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It's difficult not to keep banging on about 'change' when we sit in the eye of the storm that is the fastest growing area of the UK. It is even more difficult to do something about it when the drivers of this growth are embedded in a London-centred clique. Those who govern us sometimes lay claim to humble beginnings, oblivious to the ironies that this creates, as they glide from canapé to constituency cup-cake.

It is not the Newsletter way to label blame – that way lies politics. However, our humble magazine is at the centre of a certain element of village life. There may be advantage in skipping through the pages covering some 30 years of day-to-day Elmswell to-ings and fro-ings to assess this, 'change' as it has affected our own little corner of the world. It may not provide a definitive guide on the way to go, but it does point up the need, perhaps, of an awareness that there needs to be some thought into where that way lies.

Looking back, therefore, to 1992, we select at random a couple of elements of the day-to-day that have changed towards encouraging some thinking on how the next 30 years might be anticipated:



Getting the bus

In August 1992, page 15 of our little A5 black and white edition carried the

t i m e t a b l e for the Eastern Counties Omnibus Ltd route 85 between Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds. It called at Elmswell Shop Corner 9 times each weekday. You could be on a bus at just gone 8.00am and be in Bury at a quarter to nine. The service ran all year round including weekends. There is currently considerable disquiet amongst the bus-travelling community because the September 2022 timetable from Stevenson's buses offers just 3 buses, running on schooldays only, and nothing at weekends. For 45% of the year there are no buses to or from Stowmarket or Bury. Meanwhile, in Luxembourg, which has the highest vehicle density on the continent and the cheapest petrol and diesel in the EU, they are in the middle of ambitious idea. A couple of years ago it became the first nation in the world to make all public transport entirely free at point of use. With the exception of (not especially popular) first-class tickets, no one has paid a penny to travel by a bus, tram or train there. The experiment adds some £34m to the government's annual transportation costs. Similar free-transit programmes have emerged in all kinds of cities and countries over the years as a means of addressing rising energy costs or traffic pollution. For three months this summer the German state is offering travel passes valid on all urban and regional services (but not faster intercity trains) for the cost of £7.50 per month. These are initiatives which can, at a stroke, slash carbon emissions and aid a public hit with high petrol and diesel prices. They might play a role in getting people out of private cars as well as removing mobility barriers. It might also serve as a reminder that a lower-

emissions world can also offer conveniences and advantages, not just sacrifices. As per our introduction, to take this further is a matter for our politicians, but, in the meantime should we, as a large community with some track record of innovation be thinking outside the bus? Neighbourhood car sharing, a community owned taxi, our own minibus?



Getting together

Our August 1992 magazine snapshot of village life reveals another significant element of social change. There were Adult Education Classes run by Suffolk County Council in Elmswell offering courses in Mobility for the More Mature, Painting & Drawing, Aerobic Workout & Conditioning, all at a cost of about £2 per session. There was the 2-day Autumn Fayre with special attractions such as the slow bicycle race, the flower & produce show in the big top which housed Paddy Butcher's RSVP band and a ceilidh with On The Fiddle. The October magazine has reminders of a social network which included a Christmas Dance at the Memorial Hall, a village favourite group, 'Under the Bridge', at the Bacon Factory Social Club - tickets £2.50 from Roy Finch Promotions and proceeds to the Luncheon Club WRVS kitchen improvement scheme - plus, a 'Hen Show' with compere and drag, 'Terry Du Cane', plus two male strippers, destination of proceeds unknown. Over the intervening 30 years changes to how we socialise, or whether we socialise at all, have been dramatic and rapid. The days of an organised get-together for a beetle drive or a hot pot supper have gone. Village dances cannot keep up with the cost of the group or the draw of the festival venues / on-line alternatives. Hen Nights would sit less comfortably on the calendar at Wesley or Blackbourne than used to be the case. So far, it is argued that Elmswell has kept up with the changes. The 40% or so increase in population over the past decade does not have to scramble for space in the old Memorial Hall or the original space at

Wesley. When screen-time palls there is the flexible and ever-expanding community facility at Blackbourne or the recent innovations at Wesley including the coffee shop with the promise of the Elmswell Tavern adding another community dimension. These innovations have a key aspect to their design and development. They are flexible and strive to balance activities which bring income to offset the ever-increasing running costs through commercial lettings so that community activity is encouraged. But community activity is, itself, changing in nature. Across the 3 organised sports activities hosted at Blackbourne – Bowls, Cricket and Football there are real pressures of decline. In all 3 cases over the current or past season games have had to be cancelled because the opponents could not raise a team or, in some case, had withdrawn from competition altogether due to declining membership. Several of our community groups struggle to find volunteers to take on the responsibilities of administration and many of those with an older membership are not seeing interest from younger people in becoming involved. It is not unreasonable to suggest that, in 30 years' time, a fair proportion of our long-serving clubs and societies will be functioning no longer. Neither is it unreasonable to suggest that this is not a bad thing. It is change. We must deal with it. Perhaps the move to folk not wanting to subscribe or to join in order to enjoy social activity in the real rather than the digital world is just another change. Little point in lamenting the fact or trying to re-create the good old days. It is to be hoped that, true to form, Elmswell moves either with the times or ahead of the times. People don't want to be tied. They are too busy to join. They want facilities available off the shelf – and are willing to pay as they do now for the gym. No AGM's, no Treasurer – all in the pay-as-you-go price charged by a central administration. No commitment? No problem.





ELMSWELL ART CLUB

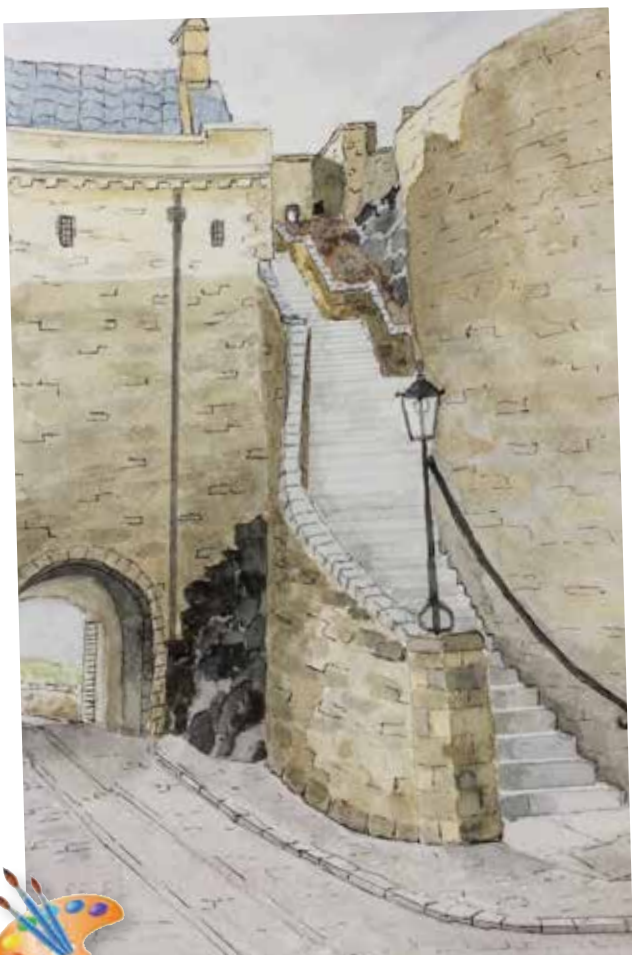
Banksy is probably the best known living British artist, even though that is not his real name. Another British artist known purely by a single word is Lowry. They are following many of the Old Masters such as Caravaggio, Titian, Van Gogh, El Greco, Rembrandt and Michelangelo who are all known by either nicknames or who do not use Christian names along with their surnames. Banksy has always tried to keep a low profile and has shied away from publicity. However, as long ago as 2008 The Mail on Sunday revealed his alleged identity, even so all these many years later his name is little known. It is suggested that he was a public school boy from Bristol named Robin Cunningham who was nicknamed Banksy by his mates due to his likeness to and abilities similar to Gordon Banks, the former English football goalkeeper. Nowadays his worth is put in the region of £50 million. Not bad for someone whose style and approach to painting is likened to Graffiti Art. Banksy uses a stencilling technique, making a stencil of what he wants to portray before applying any paint or colour to the surface he is using, whether it be paper or board or any other surface. Using this technique enables him to apply a picture to an outside wall in the dead

