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Just when it seems that our world struggles for a sense of direction to avoid obstacles such as potholes, a climate emergency, and the exploding cost of sunflower oil, we are having to accept the idea of driverless cars. Which, apparently, work by reading the white lines on the road. Our older reader will remember these, and we have just had some nice new ones painted on Station Road. However, our driverless car may well need Specsavers to find many more such helpful markings around Suffolk, and the news that Suffolk County Council are not replacing many of the existing markings after this year's resurfacing programme may lead to passenger (for there is no driver) uncertainty.

Nevertheless, it is, we are assured, progress. As are the e-scooters which nip silently about our larger towns bowling over unwary pedestrians and as with doorbells which let us know, wherever we are in the world, which cat is marking its territory on our doorstep.

Elmswell is not to be left behind in the struggle to keep up with this progress thing. Hence our front cover celebrating the arrival of our electric vehicle charging points. It took a couple of years for us not to be left behind, as such things in Suffolk move at a suitably Suffolk pace. But here we are, ready to fill EV batteries quickly and relatively cheaply and with none of the fuss of earlier systems. Simply present the contactless credit card, nip into Wesley for a coffee or into Blackbourne for a meeting, safe in the knowledge that the car will get you home again.

It has been observed that, in recent years, Elmswell has tended to lead, rather than follow, and is seldom left behind as Suffolk plods gently into what we call, 'modern'. If pressed, we might modestly suggest that Blackbourne, with its ever-expanding facilities heated by a ground source heat pump, part-powered by solar panels on the roof, was ahead of the game when this was designed-in some 12 years ago.

More recently, Wesley has followed with high-tech eco heating controlled from a mobile 'phone and, as importantly, dramatically addressed some of the gaps in our ability to look after the whole glorious variety of our friends and neighbours. Whilst sociologists and influencers burble on about caring and community, Elmswell is doing something about it.

For the future, hopefully the short-term future, our community pub will be working alongside Wesley to offer a far broader range of social interactions...see the pages recording the pub's Easter Weekend where hundreds were welcomed for a good time and well over a thousand pounds raised for charitable causes.

Is that it? Will we the grind to a halt claiming that enough is enough? It seems not. Some straws in the Suffolk wind are suggesting...



The chance at Blackbourne to use the recently acquired 6 acres of land along the northern and eastern boundaries to spread the formal & informal play areas out and provide space on the core site for a much needed expansion in parking space, play / recreation equipment designed for older children and a new sports changing facility to liberate the ageing changing rooms in the main building for refurbishment as meeting spaces.



To add to the renewable energy sources at Blackbourne, in the far corner of the new land and away from any houses, a suitably-sized wind turbine linked in with new battery storage to provide a more cost-effective result than, as at present, selling our surplus energy back to the National Grid.



Addressing the need for locally controlled community transport. A village vehicle (electric, of course) to service the ever-growing

Council needs involved in the management of Blackbourne & Wesley and to be available, through the volunteer system which is well established by the County Council's Connecting Communities service, as a volunteer-driven taxi on demand, or booked ahead, for the many residents who need to visit the health centre, Bury Hospital etc. and who struggle to find ways to make those journeys.

Which throws an interesting light on any 'official' Neighbourhood Plan, as on page 27. We have befitting from the unofficial, unwritten plans of individuals with the ideas, plus the experience and the drive to bring them into reality. A neighbourhood plan looks at the big official picture and shapes some very important elements of our lives for the next 25 years. Chatting in the queue at the Post Office, over coffee at Wesley or a pint in the Tavern or the Fox can start a process that introduces ideas which may be less dramatic but, at a local level, can change lives. Do let us have suggestions as to cunning plans, brainwaves or just, 'why don't we' musings.

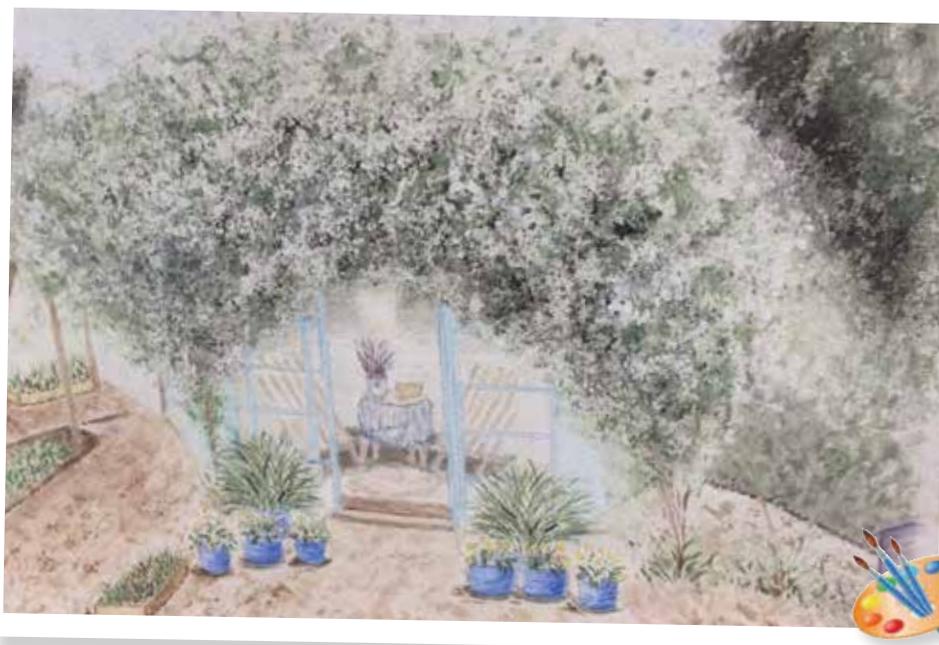




## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Drawing, painting and writing have been with us for thousands of years. The first known drawing, an abstract red ochre painted on a fragment of rock, has been dated at approximately 73000 years ago and was discovered in a cave on the southern shore of South Africa. There are plenty of examples of cave painting of a more recent date. The caves in which this art can be found are situated throughout the world but occur mainly in Europe, in particular in northern Spain and south west France. Once people started to live on the surface it became necessary for more accessible surfaces on which to paint, draw and write. The Middle East, specifically Egypt, pioneered the use of papyrus as a painting and writing surface. The dry and arid conditions made growing the papyrus plant and making papyrus sheets better here than in Europe where the damp and wet conditions were not conducive to its manufacture. Papyrus is made by taking off the outer rind of the stem and laying several strips of the sticky fibrous inner core at right angles to each other and pressing, pummelling, and hammering to make flat sheets. Nowadays papyrus paper is made in just two small locations, in addition Egyptian museums have some small demonstration operations going, if only to satisfy the demands of the tourist trade – and of course to increase their profits!

Parchment took over as the main source of paper around the Middle Ages mainly due to its cheaper manufacturing process. It is made by scraping, cleaning and drying the skins of goats and sheep and vellum was added later which is of higher quality and comes from calf skins. Eventually both were



overtaken by paper made principally from waste cloth and rags. I often wondered why my local paper, the *Palmer's Green and Southgate Gazette* was called the "local rag" now I know! The invention of the printing press meant that papyrus, parchment or vellum could not satisfy demand so paper made from wood pulp and waste cloth was used. Nowadays paper is generally made using wood pulp most of which comes from Scandinavia. Old habits and traditions die hard and it was only a year or so ago that parchment and vellum use in recording Acts of Parliament was reduced to the barest minimum. The House of Lords is planning to stop its use completely.

