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Ever ahead of the game, your Newsletter has opted to experiment with the possibility of working with Artificial Intelligence, commonly known as 'AI', to ease the monthly burden of publishing. We are told that forty per cent of UK residents seek the assistance of AI daily, and that by the end of this decade, 30% of the world's workforce could be replaced by robots.

It goes way beyond Alexa choosing our music or switching the lights on. Further even than the fridge warning us that the milk might be going off or the doorbell texting us to say that Amazon have just left a package behind the recycling bin. We must look to the wider world – to robotic puppies (available now in Japan at just £2,127.00 each) through virtual on-line schoolteachers who read facial expressions of each pupil and change the approach if they look bored, to self-driving cars due on our roads later this year. It is to be hoped that the latter are jolt-proofed to deal with the seismic bang which some of our full-bodied, fully-developed and age-matured potholes can create.

Hardly taxing, therefore, to ask our supercomputer to look over this month's magazine and to comment from the standpoint of the wisdom available to us by courtesy of AI brain power.

We gave it free rein and it made the following observations:



Elmswell School

There seems to be a failure to learn (pardoning the pun) here. The Archive piece on page 14 shows a large area of land with 2 schools, a head teacher's house, extensive ancillary buildings and both hard and soft play areas extending to full football pitch in size. This was, unaccountably, demolished 30 years ago, just as the village began to seriously expand, and replaced with a new school hemmed in by a housing estate which, the Parish Council Report on page 26 suggests, is soon due to be too small to take a third tier of expansion. This will require Elmswell pupils to make a daily trip by bus or car to Woolpit. The news that a community-led drive to future-proof the education of Elmswell children might provide an alternative would seem, in any intelligent assessment, to be a good one. Our AI assessor likes this idea.



Ukulele playing

It is difficult for a machine bound by logic to comprehend the point of the Ukulele Band as seen on page 9. It would seem that an ever-growing group of individuals has a thoroughly



enjoyable time giving an equally expanding group of other individuals an equally enjoyable time with the end result being that a remote group of further individuals have a better time than they might have had without this all happening. All logic aside, however, it does seem to be a jolly good thing. Clearly, much effort would be saved if a few adaptations to NASA's latest Robotic Arm Repetitive Reciprocating Action Prosthetic could be assembled in portable form. Until then, if computers could strum, this one would.

Footpath walking

Once again, logic is not an appropriate framework within which to assess this activity, as featured on the front cover and mentioned elsewhere. As a rule (pun intended) it is accepted that the shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line. As a convention, the process of making such a journey is to take advantage of the many technological transport aids available. To gather together on some grass and proceed to walk over more grass liberally laced with mud until arriving back a couple of breathless hours later on that same piece of grass would seem perverse, even allowing for an encouraging festive snack at the half-way point. Algorithmically, no more rewarding than playing the ukulele. Speaking digitally, our AI supercomputer can't put its finger on it, but feels it's missing something.



Planning

We asked the AI brain to look over the past few months of our reports on Planning decisions as handed down from Mid Suffolk with specific reference to what the community needs, what the residents want and what the infrastructure can bear. Unfortunately, in the process of finding any logical consistency, it blew a fuse.



The Elmswell Tavern

Clearly, as with ukulele groups and footpath walkers, our tame Brainiac is a bit confused as to 'community'. However, casting an eye over the proposals for a community pub, it suggests that if all of the village residents own between them a piece of valuable real estate in the middle of the village which is appreciating in value month-on-month and have plans to develop their own special place for this, 'community', thing to happen then, in supercomputer terms, it's a 'no brainer'. It is still listing the considerable potential benefits but, when asked to predict an opening date it, again, blew a fuse.

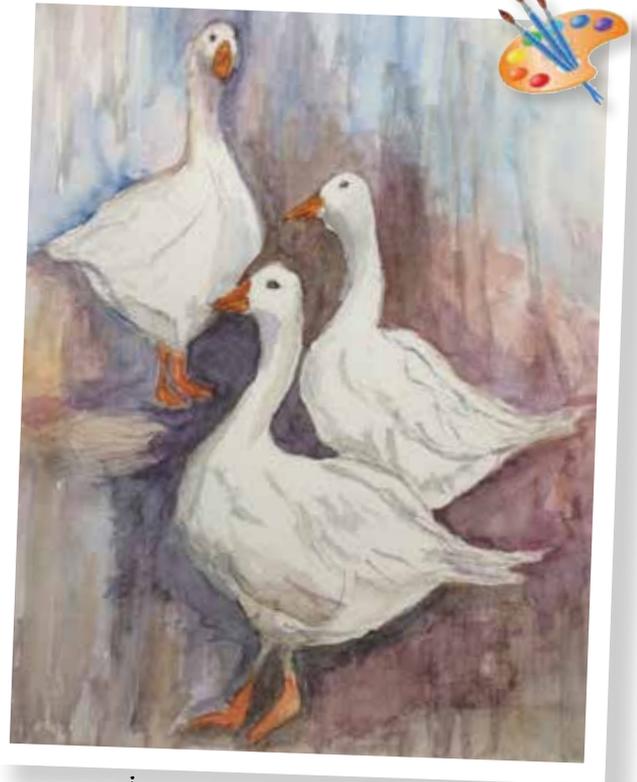


ELMSWELL ART CLUB

The art club consists of a group of people from all walks of life with different backgrounds and experiences, who come together on Tuesday mornings at the Wesley simply to enjoy the pleasure and relaxation of drawing or painting. Anyone wishing to join our happy little group should be aware that we set no minimum standards and age is no barrier to joining. Currently there is no annual membership fee, the only cost is a small weekly fee which includes tea or coffee and an ample supply of biscuits! All that is required is that you bring your own paints, paper and brushes. What you choose to paint is down to your own preferences. As we are an art club and not an art class we do not have a weekly instructor, although we do have on occasion an experienced artist to come in and give us a demonstration of a particular style or technique. These sessions are always well appreciated and attended. What we do provide is unlimited help and guidance from within the club. Someone with experience of doing dogs for instance might well seek guidance on how to go about painting landscapes. There are always plenty of people to give their help and advice, that way all learn and improve. Importantly we do not judge, there is no right or wrong, no good or bad! The atmosphere is relaxed and easy going with no pressure. There are members who will do almost any subject while others tend to concentrate perhaps on dogs or wild animals, seascapes or landscapes and quite a number do abstracts.