of night, where his work can be completed without interruption, thereby furthering the mystery of his identity. Of course, this was where he really took off and made a world-wide name for himself. Earlier this year, one of his wall paintings was put on display at Moyse's Hall in Bury St Edmunds.

Wall painting is not something any of our members do, at least not that I am aware of, in fact painting walls (other than with decorators' paint) is not something the Brits are noted for except in Northern Ireland, where religious/political symbols abound on both sides of the divide. One thing is sure, there are thousands of amateur graffiti artists up and down the land who delight in displaying their artistry along railway tracks and the like. Personally all they seem to do for

me is to keep spray paint manufacturers employed, plus local authorities busy cleaning up when they spray in sensitive areas.

To see the best pictures and art on outside walls is likely to be in Austria, the land of the Von Trapps and the Sound of Music, Bavaria and the Northern Alpine regions. Another place to see wall art, in this instance religious painting, is the churches of Bucovina, northern Romania. Here the outside church walls are covered from the ground up to the eaves in the most magnificent images and art anywhere. These were painted in the early 16th century and have only recently suffered the ravages of time. Modern day pollution is the main cause and action is now being taken to keep visitors from approaching too close,



plus other means of protection, well worth visiting though.

Our pictures this month are both by Anne Smith and show a couple of pen and wash images of Edinburgh Castle. No wall painting allowed here!

John Welford - 01359 240166

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BANKSY

We will soon be into September (and hopefully cooler weather) so put in your diaries September 10th and 11th 10am to 4pm when we shall display artwork done exclusively by art club members. Many pictures will be available for sale, what a wonderful opportunity to buy an early Christmas gift!



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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

We had almost a full house for **our July meeting** and this was despite a few apologies. There was a last minute change of speaker and the reasons for this were explained to members. **Peter Lester, who is the husband of our Minutes Secretary, Stephanie, joined us to tell the story of the "Unsinkable Violet Jessop"**

Violet lived her latter years in a small cottage in Daisy Green, Great Ashfield.

Born and raised until the age of 16 in Argentina with Irish immigrant parents she moved to London with her family when her father died. After various twists and turns in her life she decided to work on passenger liners as a stewardess. Very hard work indeed. Her journey first began on The Orinoco, and from then on various of the Royal Mail Lines' vessels before the Titanic, a White Star Line ship. The Olympic in 1911, damaged in a collision, The Titanic sank on her maiden voyage in 1912 and The Britannic in 1916 which was a Hospital ship. On the latter she served as a British Red Cross nurse, unqualified at the time but with great practical experience which was invaluable. **(see photo right)** The Britannic was hit by a deep sea mine in the Aegean and during the rescue Violet sustained a severe head injury. She did recover from this and eventually returned to her work on



the ships. The stories of her rescue from the Titanic and Britannic are most intriguing.

She died from heart failure at her little cottage in Daisy Green called Maythorn, at the age of 83 and is buried in Great Ashfield churchyard.

Violet's story is a fascinating one, and she did write a memoir called **Titanic Survivor**. I would recommend it as really good read. I suppose today she would be considered a local celebrity but in those days such a label would be rarely used, unlike now.

Our business session after refreshments included a report from Terry Byford from the evening group, who was our representative in June at **The National Federation Annual Meeting** held in Liverpool this year. She obviously thoroughly enjoyed the experience and recommended that any member with the chance to attend should do so. **The Resolution ("To Call for More Funding and Research into autism and ADHD in women and girls") was carried with 96,5% of the vote.** Our group gave Terry discretion to vote as she felt fit after hearing the speakers but we all unanimously supported her decision to vote in favour of the Resolution.

Next month, Wednesday 3rd August, we welcome Lesley Williams, who will talk about her life as a Parish Nurse.

Maureen Davis



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

As some of you eagle eyed readers of last months newsletter would have spotted we hit the jackpot with our report as we appeared on two pages so if you missed the first time it hit you in the face on the next paper must have been good reading.

The Strawberry Supper was enjoyed by all present thanks to the Catering Team (Barry Hazel and Charlotte) for producing a Ham Salad followed by New York Cheesecake surrounded by Fresh Strawberries and Cream, The evening concluded with Cash Bingo.

The meeting on July 21st was a first time for the club with a Country Music Evening with a local artist –Jonny Rondo who performed for almost two hours to the delight of those present numbers were down due to holidays and a WI event which took several members away from the meeting.

Next Meetings Aug 4th Bingo Aug 18th Sing along with Hank Open evening well worth coming along a fun character September 1st we welcome our own local talent in the form of The Wesley Ukulele Band in place of Bingo all are welcome to join us Full details of the rest of the year are now listed in the Whats on Section at the rear of the Newsletter.



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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

David Gedeye opened his talk to EGC by asking - 'Who owns a Monkey Puzzle Tree? No hands went up from our regular members, but a visitor from Cornwall told us that a potted 'Puzzler' of 15 years is now growing in her garden. The tree was not as enormous as the one featured in the photograph.



The Menzie tree, as it was called, grew from the one of the first six seeds brought to the UK in 1795. One of the seedlings was gifted to the Menzie family of Perthshire in 1830 by King William IV and grew in the grounds of the family estate until the early 1900s. Look carefully at the photograph and you will see David's great-great grandfather, Head Gardener of the estate, proudly standing to the left of the tree in 1865

The monkey puzzle tree is ancient, and was probably around when dinosaurs roamed the earth. The leaves overlap each other, covering the branches, and even look a bit like a dinosaur's scales. The trees we see today are young, with branches all over their trunks. When the trees mature, these bottom leaves fall off, leaving most of the straight trunk, which can grow up to 130 feet, bare. The monkey puzzle tree can live for hundreds of years, maybe even thousands. Because it's existed for so long, it's categorised as a "living fossil." David showed us a bowl he had made from the trunk of a monkey puzzle tree. It really was beautiful. 34 per cent of the world's conifers, including the monkey puzzle, are at risk of disappearance due to climate change.

The club's outing on 26th July was to Helmingham Hall. We enjoyed a fascinating talk earlier in the year from one of the gardeners at the hall which piqued our interest and encouraged us to make the visit.



