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The Elmswell Newsletter



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Taxi-bus to continue through August ... see page 10



Hedge planting and a bit of magic - 25th November ... see page 27



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Every now and then, the news from our very own little parochial pocket of somewhere-in-Suffolk chimes with the outside world where the Important People live. As happened recently when the 'Statement of Persons Nominated', which means, 'List of Candidates', heralded the chance to elect another one of our own to look after our interests by serving on Elmswell Parish Council. Not a scheduled election for all 11 seats but a one-off due to 'circumstances'. Hence, a 'by-election'.

By coincidence there were 3 other such by-elections called for that same day. Some of the Important People had, it seems, made a bit of a mess of their spell of public service. In Selby, Yorkshire, the elected chappie felt put out that he hadn't been given a seat in the House of Lords despite being a 'Boris Bestie', one of the favoured few who had supported their party leader through thick and thin. Toys thrown everywhere and stomped off. Majority of 20,137 overturned. Down in Somerset the sitting MP admitted to being a cocaine user and was busily disputing claims of sexual misconduct when his constituents demanded a re-think. Majority of 19,213 overturned. In Uxbridge, the man himself, one Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, conceded that, having been found guilty of lying to Parliament, he should retire hurt. But here the pattern was broken. A majority of 7,210 was merely reduced to some 400.

The biggest surprise of the day was this Uxbridge result. Because it was against all trends, predictions and forecasts which had suggested the rout of the sitting party and that one of the other candidates would walk it. The candidates numbered Count Binface of the Binface Party and Mr Howling Hope of the Monster Raving Loony Party. But personality and national mood counted for little here. There was an issue...something real that the voters thought would affect them and which was more important than national scandal and personalities. The threat of a potentially expensive measure to try to reduce the

emissions from motor vehicles, 'Ulez', was toxic enough in its own right to swing the vote in favour of the incumbency which promised to fight the measure.

In Elmswell there was a less colourful choice. Just 2 of our number poked their heads, neither wearing a bin, above the parapet to offer to serve. The circumstances of the vacancy which they were offering to fill might have suggested that there is more to the business of being a councillor than meets the eye. It was caused by the resignation of one of those recently elected in the full council election in May after just 4 days' of service. Some warning here, perhaps that this is no game for the faint hearted? The full story will emerge eventually, as it always does in matters of village politics, but meanwhile we had a contested poll, now decided and see the result on page 3.

Your Newsletter does not have the resources to analyse that result. The turnout was within the range expected of such a poll. However much tut-tutting there is, 16% was about as good as it gets unless there is a really controversial issue at stake. 594 of our 3767 turned out. 1 person voted for both candidates and 3 made a mark which could not be deciphered as a choice – usually suggesting a rude, scurrilous or insulting comment along the lines of, 'a plague on all of your houses'. We paraphrase. The result was decisive and we have our 11 allotted parish councillors once again.

But what can the other 10 members gather from the result? Does it suggest that they are doing something right or making a mess of things? Both candidates made a real and commendable effort, at their own expense, to get a leaflet to everyone in the village seeking support. They demonstrated, in what they said, rather different positions regarding their community involvement. The one being, clearly, already committed to keeping Elmswell capable of absorbing the development pressures that threaten to overwhelm us by becoming, 'more closely involved with... schemes and initiatives

...on the horizon'. The other offering to 'refocus some of the Parish priorities.'

We respectfully publish on page 11 a correction to one of the assertions made during the campaign which implies that your Newsletter is paid for through the Community Charge. Over many years of observing the manifestoes produced to supporting bids for election, it is clear that many candidates have not taken the chance to check what they think goes against reality, although it has to be said that attending Council meetings can be extremely tedious. The average attendance at Elmswell every month is 3 members of the public or fewer, which is proportionately much lower than some of our smaller neighbours. This is traditionally viewed in one of two ways. Either everyone is generally happy with the way things are run or they feel that, even if they come to meetings, they have no power to change things. However, it is often suggested that individuals who put themselves forward to make a change might at least check, by attending meetings for example, what it is they actually don't agree with.

Perhaps the on-going expansion at both Wesley and at Blackbourne together with the plans for the community pub and affordable homes allied with the aspirational aims of our own wind turbine feeding cheap electricity to village homes and facilities – not to mention rather more down to earth and happening-now initiatives like our Taxi-bus scheme, are enough for most to feel that their representatives at Parish level are getting things largely right?

The election on 27th July cost the village some £4,000.00+. However, it gave a voice to all who are willing to take the trouble to have their say. Let's hope that, in their wisdom, they have chosen well – or at least chosen someone who can stay the course for a full and productive four years.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

We had a very interesting outing to David Downes' Gallery in Manningtree at the end of June.



David is a brilliant landscape painter who amplifies the sense of place and time through the lens of autism. He completed a MA at the Royal College of Art in Communication Design in 1996 and then he won his first major contract in 1999 - a commission by the BBC to record the Corporation's most important architecture at the turn of the century. In 2012, David was commissioned by the Savoy hotel to paint the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant from the Roof of the Savoy which can be seen in the entrance hall of the hotel. In his most recent commission, David will be filmed painting a giant interpretation of Sanditon, Jane Austen's fictitious seaside town for ITV.

David was diagnosed with high functioning autism at the age of 32 and is an active supporter of the National Autistic Society; he was made a Vice President of the Society in 2012. David regularly speaks on behalf of the charity and paints live at fundraising events. Now living and working in Manningtree Essex with his partner Rachel, their daughter Talia and dog Winston, David recently returned from California where he was working for three years.



His gallery was filled with wonderful paintings of landscapes and cityscapes. David even allowed us to see his workshop which provided a real insight to an artist and his works.