Of course art is not the only hobby members pursue. Quite a few of us are members of other clubs and societies.

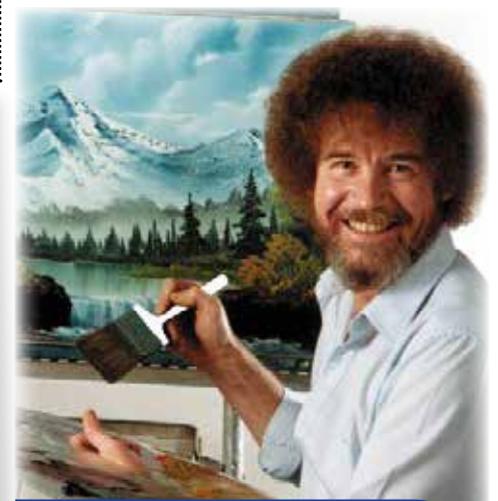
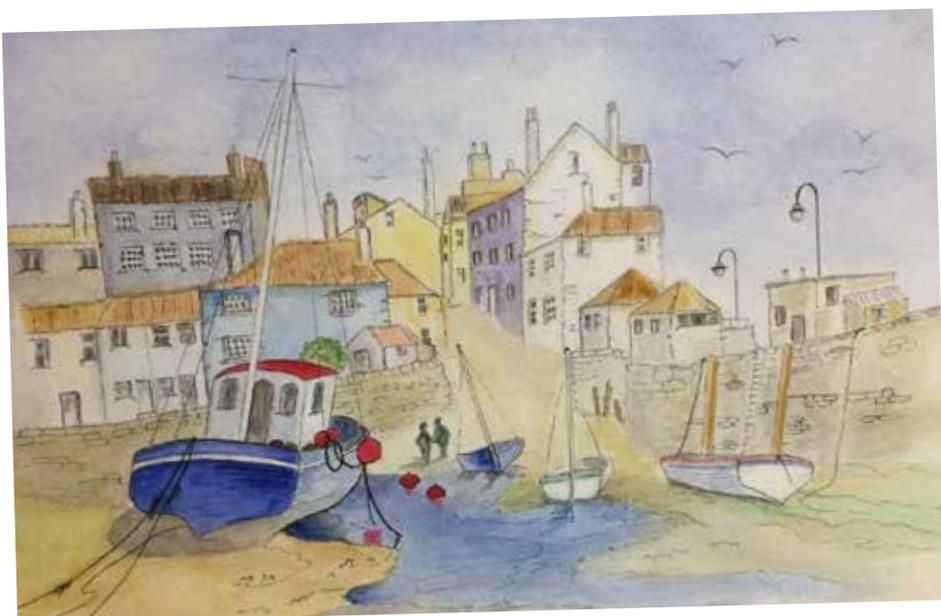
Elmswell is very well supplied with clubs for a wide range of activities and also many have home hobbies such as knitting, crocheting, golf, reading and gardening. My own interests are mainly gardening which gives me exercise and plenty of fresh air. When the weather is inclement I enjoy a good book, mainly history, biography and novels based on historical events. In the winter I do jigsaws which I know is popular with other members. My current jigsaw is a copy of one of L.S. Lowry's paintings called "Going to Work". This is proving unbelievably difficult! This is a work painted in oils. As such it has feet that are just rectangles of paint with no attempt to even make them shape like feet and also sometimes feet or heads do not appear to be attached to anything. Legs are generally straight which means with such small pieces trying to fit them together is a nightmare! So why is Lowry so popular? The answer is that all his paintings were done in the knowledge that viewing the finished artwork would be at a distance, across a room and not close up. Seeing these magnificent paintings can be truly appreciated in a well lit room or gallery and not on a small jigsaw. They do provide a challenge though!



Our two chosen paintings this week are done in watercolour. The painting of the three geese is the work of Carol Taylor and the watercolour wash and pen drawing of St Ives, that artist and gourmet paradise, is Greta Davies's take on a piece shown in a magazine.

Finally an apology. In last month's issue we showed a painting purporting to be by Anne Finter, this of course should have been Annette Finter.

John Welford
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ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

I hope all our members and their loved ones had a good Christmas and managed to celebrate the dawn of a New Year in some way.

Our Bellingers in St. Mary's Wetherden surpassed themselves and it was wonderful to open the front door at midnight with a glass of wine in one hand and hear the peels ringing out across the valley. I believe they had a "winter warmer" after and then walked home. We all certainly appreciated their efforts.

Now we are wondering what this new year will bring. Most of all we hope for good health. Heaven knows we need it. Naturally, a further return to a normal life would be a real bonus. As the weeks progress, hopefully we can meet without our faces being muffled. Then we can all hear what people are saying to us and judge whether they are pleased, cross, or just not interested. How important our faces are in everyday communication and we have certainly missed using them to their full extent.

At our first meeting on Wed. 2nd February our guest speaker is Alex Jarrett. He will be telling us the illustrated story of his

grandmother Anna. He calls this "Anna, One Woman's Holocaust". Not a cheery story but one that needs to be told on a regular basis. This is to coincide as closely as we could to Holocaust Memorial Day which is being held on January 27th. We do have a couple of guests joining us, one of whom is a history teacher. Do try and come to the meeting, this presentation is a very good one.