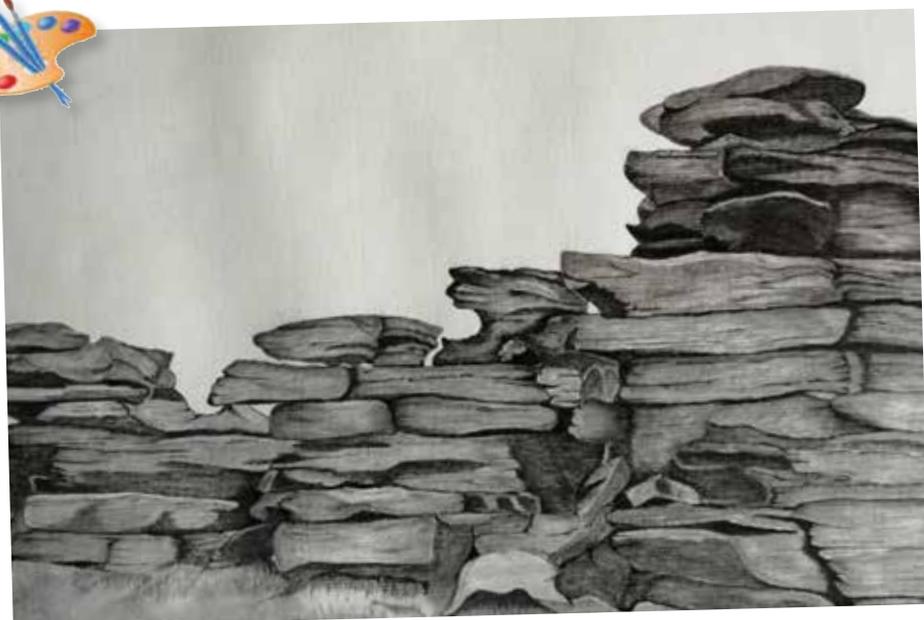
Paper and card comes in many types and thicknesses depending on its intended use. We have paper especially made for oil paints, sketching and drawing and yet more for watercolour painting. Paper is sold

in bulk by weight which gives rise to even more divisions and categories. So if paper is categorised as being 300gsm (140lb) this means that a square meter of a paper weighs 300grams. It is further complicated by the various treatments given to it to allow different finishes.

Paper is not the only product used for painting and drawing, wood, canvas, stone, slate, glass, ivory and various other surfaces were used, and indeed still are. One the most unusual painting, drawing and engraving activities is carving bones. This was one of the pastimes the old whalers used to do as a means of filling time during long journeys to the whaling sites. This is called scrimshaw. How the old whalers were able to make such wonderful and intricate art on board boats that were being tossed around on heaving seas I shall never know! Scrimshaw is still being made by a relatively small band of modern artists but in studios on dry land. All the art created by members of the art club is done on dry land either at home or among like minded fellow artists at the comfortable and well appointed Wesley! Our two pictures shown this month are created with different materials and different surfaces. The drawing of Kinder Scout rocks in the Peak District was done using graphite on plain sketching paper which is smoother and slightly heavier than watercolour paper and is the creation of Eddie Douglas. Jo Finter used watercolour paints on watercolour grade paper at 300gsm for her picture of a Garden Scene.

**A date for your diary - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September. We shall be holding another exhibition at the Wesley of works by members of the art club.**

John Welford - 01359 240166



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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE AFTERNOON WI

### (GOES BURLESQUE)

**What an amazing afternoon we had at our April meeting.** Lindsey Barrell paid us a visit (also known as Ms. Cherry Bombe) and told us the story of her journey from her empty nest to being a great advocate of the W.I. and becoming a Burlesque Bombshell. Living in Chelmsford Lindsey suddenly found herself on her own and friendless when her three children had left home. She had never had time for making friends. After trying several groups and clubs she finished up at a Burlesque class. Trying on the corset for the first time gave her courage and a more confident feeling about herself. She was encouraged to start a W.I. group in Chelmsford and 200 ladies turned up at the first meeting. They finished up with a Burlesque sub group and we enjoyed the benefit of this venture on Wednesday afternoon. She is a most entertaining and humorous story teller and the performance with her three W.I. friends was wonderful and great fun. Her day job is working with deaf/blind youngsters and those with sensory loss. How she fits everything in I really don't know.

It was the best afternoon we had enjoyed for ages. We will definitely be inviting her and her girls back.

The business part of the meeting seemed very tame after this. But Mary dealt with the Resolution business and Carol took annual subs which this year are £44.

**Enjoy the photographs.**



**Next month The Haughley Choir** will be leading us in Jerusalem and singing a few pieces for us after which we will be holding our AGM. Back to it's normal place in the calendar thank goodness.

**The competition** will be a small flower arrangement in a tea cup.

Now I am off to try and find a large (very large) corset and black stockings !!!!

**Any queries about our W.I. please contact Maureen on 241033, Mary on 245022 or Carol on 242884.**



## ELMSWELL EVENING WI

We were welcomed with Prosecco and snacks and there was soon a convivial atmosphere! We were all ready for our A.G.M. Terry explained how the evening would proceed and welcomed Brenda Dyer, an advisor, who was there to ensure that we followed W.I. protocol.

Val, our treasurer, reported that our finances were healthy. Members were asked to pay £44p.a., which is very good value, considering that we only keep £21 of that sum to pay for speakers and other expenses. The rest goes to the W.I. organisation.

Terry, our president and Margaret, our secretary, both gave their reports. We have had a good year, considering the set-backs

resulting from Covid. There have been some interesting speakers and enjoyable activities. We have many new members and it is fun getting to know each other. Terry said how moved she had been, during the epidemic, when people showed such care and kindness to each other. Community spirit is very strong in Elmswell and our vibrant W.I. is very much part of it.

Next, we found out which committee members wished to continue and who wanted to step down. Val has been temporary treasurer and wishes to come off the committee, after several years being president and treasurer. Terry volunteered to be the new treasurer and Brenda was

voted in to be our new president. Margaret will remain as secretary.

After an entertaining general knowledge quiz, devised by Sarah and some more Prosecco, our evening ended.

Next month, we are visiting Woolpit Nursery, to find out what goes on behind the scenes.

*Rosie Collins.*  
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# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

## ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

Our speaker for the April meeting was Chris Reeve. He asked us to donate his fee to St Elizabeth Hospice, which we were very pleased to do.



Chris's talk was really interesting. He described a year of tending the gardens at Helmingham Hall, near Ipswich. A team of nine people manage the extensive gardens and it has been designed by the owner, Lady Tollemarche.

He described the daily tasks of looking for pests and diseases, and how no chemicals are used, repotting plants, dealing with seedlings and mending tools and equipment. Weekly tasks involved mowing approximately twelve miles of lawned areas. In addition regular notes are kept of when and where plants are placed or removed.

The Hall is surrounded by a large wooded area where deer roam freely. There is an orchard with over seventy varieties of apple

**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](mailto:elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com) and is a good way to ask any questions you might have.**

and pear trees. In the autumn it is necessary to pick the fruit, which is a significant event. Collecting leaves is also a huge task as is clearing out the various moats when they become clogged with weeds. A twice-yearly task is cutting the hedges, mainly box. Chris showed us photographs of the topiary designs. The snail was clearly one of his favourites.

It was evident that Chris was passionate about his work and all that has been achieved at Helmingham. He is a keen entomologist and talked a little about the wildlife. There was a survey of bees and it was discovered that at least twenty seven species of bee live in the gardens and surrounding grounds. He is known as 'helminghamwildman' on Instagram and there are regular updates, which anyone can access if interested. Chris also mentioned that he writes novels and had a couple on sale. Clearly a man of many talents!

**Our next talk, on May 17th will be given by Melanie Collins of Mickfield Hostas. Visitors are most welcome.**



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## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

April was our 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary meeting when Claire Gapper gave us a huge amount of information and superb images of *Decorative Plasterwork in Elizabethan & Jacobean Suffolk* (and beyond). We learnt how this intricate type of plasterwork was achieved with the basic materials available at the time, which gave us a better understanding and appreciation of this impressive craft, so that we will now be looking out ourselves for such amazing examples. We were delighted to see her as she'd come all the way from Kent to speak to us, and this was "third time lucky" for her booking - it was well worth the wait.

**WW2 Oral History Project** – We are widening our request for anyone's WW2 memories which they may wish to share with us. We'd be happy to hear any WW2 memories from villagers, even if they were not in Elmswell (or even Suffolk!) at the time. We look forward to hearing from you – 01359-242601.



**ROUGHAM Control Tower AVIATION MUSEUM (IP32 7QB)**, re-opened on 17<sup>th</sup> April, and will now be open every Sunday, 10am-4pm, until mid-October - FREE entry. Historically named 'RAF Bury St Edmunds', this is a small, friendly, volunteer-run museum with on-site retro-1940s café, dedicated to keeping alive the memories and history of the American aircrew who served in the 94<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group of the USAAF 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force during WW2. For more details, contact 07931-971771 or [www.rctam94th.co.uk](http://www.rctam94th.co.uk)



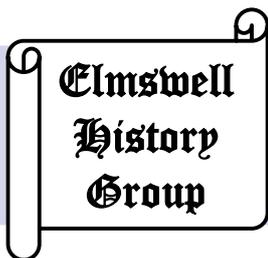
**Bury Cathedral's FREE exhibition of ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June.