Afterwards, we all had the opportunity to explore Manningtree and have lunch before returning to Elmswell after a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Many thanks to our Trips and Demonstrations Organiser Lilian Gama for arranging and leading this very welcome outing.

Elmswell Art Club displayed some of its members' works at the Clubs and Groups Exhibition day held on Saturday 8th July at the



Wesley. The exhibition was very well attended and we received lots of positive feedback regarding the artworks on display, with one of our members actually selling one of their paintings.

Credit must go to our Club Secretary, Linda Stephenson, who organised the display and special thanks to all our members who submitted their works and helped on the day.



Finally, it is with great sadness that we announce that one of our longest serving members and dear friend, Peter Hatton, passed away on Sunday 23rd July. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Peter's family at this very sad time.



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ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Elmswell Over 55's Club

Firstly just a reminder that the Bacton Fayre is on Saturday August 5th and not on the 6th as stated in last month's report.

Thursday August 17th we welcome back the Old Codgers for some traditional entertainment.

On August 31st we have an open evening when we welcome Tyler Kemp as our entertainers for the evening visitors always welcome with a 7 00pm start

Going forward to September 28th we have a block of tickets for The End of the Pier Show at Cromer for the Seaside Special Show cost is £44 inclusive of Coach and Show tickets bookings will be taken on Thursday August 17th as we have to pay for the tickets towards the end of August.

Further meeting details will appear in the what's on section in the newsletter.

Grant 240943



Over 55s entertainment July 6th

Diane with entertainer on her Birthday.

BY- ELECTION RESULT of POLL

Following the resignation of Cllr Neville Arnold from Elmswell Parish Council a by-election was called for Thursday 27th July.

594 people voted, being 15.77% of the electorate of 3767

The number of votes cast for the 2 candidates were:

David BROWN 333
Gerry KEMBLE 257

Accordingly, David Brown is elected



CITIZENS ADVICE

We've booked a package holiday to Spain. It's our first time booking this sort of getaway, and a friend recently had a terrible experience when things went wrong on a similar trip. What sort of help is available if something does go wrong?

Hopefully you'll have a lovely time but if something does go wrong with your package holiday, the National Citizens Advice website at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer has lots of information about what to do if something goes wrong with your holiday and what compensation you may be eligible for.

Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make

must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance - check if your policy covers this.

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or an online adviser at citizensadvice.org.uk can help with more detailed consumer queries.



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ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

This month the Garden Club spent time at Fullers Mill Garden, West Stowe. For some this was a first visit and for other a favourite spot to explore the tranquil waterside and woodland garden near Bury St Edmunds. It is a garden covering seven acres on the banks of the River Lark with an amazing structure of planted woodland, a beautiful sweeping lawn, turning paths to share a new vista, the constant sound of rippling water and a collection of plants, shrubs and trees that are happy in the 'right

place'. Bernard Tickner, the architect, spent 50 years creating the garden you see today from rough scrub and woodland. In 2013 he gifted the Fullers Mill to Perennial, the charity helping people in horticulture live better lives, for its long time preservation. Members were pleased to see that Bernard's vision lives on in the garden today.

August is the time when thoughts turn to holidays. The Committee sincerely hope that your

plans to spend quality time away will include trips to iconic gardens near and far. Enjoy your holiday.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm at the Wesley**. We will welcome **Bill Gardiner and Andy Gissing from the Suffolk Orchid Society** to share their expertise and knowledge as to '**How to care for Orchids**'.

If you require further information about Elmswell Garden Club (EGC), please contact Catherine on 01359 242172 or Nick on 01359 242601.

Alternatively, please contact elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com to find out more about the club or to ask any questions you might have.



THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped and supported me to be elected to the Parish Council on Thursday 27th July. I shall continue to work both in and out of Council to help keep Elmswell a fine place to live.





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The inaugural AGM of Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited elected the Board. This is, effectively, an 11 member Management Committee charged with taking the project forward until early next year when another Special Members' Meeting will consider progress and have an opportunity to review the Board membership. The first Board meeting is in the diary, but progress continues on 3 fronts, each leaning on the skills and experience of individual Board members.



The ECE Group ran the pub for 9 months - and learned a lot!

1. PLANS

The project benefits from having members with considerable Construction Project Management, Quantity Surveying and Engineering experience and we can rely on guidance and advice gathered from those who successfully developed the refurbishment and new-build scheme at Wesley. An architectural technician has worked on the concept plans drawn up following the various consultations over the past months and produced a generic outline sufficient for pre-app. Planning advice and informed consultations with local contractors towards pricing the scheme as is. Once this essential figure is to hand, the process of matching funding to the scheme and / or adapting the scheme to the available funding can begin.

2. FUNDING

Yet another skill-set has surfaced from amongst the membership: an individual with up-to-date experience of governance and funding of social enterprises such as ECE. And so the process is begun of mapping-out potential grant and other funding streams.



Family fun when the weather's right

3. WHAT PUB?

Despite all of the chat and consultation there is no fixed shape or format to the 'type' of pub we want. Certain messages have come through strongly. Not a 'gastro' pub but good pub food. Family friendly with events. Community groups welcome and encouraged. Decent bar with decent beer. Community activities programmed in....somehow decisions must be made and general direction determined. Again, the Board will be taking this as a crucial early task and more consultations / questionnaires will follow.

MEANWHILE-SHARES...

