October wasn't the nicest of mornings for our monthly ride, dull and chilly, but fortunately not wet. Regardless of the weather it was good to be back on the road, and our ride took us out of the village along Ashfield Road and Grove Lane, then on to Wetherden Upper Town, Daisy Green, Long Thurlow, Badwell Green and our turn around point in Walsham-le-Willows. From there it was home via Badwell Ash, Great Ashfield, Button Haugh Green, and back into the village along Ashfield Road.

All quite uneventful, enhanced by a lovely route that turned out to be relatively devoid of traffic, which is something of a rarity these days. Just one unexpected occurrence a most beautiful peacock blocking the road at Great Ashfield, quite oblivious to the world around it. A lovely reminder that we still have a rural world to enjoy.

The ride ended in time-honoured tradition at "The Fox", which by chance coincided with the farewell bash for Steve and Paul, who left The Mace Store back in March.

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

Future Rides :

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 day-time ride.



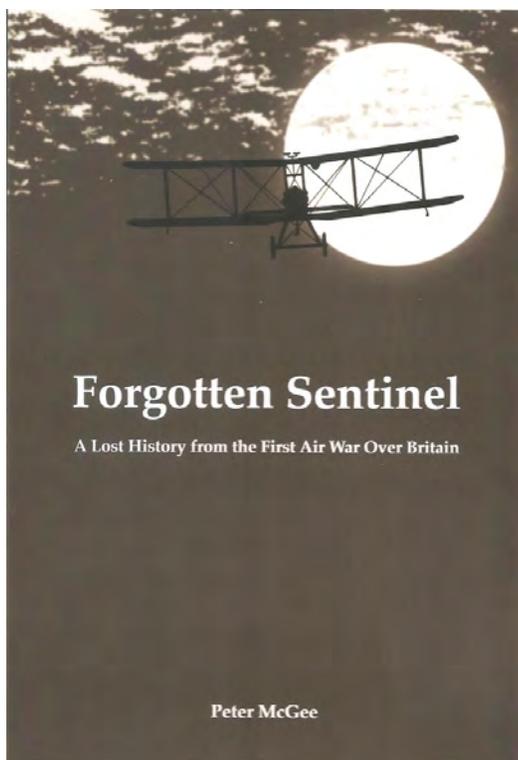
There is no membership and nothing to pay; just turn up, and join a group of like-minded people. You will be very welcome.

We do ask, however, that you are aged 16+.

Contact : Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell. Tel : 01359 240908

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WW1 BOOK LAUNCH & EXHIBITION



Saturday, 13th NOVEMBER 2021

11am-4.30pm

WESLEY HALL, School Rd, Elmswell

Coffee Shop/Café will be open

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Elmswell History Group is launching the publication of its book detailing the WW1 history of ELMSWELL AERODROME and No.75 Squadron ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

There will be an exhibition, and copies of the book available for purchase.

ALL are WELCOME to view the exhibits, and talk to the project members.

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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

You might imagine that when the cold weather arrives, gardeners stay indoors, like most other people, and find pursuits more suited to the inclement weather. However, there is a vast amount that can be achieved in the garden by those hardy folk who are willing to brave the elements. There's also a surprising number of flowers that thrive in the cooler months; primula, pansies, violas, heather, sometimes even dahlias and nerines - to name just a few, all adding colour and interest to the Autumn garden.

November is an excellent month for planting shrubs and if you like the idea of planting a tree or two, why not choose a bare root tree and plant it now. Good preparation cannot be over emphasised. There's lots of information on the internet these days explaining the requirements of a young tree and how to give it the very best start. The joy of seeing your tree flourish in succeeding years is inestimable. Fruit trees especially not only produce wonderful blossom, but provide a delicious harvest - just don't let fruit develop during its first year - its roots need time to establish first.

Our AGM was efficiently dispatched by Catherine last month and was followed by an informative talk by Nick, our treasurer. He has been an allotment holder for many years and is a fount of knowledge, not least when it comes to tackling allotment 'pests' using sustainable and more acceptable methods.

Our talk on Tuesday 16th November is entitled ' John Constable - The man and his landscape'. The speaker, Pat Hodgkin is from the National Trust. It promises to be a really interesting evening for gardeners, historians and artists alike.

If you're tempted to join us, the meeting is held at the Wesley on School Road and begins at 7.30 p.m. The entrance fee is still only £2.00. We've been delighted by the number of visitors and new members since the club restarted and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

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 where any questions will be swiftly answered. **If you require further information about Elmswell Garden Club (EGC), please contact Catherine, on 01359 242172 or Nick, on 01359 242601.**

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ELMSWELL WI

When we arrived at the Wesley Hall, we were greeted by an intriguing display of photographs, many containing famous actors and stars. Terry welcomed our speaker for the evening, Margaret Blanchard, who spent many years as an extra in various productions and films.