To find out more about the club please

email elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com or phone 01359 242172



ELMSWELL Tavern

August Events

Friday 5th - FFOTM, Fellas/First Friday of the month, an excuse for a drink with your mates or come and meet new people.

Saturday 6th - Elmswell Taverns first birthday. A day full of fun, fabulous beer, music, bouncy castle, children's activities plus much more. Come and celebrate a year of community ownership!

Wednesday 10th - Bingo 7pm
£8 for 3 games, prizes to be won!

Saturday 13th - Wesley Ukes 7pm

Sunday 14th - family bingo

Friday 19th - Open Mic Night 7pm

Friday 26th - LFOTM ladies/last Friday of the month. An excuse to get the girls out for the night.

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP



Summer Outings – although no main outing has been organized this year, a few of us visited Woolpit in June to look round its delightful museum and wonderful church. We are now arranging a visit to **Buxhall's Bygones Museum on 11th August**, so if you wish to join us then and haven't already confirmed this, please ring 01359-242601 **a.s.a.p.** to be included – everyone welcome, members and non-members alike (lifts available on request).

Other local places of interest to visit over the summer –



Mid-Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford Station (Hall Lane, Wetheringsett, IP14 5PW), is now open again, with different displays and steam trains running each weekend. You can also view the rare Victorian train carriage which was rescued and transported from an Elmswell garden in the 1990s, now superbly renovated. Contact 01449-766874 and 766899, or website www.mslr.org.uk

Sutton Hoo (opposite Woodbridge) has a new exhibition "Swords of Kingdoms: The Staffordshire Hoard at Sutton Hoo" on until 30th October. Seventy years separate the discovery of the



Sutton Hoo Great Ship Burial and the Staffordshire Hoard, and this major exhibition re-unites two of England's most important

medieval archaeological discoveries, displaying artefacts from both sites, together for the first time in East Anglia, where some of the items are believed to have been made over 1400 years ago. A bit like "Game of Thrones", but real.



While there, you can climb up the new viewing towers to look over the famous burial mounds as recently seen in "The Dig" film, about which Charlie Haylock so memorably regaled us all recently. **Also**, every Wednesday and Saturday throughout August and September, costume volunteers will demonstrate the craft skills of the Anglo-Saxons and how they created clothing and accessories from natural materials. Contact - <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo>



The **1,000th Anniversary** of the founding of **Bury Abbey** (now Cathedral) is being fea-

tured in an award-winning podcast called 'History Hit'. The abbey was one of the richest and largest Benedictine monasteries in England when people came from all over Europe to visit the Shrine of St Edmund.

Historic East Anglia on television –



Lucy Worsley's programme about the Black Death (BBC2, 31st May), featured a **Walsham-le-Willows** family as the village had one of the best tax and rent records of 14th century England which recorded transactions in Court Rolls, being one of Europe's rarest medieval manuscripts, now held at Suffolk Archives in Ipswich. Lucy visited the village and talked to Walsham's History Society's Frances Jenner, giving vivid details of this medieval 'pandemic' history right on our doorstep.



Art Historian Waldemar Januszczak's "The Art Mysteries" (Freeview 11 Sky Arts, 21st June) featured an insightful programme about Gainsborough's 1750 painting, "Mr & Mrs Andrews", now in the National Gallery. Lots of information about those volatile times was included, with some super shots of the Suffolk countryside around the 'cloth town' of **Sudbury**.



Our **2022-23 Programme of Talks** starts on **8th September**. Full details are on our website and more information will be in next month's magazine about Sept's talk entitled "The History of Caister Lifeboat, since 1791", so we look forward to welcoming you back then.

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

AROUND & ABOUT

ELMSWELL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

Summer is here so we have lots for children to do. There is the Summer Reading Challenge throughout August. Volunteer times are in the window of the library and posted weekly on our Facebook page. The Summer Reading Challenge is where children read 6 books over summer and get a reward for each book they complete. Elmswell Library Friends have kindly paid for 3 children's workshops delivered by artists over the summer. There is Weaving Webs 12.30 – 2.30 on Thursday 11th August, Lino Printing 12 – 2 on Thursday 18th August and Dream Catchers 12.30 – 2.30 on Thursday 25th August.

There is also a selection of board games paid for by ELF that can either be played in the library or borrowed for 50p per week. These are perfect for if you are going on holiday and are looking for another game to take with you.

If you would like to help with Elmswell Library Friends then let us know as it is always helpful to have more people involved.

We also have some other competitions happening. The sunflowers from the Sunflower competition should be coming along well now. There should be all sorts of wildlife to see on them, some good photos and they have reached their full height.

There is a writing competition for kids of all ages. Children 6 and under can design a bookmark (we have nice thick paper for the bookmark), for children aged 7 – 11 the competition is to write 300 – 600 words based on a character from a book being read for the reading challenge and for children aged 12 – 17 the competition is write 500 – 800 words about a character from a book you have read from the library.

The exhibition this month will be of textile pieces from the volunteers who run the Knit and Natter group on the second Tuesday of the month at the library.

The book display this month is beach books with a mixture of light summer reads, crime, non fiction and adventure. We have books by Clive Cussler, Veronica Henry, Kate Atkinson, Dorothy Koomson and others.

See you in the library soon,

Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Story Time

1.10pm – 1.30pm every Tuesday

The Keep in Touch Community Café

10.30am on Wednesday 17th August at the Wesley Café (every 3rd Wednesday)

Knit and Natter

2pm – 3pm Tuesday 9th August (every 2nd Tuesday of the month)

Adult Reading Practice

Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please book in advance.

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

Lego Club

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

folk at
Wesley

We had a nice gathering for our first Wesley folk event. It was an interesting mix of styles, with a song from a storyteller, songs from Steve on guitar and ukulele, Julian on mandolin, Mike on English concertina, Bob on guitar and Paddy on guitar and melodeon. The next session will be 3rd

weds of August, then we have to move our night to make room for the carpet bowls. This may be 3rd Tuesday – watch the Newsletter for confirmation.

Bob Goodall & Paddy Butcher

TIME PRESENT

It has been clear since the opening of our fine community facility at Wesley that the Chapel, considered by many to be the jewel in the crown of this very successful village venue, needed a clock.

It is also clear that what was needed was not simply a timepiece but something which reflected the spirit of the refurbishment and which should add to the splendour of the result.

The Blackburne & Wesley Management Association had the easy job of finding a skilled clockmaker and master of fine art creation. There are few craftsmen in the area with fine arts skills and a clockmaking background and who, coincidentally, are regular Wesley coffee shop customers.

It proved to be equally easy to fund the necessary materials, some of them rather costly, obscure and beyond Screwfix or B&Q. Up stepped the Wesley Ukulele Group who dedicated the fees from a couple of their acclaimed public performances to the cause and donated £500.00.

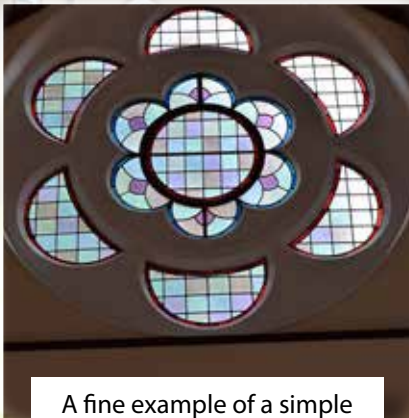
The result was unveiled on 30th June to unanimous acclaim from more than 100 Wesley supporters and users.