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1. *The Best is History* – Two charming and erudite historians, Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook, delve deep into every nook and cranny of history, with tangible relish.
2. *We Have Ways of Making You Talk* – Comedian Al Murray and historian James Holland take a microscope to WW2, irresistibly zoning in on everything from El Alamein and the Home Guard to Spitfires and Stalingrad.
3. *Empire* – Anita Anand and William Dalrymple's excellent series about the rise and fall of empires has, so far, covered the British in India and the Ottomans. A great many podcasts claim to illuminate "how we live today", but this one actually does just that.
4. *Dan Snow's History Hit* – Skipping from subject to subject, Snow's digestible daily 'hit' takes on prehistoric man one day and the Muppets the next. Ideal if you'd like to know a little something about everything.

Village Groups Exhibition, 8th July

Many thanks to all the voluntary organisers of this event, at which it was good to see some new faces, some of whom will hopefully translate into new members in September.

Summer Outing, 13th July – Bury Cathedral

To mark the end of our 2022-23 season, 21 of us very much enjoyed a private tour of our magnificent local cathedral and Treasury, which also included climbing the 200 steps to the Tower for some superb views across Bury (with a rainbow for good measure!), and guided tours of the Ancient Library (being the largest and oldest parish library in Britain) and 11th Century Abbey ruins. St Edmundsbury Cathedral Church of St James (to give it its full name) has a complicated history, being a mere parish church at the time of The Abbey's great magnificence, and only elevated to cathedral status, relatively recently, in 1914. Many additions and alterations had been made over the years, but the average visitor experiences nothing other than a serene and seamless exercise of late gothic architecture. The Millennium Tower, although only completed in 2005, looks as



The quire and organ loft.

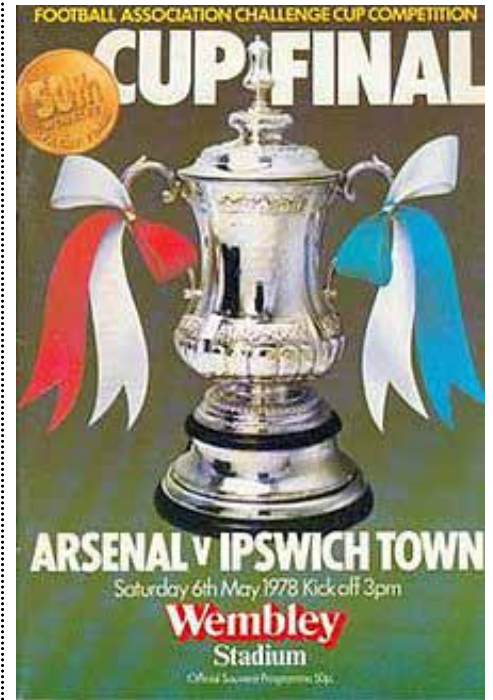
though it has stood high above the roofs of our cathedral town for 500 years. Our tour began at the western end of the church where we were welcomed by Sarah Friswell, then a volunteer guide explained to us how the building evolved. Three architects had made a major contribution to the cathedral we have today. John Wastell designed the nave in about 1503, then in 1860 Sir Gilbert Scott sealed the roof against rain before developing the chancel and commissioning a lot of beautiful stained glass for the entire church. Lastly, from 1943 onwards, Stephen Dykes Bower made numerous additions to the whole of the East end of the church, before going on to draw up plans for the now-famous Millennial Tower which, regrettably, he never lived to see. We were privileged to receive extensive fascinating historical details on every aspect from our guides, after which we all adjourned to the on-site Pilgrim's Kitchen refectory for some welcome refreshments.



The Lady Chapel and its elegant iron gates.

From the Archive –

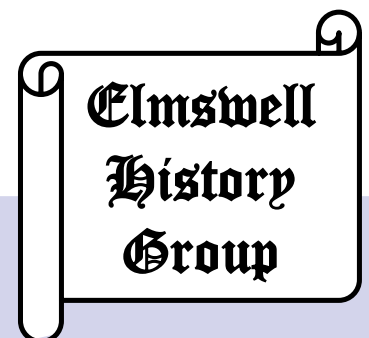
In August 1972, Ipswich Town Football Club started the new season in a new football kit. The fresh design came about because the club's badge had been revamped by John Gammage who was Treasurer of the Supporters' Club and had won a competition to come up with a new take on the old design. The new badge shows a Suffolk Punch horse, turreting to represent the town's many ancient buildings, while the wavy lines represent the sea and docks. Sadly, the team's first match in their new strip was won by Norwich! (thebeautifulhistory.wordpress.com/clubs/ipswich-town)



Of course, some villagers' memories may well go back to 1978 when Ipswich won the F.A.Cup, and the cup itself was paraded around Elmswell by Barry Scase and friends at that year's village Carnival (see Barry's photo). Barry remembers that it cost £80 (equivalent to about £500 today!) to pay two Securicor guards to "look after" the valuable Cup while in the village!

Our 2023-24 Season of Talks

starts on 14th September, copies of which will be sent to members and friends by the end of August, and are detailed in full on our website. Our annual subs of £10 and monthly attendance fee of £3 remain the same, and visitors are always welcome at £5 per attendance. We look forward to welcoming you back next month to our lovely venue of the Wesley Hall.

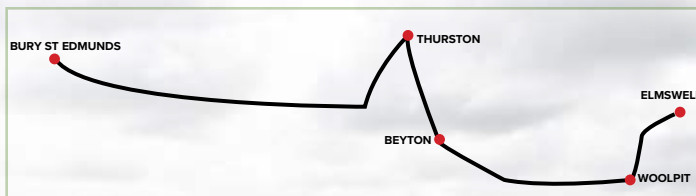


For further information about our History Group, please visit our website –

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Trial now extended to August



TAXI-BUS SERVICE TO BURY

The Parish Councils of Beyton, Elmswell, Thurston & Woolpit have come together to try to address the problems caused by the loss of our bus service.