It all began by accident, when she was a student, cycling along Merton St. in Oxford. A Morse episode was being filmed and after initially being told to, "Get off the set!" she was asked if she wanted to take part. She was weighed and measured etc. and registered as an extra.

From this time onwards, Margaret was offered all types of interesting parts in high profile productions and had many exciting experiences! Once, she was asked to take part in Footballers' Wives and was rather taken aback, when she learned that it would be a nude scene at a swimming pool. However, family and friends egged her on and she finally agreed to do it, especially as she knew she would be paid more. During the «Take," another actor had a heart attack and the owner of the pool objected to nudity, so she wore a costume.

Margaret had a part in Black Beauty, filmed in Blenheim Palace, in which Jude Law had his first role, as an ostler. She also worked with Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta Jones in Entrapment, as well as appearing in Dad's Army, with James Fox in in Nicholas Nickleby and many Morse episodes.

Margaret surprised us at the end of the talk by telling us about her passion for Giant Leatherback Turtles and their conservation! In fact, she has written an adventure story for all ages about them. Apparently, David Attenborough loves it. For this meeting, the Coop very kindly donated £10 towards our refreshments and so we were able to invite our members to give donations towards the Stowmarket Food Bank.

In November we are having a "Getting To Know You" meeting with Prosecco and cake. Should be fun!

Rosie Collins. 01359 241652



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Greetings from St John's Church :)

October was a month marked out by generosity at St John's. We started with our Harvest Celebration, collecting goods for the Stowmarket Foodbank (which the school also generously contributed to). We also heard about the amazing work of Christians Against Poverty and raised money for this worthy charity. Finally, we enjoyed two fun fundraisers for the work of St John's - an entertaining concert by Nutz 'n' Boltz in church and an online Quiz Night. Thank you to all who have supported these events and causes.

November is a month marked out by Remembrance. We start off on Saturday 6th November at 3:00pm with a short service called Time To Remember. Everybody is invited to come and spend time remembering and giving thanks for a loved one, who is no longer with us. There will be the opportunity to hear the name of our loved one read out and to light a candle as a tribute to all they mean to us.

The following day is our Family Service at 10:30am, when we will be remembering God's faithfulness in providing for us and in hearing our prayers. Then, on the 14th November, we shall be hosting the Elmswell

Remembrance Sunday Service, again at 10:30am, remembering all those who have died and suffered in war. You may wish to use this prayer, as we treasure their memory:

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those people

who have died in the service of their country.

As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,

may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life, peace and hope,

now and for ever. Amen.

Our main services in St John's Church are 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.

Our Sunday School continues to meet online on Sundays at 9:30am. The children enjoy a story from the Bible acted out by peg people, followed by a craft and prayer. If your child would like to join in, please get in contact.

Finally, please join us for our Christmas Coffee morning and book sale on Saturday 27 November at 10:30am.

God bless and stay safe!

Diary for November:

- Sat 6 Nov 3:00pm**
Time to Remember Service
- Sun 7 Nov 9:00am**
Lord's Supper (spoken service)
- Sun 7 Nov 10:30am**
All Age Service
- Sun 14 Nov 10:30am**
Remembrance Sunday
- Sun 21 Nov 10:30am**
Sunday Worship with baptism
- Sat 27 Nov 10:30am**
Christmas Coffee Morning & Book Sale
- Sun 28 Oct 10:30am**
Holy Communion
- Sun 5 Dec 9:00am**
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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

17th October was the date of our Harvest Service and BBQ lunch the service was due to have been led by one of our former Deacons Mark Partridge but unfortunately Mark and his family now living in Essex had caught the Covid bug and were all in isolation. What transpired was one of our DIY services where some of us took parts of the service, offering prayers, bible readings and even the sermon as written by Mark was read to us by Tony. Somewhat unusual it might be said but it was good to take a small part in delivering Mark's message to our fellowship.

It is worrying to hear on the news that Suffolk has one of the highest rates of reported Covid 19 infections in the country, it is a stark reminder that we should all still remain vigilant and take all the precautions advised such as

wearing masks in public places, hand washing, maintaining social distancing and avoiding crowded places, and if you've not been vaccinated follow the Government Advice and get yourself vaccinated as soon as possible.