I look forward to seeing you all then. If you have any worries, or queries do not hesitate to contact me (241033), Mary (245022), or Carol (242884).

Maureen Davis

ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club recommences on Tuesday February 15th when we welcome, Matthew Long who will give a talk on 'Spring Bulbs for Summer Colour'. We are delighted to see that our numbers are growing and moving our meetings to the Wesley Hall seems to have been a popular decision.

The fabulous montage of the flowers at the Station, created by Nick Chamberlin, is a reminder of how just one group in the village can bring joy to so many. We are fortunate to have many groups of people and individuals willing to give their time and energy to care for different aspects

If you require further information about Elmswell Garden Club (EGC), please contact Catherine, on 01359 242172 or Nick, on 01359 242601. The Club email is elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com and a good way of asking a question that will be swiftly answered.

of life in Elmswell. Their contributions enhance the life of us all.

This month sees the start of snowdrop season. They can be viewed in abundance at Nowton Park, Ickworth House Park and also at Chippenham Hall Gardens amongst other places. Well worth a visit on a dry day.

Despite the miserable weather, if you haven't already done so, it's a good time to get out and do some pruning. Beware though! Some trees and bushes will not appreciate your attentions. Apple and pear trees can be tackled, but leave cherry, nectarine or peach trees well

alone. They are vulnerable to silver leaf disease this time of year and are better left to the summer months.

If you enjoy peppers or tomatoes, they can be started off indoors this month. They can be transplanted into grow bags in a few months time. The choice of varieties is so wide these days it can be bewildering. One favourite is 'Tigerella'. The fruit has attractive striped skin and an excellent flavour. Peppers too range from a 'gentle kick' to something that almost requires a health warning. Good luck with those



ELMSWELL EVENING WI

At our January meeting we were pleased to welcome members back after we reluctantly cancelled our Christmas party. There was lots of lively chat and laughter on arrival and during refreshments. After we had sung Jerusalem, our speaker David Murton gave a fascinating talk entitled 'A beginner's guide to the night sky'. We learnt some amazing facts such as the sun is our nearest star and the next nearest is three quarters of the way to the moon. There are a million other galaxies apart from ours, the Milky Way, which can easily be seen on a clear night away from light pollution. Amazingly it takes thirty minutes for our eyes to adjust to full night vision so we must be patient and not expect to see something straight away. David said there was no need to buy an expensive telescope, binoculars will work well if you are a beginner.

Apparently the Romans named most of the galaxies, hence they have rather strange names like Cassiopeia which forms a W in the sky and Pleiades, also called the Seven Sisters. Ursa Major, or the Great Bear, points to the north star so should be easy to see in the northern direction at night. A meteor is a grain of sand which has broken away from the tail of a comet while comets are dirty snowballs. The next nearest galaxy is Andromeda which is 2.5 million light years



away so we won't be seeing that from our back garden! The sun, painted by children and adults alike as being yellow is actually white as in white hot. It is the particles in the earth's atmosphere which make it appear yellow.

Members voted on the WI resolutions for this year, a raffle was held and plants were given out to those members who have a birthday in January.

Our next meeting is on 8th February, 7.30pm at the Wesley when we will welcome Claire Douglas who will give us a pottery class and show us how to make our own small pot.

New members and guests are always welcome.

Margaret Stevens
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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

We were very sorry to have to cancel our January meeting, but the good news is that we have managed to re-book that speaker into our 2022-23 programme, so that we will hopefully learn all about the Trinity House lighthouses in due course.

Our next planned talk (fingers crossed) is at **7.30pm** on Thursday **10th FEBRUARY**, in the **Blackbourne's Chamberlayne Hall**, when Andrew Peachey will tell us about **Pre-historic, Roman & Saxon Archaeology on Anglia One's Cable Route** – Anglia One is the wind farm in the North Sea. If you've been watching the latest episodes of BBC's "Digging for Britain", you'll know how many fascinating things can be unearthed, so do join us for this exciting talk to learn more about East Anglian finds. However, because of the continuing uncertain times with the dreaded virus, we would suggest that you check our website and/or telephone our Secretary to confirm that we can go ahead, which will save you a possible wasted journey. Please note that, before 10th Feb, members and previous regular visitors will be advised by e-mail of what our entry fees will be then.



PLOUGH MONDAY

Meanwhile, we have researched what other important events would have been happening in January in days gone by, the main one of which was **Plough Monday** which is still happening today. Dating back to the late 15th century, the first Monday after Epiphany (which is 12 days after Christmas, usually 5th or 6th January) marks the start of ploughing for Spring-sown crops. This was once the traditional day for agricultural workers to return to the land after the Christmas period, and historic 13th century documents tell of plough candles being lit in churches during January.

Customs of the day varied nationwide, but the most common feature was a plough, blessed in church the previous day, to be hauled from house to house in rural communities, while an army of villagers collected money for the parish during a passing street procession. Apart from dancers and musicians, an old woman called "the Bessy" (or a boy dressed as such) and a man in the role of the 'Plough Fool' often headed off the procession. Some participants paraded a Straw Bear and, not surprisingly, the event also attracted much drinking, merriment and mirth throughout the day. In Eastern England, ploughs were taken around by Plough Monday mummers and Molly Dancers, and were sometimes even used as a threat. If householders refused to donate to the money collectors, their front paths would be ploughed up – for instance, in 1810, a farmer took his case to the Assizes, claiming that his refusal

to donate money resulted in those pulling the plough immediately ploughing up his drive, lawn and a bench!

A festive Plough Pudding was also eaten on the day. Originating and also 'invented' in Norfolk, this was a suet pastry-topped boiled pudding, filled with pork sausage meat, chopped bacon and onions with sage and sugar added. It could be eaten alone, or served with boiled potatoes, vegetables and gravy.