The trial run throughout June is now extended for all of July offering a return trip into Bury (Angel Hill) every Wednesday and Saturday

- ✓ The return fare from Elmswell will be £6.00
- ✓ Booking essential 2 days in advance
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ELMSWELL WI



During the July meeting we celebrated our 90th anniversary! Tables were decorated in the W.I. colours: Purple and Green (the same as those of the suffragettes.) Napkins, floral decorations, and cupcakes were all in the same theme. There was also bunting draped around the wall. This was created by individual members quite a few years ago and so is very varied in design and colour.

Brenda welcomed Jill Newel and Janet Brown, our two new advisors, as well as some past presidents: Janet Sparrow, Rachel Ives, Val Rogerson and Terry Byford. On arrival everyone had been given a glass of prosecco or elderflower

cordial and soon everyone was seated and looking forward to their fish and chip supper.

Afterwards, Tricia demonstrated how to make a beautiful floral table decoration, which was then put in the raffle for some lucky person to win. While people ate their cupcakes, Brenda introduced the past presidents and they each spoke to us in turn, relating some memories of

their terms in office, which were very entertaining.

At the end of the evening, the table decorations were given to the advisors and past presidents.

Who would have believed it! Elmswell W.I. was founded ninety years ago, just before World War 1!

Rosie Collins 01359 241652



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ELMSWELL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

We are taking part in Suffolk Libraries PAWS-itivity Sculpture Trail. You can see 'Recycled Hound', a sculpture by Zoe Rubens in the library. Zoe Rubens is a contemporary sculptor and printmaker. Recycled Hound is created entirely from discarded metals. Look out for the sewing machine wheel, piano foot and part of a drill reused in Zoe's sculpture.

After appearing in libraries during the summer holidays, the dogs will be making an appearance at a special farewell event at the Food Museum in Stowmarket from 4 to 10 October before heading off to be auctioned at Trinity Park on 12 October. A special souvenir guide to all the dogs is available for £3 from the library.

Along with the sculpture we have our new exhibition of art work by Hedge Crafts Studio artist Daisy Windsor. Daisy Windsor creates miniature wildflower meadows, in pictures, mirrors and cupboards, using plant materials gathered in her cottage garden. The frames used are either all recycled, or handmade by her partner Gary, from reclaimed timbers.

Having a lifelong love of nature, and particularly wild flowers, she wanted to recreate and preserve the fleeting moment of glory of a summer meadow. Inspired by the big Suffolk skies, beautiful

sunsets and moon rises, she uses mixed media, including watercolours, beeswax, and oil pastels, alongside the flowers, to capture the moments spent in her garden and the surrounding countryside.

Primary school age and pre-school children can sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge anytime during the summer holidays. Once children have read a book they can come in and collect their rewards from the volunteers in the library. The volunteers will be in the library 3pm – 4pm Tuesday to Friday, 11.30am – 12.30pm on Saturdays and 1pm – 2pm on Sundays.

The display in August will have the theme of Landscapes including books like Murder on the Oxford Canal by Faith Martin, The black mountain by Kate Mosse, Star of the sea by Joseph O'Connor, The field of blood by Paul Doherty and Shadow city by Taran Khan.

We are able to offer the range of books, activities, computer access, printer facilities and warm space in part to donations to Suffolk Libraries. If you are able to, please consider donating to Suffolk Libraries. You can donate via <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/support-us>

See you in the library soon, *Miles*

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Story Time

1.10pm – 1.30pm every Tuesday

Chess Club

No Chess Club in August or September

The Keep in Touch Community Café

On a break for August. Will be back on Wednesday 20th September

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

Lego Club

Every Sunday 11am – 12noon

Opening times

Monday: Closed
 Tuesday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm
 Wednesday: 2pm – 5pm
 Thursday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 7pm
 Friday: 2pm – 5pm
 Saturday: 10am – 1pm
 Sunday: 10am – 3pm



FOOTPATH WALK 9 JULY

Five parishioners met up on a changeable summer's day with the main topics of conversation being the uncertainty of the weather, the appropriate footwear and what waterproofs might be required.

Departing promptly at 11.00 the gang crossed the railway line, turned left into the Industrial Estate, meandered northwards into Hall Lane and on to FP1 adjacent to the electrical substation.

FP1 took us immediately into big sky country with the big sky looking more than a little ominous as the walk progressed in a north-easterly direction with Green Farm then Dagwood Farm on the right hand side.

Crossing into Norton Parish FP1 became FP32 as we turned right then left with Harding's Farm being immediately ahead. Turning left at FP31 before reaching Harding's Farm we then turned right, still on FP31, to commence the circumnavigation of the small copse known as The Grove.

Here the selection of apparel became more

significant as the threatening, overcast skies chose this moment to bless us with some precipitation which, thankfully to say, did not last longer than a few minutes and did not overly detract from the walk.

The team pressed doggedly on north-easterly then south-westerly as FP31 turned left onto FP20 now heading towards Norton Hall in the distance. The weather was improving and layers being shed as things warmed up.

A left at the Hall took us onto FP7 which was to be our meandering south-easterly route back into the comfort of our own parish. Past the old barn, a left, right and another right took us over the footbridge with great views across the fields to St John's Church with the spire of Woolpit's St Mary's in the far distance.