Our services for November will be led by :-

November 7th
Rev Norman Tharby (inc Communion)

November 14th
Martin Lancaster (Remembrance Service)

November 21st
David Wilson

November 28th
Rev Norman Tharby

Our Ladies Friendship Group meet on Monday November 1st at 2pm for a talk by Pip Wright about Lady Alice de Bryene and again at 7pm on Monday November 29th for their annual pre-Christmas Nosh and Natter evening where we menfolk are invited to join them. Please contact Margaret on 01359 241541 for more information or if you wish to join the ladies.

Our Food and Friends lunch takes place on Thursday 11th November at the church at midday contact Jackie on 01359 245918 if you would like to come and haven't been before as I have said in the past these lunches are aimed at the older folk but if you're feeling lonely and in need of company you will also be welcomed, remember lunches are open to all and not restricted to attendees at our services.

For more information about our church contact Tony on 01359241541 or go to our website www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk

Keep Well and stay safe

Dave Hollings





BATS

BATS, that is, Badminton and table sports, is back at the Blackbourne.

As usual, it will run on Fridays, starting on Friday 5th November, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and everyone is welcome. Costs remain at pre-pandemic levels, i.e. £3 per session for adults and £1 for youngsters and students. No need to book, just turn up if you want to play badminton, or pool, We also have table tennis, but it is advisable to bring someone to play with as an opponent cannot be guaranteed, as it is inexplicably less popular.

All equipment is provided, but bring your own if you wish, and there is no membership.

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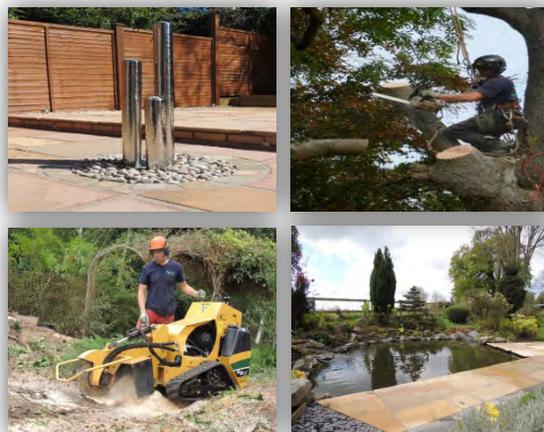
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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



Younger generation showing the way: – plastic pollution

Two of the events in our recent Great Big Green Week took place after the copy deadline for the October Newsletter, so didn't make it into our report. They are very important so we want to feature them here. As you settle down to read your November Newsletter, world leaders (with some notable exceptions) will already be assembled in Glasgow for COP26, discussing the global challenges of climate change and environmental destruction and what they intend to do about them. If we are going to avoid the catastrophic effects of global heating, we are all going to have to modify our lifestyles. Young people all over the world are trying to make their concerns and ideas heard by the decision makers, and here in Elmswell the younger generation are also playing their part to improve our local environment. Elmswell Cubs, Scouts and Beavers took part in a big litter pick at Blackbourne and, as our photos show, their efforts were forensic! The kids spent several hours ferreting out bottles, cans and other stuff from the bottom of ditches and under hedges. But it didn't stop there. Once the bags were emptied and spread out, we sorted everything into recyclables and rubbish. This provided a shocking insight into just how much we casually throw away and just how much of it could have been recycled. Instead, it ends up polluting our environment and, in the case of plastics, breaks down into tiny shards that end up in our rivers and seas. We found 60 plastic

bottles! Also lots of cans, but interestingly only one glass bottle (possibly showing how much of what we now buy is in plastic rather than reusable glass). All was safely taken away and recycled, but everyone agreed – wouldn't it be a good idea to have some recycling bins at Blackbourne, alongside the rubbish bins, so that people can dispose of things like bottles and cans appropriately, and they don't end up polluting the environment?



Younger generation showing the way: – air pollution

The problem of vehicle engines idling at the level crossing has featured in a previous edition of the Newsletter, so readers will already be aware of this important issue. An idling engine can produce twice the emissions of a car in motion, churning out sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide – dangerous for the planet and for people's health. It's a particular risk for young children and babies as their lungs are still developing and they are breathing in air at a level where the pollution is highest. Older people are also badly affected as they are more likely to suffer from lung and cardiac conditions. Our level crossing is right in the centre of the village with houses close by (where they can't open their windows at certain times of day), there are many pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross, and – most importantly – there is a children's playground right next to the road. During our Green Week some parents and children gathered at Crown Mill for an hour or two on a Friday afternoon with colourful posters to remind drivers to switch off their engines. Lots of people already do, and many others did switch off on the day. When all the engines fell quiet, the air was clean and we could actually hear the birds sing!

A big thank you to everyone who participated, especially the children who took this initiative, and to all the drivers who showed their support. To anyone who remains unconvinced of the need to switch off (and there were a few....), it's worth remembering two things: firstly, stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 which carries a fine; and secondly, polluted air from running engines affects occupants in the car just as badly, so you're not safe inside. Switching off is such an easy thing to do, and everyone benefits.