The clock painstakingly reflects and celebrates the muted stained glass patterns of the leaded rose window above the original chapel entrance with a single Wesley trade mark, 'W', to link the old with the new.

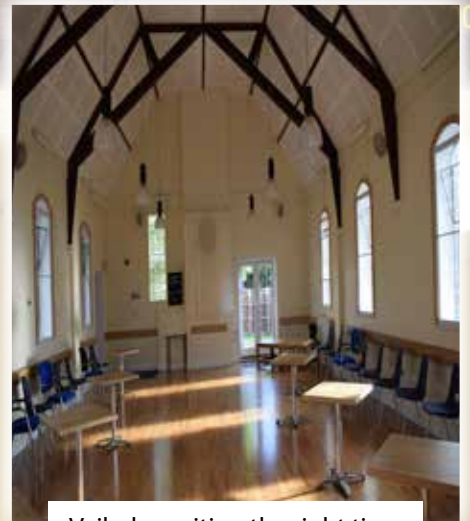
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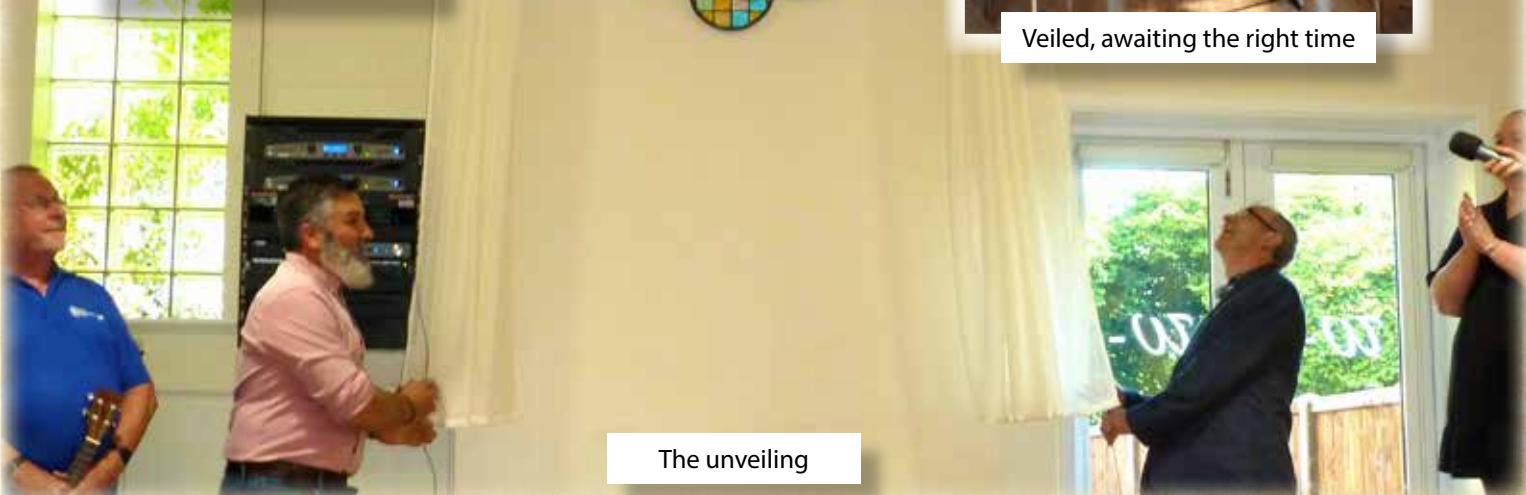
The rose window scaffolded during restoration



A fine example of a simple Victorian rose window



Veiled, awaiting the right time



The unveiling



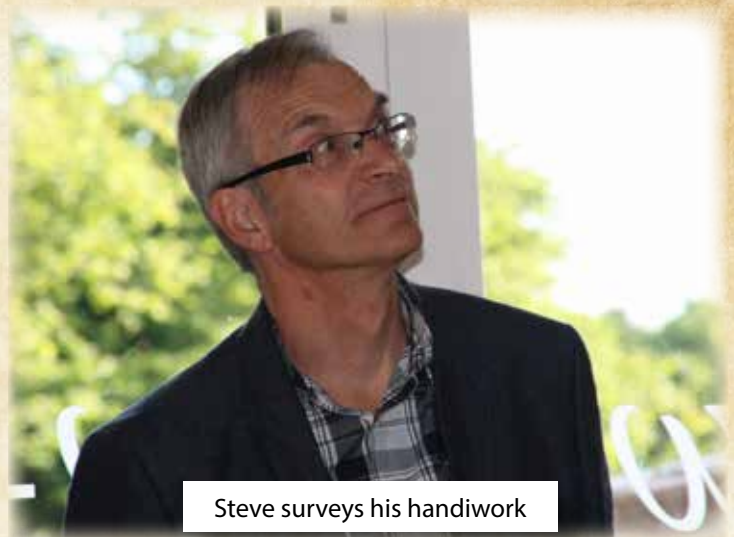
Steve Norman, Steve Bushell and clock



The clock unveiled



Steve Norman on an original chapel pew he renovated for the coffee shop



Steve surveys his handiwork

Our clockmaker is Steve Bushell who painstakingly reproduced the shapes and the pattern and researched materials to create a facsimile of the central feature of the chapel's rose window which had been protected and restored during the building works.

For the unveiling, Steve was ably assisted by Steve Norman whose own considerable skills as a furniture restorer were put to good use when he refurbished one of the Victorian pews rescued from the old chapel, for use in the Wesley coffee shop.

Steve's clock has become a feature of the chapel space, already a feature in its own right. His efforts echo the spirit which gave rise to the idea of saving the Wesley as a community hub and his selfless dedication to many hours of challenging work have produced something of which both he Elmswell can be proud.



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At Ashfield Road SID is currently awaiting repair so the data will be analysed in next month's report

At Wetherden Road the volume of traffic has fluctuated to at an AADT figure of 2243.

The average speed is 29.7 mph and percentage of drivers exceeding the limit is 47.4%.

There is yet more useful information on www.brake.org.uk.

Whilst speed has always been a significant factor in road traffic collisions, the recent spell of exceptionally fine weather has also had an effect.

In better weather motorists are likely to be less cautious and take more leisure journeys. The road surface can develop less friction due to softening of the bituminous surface. There can be deformations in the carriageway as a result of over expansion.

For each degree C that the average monthly temperature increases, injury accidents increase by approximately 1%.

Similarly, each additional day with extremely high precipitation results in more than 1% fewer injury accidents in that month.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Happy Summer from St John's :)

We kicked off July with our monthly family service. It was lovely to have a full church with many children. Rupert the Dog helped us get into the story by revealing various objects in his bag, including a water pistol, model shipwreck, bandage and globe. The story was all about the apostle Paul's journey to Rome, where he and his shipmates faced a storm and shipwreck, but God rescued them all and they were swept up on the shores of Malta. We learnt about God's faithfulness to his people and his commitment to see the good news spread across the whole world.