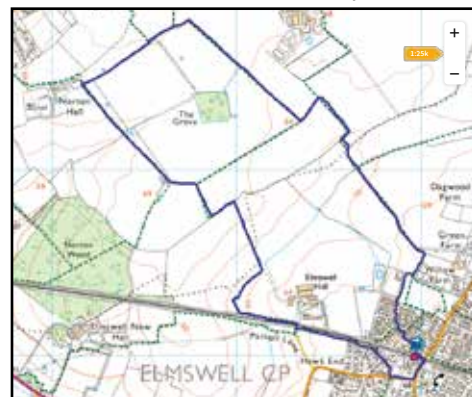
FP7 morphed into FP13 as we crossed the border luckily managing to escape any serious delays at border control. We followed the familiar route of FP7 across the field, alongside the railway, into Hawk

End Lane, left into School Road and left again at the Co-op and back to base camp

A walk of approximately 3.97 miles in 1 hour 38 minutes (an average speed of 2.39 miles per hour).

AUGUST'S FOOTPATH WALK IS UNHAMPERED BY THE CHORES OF HOLIDAYS AND WILL BE ON SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST (ALL TOGETHER NOW - THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH)

Peter Hancock, EPC Footpath Officer





ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Greetings from St John's Church

For most people summer is a time for holidays and rest. Taking a break is essential to our well-being. Christians believe that taking regular times of rest are essential so that we can recharge both physically and spiritually. The biblical pattern is six days work followed by a day of rest, when we can relax and spend some time with God and family. Of course, Jesus knew this fell well and practised it in his own life on earth. And yet he also explained that if we want to find true rest we need to come to him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29

We are now in the summer period at St John's Church. Our Sunday school leaders are now taking a rest, so our children are joining the main service. There is a *Bible Bite* and some craft for them each week. During these two months, we are looking at some amazing *Women of Faith* during our morning services. In July, we heard about Amy Carmichael, Rahab, an unnamed Greek woman who met Jesus in Tyre (Lebanon), Ruth and Hannah. In August we will be looking at Esther, Gladys Aylward, Helen Roseveare and the Samaritan woman who met Jesus in the midday sun at a well.

You're very welcome to come along to hear the stories of these amazing women and to encounter the God who loved them deeply and who also wishes to pour out his love on each one of us. Our services are at 10:30am each week and we would love you to stay for a chat over coffee or tea afterwards.

Upcoming Dates:

Sun 6 Aug 9:00am	Holy Communion
Sun 6 Aug 10:30am	Family Service with baptism

Sun 13 Aug 10:30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Sun 20 Aug 10:30am	Sunday Worship
Sun 27 Aug 10:30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Sun 3 Sep 9:00am	Holy Communion
Sun 3 Sep 10:30am	Family Service

Every Saturday:

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

We live stream most of the 10:30am services on our Facebook page (also available on our main web site later that day).

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- 6 12th Wedding Anniversary - Annette & Stuart Martin.
- 6 remembering a dear friend on her Birthday. xx.
- 7 remembering Mum & Dad, Margery & Tony Bendall, on their Wedding Anniversary on 7th August. Love from all the family.
- 11 Mum. xxxx.
- 13 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 18 in loving memory of Dean Goodchild. Love, Colin. xx.
- 22 in loving memory of Betty Margaret Greathead.
- 23 in loving memory of Duncan Wardrop on the anniversary of his death. Love always, Alex, Doug & Teddy. xxx.

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Weekday Mass is usually 10am, see the weekly Newsletter or the Parish Website – www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk

All are welcome to "Coffee and Chat", 2 – 4pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. This is held in the Parish Hall above the Church – a lift is available.



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Have you got a break away planned over these summer months or perhaps you're just going out on some day trips? Margaret and have just completed a month away in

our caravan spending most of the time in Devon, after visiting our son and his family in Gloucestershire. Hopefully we will have returned feeling rested and with batteries fully recharged. We haven't made the move to an electric vehicle yet so we won't have been frustrated at not being able to find working chargers of the right type! We all need to have some sort of break from our busy routines, which is why God told the Jewish people all those years ago to observe one day as a Sabbath when they were to do no work. That's still a good practice to follow, Christians changed the day of rest to Sunday because Jesus rose to life on a Sunday after his crucifixion. It's why we value setting Sunday aside to gather together for worship and spending time in each others company and to learn more about Jesus.

It's a good habit to get into, why not give it a try?

The Ladies Friendship Group do not meet again until September 4th at 2pm when Tony Diamond will be coming to talk about The Astonishing Life of Queen Victoria. ALL ladies are welcome.

Phone Margaret on 01359 241541 for more details.

Food 'n' Friends don't meet in August but will gather again at Midday on September 14th for a good meal for a donation of whatever you can afford, and plenty of time to chat. ALL older folk 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:-

Aug 6th Rev. Robert Green – inc Communion

Aug 13th DIY Service

Aug 20th Stephen Horrex

Aug 27th Eddie Kerridge

Sept 3rd Gabriel Olayiwola – inc Communion

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

Please visit our website for further info or email cockant2@btinternet.com or telephone 01359 241541 to get in touch.

Tony



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The undoubted highlight of July was the wonderfully successful Music Festival that Kevin organised on Saturday, 1st. He had several local groups just playing for fun and a headline act, Turning Heads, who required a fee. We had a chinese food stall, tea and coffee, an ice cream van and the Over 55's with a cake stall, all of which pledged to return next year. We did lose some money, which we would otherwise have given to one charity or another, but it was so successful in all other respects, that it will be repeated next year. The date you need to put into your diaries is Saturday, 29th June 2024. The Chamberlayne hall was filled to the brim so, next year, we will have to book the Jubilee Hall to accommodate the anticipated audience. Again, entry will be free but no performers fees will be paid.