A Norfolk Plough Pudding



At its height, Plough Monday was most commonly celebrated in the East Midlands and East Anglia, until the English Reformation caused its slow decline. In 1538, Henry VIII forbade "plough lights" to be lit in churches, before Edward VI condemned the "conjuring of ploughs". Ceremonies were revived during Queen Mary's reign, only to decline again in Elizabeth I's time. Some processions survived into the 19th century, but Plough Monday customs continued to decline, although were revived in some towns in the 20th century.

Remaining events, which mainly involved Molly Dancers, were still being recorded in the 1930s, before a "folk revival" in the 1960s and '70s partly returned these to some communities.

Pictured below:
Plough Monday: Dance of Bessy and the Clown.

Illustration from The Pictorial History of England (W & R Chambers, 1858)



PLOUGH MONDAY.



PLOUGH MONDAY: Dance of Bessy and the Clown.—Design by Buss.

**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

OVER 55s CLUB

Following our winter break since our Xmas Party in December the club will resume meeting on Thursday February 24th at 7 00pm with a welcome return of Bob Whiting to entertain us.

Non members are always welcome to join us when we have entertainment there being a small charge which includes refreshments there will also be a raffle.

Our next meeting will be two weeks later on March 10th when we plan to have a Fish & Chip Supper (Orders need to be placed at the first meeting), this will be followed by the AGM, when the accounts are produced followed by the election of a committee to take the club forward into 2022.

Further dates will be published in the What-s on section at the end of the newsletter.

Diann (241002)



RUTH CRABTREE

The funeral of Ruth Crabtree took place at St John's on 24th February when the family was please and touched by the number of people who came along to pay their respects.

Ruth was a former Elmswell resident and a very active member of the community, including the Elmswell WI and as a founder member of the Exchange Club which met at the old telephone exchange next to the Methodist church, now the Wesley.



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The Management Committee which is putting together the documentation for the crucial Share Issue – offering the chance for everyone to have a part in the Elmswell Tavern Community Pub scheme by buying shares – has not stopped work throughout Covid or Christmas.

After very pleasing progress at the start, it has become clear that, in order to have the chance of a £100,000 input of matched share purchases from the Co-op's Community Shares Unit, there has had to be a considerable increase in the financial details, social background and proposed structures that define the project.

This work is now almost complete and ready to be assessed by the rigorous team of professionals who grant the coveted Standard Mark. Once this is achieved, the Share Prospectus will be issued through the Newsletter, on line and elsewhere.

We appreciate everyone's patience and the many messages of support from enquirers. We look forward to tapping into that support and to soon being able to translate it into bricks and mortar providing another key social focus as Elmswell grows.

Elmswell Tavern

We are still working hard behind the scenes to make this dream become a reality

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The dream is still very much alive

WORKING TOGETHER IN ELMSWELL



NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK 2022

After missing a step last year, the annual Footpath Walk took place on 1st January.

Alan and Linda Wells once again prepared hot toddy and filled rolls at the halfway stage – this year helped by their granddaughter Isabella.

The Father of the Event, Dick Burch, is seen boosting the spirits as tradition requires.



Are you thinking of having a street party and need help or advice?

Would you like to help with the big Community Picnic event on Sunday 5th June?

Find out more...share your thoughts and ideas at a meeting on **THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY**

7.30 pm at Wesley





ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Baptism at St John's

Hello and welcome from St John's :

2022 started on a positive note of new life at St John's. Our first baptism of the year was held in our All Age Service on 2 January. Baptism is, of course, an opportunity to thank God for his love and to welcome people into his church. But it is far more than that. Baptism is a sign of turning to God and receiving new life from him. The water symbolises purification and the new life God wants to give his follows stretches out beyond this life into eternity with him. If you would like to know more about baptism and what it means to know God, please do get in touch.

On Sunday mornings, we are continuing to look at the parables of Jesus. One of my favourite chapters in the Bible is Luke 15, where there are 3 parables about Jesus seeking and finding the lost. The first features a shepherd, who searches all over the countryside for one lost sheep. The second is about a woman who frantically searches high and low for a lost coin. Both represent Jesus' desire to find us and rescue us from going astray. The final parable in the chapter is the story of the lost son – a moving tale of how a young lad leaves home under a cloud, as he takes his inheritance early and blows it all on wild living. Is his father angry when he returns with his tail between his legs? What does God do, when we look to him after maybe ignoring him for years? Let's just say, it's good news – why not find out more, as we will be looking at this chapter in our All Age Service on Sunday 6 February at 10:30am?

St John's Zoom Sunday School

Our Sunday School continues to meet at 9:30am every Sunday over Zoom for 30 minutes (except for the first Sunday in each month, when we join the 10:30am Family

Service). We have been following the early part of Jesus' ministry. Each week there is a Bible story and craft (craft can be delivered earlier in the week) and a prayer. If your child would like to be part of this, please do get in touch with us.

Looking ahead to early March, we have a special service on Ash Wednesday (2 March) at 5:00pm, with the imposition of ashes. Then, on Saturday 5 March at 7:00pm, we have another Zoom Quiz Evening – these are always good entertainment, so please join us for a fun evening with questions that are not too taxing. We can easily pop you into a virtual team. Contact us for more details on how to join.

Upcoming Dates:

Sun 6 Feb 9:00am Lord's Supper (spoken service)

Sun 6 Feb 10:30am All Age Service

Sun 13 Feb 10:30am

Worship and Communion

Sun 20 Jan 10:30am Sunday Worship

Sun 27 Jan 10:30am

Worship and Communion

Wed 2 Mar 5:00pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Sat 5 Mar 7:00pm Zoom Quiz Night

Sun 6 Mar 10:30am Sunday Worship

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

Every Saturday:

9:00am Weekly prayer meeting online (see website for details)

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Everyone is welcome to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's, a lovely way to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively, you can simply make a donation. And it all helps to pay the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church. For the winter months the lights will be on between 5.30 p.m. and midnight.