The second week in July saw a special visitor – Rev Jonathan Ford from Christ Church, Moreton Hall, spoke on the final verses of Acts of the Apostles. He also told us about the fascinating novel he has written called, "A Day in the Death of Charlie Vaughan." I read it a couple of months ago when I was out of action with COVID and found it both enjoyable and thought-provoking. Bishop Mike describes it as "a rip-roaring roller coaster ride of a story which captures the imagination from the start. Jonathan appears to have blended something of the early monks and nuns of the desert and C.S. Lewis in his thinking and writing, and the combination makes for a vivid, colourful narrative that is both provocative and insightful – recommended!"

The following week, Gavin Payne started our summer series for Sundays, which is looking at the reign of King Solomon. It is a fascinating part of the Old Testament that prefigures Jesus in a number of ways. You are very welcome to come and join us at St John's to hear more. If you are unable to come in person, you can catch the service (most weeks) live on Facebook or afterwards on our web page.

On the first Sunday of each month, we have an All Age service at 10:30am and this is an ideal service for baptisms. If you would like to know more about baptism, or christening as it is sometimes called, please do get in touch (details below). Our family friendly services include songs led by a music group, prayers, readings and a child-friendly talk and sometimes Rupert the Dog helps out.

Services on the second and fourth Sundays in the month include the Lord's Supper and some hymns on the organ. One thing you can be sure of is a friendly welcome and an encounter with the living God who made us and loves us and wants to rescue us from all darkness and bring us into his wonderful light. Tea and coffee are available after the service with plenty of time to chat and meet others.

We also have a lovely Sunday School, which will be restarting in September in the church rooms at the back of church during the main service (except when it is all age). Again, please contact us if you would like to find out more.

Upcoming Dates:

Sun 7 Aug 9:00am

Lord's Supper (spoken service)

Sun 7 Aug 10:30am

All Age Service with baptism

Sun 14 Aug 10:30am

Worship with Lord's Supper

Sun 21 July 10:30am

Sunday Worship

Sun 28 July 10:30am

Worship with Lord's Supper

Sun 4 Sept 9:00am

Lord's Supper (spoken service)

Sun 4 Sept 10:30am

All Age Service with baptism

Every Saturday:

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Well, we're living in uncertain times to put it mildly, aren't we? Government in chaos, a cost of living crisis with inflation rampant, war in Ukraine which could develop into something much bigger, famine in Afghanistan and other places, devastating floods around the world, drought and a heatwave and wildfires here as I write this. There's never been a time when people are in such desperate need of a sense of security. As Christians we have a firm belief that although God allows us humans the space to make a real mess of things, he is ultimately in control and his purposes will prevail. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we have an assurance that our eternal destiny is secure and even though life on earth may be difficult, he will support us through those difficult times.

If you'd like to explore this further or if you're a Christian and new to the village and haven't settled in a church yet, do come and join us on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, you are assured of a warm welcome.

We are grateful to all those who preach each week. The preachers booked for our 10.30am services in the coming weeks are as follows:-

August 7th

Rev. Norman Tharby (inc Communion)

August 14th

Rev. Richard Edwards

August 21st

Rev. Beth Powney –
Eastern Baptist Association Senior Minister

August 28th

Rev. Mike Simm

September 4th

Ann Rudland (inc Communion)

With the last two weeks of July that will mean we will have had Reverend's leading worship for six weeks on the trot, I don't believe that's ever happened before! Not that we don't very much appreciate the ministry of our lay preachers!!

Our midweek gatherings are not taking place in August, we anticipate resuming on September 7th.

The **Ladies Friendship Group** do not meet in August but have a day out planned on September 12th (note it's the 2nd Monday of the month) with a visit to The Hut at Felixstowe with a fish and chip lunch. The cost was planned to be £10 but may be a bit more because of fish and chip prices. Meet at The Hut at 10.30am, leave at 4.30pm or before. Telephone Margaret on 01359 241541 for more details and to book your lunch. All ladies and any male guests are welcome.

Food 'n' Friends do not meet in August either but will resume on September 8th at Midday. A home (more accurately, a church) cooked meal and plenty of time to chat. Telephone Jackie on 01359 245918 to book your place. All Senior Citizens are welcome.

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A life in pictures

It's not often you get to see almost the entire life-cycle of a creature unfolding before your eyes, but when it happens it can be spell-binding. At our recent mini Bioblitz at Lukeswood we discovered some curious papery looking objects clinging to long stems of grass in the orchard. What could they be? There were lots of them! Fortunately, we had Simon with us who is something of an expert on all things insect, especially moths, and he quickly identified them as the chrysalis of the Six-Spot Burnet, a large and very beautiful black and red day-flying moth. A further search revealed several caterpillars, also on long grass stems preparing to construct their chrysalis and go into pupation. This was a really exciting find, and we kept watch over the coming weeks to see what would happen next, hoping to witness the emergence of the adults after their transformation. The wait paid off, and we were soon rewarded by the sight of the adult moths in their full finery.

The Six-Spot Burnet is one of a group of moths that you can see flying and feeding during the daytime and is commonly found in grasslands and woodland rides. The adults feed on the nectar of knapweed, thistles and other grassland flowers, and the females lay their eggs on the caterpillars' foodplants. The caterpillars hatch and feed, and hibernate over at least one winter. They emerge the following spring and pupate in a papery cocoon attached to grass stems.

Our photos show the caterpillar (scientific term, larva), a caterpillar beginning to form its chrysalis, the chrysalis itself (pupa), and the adult

moth (imago). The only stage of the life-cycle we didn't observe was the egg (but these can be difficult to find). The final photo is quite curious – there's a lot going on! In this scene we think that one moth has recently emerged from its chrysalis and is already beginning to mate with another moth. At the same time you can also see the exuvia, the exoskeleton that one of the moths discarded as it left the chrysalis and stretched out its wings. Shortly afterwards it will have flown off to lay its eggs, starting the life-cycle over again.

We usually only catch a fleeting glimpse of many of the creatures that inhabit our wildlife sites, so it's really exciting to see one of them in close-up, in almost all stages of its life-cycle. It also shows how important habitat is to the success of these creatures. The adults need particular plants and wildflowers to feed on and lay their eggs; the caterpillars need particular food plants, somewhere suitable to hibernate, and then long grass stems on which to build their chrysalis. We're trying to leave areas of Lukeswood undisturbed and to rotate mowing over several years with the aim of protecting these fragile habitats, especially for invertebrates such as the Six-Spot Burnet.

Special thanks go to Simon for his help in identifying this unusual find and to Peter for taking the photos. Observing wildlife in detail like this is very rewarding, and we hope to have many more such experiences in the future as we discover more about the nature right on our doorstep at Lukeswood and Kiln Meadow.

Apple Day is back!

After an absence of two years, Apple Day is finally back this September. Right now there are some lovely apples, pears, gages and damsons growing in our orchard, just at the right time for our annual celebration of the apple – Lukeswood Apple Day, on Saturday 24th September, 2.00-5.00.

We have some great activities planned, with interesting and fun stalls, and delicious refreshments from the Trefoil Guild. As before, our Eco Loo will be available for visitors – so you can enjoy as many cups of tea as you like! A great afternoon out for all ages. Once again, admission is FREE, so don't miss the opportunity to take a look at the orchard and enjoy all the action.