The highlight for August will probably be our first 'major' gig when we take to the stage at the Bury Beer Festival. Imagine that, my two favourite pastimes rolled into one! I say 'probably' because, with our gigs, you don't know what you are getting until you are there and I am not fully up-to-date with all our bookings, some of which come in quite late. Time will tell and you can read about it all right here!

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These students have generally come from the local community, but some have been from a lot farther afield, joining the club while stationed at the local military bases of Honington and Mildenhall.

Ju Jutsu is the martial arts system practiced by the infamous Samurai and includes a wide range of techniques such as striking skills, joint locking and restraining techniques, throws/sweeps/takedowns, grappling and fighting from the ground and of course weapons training in the use of Katana (sword) and Yari (spear). It is self-defence in its purist form and students learn to protect themselves by avoiding conflict situations and de-escalation skills.

When this is not possible the techniques they are taught will help them to prevent any serious harm to themselves and others. Modern styles like Aikido, Judo, Karate and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu were all derived from this original art, but most schools have moved away from their self-defence origins to become more sports based or non-combative versions. Ju Jutsu is also universally regarded as the mother art to self-defence systems like Krav Maga and Hapkido which are used by the military and special forces throughout the world.

Instructor Gary Sallows has been studying martial arts for nearly 40 years, starting in Karate aged 11 and then kick boxing at 21, before finally moving on to Ju Jutsu 20 years ago. He holds black belts in Ryoi Shintowa



Garu receiving Mondo Ryu black belt in Kyoto, Japan 2018.



10 year anniversary taken with new students at the Monday beginners class in March

Ryu (3rd Dan), Jushinkan Aiki Jutsu (4th Dan), Goshin Jutsu (2nd Dan), Kamishin Ryu, Mondo Ryu Heiho, and Morinaga Toyama Ryu (Japanese sword instructor). The Mondo Ryu black belt was awarded to him in 2018, at the prestigious Butokuden in Kyoto, Japan, by 15th Soke Masashi Yokoyama.

Although Gary teaches Ryoshin Ju Jutsu, he draws on all the knowledge he has gained from his 40 years of martial arts training, to give students a broad range of practical self-defence skills. Students are taught in a safe and friendly environment to provide them with a good level of fitness, self-discipline, respect for themselves and others and above all confidence.

If you are interested in learning this robust and dynamic art, classes are open to anyone aged 12 and above and held at The Blackbourne on Mondays and Wednesdays 18.30 – 20.30pm. Mondays are dedicated to adult beginners and juniors aged 12 plus. Classes are £7.50 and there are no expensive membership fees. First class is free.

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VILLAGE GREEN NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



Apple Day, Saturday 23rd September

It's that time of year again – Apple Day is back in September! There are some lovely apples, pears, gages and damsons growing in our orchard, just at the right time for our annual celebration of the apple – **Lukeswood Apple Day, on Saturday 23rd September, 2.00-5.00.**

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

INVITATION TO ALL VILLAGE CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

There's still time to book a stall at Apple Day. It's a great way to raise funds for your organisation or charity, and have an enjoyable afternoon out at the same time. If you or your village club would like to have a stall, just get in touch.

ARE YOU A MAKER, OR HAVE CRAFTS TO SELL OR SHOW?

We especially welcome craft stalls of all kinds, so if you are a maker and would like to sell your wares or just get your work known to a wider audience, do please contact us.

We now have two new marquees, so if you don't have your own gazebo but would like to come, please get in touch and we'll see if we can find a space for you. **All pitches are free.**

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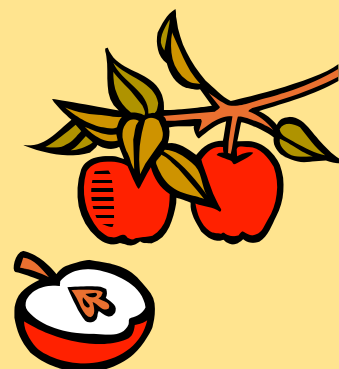


Have you been counting the butterflies?

Anyone who has been taking part in Butterfly Conservation's **Big Butterfly Count** will know that it's been a good year for many of our most beautiful butterflies. At Lukeswood there have been huge numbers of Red Admirals – more than we've ever seen before, and literally too many to count! The Admirals, along with Peacocks, Gatekeepers, Brown Argus, Meadow Browns and lots of others, have been attracted to the flowering bramble and the large tracts of wild marjoram that we have blooming in Lukeswood. The marjoram has been looking especially lovely this year – lots of different colours and buzzing with pollinators of all kinds. It smells great too! The Big Butterfly Count runs until Sunday August 6th, so there's still time to get out and see what's on the wing. Have a look on their website, or download the app which makes identification and counting super easy!