For the first time in almost 500 years, seven ancient manuscripts from the Abbey Scriptorium will return (from Cambridge) to the place where they were written. The Abbey's library had about 3,000 books by the time it was closed by King Henry VIII in 1539 and, of those, only 270 survived. Alongside these very special manuscripts will be an exhibition detailing life at the Abbey, how the manuscripts were written, and town life during Abbey times. Tickets available at <https://stedscathedral.org/abbey-1000-events/>, or 01284-748720.



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm**, at Elmswell's **Wesley Hall**, School Rd, IP30 9EE – A talk on "**The History of East Anglia's Stained Glass Windows**" by **Christopher Parkinson**.

Following a lifelong interest in stained glass, Christopher was asked to undertake a photographic survey of the medieval stained glass remaining in Essex. After retiring in 2014 from his teaching career and on completion of the photographic project, Christopher and Dr Penny Hebgin-Barnes were then invited to publish a catalogue of the surviving Essex medieval glass, and to include examples up to 1800. He has since widened his researches to cover more of East Anglia, and his beautifully detailed images of stained glass have been used in numerous academic text books and journals. Christopher also works with Ely Cathedral's Stained Glass Museum, notably assisting with the preparation and running of annual study weekends throughout the UK. With entry on the door at still only £4pp, do join us in May to learn more from this renowned expert on his colourful subject.



For further information about our History Group, please visit our website –

**[www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk)**

or contact our Secretary, Stella Chamberlin on 01359-242601

## OVER 55'S CLUB

We started our meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> on a sad note when we paid our respects to Stan Howe and Cecil Salmon who had recently passed away both had been members for many many years with Stan serving on the committee for over 30 years.

We then welcomed "Him and Her" as our guest entertainers ( actually they were due to come during lockdown) the

evening was thoroughly brilliant being enjoyed by all present . it is hoped that they will return at a later date.

By the time you read this months newsletter we will have had our AGM details will be in the next edition.

The outing on June 16<sup>th</sup> starts with a coach ride to the Dunwich area when we will stop at the 12 Lost Churches

Restaurant for lunch etc followed by a visit to Aldeburgh for a stroll and a cuppa and to take in some sea air before returning home.

The card is now full so it will now give us time to add it to the Whats on in Elmswell page at the rear of the newsletter.

Diann 241002



# Easter Weekend at ELMSWELL TAVERN

AS PROMISED, EASTER WEEKEND OFFERED A FINE-WEATHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FIRST OF MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS AT OUR OWN PUB



The walled garden was packed

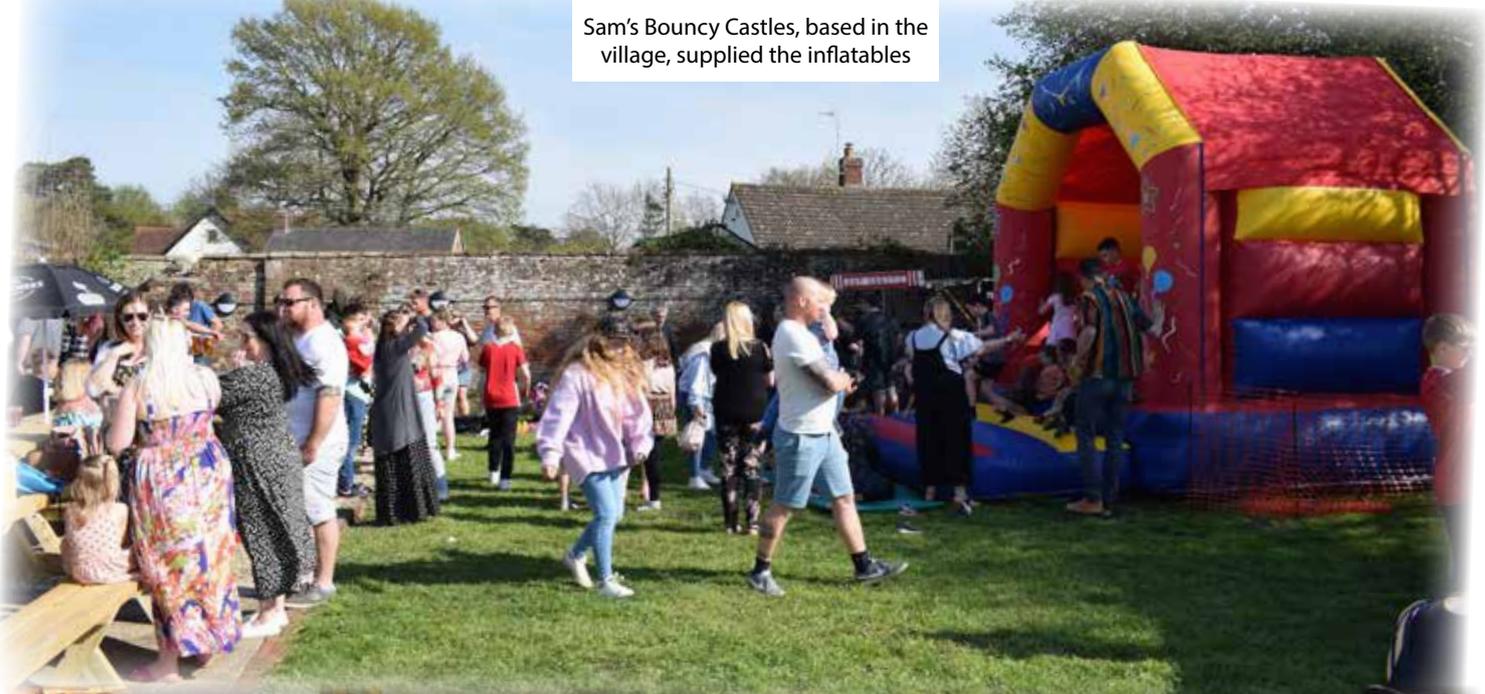
- ☀ The Family Fun Day on Good Friday gave over 500 visitors throughout the day a very enjoyable time. With help from Street Farm Nursery, from our friends at Travelling Donuts and from cake sales from a stall supplied by Tavern staff, Baby & Toddler parents and from Street Farm Nursery we were able to give £240 to Our Harry Our Hero which supports Brain Tumour Research. We were also grateful for the help and support from Tom of Super Toddlers Football and Lauren from Usborne Books.
- ☀ The boys and girls of the Ukulele group took their bucket around a packed pub on Saturday night towards their donation to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.
- ☀ The Quiz had to be expanded to cram 70 contestants in their teams into the Tavern. Olly Jackson's questions required brain power, with brain food supplied by Alpi and Rey from Elmswell Chippy over the road. The evening netted £445 which was matched by Greene King who also supplied a free pint to every contestant. Hence a cheque, with gift aid added, for over £1000 has gone to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

As the first real community event at our community pub, it was thoroughly enjoyable and bodes well for the future...see the centre page spread.



The cake raffle helped towards the Ukraine Appeal

Sam's Bouncy Castles, based in the village, supplied the inflatables



Quiz Inquisitor Olly Jackson set the questions and kept control



Elmswell Ukes command attention with their lead singer confirming forcefully that, 'You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog'. No-one argued.

The pub play equipment was well used



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The naming of streets within the District is Mid Suffolk's responsibility. When new developments are built they approach the parish council for suggestions.

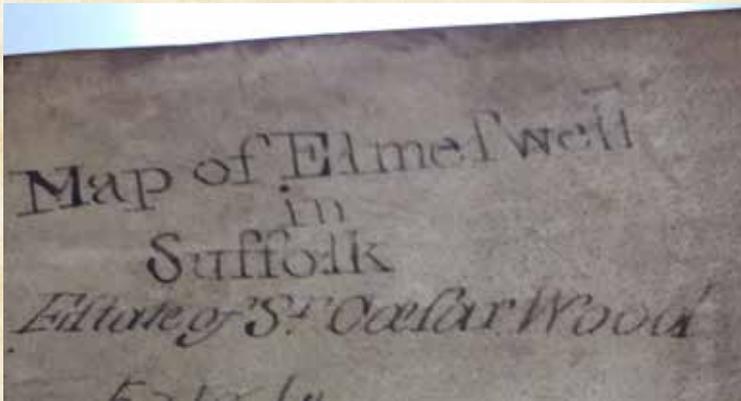
In the case of Elmswell, it has been the habit over many recent years to seek out and to recommend names which have relevance to the history of the site location, and the Village Recorder has been instrumental, through research, to leaving a marker relating to often ancient elements of the village's heritage. Some are obvious, such as Blacksmith's Way built on the site of Thurlow Nunn, still thriving elsewhere as an agricultural machinery dealer, and originally based in Elmswell on the smithy of Nathan

Warren in 1864. Others are more contrived, such as at Loch Rannoch Close recalling the business established thereabouts by John Williams who named his egg packing company, later moved to Haughley Park, as Rannoch's, after his favourite holiday haunt in Scotland.