A night's floodlighting costs £5.

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Your support is much appreciated. Thank You.

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4 in loving memory of my dear Dad, Geoffrey Dalton.

5 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.

6 Geoffrey Sturgeon. "Remembering the best Grandad". Love from Shaun & Shelly. xxx.

10 in loving memory of Craig Paul Stammers on your 1st anniversary. "Fell asleep too soon. Love you always". Mum & Peter. xx.

10 in memory of a dear Grandad, George Stiff. Louise & Brian. x.

11 in memory of my Brother. Louise. x.

12 Ted Rookard. Treasured "Happy Birthday" memories, for a dear Husband, Dad & Grandad. Lots of love from all his family. xxxx.

13 in loving memory of Marjorie Ellen Manning.

13 remembering Fred Rush, a dear Dad, Grandad, and Great Grandad, on his Birthday.

13 in loving memory of Anthony Clark on his Birthday. "Always in our thoughts".

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front of Our Lady's Church, in the weekly Newsletter and on

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH



Last year my notes this time were around Covid jabs. Sad to say that's still relevant. Some are even getting their fourth jab! We can now judge for ourselves whether to wear masks in church but we'll probably still have all the windows open and keep our coats on to stay warm while the heating struggles to heat the surrounding area! If the last two years have taught us anything, it is that we are not in control. That's an important lesson to learn. We need to learn to trust God in everything, even when we don't understand what's going on and it's difficult to see God's hand in what is happening around the world. In Romans 8 v 28 it says "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" That can be both reassuring and challenging when things are as confusing as they are currently, but it is a reminder that we must get over our need to control everything and trust that, however difficult it is to see, God is in control and his purposes for us, will, ultimately, come to pass.

The **Ladies Friendship Group** meet on Monday February 7th at 2pm for a Beetle Drive and Cookery Demonstration. ALL ladies are welcome.

Phone Margaret on 01359 241541 for more details.

Food 'n' Friends meet at Midday on February 10th for a hot meal for a modest donation and plenty of time to chat. ALL Senior Citizens are welcome, contact Jackie on 01359 245918 for more info.

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

- February 6th Rev. Norman Tharby (inc Communion)
- February 13th Revs. Brenda and/or Richard Webb – 135th Church Anniversary
- February 20th Rev. Barbara Challis
- February 27th Rev. Norman Tharby
- March 6th Rev. Norman Tharby (inc Communion)

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

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God be with you.

Tony



WESLEY UKULELE BAND

Christmas-time was a little quieter than most of us had expected, if I am honest. We had our own little pre-Christmas celebration at the Wesley and did a gig for a local charity raising a tidy sum on the 5th of January, and that has been about it. Apparently,



Kevin says we have a booking for next Christmas, so we will just have to be patient, won't we. We have been asked to return to the Stowmarket Stroke Association in February and are doing a farewell gig for the Pyjama Fairies after which we move on to our next chosen charity. I am sure we will return to the 'fairies' again one day but, for the moment, we want to spread things a little wider. The first photo is from Trafalgar Night at Stowmarket British Legion featuring the whole band (except Kevin) and birthday girl, Maggie, sharing a joke with Carol.

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Willow harvest

Many hands made light work of our annual willow cut in January! Every winter we cut all the growth – wands up to 10ft in length – to encourage new shoots to form. Last year we discovered that there were lots of people in the village just itching to start willow projects in their gardens, so this year we invited everyone to come and help with the cut in return for bundles of wands to take away. It was a magnificent response and we're really grateful to all the willing helpers who came along on a bright and frosty morning with loppers and secateurs to lend a hand. Fedge, hedge, screen, igloo, bower, pagoda – there are so many interesting structures you can create with willow! We will be fascinated to see what people make, so please send us in a photo or post a picture on our Facebook page of your weird and wonderful willow creations!

We have a few bundles left, so if you missed our willow cutting event or if you're feeling inspired please get in touch. We don't make any charge, but we are very pleased to receive a donation towards our funds.



More willow!

We actually have two willow beds at Lukeswood – one is a large bed with fast growing osier types of willow, while the smaller bed is dedicated to colourful weaving willow. We've just extended this second bed, so in years to come we should have quite a lot of willow suitable for weaving and basket-making enthusiasts. We're growing seven different types and they all have exotic names to match their glorious colours: Black Maul, Golden Yellow, Brittany Green, Faucille, White Welsh, Flanders Red, and last but easily the best – Green Dicks.



February colour

January and February often feel like the most drab and monochrome months of the year and have us eagerly hunting for snowdrops or aconites to provide a few gleams in the pervading grey. However, if you look hard enough you can find scraps of colour, sometimes in surprising places. Our willow provides some beautiful colours, of course, but you can also find glowing reds of dogwood stems in amongst the hedgerows and, in low winter sunlight, the birches shine with hues that vary from silver through to apricot. Amazingly, there are still some fungi to be seen in winter, especially the bracket fungus with its frills of different shades of purple. Also, look out for gorse – we have a few bushes growing in Lukeswood. Gorse is a real winter warmer in that it starts flowering in January (sometimes even earlier with climate change) and its vibrant yellow blossom is strongly scented of coconut. Its flowers are



a scarce source of nectar for emerging bees and butterflies – and a magnet for humans in search of a gorgeous hit of exotic coconut perfume in the winter months!



Get ready for nestboxes!

Valentine's is the traditional day for putting up nestboxes, so now is the time to check over any that you have in the garden and make sure they're clean and secure. Elmswell Scouts are well ahead of the game – they have already made five amazing boxes which you can see in our photo. And these really are the deluxe version! As well as making sturdy, waterproof boxes suitable for growing broods of baby birds, their brief was to use recycled or upcycled materials as far as possible. You can see the results of their ingenuity and dexterity in our photo – one colourful roof is even made from recycled coke cans. Helping wildlife and recycling in one project – that really does tick all the boxes! Well done to the Scouts and their leaders – we're looking forward to putting all the boxes up in Lukeswood later this month. I wonder who will move in?