Back at work – cutting and raking at Kiln Meadow

Our day-to-day work continues in all of our wildlife sites, and at this time of year we're busy cutting and raking the grassland to encourage more wildflowers to grow. This is a particularly big task at Kiln Meadow, but essential if we are to enjoy the sight of dozens of orchids flowering there next May and June, so we are very grateful to the team from Anglian Water who once again helped us out with the raking up. It took two mornings to clear the site as unfortunately it rained heavily between cutting and raking which makes the vegetation very heavy to move. The AW team worked incredibly hard, so a big thank you to them. Look out for our four species of orchid next year – Bee, Marsh, Common-Spotted and Pyramidal, a lovely splash of colour in early summer.



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ELMSWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

Now the weather is changing we have moved the Baby Bounce sessions inside the library. They are in the middle of the room so we can space out more compared to being in the children's section.

Last month we also started putting Lego out for Lego Club on Sundays between 11am and 12noon. There is Lego for older children and Duplo for young children.

There is no booking for any of our activities so you can just turn up.

We have removed the DVDs from Elmswell Library so we now have more room for our audiobooks on CD. If you would like DVDs you can reserve them from larger libraries through our website, in the library or over the phone and get them sent to Elmswell Library.

This months book display will be for Remembrance Day. The display includes the audiobook of The book thief by Markus Zusak, read by Dennis Olsen, Fall of giants by Ken Follett, Love letters of the great war edited by Mandy Kirkby and The fall of the Ottomans: the Great War in the Middle East, 1914-1920 by Eugene L. Rogan and other fiction and non fiction that explores the world wars.

The Christmas books are being put on display too in November so perfect if you need something a bit more light-hearted or an easy read. This also includes the children's selection of Christmas books, with a choice for all ages.

The Community Café get together have been suspended until next year. To help everyone feel safer and more comfortable they will start again once the numbers have gone down again.

We still have the home test kits. At the time of going to print they are still available to anyone who visits the library for free without a need to pre-order or give personal details. You can just come in and pick them up.

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

Suspended until the 2022.

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

Lego Club

Has started again every Sunday 11am – 12noon

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



WESLEY UKULELE BAND



The Ukes have been quite busy since their first gig at the Wesley Hall which was reported here a couple of months back. We performed for the Stroke Association at the Museum of East Anglian Life on the 14th of October and the very next day we were at the official opening of the Wesley, where we hold our practice sessions. At the risk of being immodest, I believe we have become a bit of an attraction there with our Thursday morning sessions and, if you should have the urge to take up the ukulele, that might be a good time to come along and check us out. There are now 14-15 of us but we won't turn anyone away. At the Stroke Association nearly we outnumbered the audience!

When I say we are 14-15 strong, it is because we gained a potential new member from the Wesley opening who hasn't yet signed up although she most likely will. Interestingly, all of our latest recruits seem to be ladies and we now have almost as many as we had founder members, which is marvellous as well as explaining why we out-grew the Bowls Club, where we started.

By the time you read this, we will have performed for the Stowmarket British Legion on their Trafalgar Night celebration [October 20th] and I will report on that next time.

In the meantime, I will share some photos of the Wesley opening with you

For information please call Kevin on 01359 240604

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Steve, Peter, Phil, Keith and Alan



Eddie, Gale, Maggie, Carol and Steve, innocently captured a second time

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Dear Elmswell Friends,

Thank you so much for coming to see us in the Fox on Sunday. It was lovely to see you all again and have a chat, myself and Paul really enjoyed it. Paul had a hangover Monday morning!

Big thank you to Andrew & Melanie from Pro-Mech for arranging it and to Paula for cakes, banners and balloons - and a big thank you to Jimmy for the free pint!

Steve



THANK YOU...

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RUBBISH IN ELMSWELL

During lockdown when we were confined to our homes, many people walked the streets and footpaths of Elmswell and the village was kept fairly litter free.

Now we are back to normality the rubbish is back. If we did not have a village street warden and a few hardy souls who pick up litter on a regular basis, I shudder to think how our village would look. On many of our footpaths and roads leading into or out of our village it seems very easy to throw away a drink or food container.