Sometimes there is an ancient field name where the new-build now stands, as with the site at Ashfield Road to the south of Field View where 6 houses are under construction. The Thomas Waterman map of the village made in 1627 and housed in the Record Office at Bury is the best point of reference here. Unfortunately, the original is inscribed on animal skin and is difficult

to copy, but close inspection of the text and alignment with retained features such as what is now the Ashfield Road shows a plot named as 'Calfawe'. This is probably a corruption of the estate owner's name, Sir Caefar Wood. [The pronunciation of Caefar would probably have been close to the French supermarket chain, 'Carrefour' - 'car-for'.] The added significance is the fact that the holding abutted the pre-Enclosure common land of Buttenhaugh Green which is already marked nearby.

Hence the suggestion that the road name should be Calfawe Way.



The Waterman map inscribed, 'Map of Elmeswell in Suffolk Estate of Sr. Caefar Wood'



Frontispiece of the Waterman map inscribed: *This description of The Mannor of Elmsweswell; a parcell of the possession's of Gardiner Webb Esquire \*\* [ ] of so much thereof as doe ly in the parish and bounds of Elmswell aforesaid within the County of Suffolk; was taken and made in the month of October Annodomini 1627 by Thomas Waterman.*



\*\* Gardiner Webb was the nephew of Sir Robert Gardiner and was bequeathed the estate on Sir Robert's death in 1619. Sir Robert, who built our almshouses, is entombed in St John's.

Photograph of the relevant section of the map showing what is now Ashfield Road, the edge of the common land, Buttenhaugh Green and the land holding which best approximates to the development site labelled, 'Calfawe'. This is almost certainly reference to 'Caefar'. Thomas Waterman's embellishment by way of a figure shows a jester-type individual dancing along the boundary of Buttenhaugh Green. Possibly the earliest known emoji?



Good Friday on the Green (by the level crossing)

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Hello and welcome from St John's :

Easter weekend may have passed, but we are still very much in the season of Easter. After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he spent the next 40 days showing himself alive to over 500 people and teaching them about the Kingdom of God. The resurrection of Jesus gives proof and hope to Christians that there really is life after death.

The month of April saw special services for Easter weekend. We particularly enjoyed gathering in the open air with our brothers and sisters from the Baptist Church to remember Good Friday. We enjoyed spectacular weather as we reflected on all Jesus did for us as he went to his crucifixion.

Looking ahead, May sees us looking at the middle section of the Acts of the Apostles in our morning services at 10:30am. Sunday School continues on Zoom at 9:30am (except for the first Sunday in the month, which is an all age service at church). Please get in contact with us if you would like to children to be part of this. In May, we will also celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost is on Sunday, 5 June, when we hope to have another open air celebration at the Blackbourne as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

If you are new to Elmswell, please do come along on a Sunday morning to join in our worship and to get to know lots of friendly people over tea and coffee afterwards.

### Upcoming Dates:

Sun 1 May 9:00am	Lord's Supper (spoken service)
Sun 1 May 10:30am	All Age Service
Sun 8 May 10:30am	Worship and Communion
Sun 15 May 10:30am	Sunday Worship
Sun 22 May 10:30am	Worship and Communion
Thu 26 May tbc	Ascension Day Service
Sun 29 May 10:30am	Sunday Worship
Sun 5 June 9:00am	Lord's Supper (spoken service)
Sun 5 June 10:30am	All Age Service
Sun 5 June 2:00pm	Pentecost Jubilee Celebration (Blackbourne)

### Every Saturday:

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

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

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30th April 2022 marked the end of the 28th year of floodlighting St. John's Tower, a year in which we raised £675, which brings the sum accumulated since we started to a magnificent £22,700.

Over the years floodlighting the tower has become an integral part of village life. As well as raising funds for St. John's,

it has become a very popular way of enhancing the profile of the church itself. As "taker of the money" I would like to say, once again, a huge public THANK YOU to all those people who have sponsored the lights during 2021/22, and before. Your support is hugely appreciated. St. John's really does benefit from your generosity; and parishioners repeatedly tell me how much they enjoy seeing our beacon on the hill as they make their way home along the A14 late

at night. Everyone is welcome to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's, a lovely way to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary,

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- 6 in memory of John Ray.
- 7 in memory of John Ray.
- 7 in loving memory of Rose Emma Manning.
- 9 remembering Rachel Louise Finch on her Birthday.
- 9 Roger Dalby, on your Birthday. "Always in our hearts".
- 9 in loving memory of Catherine Rafferty.
- 14 remembering Percy Pleasance, a dear Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad, on his Birthday.
- 16 anon.
- 21 in loving memory of a dear Nana, Rene Stiff. Louise & Brian. x.
- 21 remembering a dear Mum, Rene Stiff, on her Birthday. Monica, Philip & family. x.
- 22 to remember and thank all the Elmswell Fire-Fighters who have served their village and community so well.
- 24 treasured Birthday memories Mum, of such happy times. Lots of love from Gill xxxx and Louise xxxx.
- 25 treasured happy memories of Ted Rookard. Love from All of his family. xxxxx.
- 28 Dean Goodchild. Remembering you on your Birthday. Love Colin. xx.
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Over the Easter period my wife Ann and I were unable to attend our church services due us both catching Covid so instead of going to church we listened to services on the radio and watched them on TV. It struck me that the style of service might be different but the content was a similar message in all cases and that was a call for Peace throughout the world, from a lay person at Leeds Minster to The Pope in his Easter message from the Vatican. I was amazed by the list of conflict

areas there are at present throughout the world, we all hear everyday about the Ukraine conflict but the Pope listed many more in his call for peace. We will be including the Yemen, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar and the Ukraine in our prayers of intercession in the coming weeks so if you pray maybe you will include them in your prayers to.

Our prayers are needed for those in our own country who will slip into poverty due to the rising cost of gas, electricity and heating fuel we at the Baptist Church like many other churches support our local food bank and it is comforting when I visit our local Co-op store to see the food bank basket well stocked, but when I deliver our donations to the food bank HQ they tell me that they are struggling to cope with the demand from families in need, so if you can please pick up an extra item when you shop and pop it into the food bank tray every tin or packet will help a needy family somewhere locally.

Our services in May will be led by:-

- 1st May Rev Norman Tharby (inc. Communion)
- 8th May Kevin Moore
- 15th May Eileen Warner
- 22nd May Rev Norman Tharby
- 29th May Carole Almond

On Monday 9th May at 2pm our Ladies Friendship Group meet at the Church to hear a talk about

"Being an Auctioneer" given by a representative from Bishop & Miller Auctioneers. Contact Margaret on 01359241541 for more information.

On Thursday 12th May at midday our Food & Friends lunch takes place at the church we look forward to the return of our WI ladies who missed last months lunch when we had to change our day. Contact Jackie on 01359245918 if you would like to join us.

Both of these activities are open to all and not just attendees at our services.

One bit of good news for us is that our website is up and running once more that's [elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://elmswellbaptist.org.uk)

Thank in anticipation of your help and prayers and be assured of a warm and friendly welcome should you wish to join us at any of our services or activities

*Dave*



**EASTER POTTERY WORKSHOP AT WESLEY**

An EGGcellent time was had by all - sorry, I couldn't resist a pun for an Easter themed workshop! The children made fantastic bunny pinch pots and painted egg decorations, which will both now be glazed and fired in time for Easter! The adults made mini trays and dishes using drape moulds, that they decorated and painted beautifully! Again these will now be glazed and popped in the kiln so they are waterproof and food safe, hopefully to be used for many years to come.