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THE ELMSWELL ARCHIVE



The new Archive Room at Blackbourne houses documents which chronicle the inevitable churn of village life, often informing the present day.



Here is a photograph of the Victorian Primary School which was demolished in 1990. The Elmswell Amenities Association had tried, with considerable public support, to purchase the building for use as a community centre to replace the ageing Memorial Hall, but the asking price of £65,000 could not be raised. The developer was not sympathetic to appeals for retention of the iconic features such as the bell tower and Old Schools Court carries no echo of the rich heritage enjoyed by generations of village children.

The spacious setting was never reflected in the new school site at Oxer Close which is, yet again, soon to have to take more pupils, despite the clear constraints. The Parish Council (see their report on this month's meeting) is seeking to investigate with Suffolk County Council the possibility of reclaiming some of the land in the photograph, the playing field and beyond, as a site for a new school capable of taking the overflow pupils from the development

in the village rather than have them bussed to Woolpit every day, as is the current plan.

At the far left of the picture is the previous school, the St John's National School for Boys and Girls, erected in 1865 at a cost of £500.00. It stood in half an acre with the adjoining teachers' residence, the 2 storey building, adjoining. This was a Church School and in 1886 the Elmswell School Board was set up by the community as the standards of the school were felt to be inadequate. However, the incumbent Rector, Rev. MacFarlane, refused to allow new management and a temporary iron prefab. building was provided (there is no record where this was – can you help?) until the site in our picture was purchased, right next to the existing school, for £25.00 in 1890 when Mulleys Builders took on the £665.00 contract to build the new school which opened in 1891.

The Board School was fee paying – 2d (two old pence) for the first child in a family and 1d thereafter.

Both schools ran until well into the 20th Century, but by 1922 our records show only what was then the Council School was operating under the appropriately named Headmaster Henry Sterne who supervised 175 pupils.

There is plenty more on our village schools in the Archive. If you know of anything we might not have, do be in touch with the Parish Clerk's Office.





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ELF's South African Wine and Food event is happening 7:30pm Friday 25th February. ELF are excited to be back to holding these popular events. As well as tasting various wines, there will be local wine expert Bob Stopp to tell you all about them. Tickets are £15 each and available from the library.

Until the end of February have artwork in the gallery space by James Garden - *Mind Doodles*. We have over 50 prints of his up on the wall for sale or to just look at and enjoy. A4 prints are £10, A5 prints are £8, A6 prints are £5 and polaroids are £3.

If you see something you like it is a way to support a Suffolk artist and as Suffolk Libraries get 15% of anything sold it is also a way to support us.

Elmswell Library does not currently have a home library service but we would like to start one. This is a service where a volunteer delivers books to people who due to health or mobility cannot get to a library or mobile library. If you or someone you know is unable to get to the library and lives in Elmswell or nearby and would like borrowing books or audiobooks please let us know and once enough people have got in touch we can get the service started. Either let us know in the library or fill out the online enquiry form <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/home-deliveries/enquiry>

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Miles

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If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are

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FIRST TEAM REPORT

The first team crashed out of the junior cup against a strong higher league Cavendish side. The tie went to penalties after a game which was dominated by torrential rain, final score being 0-0. With the quickly fading light, Elmswell lost the tie, 5-4 on penalties. After a week off due to a cancellation Elmswell headed to local side Thurston. A new management team were in place and had brought in some players so it was always going to be a tough game. A physical tie, with the match being even throughout ended in a 2-2 draw with Andre Marcao scoring his first goals of the season.

We then had a long break over Christmas due to cancellations before and after the new year. Our next match was a game against a senior side in the Morrisons Freight Cup, two divisions higher than us. This game was one to be forgotten, Elmswell had a great first half narrowly losing 2-1 at the break. A different team walked out at half time with Elmswell fully collapsing and losing the game after full time 8-1. Goal from a Matthew Last scorpion kick.

Trying to put this behind us, we faced a Stonham Aspal side who were another team in the league who had a regenerated side with new management team. This was a game which was a lot different than earlier in the season with the score being 0-0 at half time. Stonham took their chances well with some poor play from Elmswell gifting them their goals. Elmswell did manage to grab a late goal and did try to push for an equaliser but the game finished 2-1 to Stonham. Hopefully the recent run of form is a blip in the season and the lads can pull together to start a run of games and start to move up the league.

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For the first game of 2022 our Reserves travelled to third place AFC Kesgrave. Having several players still out, we gratefully welcomed back Andy Brookin from the Falklands and Josh 'Dragon' Kelly from Rugby Union. We set up solidly and eased our way back into the swing of things after a month off. Will Hayden coolly put us ahead before giving away a very harsh penalty for their equaliser; the ball thudding against his chest, not his raised arms. Things got a little tetchy before half time will both sides receiving bookings. Second half we remained solid and organised at the back while catching them on the break time after time. Our top goal scorer Jake Fisher got one goal and set up a couple of others. 'Dragon' got another, finishing well, in what was probably his best ever Elmswell performance. Will Hayden almost gave away another penalty, got booked, completed his hat-trick and won MOTM in an action-packed performance. We ended 5-1 winners.