There's still time to book a stall at Apple Day. It's a great way to raise funds for your organisation or charity, and have an enjoyable afternoon out at the same time. If you or your village club would like to have a stall, just get in touch. We especially welcome craft stalls of all kinds, so if you are a maker and would like to sell your wares or just get your work known to a wider audience, do please contact us. All pitches are free.

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WESLEY UKULELE BAND

We had our monthly gig at the Tavern on Saturday, July 9th and seem to have acquired a small but loyal fan base after only 2 performances. The next none will be on Saturday, 13th August if you fancy giving us a look (and a listen, of course). Singing along is mandatory, by the way!

The Wesley Folk Club too, is thriving and attracting more musicians as well as a healthy audience. You can bring your own drink or, alternatively, nip through the gate into the Tavern's premises and get your beverages there.

We played at the unveiling ceremony of the Wesley Clock, which we were proud to sponsor. We were even prouder once it was exposed to view and we could see what a fine job Steve Bushell had done. A great idea extremely well executed, seems to be the general verdict.

We did a gig for the Royal Navy Association at Stowmarket Football Club where we were very well received and promised a fee of £50 which we will donate to local causes. This particular sum will probably go to Claire and Charlotte's Toddler Group for whom we are doing a gig soon,



I understand. We all love doing our gigs and, as we continue to grow in number, it could start to become a little competitive, perhaps. We all seem to get along so well together that I am sure we can work it out amicably. I won't get involved in any violence, personally, I need to stay free to take photographs!

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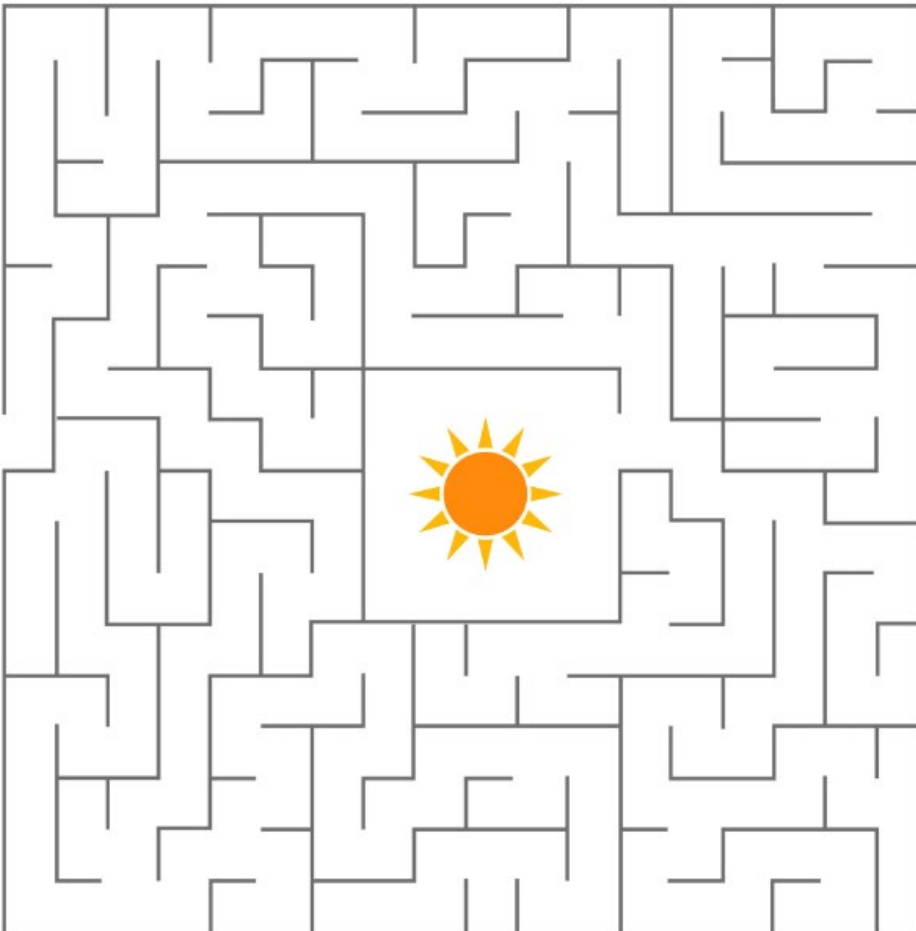
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

First off a massive thank you to Matthew Homes, the Ashfield Park developers, for returfing the goalmouths at The Blackbourne for us. As you can see in the picture opposite, it was getting pretty desperate. They will take a good while to bed in, especially in this dry patch we're having, so I urge everyone to please keep off them for another month at least. And big up to the dedicated soul watering them nightly.

Both The First Team and The Reserves have had a friendly cancelled due to opposition being unable to field a team. This may be the way of things this year as numbers do seem to have dropped all over since the pandemic. We are also still looking for a few extra players for next season so if you or anyone you know might fancy it, just come along to training or get in touch via social media.

The Reserves did get their first friendly on Saturday, against Mendlesham who will also be in Div.6, in a balmy encounter at Grove Lane. Will Hayden latched on to an early through-ball from Luke Spillett for the opener. It wasn't until after the water break that The Elm managed to edge further ahead as Chris Edmonds put through Paul Cable to finish with aplomb for our second. Cam Harrington didn't have much to do in goal but made one great save when called upon. In the second half Cable and Liam Trickey combined to set up Hayden for his calmly taken second. Second half keeper Kurt Bevan made several good, punched clearances from corners but wasn't greatly troubled other than that. We ended up running away with it a bit in the last quarter of the game. Andy Brookin won a penalty that Trickey stuck confidently in the bottom corner. Brookin then scored a deflected header and Man of The Match Ed Hodgson a long-range belter to tie things up. Final score 6-0 to The Elm. On Saturday The First Team are away to Somersham.

3rd Aug (Weds) Stow Falcons Res @ Grove 6:30 ko
6th Aug Bacton Res & Needham Phoenix @ Grove ko's tbc
13th Aug Stonham Aspal & Bildeston Res @ Grove ko's tbc
20th Aug Div.2 home to Stonham Aspal @ Grove 2pm ko
27th Aug Div.2 away to Ipswich Athletic



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From being half-way through our season we are suddenly looking at the handful of games that we have left. The Monday team, who have now taken their points tally up to a dizzying six, have only 3 more matches to play to avoid a record low for a season. I don't actually know what the lowest score for a season is but I can't believe it is in single figures. Our 5 new points came from an away win at Wortham, who conceded our first point in the home match. It certainly was an unusual experience, driving back from an away win! A very un-Monday feeling, indeed! We were called off by the league last week when record temperatures were frying everyone's brains. It is more than likely to happen again so we really need a phrase for it, like 'rained-off' when it is too wet. Picking up on a popular TV Show, how about 'Bake off' as in 'We were baked-off last week!' When climate change starts messing with Bowls, things are getting pretty serious.

The Thursday team are continuing to hold their place in the top half of their league. They have 41.5 points behind St Edmundsbury on 49, Haughley on 50 and Coney Weston on 55.5. Bottom club, Stanton, have 16 points which puts Mondays 6 points into perspective. The Thursday team has 5 matches left and winds up on September 1st, by which time Dick Burch will be looking to close the green down and start his maintenance program. We usually manage to persuade him to wait until September is done, or most of it, as those last 2 or 3 weeks are most precious as we prepare to dig in for the winter.