More workshops will be coming to the Wesley Cafe, but in the meantime I am running smaller group classes from my home studio in Elmswell. For more information and booking visit [www.atclairehouse.com](http://www.atclairehouse.com)

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## NEWS FROM ELMSWILD

### Plastic pickers go out on patrol

Our Saturday meeting last month was devoted to an essential but tricky task – removing plastic guards from the trees in Lukeswood. It involves crawling around on hands and knees, often with large and vicious brambles snagging every limb, to try and unfurl spiral guards, many of which have been in place for years and don't release their hold without a tussle. Not for the faint-hearted! So we were very pleased when a dozen intrepid helpers came along ready to wage war on plastic in Lukeswood. Everyone worked incredibly hard and at the end of the afternoon we were rewarded with the sight of a literal mountain of spirals, tubex and mesh. Everything has been neatly sorted into guards that can be re-used at Lukeswood, given away to be re-used by other tree-planting projects or, for the really mangled ones, taken away for recycling. It is hard work, but it's very satisfying to see the woodland emerge from its plastic stranglehold and looking clean and natural. You can almost hear the trees breathe a sigh of relief as they are released from their corsets! We've made great progress in our mission to make our woodland plastic-free, so a huge thank you to everyone who came to help, especially those who have recently moved to Elmswell and are new to Lukeswood. Our next Saturday meet will be in June, so we hope to see you again then.

### Yellow Rattle – the Meadow Maker

It can be difficult to establish a new wildflower meadow, especially when the site where you want the flowers to grow is covered with tough grasses, or has supported arable crops. Wildflowers need poor soil and space to grow

without too much competition. One technique is to remove all the vegetation and top soil before sowing with wildflower seed, but that is much too expensive and time-consuming to be a viable option for most projects. So how can you suppress the growth of grasses so that the wildflower seed can germinate?



Enter the mighty Yellow Rattle! Variously known as 'Hay-rattle', 'Rattle-baskets', 'Pots-and-pans' and, perhaps best of all, 'Tiddibottles', this unassuming yellow plant plays an essential role in establishing a wildflower meadow. It is semi-parasitic on grasses, drawing water and nutrients from their roots, and can reduce grass growth by as much as 60%, resulting in more bare earth for other flowers to move in. When the

seeds are ripe and dry they rattle around inside the seed pods, hence the name. Yellow Rattle is an annual, so the seeds need to drop on to the ground to regrow. Or they can be collected and sown elsewhere to help the process of making a flower-rich meadow. We've just planted Yellow Rattle at Town Field where the existing grasses are extremely tough, and we're hoping that they establish well so that we can harvest more seeds to plant across the whole field.

### Thank you, thank you

We are very fortunate that, in the main, our beautiful wildlife sites suffer very little from vandalism or litter. That isn't the case everywhere, and many conservationists, rangers and volunteers find that they have to spend valuable time and effort clearing up the mess that some thoughtless people leave behind, when they know their valuable time would be much better spent enhancing habitats and helping wildlife. Litter isn't just unsightly (and it looks particularly unpleasant juxtaposed with lovely natural surroundings), it can be dangerous both to people and wildlife. Broken glass is a hazard to children, pets and wild animals and in certain conditions can even lead to wildfires. Small birds and mammals can get entangled in cans or plastic detritus and end up suffering a lingering and painful death. So we were very upset to discover a nasty incident of littering at Kiln Meadow and quickly arranged a work party to clear it up before anyone or anything got hurt. When we arrived on scene armed with bags and litter pickers, however, we were surprised and delighted to find that a very kind person (or persons) had already been there and cleared it all away! We don't know the identity of our benefactor, but we hope you are reading this so we can say a huge thank you. As volunteers, we aren't very numerous and we have a lot of work to do at our four sites, so your help is hugely appreciated.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Dot of the Trefoil Guild who has very kindly inspected and updated our first aid kits. This is something we have to do from time to time to make sure that we have everything needed to keep everyone safe while working with ElmsWild, and we are very grateful to Dot for offering her expertise free of charge. Thankfully, accidents are extremely rare, but it really gives us peace of mind to know that everything is in place should we need it.

Mary Feeney  
info@elmswild.org.uk





## WHERE ARE WE UP TO, & WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG?

### The story so far...

- In March 2020, having had a very positive response to a public consultation, Elmswell Parish Council bought the freehold of the Greene King site on School Road.
- The purchase price of £805,000 gave the village ownership of the pub as a going concern and the extensive plot of land on which it stands which has Planning permission for 8 substantial houses.
- The public support was for 2 schemes:
  - Refurbish the run-down licensed premises as a Community pub;**
  - Build community controlled affordable homes instead of the 8 houses.**
- There are many reasons why such projects should not be undertaken directly by a parish council. The usual way forward is the setting up of Community Interest Companies - legal entities under the control of the local residents.

- Interested volunteers came forward following a public meeting and 2 such bodies were set up:

**ELMSWELL COMMUNITY LAND TRUST** was established in September 2020 to begin the necessarily complex process of finding partners who are Government Registered Providers (such as Housing Associations) but who have the flexibility to allow local community control including no 'Right to Buy', thus ensuring that the houses remain as an Elmswell community asset for ever.

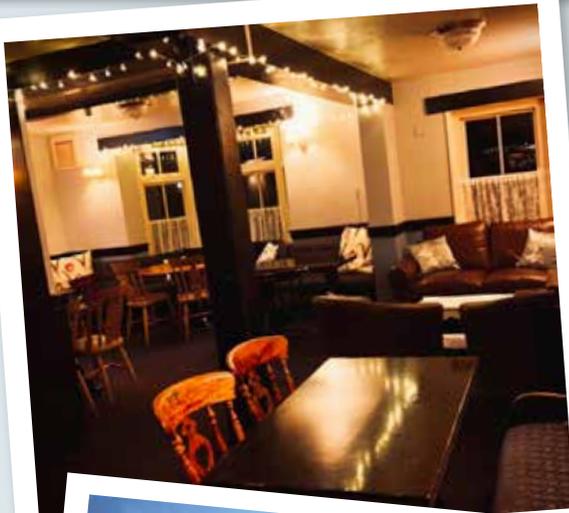
**ELMSWELL COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE LIMITED** was registered in March 2021 to work with the Parish Council towards a scheme to refurbish the core of the old pub and extend it to provide space and facilities to be able to serve food.

- The affordable housing scheme is still in the process of wading through the highly regulated system of governance of the social housing sector with which it must engage in order to secure Government support through the Community Housing Fund.

## FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- The Elmswell Tavern is now trading under the management of the local group members, on behalf of the Parish Council, whilst working towards issuing shares which will indicate the possible scale of the project of refurbishment and extension of the premises.
- The share issue will be the basis of the funding. If this is approached in accordance with the Co-operative UK Standard Mark accreditation scheme, it can attract matched funding of up to £100k. Tailoring the documentation (currently 75 pages of detailed information and financial projections) is taking longer than expected.
- Meanwhile, the Tavern is a testing ground for the proposals - the group is able to network widely with customers and tailor the proposals for the new pub accordingly.

*You can be a part of making this happen!*



To find out more, to offer to help, to make suggestions, or to offer support, get in touch with the Parish Council Office at Blackbourne:

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## ELMSWELL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

This month's display is a selection of crime novels. It has a mix of authors including Elly Griffiths, James Patterson, Jacob Ross, Abir Mukherjee and Kjell Ola Dahl. As usual the books are both a physical display for you to browse and borrow and a digital display posted on Facebook with links to our catalogue.

If you have any inkjet cartridges then you can now bring them to the library to be recycled and they will help us raise money too. For the list of ink cartridges that we can recycle visit the Recycle4Charity site <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>

Our next exhibition will be of a piece of textile art by Suffolk Artlink Brave Art artists. Brave Art is an arts course for adults with learning disabilities with sessions led by professional artists.

Sunflower seeds can be planted during May and we still have plenty to give away. If you fancy growing some, pick up a pack. We are having a competition for children

for tallest sunflower, best sunflower photo and most species visited.

As well as growing plants, if relaxing with some nature books sounds good, we are a Wild Reads library. In partnership with Suffolk Wildlife Trust there is a virtual book club where you can share your views about the Wild Reads books by tagging @SuffolkLibrary and @SuffolkWildlife on social media and using the hashtag #WildReads. You can either pop in and see which books we have on the shelf or reserve them. For more information visit <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/annual-events/wild-reads>

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 18th May at the Wesley Café (every 3rd Wednesday)

#### Knit and Natter

1.30pm – 2.30pm Tuesday 10th May (every 2nd Tuesday)

#### Adult Reading Practice

Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please book in advance.

#### Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

#### Lego Club

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#### Opening times

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Sunday: 10am – 3pm

## CITIZENS ADVICE

### Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk are looking for volunteers to provide vital support in the community – can you help?

The charity supports people all over Mid Suffolk from their office in Stowmarket, providing free, confidential, independent

and impartial advice. Demand for the charity's services has continued to increase, and the wonderful team of volunteers are paramount to the help Citizens Advice provide.

The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are

often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training.

They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives. Current volunteers at Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk said:

"I wanted to help in some meaningful way in the local community. Volunteering at Citizens Advice has made me feel that I am doing something useful. After three years of retirement, it is nice to have a form of regular commitment and I enjoy

interacting with the others in the office." "When my youngest started school

I had some extra time, so decided to volunteer, and haven't looked back! The team are great here, so the atmosphere is consistently very welcoming."

"I believe what we do is important to the community as evidenced by the increasing demand. I like to volunteer as it keeps my brain active and the camaraderie and social interaction is enjoyable as well as important."



**Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer) or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.**

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### FIRST TEAM REPORT

We started April with our first win as managers seeing us beat Ufford 5-0. Playing some of the best football we've played all season and with some of the reserve team stepping-in to help fulfil the fixture. We also welcomed back Dylan Peskett, 'on loan' from Stanton. 2 goals a-piece for Matt Last and Will Hayden and a goal for Andy Brookin but MOTM was Kieran Ramsey for a solid performance at the back. The next week saw us come up against a team in the top 3 in Melton. We continued playing some good football but were on the wrong side of a 2-0 loss. There were plenty of positives to take from the performance and again much of the squad was made up of reserves. MOTM was Matt Last. We went into the last game of the season wanting to finish on a high but once again struggled to get a side together with the reserve team being called on to help with numbers. We played a Kirton side that were mid-table like ourselves. Once again we played some good football and created opportunities but failed to take our chances. The game ended 2-0 to the visitors. MOTM was Sam Bassett for a strong performance at the back. We now go into the off season having finished the season strongly albeit the results not going our way and into planning for next season. One thing for sure is we need more players! If you're interested then please get in contact and come along to pre-season. More info on that next month!

Top scorers this season were Ben Humphrey and Matt Last, who were joined in the most capped list by Malin Davies, Romaine Scott, Liam Trickey, Will Gudgeon and Charlie Potter. Up the Elm

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### RESERVES REPORT

2022 has been a strange year for the Reserves, and that's saying something given the last two we've just all had. Having played so well and yet not won a game in the first half of the season, we started the year with two wins in January and then another in February. The last one being the 4-1 beating of Bacton 'A' at The Blackbourne. In March our cup semi-final was cancelled as we were required to help the Firsts fulfil their fixture away to Div.2 champions, Woolverstone. So, it had been well over a month with no reserve football when we faced Ipswich Vale Exiles Reserves. They finished the league in second position and their chances of winning depended on beating us and Kesgrave Kestrels losing their last game. We had also sent several players with our first team so we were well up against it. We did well to limit them early on and half time came with a fairly respectable 0-2 scoreline. Thankfully the league now has rolling subs so we were able to keep subbing off our most injured player (although we then had to bring back on the second most injured player in his place). This happened a several times during the second half until we were all hobbling around like a scene from The Walking Dead. We lost the game 8-1, Will Hayden getting our goal and Chris Edmonds getting MOTM. Jake Fisher (pictured) finished top-scorer for us and also for our division. Kieran Ramsey was the most capped player followed by Will Hayden, Jake Fisher and Kurt Bevan.

The league have decided, with the backing of all the clubs that attended the pre-AGM meeting, that the intermediate divisions will be amalgamated to make Senior Div and Divs 1-6 with 14 teams in each. Keep an eye out for updates as to where we end up in the reshuffling!



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## ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

It is 'friendly season' and this year we hoped to play our newcomers mixed with experienced players to give them a taste of match play in a no-pressure environment and events conspired against us in the first two games. We began with a visit to our friends the Coney Weston Swans, followed by a trip to Old Newton, where we introduced one new but experienced player, but it all came right for the return match against the Swans when we fielded Steve Harrison and two of his friends, who all performed very promisingly. We still have several brand new players who are un-blooded,

so we may have to get a match up amongst ourselves to give them that experience.

On Sunday, May 1st, we are joining the League initiative and holding an open day for anyone to come along and give bowls a try. The green will be open from 10am until 4pm but this will have taken place before you read this. However, the green is open every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon, in case you missed it and everybody is welcome to come and try their hand. Someone will be there to help, if needed.

Green maintenance is continuing apace with the green now down to playing length and scarifying next on the agenda. Our photos this week show Deputy Greenkeeper, Rob Dann, lining up the mower for the next run and Dick with some team-mates preparing to take to the green at Coney Weston

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## WESLEY UKULELE BAND

The Wesley Ukes have had a busy time just lately culminating in an Easter Saturday fund-raising for the Ukraine Appeal, when we had a great time, were well received and raised £114. We will start a monthly residency there pretty soon. We had what is laughingly called a 'dry run' in the pub a week before to get the lay of the land and get a general 'feel' for the place. Quite how to do a 'dry' run in a pub I just don't understand! A contradiction in terms, in my book. Again, all good fun with some audience participation thrown in.

Meanwhile, our members support the Folk Club, run by Paddy Butcher and Bob Goodall, which takes place at the Wesley at 11am on the third Wednesday every month. It is well worth going along and it seems that as word spread numbers will increase sharply. Any musician who would like to join in would be made most welcome, I am sure.

If you fancy trying any stringed instrument in a pressure-free fun atmosphere, or you

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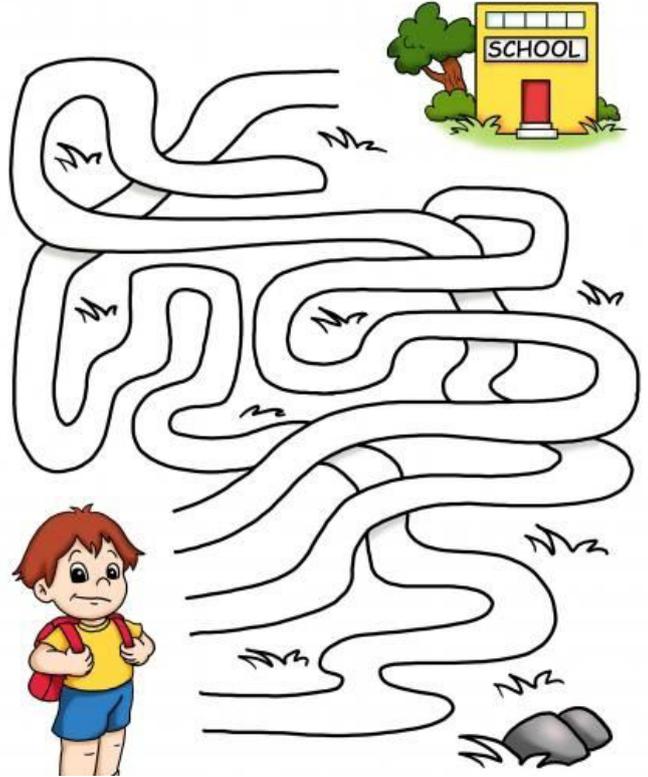
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## Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan

### Public Consultation Spring 2022



#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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With this edition of the Newsletter is the first public consultation on the proposed Plan. It is, clearly, far from perfect, but it draws a line in the sand and is open to review every 2 years – in fact it has to be reviewed every 2 years to retain its status and thus offers the chance to refine and adjust.

One very important additional consideration is that, once the Plan is officially recognised it attracts a 5% uplift in the financial contribution from every house built in the village. This 'Community Infrastructure Levy' is well worth enhancing in a village where so many houses are under development. The money goes towards the facilities that help retain our thriving community as we welcome so many new households. For this reason alone a response to this initial consultation is important.



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## ELMSWELL'S CAR CHARGING POINTS

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The process of having these installed began 2 years ago when the extension at Blackbourne offered the chance to install the very hefty cable (£1,000's worth on a big wooden reel) from the meter to the car park – the whole length of the building. Locality Budget funding from Cllrs Sarah Mansel and Helen Geake helped with this. The cable has sat there until March of this year whilst SCC developed their Plug In Suffolk initiative which paid for the units and their installation. This forward thinking on the part of the Parish Council was again seen when various elements of infrastructure were designed into Wesley from the original concept stage. Because these expensive initiatives were already in place, Elmswell was able to attract enough grant to fund EV facilities at its 2 main community sites, and because

we were early bidders, we were able to see the benefit very quickly once the scheme proper took off. There is now a long waiting list of other communities keen to catch up. Our cover picture shows Mid Suffolk Councillors Andrew Stringer, our Ward Members Helen Geake and Sarah Mansel along with Suffolk County Council Ward Member Andy Mellen and Parish Councillors David Barker and David Hawes.