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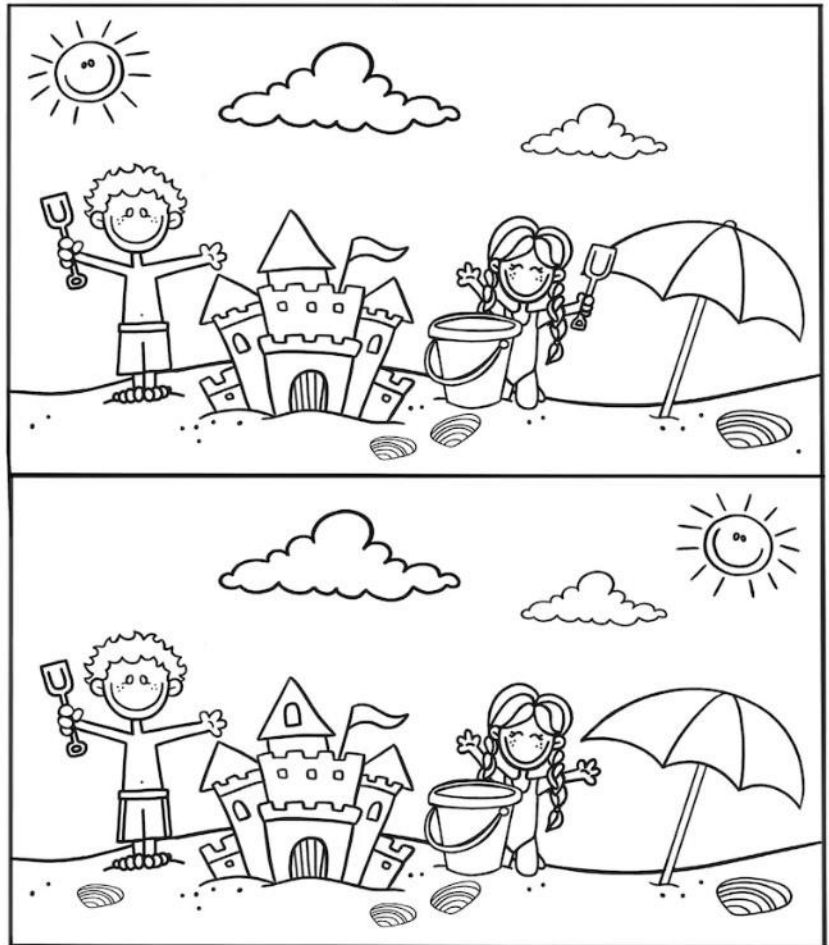
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ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB



Secretary's Report

The Player Registration Window is now open. We have re-signed all but a few of last years' players; with a couple staying with us despite offers from higher placed local rivals. I'd like to think this shows the progress we are making and the 'good bond we have at the club and between the two squads. We have also attracted some decent players from nearby clubs and have a handful of youngsters coming through too. This pathway from the youth set up is vital for any club wanting to better themselves and we will be working with Wayne, the Youth Chairman, over the next season to improve this for the benefit of both clubs and the wider football community. We are fortunate in Suffolk to have such a depth of football around us, and in Elmswell to have such a strong and vibrant youth system, with around 16 teams in total.

Training continues at The Blackbourne on Wednesdays 7pm to 8:15. New players welcome. Just come along and say hi or contact us first on Facebook if you need more info. It's mainly ball based so very enjoyable and not too much of a slog. Some of the new lads will hopefully be involved in the up coming friendlies. At least one of our teams will be at home, up The Blackbourne, every Saturday until ELMFEST.

Our First Team had their first friendly last Saturday against Div.2 rivals, Bardwell. It was a good work out and although we might have expected and deserved better, the 2-2 draw had lots of positives. Goals from two debutants, Tom Emerick and Jordan Sylvester, for a start. Thanks to Charlie Potter for refereeing when an official couldn't be found.

There are plans afoot to open the bar at The Blackbourne next month when we have a double header at home. The date is still to be confirmed (probably 5th or 19th Aug) but will hopefully involve the bar, a burger van and Morsi's drinks and ice-creams, as well as both Elmswell teams kicking off at 12:30 and 2:30 respectively. See you there!

Club Secretary, Ed Edmonds



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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

We managed to keep our run of Monday League success going for a couple of weeks with somewhat surprising but very gratifying wins away at Brandon and at home to Botesdale, both of whom thrashed us in the first fixture and then we spoiled things by losing away to Coney Weston, suggesting that we might end up just short of mid-table, which, given the size of the league, is about 4th from bottom. The Tuesday team, sitting second in the league, lost comprehensively to Stanton, who were top, and then came unstuck again against St Edmundsbury. The Thursday team is maintaining it's form by posting wins at G.W.Stanisfirth

(Thetford) and Gt Barton sandwiching a defeat by Hopton in miserable weather conditions. Getting beaten when it is cold and wet is probably the worst example of the downside of bowls but, we are hardy souls, and always look for the 'upside' which isn't always easy to find!

While all this league activity is taking place, Jenny Murray's Club Competitions are running in parallel and progressing nicely, slowly building up to climax on Final Day on Sunday, September 3rd at 2pm. Barry Hayward has to play Mark Edwards in the 4-wood final and Pete Edmonds in the 2-wood. The Handicap

final hasn't been decided yet but Barry is in the semis so he could well have a very busy Finals Day. The pairs final will be between Mark Edwards with Pauline Collins and new man Richard Vince with Rob Dan, so Barry will be able to catch his breath and watch that one!

Pictured above: Peter Fifield and Graham Mack collecting woods and Rob Dann bowls in the home match vs Coney Weston

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At least one of us will have a table at The Wesley café one morning every couple of months (alternating with the other month at Teacups in Woolpit) where you can drop in and speak to us in person.

Dates for the rest of this year are:

Tuesday 15th August 10-12 at Teacups

Tuesday 12th September 10-12 at The Wesley

Tuesday 17th October 10-12 at Teacups

Tuesday 14th November 10-12 at The Wesley

Tuesday 12th December 10-12 at Teacups

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Plans are afoot for a very productive great-fun day on Sat 25th November. Come along to Blackbourne and be part of the Big Hedge Planting –

- plant a tree, or several, we have 1200 to put in
- enjoy a lunchtime soup and a roll
- or a drink and a chat
- join Donimo the magic clown to use his strange and supernatural powers to encourage little trees to grow into big ones.