Bildeston Rangers Reserves away on the 22nd of January. We welcomed back another couple of players that have been plagued by injury this season (Josh Daly and Ally Clarke) and were hoping to ease them back into the side. Further injuries and work commitments put paid to this idea and they both played substantial parts. The game was very even throughout. Our build up play was decent but we could never find that final ball and the forward line was lacking a little punch after last weeks goal fest. With ten minutes left they broke our defensive line for the first time and slotted in near post. We pushed on for the equaliser and they caught us again in the dying moments. 2-0 Bildeston. Chris Edmonds won Man of the Match. Next week (29th) we're away to Saxmundham Sports. 05/02 Bacton 'A' at The Blackbourne 19/02 Claydon 'A' away in the Divisional Cup 26/02 probaly Ipswich Exiles at The Blackbourne



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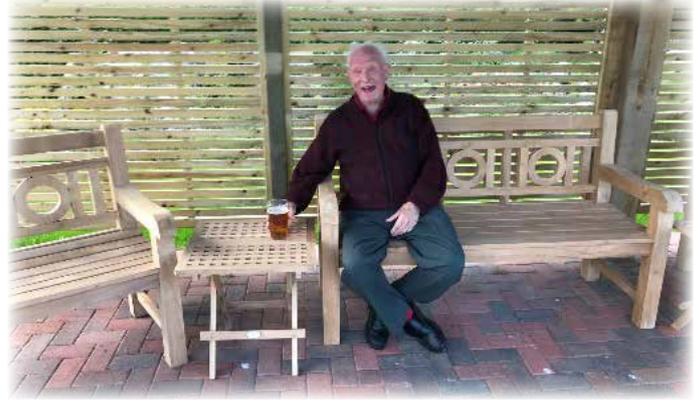
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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

At the moment, it really does look as if Covid may not be a factor in the 2022 bowls season. Everything is loosening up everywhere and former restrictions are falling by the wayside daily. I think it will be a very long time before people are as confident as they once were, though, because the scars of the pandemic run deep and won't be put aside overnight. We should be able to have a pretty normal season, though, and that's what we are concerned about here. I don't know how many new members we have but I do know of two established players that have joined us and will booster our Monday pm side admirably. We just managed to avoid the wooden spoon last season and now have to be looking for a top-half of the table finish. Quite how they will influence the Tuesday and Thursday leagues I couldn't begin to guess but probably more next season than this one.

The SCBA's Area D League has decided that all participating clubs should hold an open day on the weekend of 30th April/ 1st May and, since it is something that we were planning to do anyway, we may as well join in. The league is concerned that the disruption of previous seasons may have caused some players to retire before their time and discouraged others from joining. All perfectly valid arguments so please put Sunday, May 1st in your diaries as we will no doubt be rolling-up on the Saturday, which you can also put in your diaries. You will always get a warm welcome no matter when you drop in. And we have tea!

This month's pictures feature Jennifer and Pauline at our Presentation Dinner at the Fox and Dick, urging his team on from the stands at Haughley

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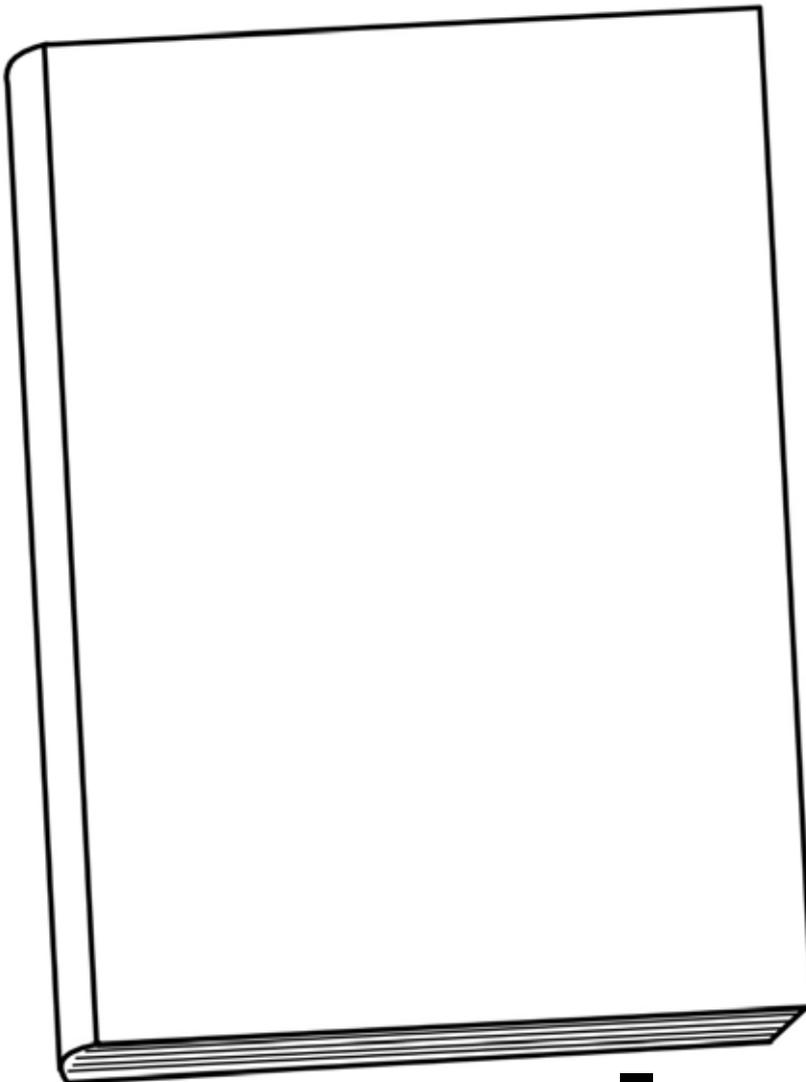
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Gary has been studying martial arts for nearly 40 years. He holds black belts in 6 styles, Ryoshin Ryu (3rd Dan) Aiki Jutsu (4th Dan) Goshin Jutsu (2nd Dan) Kamishin Ryu, Mondo Ryu Heiho and Morinaga Toyama Ryu (Japanese sword instructor). His Mondo Ryu black belt was awarded to him in 2018, at the prestigious Butokuden in Kyoto, Japan by 15th Soke Masashi Yokoyama.