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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - April 2022



The April meeting of the Parish Council convened in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne on Tuesday 19th with 9 councillors present, together with SCC Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen, the Parish Clerk 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 [elmswell.suffolk.cloud](http://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 March 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 Mid Suffolk Council has unanimously approved a motion for the Council to adopt the Net Carbon Zero Toolkit as technical guidance for developers and homeowners to help reduce the carbon footprint in new and existing dwellings. This toolkit had been produced by the LGA together with Forest of Dean, West Oxfordshire and Cotswold District Councils. The Report also included news of plans for the joint councils' first Local Cycling and Walking Plan, due to be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting. The plan sets out the councils' approach to improving and developing the local cycling and walking network across the district over the next 10 years, to support residents in shifting towards more sustainable transport. After an online public consultation almost 200 potential infrastructure improvement schemes across the two districts have been identified and prioritised according to a variety of factors such as effectiveness, policy, economic factors and deliverability. This prioritisation will be key to obtaining local, regional and national funding towards improving sustainable travel facilities and routes in the districts.

Locally the path between Woolpit and Elmswell is included as well as some smaller schemes to improve pedestrian connectivity within the two villages.

## Suffolk County Council

Ward Member Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report confirming that Suffolk County Council Cabinet voted not to support the current plans by Sunnica to build the country's largest solar farm stretching across Suffolk and into Cambridgeshire. They have asked the Government to reject the plans in their current form, arguing the application fails to properly mitigate the impacts of such a large project.

There was solidarity between Councillors across party lines in supporting a motion in support of Ukraine. The motion condemned the actions of the Russian government, as well as stating our commitment to supporting and welcoming refugees as they become a part of our Suffolk communities. Councillors from all parties supported the motion and together showed how politics can be put aside during difficult times.

SCC is also preparing to play its part in the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme, where households can register with the government to host refugees from Ukraine. At present, hosts have to form a direct contact with a potential guest, and complete the visa application together. This triggers a notification from the home office for SCC to order a home inspection (usually carried out by the District Council) and also a DBS check on the hosts. Currently visa applications are taking around 3 weeks to be processed, though the government has pledged to reduce this to 48 hrs. Meanwhile, the Cabinet voted to establish 'Freeport East'. This is part of a national strategy to create freeports across the country, in an attempt to generate economic activity through tax incentives. Felixstowe Port, Harwich Port, and Stowmarket's 'Gateway 14' Business Park are set to become part of Freeport East. There are concerns that this project will prioritise foreign direct investment over local businesses, many of which will not be able to compete with the foreign businesses receiving tax relief. The project poses many other issues, Freeports such as this have a reputation for increasing corruption and money laundering. There is also a lack of clear strategy towards net-zero, and a risk of high-skilled jobs being imported, excluding the Suffolk workforce.

The Cabinet also voted on the Enhanced Partnership between SCC and bus operators, in line with the new Bus Back Better strategy, aimed at improving services across Suffolk.

Highways issues of various kinds are frequently raised with County Councillors. This past month it has been fallen trees onto fences and footpaths, flooding from ditches onto the highway, and potholes in various locations. All have been reported and will hopefully be repaired or dealt with in due course.

Unfortunately, with the Highways department short of funds it can be very difficult to make the progress that communities expect. Luckily, we have not had a very wet winter like last year – and many problem areas have not produced disruption as a result. The public is urged to make use of the highways reporting tool, Suffolk County Council - ReportIT which covers a wide range of faults – and contact Cllr Mellen if the response is felt to be inadequate.

## Planning results

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

DC/22/01032

Tree works at 7 Farm Meadow  
GRANTED EPC did not comment

DC/22/01279

Discharge of Conditions re. App.  
DC/21/05727 Agreement of materials  
on Land South of Field View  
APPROVED EPC did not comment

DC/22/00668

Erection of single storey side extension  
at 51 Blackbourne Road GRANTED EPC  
supported

DC/22/00929

Conversion of single garage into living  
accommodation for B&B or longer  
term rental at Wisteria, New Road  
APPROVED EPC objected

## Planning applications

The Meeting considered in detail 2 applications forwarded from Mid Suffolk for comment:

DC/22/01615

Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following grant of Outline Approval DC/18/02146 – Submission details for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for erection of up to 86 dwellings (30 no affordable units) including car parking, early years provision, open space provision with associated infrastructure and vehicular access. Highways improvements of road widening and cycle/footpath link Land to the North and West of School Road Objection was raised to the siting of the pre-school facility in the north-east corner of the site which would require the frequent and numerous car journeys which would be generated to travel the length of the development past many of the houses. It was suggested that the pre-school could be brought nearer to the site access to minimise the traffic nuisance.

DC/22/01551

Modification for a Section 106 Planning obligation relating to Planning Permission 0210/17 – variation of paragraph 8, Part 2 of Third Schedule, as the mortgagee protection provisions for the affordable housing do not follow National Housing Federation's approved form of wording Land to the East of Ashfield Road Councillors agreed, in light of the very technical issues involved, to make no comment on this application.

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## Yellow lines at school

In order to help with the inevitable extra traffic problems caused by the expansion of Elmswell Primary School on its existing site at Oxer Close, Suffolk County Council are proposing the installation of yellow lines to mitigate the current and anticipated traffic hazard. Councillors have urged that the initial proposals are extended beyond the original minimal level which, largely, seeks only to reinforce existing legislation regarding parking at or near road junctions. Accordingly, an amended plan has been forwarded to SCC Highways seeking parking restrictions on both sides of Cooks Road from the Bennett Avenue junction as far as the Memorial Library and extra lines on the south side of Bennett Avenue between Oxer Close and Cooks Road.

## Clerk's Report

The monthly report from the Clerk's office included the following items for information:

### POOR'S LAND CHARITY

The Clerk attended a meeting of Trustees on 22nd March as EPC Appointee along with Cllrs Burch & Pallett. The meeting was called to discuss the possible ways in which the potential beneficiaries of the annual disbursement might be broadened. Last year 10 residents who draw Pension Credit were given vouchers redeemable in village shops. The difficulties of means-testing if a broader approach was considered seemed to persuade Trustees that the current approach might best maintain. A further meeting in September will make a decision after further thought on the points raised in the meeting.

### BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE

The Clerk attended, as ex officio member, a meeting on 23rd March which served as preparation for the season beginning with a first league game on 25th April and a formal Open Day & Green opening on Sunday 1st May. With 43 members, the Club has grown from last year and thrives despite the general trend, both locally and countrywide, being for shrinking memberships. The accounts remain healthy and £500.00 was granted to the Council's general funds in recognition of the support the Club enjoys.

### BLACKBOURNE AND WESLEY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

At the March BWMA meeting the Clerk was asked to provide Representatives of the 18 community groups which comprise the majority of the group with a précis of the reasoning behind the suggestion that the transfer of the accumulated capital sum which the Association has gathered over the year from lettings be transferred to EPC with the suggestion that it might be put towards purchasing shares in the Elmswell Community Enterprise scheme to refurbish the Elmswell Tavern as a community pub so that all concerned might be fully informed. The transfer is an annual event and is always accompanied by a request from the Association for application of the

funds to a community scheme – notably at Blackbourne and Wesley in the recent past. There is no way that the Association can bind the Council but it makes its view known as being representative of a broad swathe of active village residents. There were 14 voting in favour of the proposal and 2 dissenters representing community groups, being the History Group and the Afternoon WI, together with Cllr Burch as a Council Appointee.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

The Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) suggest that all of their councils adopt the recently published new LGA Model Code of Conduct. This has been circulated by the Clerk along with the Code which EPC adopted in 2012 when SALC drew up a Suffolk Code of Conduct. The matter will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in May.

### ELMSWELL TAVERN

A recent flyer produced by the Elmswell Community Enterprise group was circulated at the Meeting and is reproduced elsewhere in this Newsletter. It seeks to update the community on the current situation regarding the initiative to refurbish the premises as a community pub.