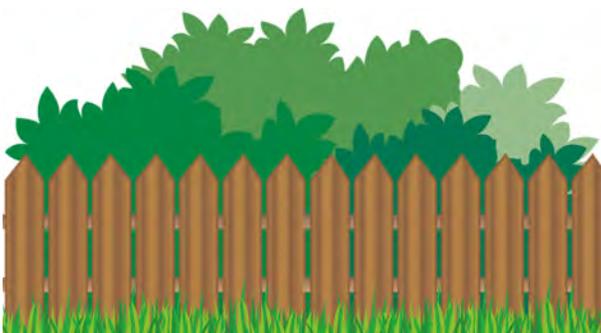
Common items picked up are drinks bottles, cigarette packets, lottery tickets, take away cartons, cups of Costa coffee purchased in the co-op, masks, plastic drinks bottles and not to mention sweet wrappers which seem to be on the streets leading to the Primary School.....parents should know better.



Also not forgetting dog walkers who pick up the mess left by their dog, put into a black bag then throw away onto the sides of fields or footpaths. I have to say this is a minority, but if you want to own a dog then take the responsibility of dealing with your animal's mess.

With Elmswell an ever growing village with newcomers possibly coming in from towns and cities where this is the possible norm, please remember Keep Elmswell Clean.

Paul Peachey



THANK YOU

to those who have already cut back hedges which are next to the road or pavement so as to make it easier for people to pass safely.

Now that the nesting season is over any overgrowth can be safely trimmed- otherwise it can cause real problems for pedestrians, particularly those in wheelchairs or pushing baby buggies who may be forced into the road if your hedge takes up the pavement.

CITIZENS ADVICE

My energy supplier recently went under and the new tariff I've been put on is far more than I used to pay. I've heard energy prices are set to rise further and I'm just not sure I can afford it. What help can I get or small changes can I make around my house to help save some money this winter?

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but the situation is very difficult at the moment and there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help, such as making sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need.

Turning down your main thermostat by **If it gets too much**

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You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information on this. If you're in

a household that's not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's some financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills.



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FIRST TEAM REPORT

The first team started October at home Thurston in some of the worst weather conditions we have seen for a while. A really tricky game for both sides with both teams struggling to get a real foot on the ball. Elmswell were however the better side throughout and the constant pressure took its toll being eventual winners 2-1. A great win in a local derby, already looking forward to the return fixture. A shout out to the Thurston lads who cleaned their changing rooms at the end of the game and were graceful in defeat. Goals from Ben Humphreys and a screamer from Romaine Scott.

Another home match saw us take on higher league Stanton FC in the first round of the junior cup. Coming in as the under dogs against a team who have been tipped for promotion in division 1, the task was never going to be easy. The lads put in a real shift to come back from 1-0 down to win 2-1. Stanton applied real pressure towards the end of the match, but came out with nothing to show for it due to the professional goalkeeping and defending. A real performance to be proud of, and one that sees us move into the next round of the cup. Goals from Matty Last and a top corner free kick from Will Gudgeon sealed the victory.

The next game we were away to Kirton Athletic. We struggled for a team this week and were hit by numerous injuries before and during the game. The lads that turned out showed real effort but unable to take our chances we were punished by some clinical finishing the other end. Final score Kirton 3-0 Elmswell.

Hopefully we can regroup and go again for a big test against bottom side Stonham this coming Saturday then onto the 2nd round of the cup the following week. #UpTheElm

October/November Fixtures

30/10/2021	Stonham Aspal	Away
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RESERVES REPORT

At the end of September Elmswell Reserves were left feeling aggrieved yet again as they went down 2-3 to Bildeston Rangers Reserves. Another penalty denied, opposition limited to very few sights of goal and we created enough to win but two freakish long range efforts gave the visitors the victory. Jake Fisher with both goals. Liam Britton got MOTM.

The weather was horrendous by the Orwell as The Reserves played Ipswich Vale Exiles. Two early wind-assisted home goals gave us a mountain to climb against the third placed side, but as is our way we fought on and got back into the game with a Will 'Hot tub' Hayden goal, finishing the half the stronger side. Second half the wind and rain were in our favour but lady luck was not. We lost three players to injuries and struggled to create many clear chances. As we pushed for an equaliser Exiles scored a third and so it ended 3-1. MOTM was Kieran Ramsey.

'Relegation rivals' Woolverstone Reserves were next up as we went looking for our first win of the season. We started brightly, pinning Woolverstone in their own half and bossing possession. An early corner ricocheted around the Woolly's six yard box before Kieran Ramsey swept it home. We kept pressing with Sean Chilton running the show before he was carried off after hyper extending his knee. Shortly after midfield lynchpin Josh Daly was helped with off with a pulled hammy. Incredibly, centre back Aidan Ashton then had his shin raked so badly he was forced off but Woolverstone won a freekick from it, from which they equalised. We were understandably a bit rocked and disappointingly allowed their scorer too much time to compose himself as he put them ahead from another long-range effort. Joe Wilkinson joined the casualty list in the second half with a head injury that had everyone concerned (I'm glad to say he ok). With great resolve the lads fought on and although the home side went 3-1 ahead after breaking from an Elmswell corner we managed to claw a goal back through Captain and MOTM, Kurt Bevan. We created a few half chances towards the death, but, yet again were left wanting.