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The January meeting of the Parish Council convened in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Monday 17th with 10 councillors present, together with the Parish Clerk, Ward Members Cllrs Helen Geake and Andy Mellen and 1 member of the public.

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 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 online at [elswell.suffolk.cloud](https://www.elswell.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 December 2021 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 that a pilot scheme to support small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been hailed a success as it reaches its six-month milestone. Since its launch in July 2021, the Innovate Local initiative has supported 11 small businesses by providing a free pitch at either Stowmarket or Hadleigh markets for up to four weeks. The Innovate Local scheme is open to businesses that have been operating for less than a year and do not currently have a place on a market. As part of this project, MSDC will also be opening an innovation hub in Eye later this year. The report noted that Babergh and Mid Suffolk have sent a joint response to National Highways' consultation on improvements to the Copdock Interchange. The Councils are supporting the idea of a new link road for traffic going north-south on A12 bypass the roundabout, despite

the fact that this will cause much environmental damage and will be less of an improvement for traffic heading from A12 toward Bury on A14. It was confirmed that Part of the housing development on the former MSDC Council Office site in Needham Market has been completed. 8 new affordable homes were ready for families to move in at the beginning of December. This development of housing is being built by MSDC in partnership with Norse Group.

Suffolk County Council

Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report confirming that Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has recently added to its lifesaving kit – reinforcing the service's commitment to protecting its staff and Suffolk residents. A significant investment has enabled improved digital radios, smoke hoods and smoke curtains to be provided to every fire crew in the county. This equipment can be used in a range of incidents, with it already proving invaluable in Lowestoft, when two occupants were rescued after a kitchen fire. Although crews are ready to attend emergencies with this new kit, it's important that every home has its own lifesaving equipment – smoke alarms, which should be fitted and tested regularly.

The report also detailed a new campaign inaugurated and released in December aimed at helping the public understand more about the Social Care sector in Suffolk. The campaign wants to celebrate care professionals, and asks the public for patience and flexibility whilst the Council navigates through another tough winter.

On average, Suffolk County Council receives 551 calls per day from people receiving adult social care, and over Christmas there were around 1,200 care home staff working to ensure Residential and Nursing Homes had a good Christmas.

Planning results

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

[DC/21/06240](#) Erection of single storey side extension, 20 Rowan Green GRANTED EPC supported

[DC/21/05976](#) Erection of 3 No single storey dwellings... Hedgerows, Grove Lane GRANTED EPC objected

[DC/21/06595](#) Discharge of Conditions DC/18/04264... Land South of Field View, Ashfield Road APPROVED EPC made no comment

Planning applications

The Meeting agreed to make no comment on the application ref. DC/22/00144 for the variation of Conditions to allow the re-positioning of a building at Stag Café, Old A45 in Woolpit to avoid a gas main.

Primary School site

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting he had initiated on Council's behalf between councillors, Ward Members and officers from both BMSDC and SCC to begin the process of thoroughly evaluating the possibility of securing a site for a new primary school in Elmswell so that future pupils are not obliged to travel to Woolpit or beyond to secure their education. He confirmed that predictions as to school places are necessarily imprecise, but that figures presented are clearly well researched and tested against national standards of assessment. The suggestion from EPC of a 9 acre site on land owned by SCC / MSDC adjacent to Old Schools Court along School Road, accessed from Church Road, will be investigated in the first instance with regard to the practicalities of designation / re-designation by the 2 higher tier councils before the next meeting scheduled for 10th February.

Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting agreed to suggested modifications to the current draft documentation in light of the recent Inspector's Report on the draft BMSDC Joint Local which has required a re-think at District Council level and subsequent adjustment to the Parish Council's approach.

Jubilee

The Clerk was asked to convene a meeting including representatives from the Elmswell Community Enterprise Trustees, the Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association and the Elmswell Amenities Association to offer Council's help as facilitator in support of any initiative towards marking the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee in June

Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 21st February 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 [elswell.suffolk.cloud](https://www.elswell.suffolk.cloud) and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.





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Future Council Meetings

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

Feb 21st	Mar 21st	Apr 19th	May 16th	June 20th
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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

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

February 2022

- 7 2.00pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church Beetle Drive and Cookery demonstration
- 8 Elmswell WI, 7.30 at The Wesley - Pottery Class by Claire Douglas
- 10 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 Elmswell History Group, 7.30 at Blackbourne. Speaker Andrew Peachey: Archaeology on Anglia One's Cable Route
- 15 Elmswell Garden Club 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall. Matthew Long - 'Spring Bulbs for Summer Colour'
- 24 Over 55's club Bob Whiting entertains
- 25 ELF wine tasting of South African wines with refreshments. Tickets £15 each available from Elmswell Library Commencing 7:30pm

March 2022

- 8 Elmswell WI, 7.30 at The Wesley - The Life of bees by Alan Seager
- 10 Elmswell History Group, 7.30 at Blackbourne. Speaker Jenny Seggar: Burial Practices from Anglo-Saxon to Victorian
- 10 Over 55's club Fish & Chip Supper followed by AGM
- 10 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Stained Glass with Michelle Russell
- 15 Elmswell Garden Club 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall. Jim from Walnut Tree Nursery 'Gardening in the Shade'
- 24 Over 55's club Cash Bingo
- 26 Baby and toddler group - Nearly New Sale 11-2pm Blackbourne Hall

April 2022

- 4 Ladies Friendship Group meet in Blackbourne Car Park for a visit from The Bus Shelter with Gareth Brenland
- 12 Elmswell WI, 7.30 at The Wesley - Annual meeting
- 14 Elmswell History Group 22nd Anniversary meeting, 7.30 at Blackbourne. Speaker Clare Gapper: Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk
- 19 Elmswell Garden Club 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall. Chris Reeve 'A Gardeners Year at Helmingham'

May 2022

- 9 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - the Life of an Auctioneer with Bishop & Miller

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