### Community Governance Review

The Meeting noted that Mid Suffolk has begun a review of the District arrangements relating to the arrangements applying to the governance of parishes, including sizes of the electorate and boundaries. A copy of the document is available at: Community Governance Review >> Babergh Mid Suffolk

It was agreed that no formal comment from EPC is necessary.

### ElmsWild grant

It was agreed that the rent paid by the active volunteers of ElmsWild to the village's Poor's Land Charity in respect of their having a licence to create a wildflower meadow on the last remaining holding of village land administered by the Charity should be met, until further notice, by the Parish Council on the village's behalf.

### Naming of new development at Ashfield Road

The developer building 6 houses at Ashfield Road has asked for suggestions as to the street name. The Parish Council has a good record of researching appropriate names which have historical connections to the sites in question – hence Cresmedow Way, Buttenhaugh Green etc. In this case, the research is based on the Thomas Waterman map of the village made on animal skin in 1627 and preserved in the Suffolk Record Office at Bury. It shows that the nearest holding to the new site was a plot named 'Calfawe', which it is surmised is a corruption of the name of the estate owner, Sir Caefar Wood. It was agreed that the proposal to Mid Suffolk is that the name should be Calfawe Way.

## Elmswell Community Land Trust (ECLT)

There had been some confusion expressed recently regarding ECLT and the relationship with the Elmswell Community Enterprise group which works in parallel with a view to developing the village's land bought from Greene King on School Road. The Clerk tabled, and the Meeting noted, the following by way of clarification:

1. In March 2020 Elmswell Parish Council (EPC) bought for £805,000.00 the freehold of the site at School Road Elmswell IP30 9EE from Messrs Greene King including the Railway Tavern as a going concern.
2. The site, Land Registry Title No. SK122891, had the benefit of Planning permission granted January 2019 MSDC ref DC/18/02259 for 8 dwellings with associated infrastructure.
3. EPC had previously registered the site as an Asset of Community Value.
4. In accordance with public consultation which supported borrowing for the land purchase, EPC encouraged the establishment of 2 discrete autonomous bodies to take forward the twin objectives of developing the licensed premises as a community pub and of transmuting the extant Planning permission into a development of affordable homes without the benefit of Right to Buy or Right to Acquire and with community control over allocations and rents.
5. These 2 bodies are:
  - 5.1 Elmswell Community Land Trust (ECLT); Registered as a Community Interest Company on 30.09.2020, registration No. 8462 with 4 Board members comprising Elmswell residents who had expressed an interest in the scheme, being Peter Dow, Sarah Mansel, Ann Richards and Philip Shaw.
  - 5.2 Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited (ECE), Registered as a Community Benefit Society on 22.03.2021, registration N. 8589 with 4 Elmswell residents who had come forward to support the scheme, being Colin Cassels Brown, Peter Dow, Oliver Jackson and Philip Shaw.
6. Both bodies, by virtue of the above, are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.
6. EPC advertised for Expressions of Interest in working up a scheme for the site towards refurbishing the pub and integrating a development of affordable homes including designing-in possible common factors such as parking and community heating.
7. K LH Architects were chosen to produce concept drawings for an integrated scheme with detail added for the pub proposal and sufficient indication of the site potential for the investigation of partnership working with a Registered Provider of Social Housing or self-registration.



- 8. ECE has taken further the community pub concept and is currently working with EPC in managing and running the Elmswell Tavern whilst the process of achieving the Community Shares Standard mark under the Co-operatives UK scheme which enables worthwhile matched share funding.
- 9. ECLT has been slower to move forward given the complexity of the options to be considered and the overarching imperative, as promised to the community, that the housing remains for ever in community control.
- 10. The possibility of taking a housing development forward in-house, ie that EPC / ECLT build and manage the dwellings themselves, has not

been recommended given the difficulty this presents in accessing the crucial financial inputs from central Government by way of the Community Housing Fund.

- 11. Funded thus far by EPC, ECLT has, prompted by a public consultation meeting and guided by the National CLT Network, taken advice from specialist solicitors Anthony Collins, from the Community Housing Enabling Officer at Mid Suffolk District Council, from the Locality East of England Development Officer and met with the Havebury Housing Partnership. Meetings are pending with other Registered providers including Hastoe Group and Orwell Housing.

**Next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Council, was scheduled for Monday 16th May beginning at 7.00pm 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](http://elmswell.suffolk.cloud) and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.



**WE HAVE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES AT CHURCH HILL, WETHERDEN ROAD AND ASHFIELD ROAD**

The purpose of these is to inform drivers of their speed and encourage speed reduction by way of this interaction. It also provides data to support our case for various road safety improvements.

**Church Hill**

The annual average daily traffic (AADT) figure has increased by approximately 400 vehicles over the last 6 years, and is currently at 4022 vehicles per day.

The average speed is 30 mph and the percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit has settled at an average of 40.1%. It is to be hoped that this is as a result of the interaction with the speed indicator device.

The maximum speed recorded at this location in the last month was 65 mph, which is a significant reduction from the record high of 90 mph.

**Ashfield Road**

The AADT figure remains consistent at 1437 vehicles per day.

The average speed remains at 30 mph and percentage of vehicles exceeding the speed limit remains consistent at 54.47%.

The maximum recorded speed at this location is 90 mph, albeit at 02:30 in the morning.

**Wetherden Road**

We have harvested the first set of data from this site.

The AADT is 2207 vehicles per day.

The average speed is 29.68 and the percentage of vehicles exceeding the limit is 47.79%.

The average speed of those exceeding the limit is 34.13 mph.

The maximum recorded speed is 75 mph at 17:50.



**Future Council Meetings**

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

May	June	July	Sept	Oct
16th	20th	18th	19th	17th

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

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

Staffed Mondays – Thursdays 9.00am – 12.00 noon and at other times by arrangement

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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](http://www.elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk) - it might help you in planning dates for your events.

## May 2022

- 5 Over 55's club AGM followed by Bingo
- 9 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - the Life of an Auctioneer with Bishop & Miller
- 10 Elmswell WI, 7.30 - Tour of Woolpit Nursery, bring your own tea/coffee
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 Elmswell History Group, 7.30pm; 7.30 at Wesley. Speaker Christopher Parkinson: History of East Anglia's Stained Glass Windows
- 17 Elmswell Garden Club 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall Melanie from Mickfield Hostas - 'Hostas'
- 19 Over 55's club Fever Pitch return well worth joining us small admission charge

## June 2022

- 2 Over 55's club Platinum Celebrations
- 6 2pm Ladies Friendship Group - Tour of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral - men welcome as well
- 9 Elmswell History Group 2021-22 AGM at 7pm, at Wesley. - immediately followed at 7.30pm by Speaker Jacquie Norman: Tudor Costume in the time of Henry VIII
- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 Elmswell WI, 7.30 at The Wesley, Burlesque, Me and the WI, Lindsay Barrel
- 16 Over 55's club Outing 12 Lost Churches & Aldeburgh
- 21 Elmswell Garden Club 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall Chris Dale - Sweet Peas

## July 2022

- 7 Over 55's club Strawberry Supper
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 Elmswell History Group Annual Outing - to be confirmed. Details and Tickets from 01359-242601
- 21 Over 55's club Jonny Rondo Country Music

## August 2022

- 4 Over 55's club Bingo
- 18 Over 55's club Sing along with Hank

## September 2022

- 12 10.30am Ladies Friendship Group - A visit to The Hut at Felixstowe inc Fish & Chip lunch - men welcome as well

## STOP PRESS

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

**FITNESS** - Sarah Evans' classes include stretch-and-flex, spin, boxercise, legs bums & tums, bodyblast....throughout the week and at weekends contact [sarahjane.fitness@outlook.com](mailto:sarahjane.fitness@outlook.com)

**KARATE** with Lewis - Tuesday 4.30 - 5.45 / Friday 5.00 - 7.00 [info@greatheadma.com](mailto:info@greatheadma.com)

**JAPANESE JUJUTSU / SELF DEFENCE** - Monday & Wednesday 6.30 - 8.30 [ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com](mailto:ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com) tel. 07711 680262

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

**CIRCLE DANCING** - Thursdays 1.45 - 3.15 [jenlerner@gmail.com](mailto:jenlerner@gmail.com)

**TREFOIL GUILD** - 1st Tuesday monthly [lesley.grout@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.grout@btinternet.com)

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