This month I have some photos from our League Match against Stanton to show you. Gary Warby and Don James are watching the head and Rob Dann and Glyn Baker are changing ends. Peter Edmonds E.F.B.C. 07860 395720 edmondspeterj@gmail.com



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - July 2022



The July meeting of the Parish Council convened in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 18th with 10 councillors present, together with BMSDC Ward Member Cllr Helen Geake, SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen and the Parish Clerk.

This report is compiled from that meeting by the Parish Clerk and edited by the Council's Editorial Board which comprises 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 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 in the Village Archive at Blackbourne and with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes from the June 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:

- For 2021/22, Mid Suffolk District Council has announced an underspend of £1.2 million against budget with net expenditure on services down by £1.6 million against a budget of £12.7 million. Total reserves stand at just over £24 million up nearly £4 million on the previous financial year. Capital expenditure was £13.3 million against a budget of £30 million. Recent capital expenditure includes £756,000 on the solar carport at the Stowmarket Leisure Centre (not yet operational due to issues with obtaining inverters), £666,000 on the Needham Lake café and £4.5 million on Gateway 14.
- At last month's Council meeting the HRA business plan was agreed. It sets out the long term priorities and plans for the future of council housing in the district. The main priorities include tackling climate change, developing new council housing, involving tenants and improving the neighbourhoods.
- The Range has announced a £200 million investment to base a major distribution centre at Gateway 14 creating 1,650 jobs (across three shifts). Once a reserved matters planning application has been approved, work is expected to start in January 2023 and occupation of the new distribution centre in Autumn 2023.
- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been set up by Government as a replacement for EU funding (although with less funding available) and in order to access it Councils must submit an investment plan. Funding is expected to be approximately £140,000 for the rest of this year, £280,000 next year and £780,000 the year after.
- A new fund for community-based carbon-reduction projects is now open. Projects could include promoting cycling/walking, improving energy efficiency and raising awareness of climate change. Applications can be made via the Green Suffolk website.
- The reserved matters application for 86 homes and a pre-school on School Road

was approved at planning committee in June. The developer is soon to start work on the highway improvements along School Road including a shared use cycle path. This will form part of the Woolpit-Elmswell community path. There are ongoing discussions with both MSDC and SCC officers regarding the route for this path.

- Ward Members would welcome applications from any local club or organisation in need of funding towards the cost of a local project.

Suffolk County Council Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report confirming that Suffolk County Council Cabinet met on 20th June to vote on funding the next phase of SCC's programme to build more capacity for SEND children in education. The cabinet agreed a package of £15.9m, as part of a £45m programme. Currently, there is a high demand for SEND services, with requests for placement going up by 32% since 2020. The funding Cabinet has agreed will create three new specialist units across Suffolk.

The county council's rejecting response to the National Grid East Anglia GREEN consultation was submitted and is very much aligned with others. MPs, the affected district councils and individual councillors have all expressed concern about the proposals and have called for an off-shore cable route, as part of a strategic power network linking North Sea windfarms into the grid.

A petition has been organised requesting that SCC produces an in-house bid for the new Suffolk Highways contract. The contract, which will have been held by Kier for 10 years, is up for renewal next year.

Since Kier's arrival, there is evidence of astronomical prices for the maintenance of Suffolk's highways. Some of these prices include £5,000 for a pair of dropped kerbs, £7,500 to cut down a single tree, and £10,000 to design (not build) four humps in a road.

Meanwhile, detailed plans are now being drawn up for the reconstruction of the bridge on A1088 at Stowlangtoft which is currently under a 7.5t. temporary weight restriction due to faults discovered during a routine inspection. This temporary

restriction expires in November 2023, but Highways are looking to extend this, which probably gives an indication of how long the works are likely to take (Nov. 2023 is two years since the restrictions first came in).

Community Affordable Homes on the Tavern site The village supported the purchase of the Elmswell Tavern site from Greene King in March of 2020 on the clear understanding that the 8 houses for which Planning permission had been granted to the rear of the pub would be replaced by a development of affordable homes for Elmswell. Accordingly, the Elmswell Community Land Trust is now established to develop a scheme in close liaison with Elmswell Community Enterprise which is taking forward the pub refurbishment. Various partnerships have been sought with Registered Housing Providers - principally Housing Associations - so that access to Government funding can be triggered. The overriding wish of the village, that the dwellings should never be subject to the corrosive Right to Buy legislation, is proving difficult to accommodate. A concept sketch from Orwell Housing was noted at the meeting as a precursor to the possibility of a partnership which would need the approval of Council as the site owners. Further liaison with Orwell will clarify the basis on which the development can be funded and managed, but it was noted that this in no way ties the Council to any one way forward or to any partnership.

Clerk's Report The Parish Clerk tabled a written report covering some of the issues dealt with during the month which included the following:

- I attended on-line with Cllr Mansel present at a meeting on 21st June to take further an investigation into the possibility of a more palatable solution to the inevitable future need for more primary school places than Elmswell Primary School can accommodate on the present site but avoiding the need for the children to be bussed out of the village. There now seems to be a consensus that an additional school in Elmswell would be the most desirable outcome and that investigation into the possibilities already tabled should continue. This includes the EPC suggestion of an



agglomeration of 3 sites at School Road, accessed from Church Road and currently owned by SCC / MSDC with the added complication that the largest holding is now transferred to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) which is ring-fenced within the General Fund. The ensuing actions were agreed as:

- * confirmation of the Planning status of various option sites
- * confirmation of the process for unpicking the HRA constraints
- * circulation of imminent re-cast figures from SCC re pupil number forecasts
- * another meeting convened when all of the above points are to hand.

- On 21st June I met with Cllr Pallett and Jenny Day, the Business Support Officer of Communities Together East Anglia, formerly BSEVC, towards taking further the initiative to provide community transport for Elmswell residents. The services on offer would seem to be adequate and efficient, obviating the need to look at anything specifically Elmswell based and organised. It was agreed that, as a next step, publicity via the Elmswell Newsletter should be used to assess local support. A firm relationship with CTEA is established and the outcomes of the advertising assessed towards further action.
- I attended the Mid Suffolk Development Control Committee at Ipswich on 22nd June to reinforce EPC's case that there are shortcomings in the detail of the Reserved Matters Application ref DC/22/01615 which included the Early Years provision and highway improvements. There was considerable sympathy with the EPC case, particularly with regard to highways issues and Cllr Mellen continues to lobby and liaise towards a result which better accords with the result which had always been expected in terms of separation of the community path from the vehicular traffic and the widening of School Road to allow 2 HGV's to pass. The Conditions were approved, but the text has yet to be published.
- I attended with Cllr Pallett at the Parking Strategy Consultation session held by BMSDC at Woolpit on 22nd June. There was a strong emphasis on car parks rather than car parking which does not address the issues which come to EPC related to problematic on-street parking, in particular at the school, in Station Road, at Shop Corner and at the railway station. There was a strong suggestion from what we saw and heard that the consultant-driven exercise is more about the process than the result. Nevertheless, I advertised the opportunity for comment in the Newsletter towards encouraging some reality into the process.
- The latest meeting between the parish councils and MSDC / SCC was held on 4th July to take further the proposals for the

Community Path between Elmswell and Woolpit. I have circulated the meeting notes and invite input from Councillors towards the next meeting. The route and engineering drawings are not yet in the public domain, although I can have reference to them to deal with any specific queries.