Missing several players through injury we made a couple of signings before playing top of the league AFC Kesgrave. Without being massively outplayed we lost 3-0, rueing our lack of options from the bench. Kurt Bevan got MOTM.

Maybe the Primary Cup would bring us better fortune than we'd fared in the league? Beccles Town 'A' made the long trip in their team bus but started brightly and showed more muscle and desire. They broke through the middle for their first and a sharp volley on the turn found the top corner for their second. A more defiant and determined Elmswell turned up second half and Jake Fisher scored from early pressure. We had far more of the ball and looked particularly dangerous down the left with MOTM Adam Grocott charging forward. Despite their best efforts the equaliser was not to be found and ended 2-1 to Beccles.

Back to the league we play bottom team Saxmundham Reserves on Saturday, Woolverstone at home on the 13th and Somersham away on the 20th November.



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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

Last month's report was written in haste and, predictably, a few inaccuracies found their way in. I was tempted to say 'crept in' but, since I was directly responsible by effectively opening the door for them, I thought I had better re-word it. My apologies to Pauline Collins who pushed Mark Edwards all the way in a truly thrilling singles final and also to Barry Hayward who actually won the singles plate competition, designed to ensure that everyone has at least two matches by keeping the competition going for those who are knocked out in the first round.

This month I am writing in good time and not on deadline day, so I have no excuses this time round.

There is every prospect of gaining a couple of experienced bowlers next season and some more very enthusiastic newcomers from the ranks of the Fox's regulars who seem completely taken with the game following our two friendly matches. Added to that, we hope to see the return of Richard and Ray from their

respective long-term ailments so our prospects for next season are looking very bright indeed. So far, we have won a trophy every season that we have played league bowls, be it as winners or runners-up, so whether our new intake we enable us to keep that record going, remains to be seen. I have to say that I don't rate our chances too highly unless we have sufficient extra players to run a brand new team which will have to start in the bottom division. More teams mean more team captains, of course, and that might be where we fall down.

This month's photos, as you might have guessed, correct last month's inaccuracies and, hopefully, support my apologies to Pauline and Barry. Barry wasn't officially presented with his prize but is captured here with Natalie, who aided Nan with the presentations, but who is just edged out of Pauline's singles runners up presentation

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MARATHON MAN

Well done to local lad, Michael Peachey for completing his first London Marathon in a personal best time of 3 hours 8 minutes. The charity he was running for was Teenage Cancer Trust.



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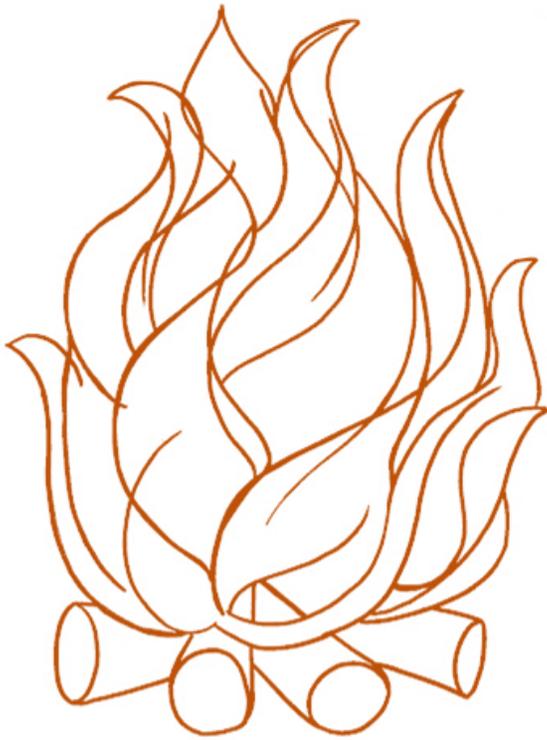
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NOVEMBER

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Did you know?

- Remembrance day is on 11th November every year. We use this day to remember the people in the armed forces who died in battle.
- World War I lasted from 1914-1918.
- World War I was called 'The Great War' until World War II began in 1939
- The Sunday before Remembrance Day is called **Remembrance Sunday**.
- **Poppies** became a symbol of World War I because they have grown around some of the places where battles were fought.



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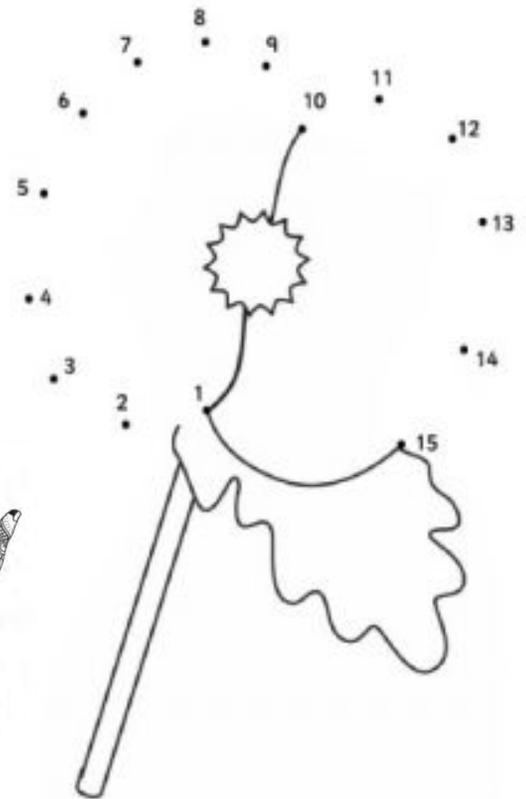
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We made it! Having had to cancel twice before, Jo Churchill MP came along on 15th October to declare Wesley open.

The coffee shop has traded for nearly 6 months and user groups have gradually settled back in, but, officially, the venue had not had a proper launch.

This was put right with the help of Donimo the magician, our very own Ukulele band and displays from some of the organisations who count Wesley as their home.



Fred Pallett and David Barker discuss with Jo Churchill the proposed affordable homes on the Tavern site next door to Wesley



Ukulele Band know all the right notes...



...while the WI have a jam session.



Key moment

KEY MOMENT

Parish Council Chairman Fred Pallett formally receives the key to the Wesley chapel from Jo Churchill MP to mark the official opening of the Wesley facility which has already proved, despite a very peculiar year of operation, to be a resounding success in terms of the stated aims of the Council to create a genuine social hub at the heart of Elmswell.



Donimo amazes and entertains



A chance to chat.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - October 2021

The October meeting of the Parish Council convened in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 18th with 7 councillors present, together with the Parish Clerk, Ward Members Cllrs Helen Geake and Andy Mellen and 5 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 20th September Ordinary meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake tabled a written report on BMSDC activities which confirmed, amongst other things, that:

- The Council has adopted a new Wellbeing Strategy. The Strategy focusses on trying to ensure that families lead active, healthy, safe and independent lives and are able to manage their own wellbeing. It promotes sustainable and inclusive places and spaces and go some way to reduce health inequalities across the district.
- The Council discussed the 2020/21 report and business plan 2021/22 for CIFCO Capital Ltd. All the funds have now been invested. The total income CIFCO has produced is about £2.5M but there is still a net loss in equity of about £12.5M. There is always interesting debate about CIFCO as the Green and Liberal Democrat group vote against the plan.
- In September Babergh and Mid Suffolk became the first rural UK councils to switch their fleet of waste tankers to HVO. All 35 waste tankers are not fuelled by HVO and the smaller public realm and housing service vehicles will also be switching to the new fuel in the near future. This will help to reduce the Council's carbon emissions.
- SCC voted to approve the controversial planning application to enlarge Elmswell Community Primary School to 420 places. This development will be the subject of a CIL funding bid and the decision will be made by MSDC Cabinet on 1st November.

Suffolk County Council

Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report confirming that he has been contacted by many residents across the division complaining that closures and diversions have been very poorly signed, with completely unreasonable diversions and that he has raised this with the County Councillor with responsibility for operational highways. He invited any further problems to be reported to him so that he can take them up with the relevant department. He confirmed that Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into some limited areas of its Special Educational Needs and Disability provision and that a very critical report was published last month. Suffolk County Council failed to meet its statutory deadlines for EHC (Education Health & Care) plans, a clear breach of compliance. The opposition group on the Council has asked that the Education Scrutiny Committee be convened to examine the report at the earliest opportunity, but this request has been refused.

Planning results

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

SCC/0054/21MS Extension and alteration school buildings... Elmswell Primary |School, Oxer Close GRANTED

DC/21/04346 Erection two bay car port Stanley House, Spong Lane GRANTED

DC/21/05020 Non-material amendment DC/19/05810... Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane

APPROVED

DC/21/04470 Severance of garden and erection 1no dwelling... Silver Birches, Church Road GRANTED

DC/21/03409 Dropped kerb... Magnolias, Church Road GRANTED

Planning applications

The Meeting agreed to support applications for extensions at Stanbury, Warren Lane and at 51, Blackbourne Road and not to comment on an application for the renewal of an existing Permission at Kiln Farm Guest House for 2 holiday apartments or for an application for tree works at 4, Grange Meadows.