Planning results

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

DC/22/02412 Erection of single storey extension at The Barn, Grove Lane GRANTED EPC supported 5 No. separate confirmations of Discharge of Conditions relating to the land north and west of School Road where 86 houses and a pre-school facility were granted Planning permission under ref. DC/18/02146 in March 2022.

DC/21/05976 Discharge of Condition 4 ref. surface water drainage at Hedgerows, Grove Lane

Planning applications The Meeting supported EPC's own Application ref. DC/22/03423 for a 1½ storey dwelling on its land at Crown Mill, originally the site for the landing of a footbridge over the railway which scheme was never developed due to engineering constraints.

Objections were made to 2 other Applications as follows:
DC/22/03101 Erection of 2No detached dwellings and the construction of two passing places in Warren Lane Land to the north & east of Warren Mill House, Warren Lane, Elmswell Road, Wetherden IP14 3LL

Councillors urged rejection of this application for the following reasons:

The proposal site is in the countryside and outside of the boundaries within which development might be permitted.

MSDC has a robust supply of housebuilding allocations and does not need to find ad hoc windfall sites beyond those designated.

Warren Mill House stands as a significant viewpoint from Elmswell on a well-documented landmark site which can be traced back some 2,000 years and which stands on the ancient hundred boundary. The proposed dwellings bear no relation to the current vernacular of the host dwelling and would erode the landscape to the extent that it would offer a clear invitation to creeping infill development towards a potential link with the Wetherden boundary.

Two large residential dwellings would generate considerable vehicular traffic beyond that which maintains on the current rural by-way. The proposal that this is mitigated by the construction of passing places poses a further deterioration of the rural setting of this established Right of Way, much used by walkers. If heavier traffic use were established it would invite

further incursions by way of development of the remaining agricultural landscape. DC/22/03220 Application under S73 for Removal or variation of a Condition following approval of 4451/16 dated 13/03/2017 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Erection of 2No dwellings. Remove Condition Number 3 (Occupation Restriction) at Elmswell Park Stud

Councillors urged rejection of this application for the following reasons: These properties are in the countryside and outside of the boundaries within which development might be permitted.

Their construction was allowed against the usual constraints on grounds that they were needed to house essential workers employed on the equine holding.

Without this binding condition the development would not have been permitted.

The arbitrary removal of this essential safeguard against ad hoc development in the countryside runs counter to common sense and offers a precedent which invites abuse of the Planning system. As such the proposal should be rejected.

Industrial expansion at Stanton The Clerk agreed to attend ad report back on a consultation to be held at Stanton on the proposals for substantial expansion of the Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate there which could impinge on traffic levels through Elmswell.

Road naming Mid Suffolk have requested the Parish Council's suggestions for road names for the new development of 86 houses off School Road and for the development of 6 houses to the south of Field View on Ashfield Road. Reference to the Village Archive and to the erstwhile Village Recorder led to the following recommendations, all made with a view to maintaining heritage reference: Land at School Road

Road 1 Heriot Road

Referencing the surrender of a deceased tenant's best live beast to the Lord of the Manor and reflecting the status of the Elmswell Hall to which the site belonged

Road 2 Lancastrian Way

Marking the visit of the Lancastrian child King Henry VI to the site when it was still held by the Abbott of Bury St Edmunds

Road 3 Petronilla Way

The adjacent Parnell Lane, locally Penny Lane, derives its name from the early Christian St Petronilla, reflecting the site connection with Bury Abbey

Road 4 Abbey Way

As, above, marking the connection with the vastly influential Benedictine Monastery at Bury St Edmunds

Road 5 Navigation Way

Elmswell was changed dramatically by the construction in 1844 of the railway which divides the modern-

day settlement in two. The line was completed in 6 months by large gangs of labourers known as, 'navigators,' later, 'navvies'.

Road 6 Dove House Pightle

Field name of local holding as per the Elmswell Tithe Map

6 houses to South of Field View

Name referencing Pindar, being the trade of making and maintaining fences and boundaries which would have been of significance in the enclosure of Buttenhaugh Green which would have included this land.

Internal Audit

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Sponsorship

Councillors agree to sponsor Elmswell Football Club in the sum of £200.00 towards the badging-up of the first-team matchday shirts with the Elmswell Tavern logo.

Next meeting Council does not normally meet in August but can always be convened if necessary. It was noted that the next Ordinary Meeting was scheduled for Monday 19th September 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 online at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.



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What's On in Elmswell ?



To be included in our events diary make sure you send separate notification of your announcement.

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.

August 2022

- 4 Over 55's club Bingo
- 9 Elmswell WI, 7.30pm at the Wesley. Elmswell in the past, Paul Peachey.
- 15 Over 55's Club Harvest Supper followed by Bingo
- 18 Over 55's club Sing along with Hank

September 2022

- 1 Over 55's Club Wesley Ukulele Band Open Evening
- 8 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Don Hill: History of Caister Lifeboat, since 1791. *Annual Subs Due*
- 8 Food «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 10.30am Ladies Friendship Group - A visit to The Hut at Felixstowe inc Fish & Chip lunch - men welcome as well

- 13 Elmswell WI, 7.30pm at the Wesley. Secrets of stained glass, Michelle Russell.
- 15 Over 55's Club Harvest Supper followed by Bingo.

October 2022

- 3 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Floristry demonstration by Tracey Ball
- 11 Elmswell WI, 7.30pm at the Wesley. B&B to B and bondage, Sue Dawson
- 12 Over 55's club Visit to the Hut (Fish & Chips) note this is on Wednesday
- 13 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Barbara McElroy: A Suffolk 'Bevin Boy', 1943-48
- 20 Food «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 27 Over 55's Club Music by Country Holic Open evening

November 2022

- 7 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Candle Arrangements and Table Decorations
- 8 Elmswell WI, 7.30pm at the Wesley. Natural Dyes, the dye process with Edwina
- 10 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Nick Amor: Keeping the Peace in Medieval Suffolk
- 10 Food «n» Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs Followed by Bingo
- 24 Over 55's Club Entertainment by Jubilee Singers Open evening

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Back in action at both Blackbourne & Wesley and hoping to stay that way, we have:

- KARATE** with Lewis - Tuesday 4.30 – 5.45 / Friday 5.00 – 7.00 info@gtheadma.com
 - JAPANESE JUJUTSU / SELF DEFENCE** – Monday & Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30 ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com tel. 07711 680262
 - BABY & TODDLER GROUP** - Monday mornings elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com
 - BATS- badminton / table tennis / pool** at Blackbourne Friday nights 7 – 9.30 simon@coakleyandtheaker.co.uk
 - BOWLS** - barryhayward1902@gmail.com tel. 240951
 - GUIDES** - Monday evenings 5.00 – 8.30 elmswellguides@outlook.com
 - 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 jenlerner@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 9.00 – 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
 - CARPET BOWLS** – Wednesday 7. pm 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
- If we've missed you out, do let us know...all enquiries to Ann at the Council Office Tel. 244134 Email clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk

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