Objections were raised to the application, reference DC/21/05406 at Ten-Ten for the conversion of a barn to a dwelling and the erection of 2 further dwellings, for the following reasons:

The site is in the countryside clearly outside of the Development Envelope of Elmswell. To permit further encroachment of housebuilding into Kiln Lane would run counter to Local Plan Policy SB1 and there is no mitigating factor presented to support intrusion which is, clearly, against the overriding principal of protecting the countryside for its own sake. The setting is currently rich in biodiversity, as reflected in the proximity of the adjacent Kiln Meadow wildlife reserve managed by the ElmsWild community volunteers and accessed by the well-used Elmswell Footpath 16 ROW which borders the site.

Kiln Lane is a single-track country lane with no footpath along its entire length. It is already at capacity as the village expands and traffic seeks ways around the



increasingly busy main through routes. This Proposal, therefore, runs counter to Local Plan policy T10 which requires that existing roads giving access to a proposed development should be suitable in terms of the safe and free flow of traffic and pedestrian safety. The disingenuous suggestion that this byway has a 60mph speed limit and does not feature in accident statistics is to mis-represent the situation. This meandering road of variable width has no passing places. It serves the industrial access to the Anglian Water facility and the HGV traffic servicing CG Finch. The creeping introduction of more domestic vehicular traffic must, at some point, be stopped. That point is reached with this proposal.

The Application goes against NPPF policies of sustainability. In its strictures on promoting sustainable transport, it argues for an awareness of potential impacts

on transport networks [para 102(a)], focussing on locations which can be made sustainable through limiting the need to travel [para 103] and for attention to the impacts from a proposal on the transport network [para 108(c)]. This is a proposal for a dwelling along a narrow country road situated almost a mile from the village facilities. In NPPF terms it is unsustainable.

ElmsWild Grant

The volunteers of ElmsWild have agreed to take on the maintenance of the village's land holding at Town Field down Spong Lane, the last remaining field held under trust by the village's Poor's Land charity. It has lain neglected for many years either vacant or under an agricultural tenancy but is now in the process of becoming a wildflower meadow and a valuable community 'green lung' resource. Councillors agreed to grant aid the group in the sum of £252.00 to pay for cutting and baling on the site.

Grants to outside charities

In October of each year, Council reviews any applications made during the year from outside bodies and determines any grant aid as appropriate. Accordingly, it was agreed that £150.00 should go to each of: East Anglian Air Ambulance, Headway, Magpas, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, EACH, Brain Tumour Research Centre.

Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 15th November beginning at 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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ELMSWELL Tavern

Share Issue update

The group which has driven forward the plans for the refurbishment and extension of the pub site on School Road was officially registered as recently as March of this year. In a very few months they have worked to choose and appoint an architect who has produced a concept which has been the subject of consultation at various community groups in the village and is exhibited at Blackbourne and Wesley for comment. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

An important element of the funding for the project will be through the issue of community shares allowing everyone to have a stake in our own community pub. The formal invitation to invest, the Share Prospectus, was due to be published in September.

Another funding source is a matched share purchase of up to £100,000.00 through the Community Shares Booster Programme. In order to apply for this, the Share Prospectus must be accredited through the Community Shares Standard Mark and this process was underestimated in the group's programme.

The extra work required to reach the required standard of documentation has slowed the process and delayed the launch of the share issue

We are hoping to have the extra information to the Assessor in time for a launch with the December Newsletter.

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.

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
15th	20th	22nd	21st	21st

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

Enquiries on any Parish Council matter are invited to the Clerk, Peter Dow, at The Council Office, Blackbourne, Blackbourne Road, IP30 9UH – right next to the car park and with wheelchair access.

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What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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, 7.30 at Blackbourne. 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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FITNESS - Sarah Evans' classes include stretch-and-flex, spin, boxercise, legs bums & tums, bodyblast...throughout the week and at weekends contact sarahjane.fitness@outlook.com

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

BATS - **badminton, table tennis, pool** at Blackbourne Fridays from 7.30 - edmondspeterj@gmail.com

CARPET BOWLS - Wednesday 7pm at Wesley - jf.boxall@btinternet.com

COMPANIONS - every other Friday 10 - 12 at Wesley - linda@abbott.plus.com

PILATES - Monday & Friday mornings - suzanne@triformpilates.co.uk

BINGO - Blackbourne, last Friday monthly doors open 6.30...eyes-down 7.30

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