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Approx. 55% of drivers over limit

Average excess speed 36.5 mph

Maximum speed 100mph 2nd April 2023 22:25

Church Hill

Data collected 23rd February 2022 to 21st July 2023

Total vehicles in monitoring period 1,290,586

Average speed 28.99

AADT (annual average daily traffic) approx.

2991, an increase of 282 in 8 weeks, most likely as a result of A14 roadworks.

Approx. 37% of drivers over limit, the same as last month

Average excess speed 34.5

Maximum speed 70 mph 24th April 2022 16:05

Wetherden Road

Data collected 1st March 2022 to 21st July 2023

Total vehicles in monitoring period 1,131,721

Average speed 28.66

AADT (annual average daily traffic) approx.

2232, an increase of 273 in 8 weeks, most likely as a result of A14 roadworks.

Approx. 40% of drivers over limit

Average excess speed 34.0 mph

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The Parish Council meets at least once each month, excluding August, although extraordinary meetings can be called as required at any time. The July meeting with 9 councillors present, together with Mid Suffolk Ward member Jen Overett, SCC Ward Member Andy Mellen, 1 member of the public and the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow, took place at Blackbourne on Monday 17th.

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

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when ratified, are available online at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged in the Village Archive at Blackbourne and with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes from the June meeting, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

Mid Suffolk District Council Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Jen Overett tabled a written report on BMSDC activities which confirmed that Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several carparks including most of the Council carparks in Stowmarket. Anglia Car Charging have begun the work.

The next full District Council meeting was scheduled to be held at Blackbourne. Cabinet have held their first meeting at the John Peel Centre in Stowmarket when most of their business was related to finance reports and monitoring from the previous quarter. The first new planning committee has met and, henceforward, meetings will be held monthly.

National Grid has launched its latest public consultation about plans for the new high-voltage power line across East Anglia, This Norwich to Tilbury route has been opposed by the MSDC, particularly regarding the impact on the environment. There was a public information event at The Blackbourne on 11th July.

The Police and Crime Panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The usually meet quarterly and members of the public are welcome to attend and can ask questions relevant to an agenda item. More details can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/committees/suffolk-police-and-crime-panel> There is currently a vacancy for an independent member.

The route of the Tour of Britain has just been announced. Stage 5 is on Thursday 7th September and the cyclists will race for 190 km around Suffolk starting and finishing in Felixstowe, passing through much of Mid Suffolk and Babergh.

Jen and Sarah will be meeting monthly in both Elmswell and Woolpit. Any member of the public is welcome to come along to talk to them.

- Tues 15th August 10-12 Teacups Café in Woolpit
- Tues 13th September 10-12 Wesley Café
- Tues 17th October 10-12 Teacups Café
- Tues 14th November 10-12 Wesley Café
- Tues 5th December 10-12 Teacups Café

Suffolk County Council Cllr Andy Mellen tabled a written report which included the following:

Concern over SCC budget position. At Cabinet on 13 June, our group raised concerns about the significant extra expenditure announced by the Conservative administration since the 2023-24 budget was set in February. Cabinet were reviewing the 2022-23 finances against the budget that was set, including an overspend of £27.7m and a significant £57.2m taken out of Council reserves – the council's 'safety net' funds to be used when

needed. On 16th May 2023 the Cabinet announced that an extra unbudgeted £720k would be found to cover the £60k monthly shortfall for Suffolk Libraries for a year, and at the council AGM on 25 May the Leader of the Council, Cllr Matthew Hicks, announced a further unbudgeted additional £10m for road surfacing in the next 20 months. Given that neither of these items were budgeted for only a few months ago when the current budget was set, my group raised concerns in the meeting whether the administration's budget setting procedures were sufficiently robust.

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm On 13 June, Cabinet reviewed the consultation response for the extension of the North Falls wind farm. The wind farm is situated just off the Essex coast so Suffolk County Council is a consultee rather than a decision maker. A number of issues were discussed which will be included in the consultation response, for example the impact on A12 traffic, the views from Suffolk coastal Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the need to consult with communities on the Suffolk coast. The developers will also be asked to time construction so it does not clash with the tourism season.

National Grid Reinforcement Works between Bramford and Twinstead The Cabinet also reviewed and approved a response to the Planning Inspectorate on upgrading the power lines between the villages of Twinstead in Essex and Bramford in Mid Suffolk. There were concerns about the impact of the works to the local countryside, particularly the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where the National Grid have agreed to lay cables underground. The government's aspiration is for 50GW of offshore wind power by 2023, and in East Anglia this means that our throughput must increase from 4.1GW currently to 24.5GW. The existing power line between Bramford and Twinstead is at full capacity and it was acknowledged that the works were necessary to facilitate the increases to wind farm development.

Missing Child Reports in Suffolk The recent reports in the press that nearly 3000 missing child reports were received by Suffolk Constabulary between April 2022 and March 2023 deeply shocked our group. The reports involved 719 children across the county with some going missing several times during the period. The majority of the children reported missing are in care settings such as children's homes and foster care. We asked the administration at Suffolk County Council to do more to support children in care, who are among the most vulnerable in Suffolk.

Locality awards I have locality funding available for parish councils and other community groups who need some financial assistance with specific projects. If you are interested in applying please e-mail or call me to discuss your needs.

Clerk's Report The Clerk's Report to the Meeting was as follows:

- 1 Mid Suffolk's new Administration has moved swiftly to address the problem of access to their meetings when held out of District at Endeavour House in Ipswich. This can take up a whole day of my time in order to make a 3 minute representation to a Planning committee, as the order of the Agenda is only determined on the day. A Protocol is now in place allowing contributions on-line. As a further move towards bringing the decision-making process back to being closer to the electorate, satellite venues have been identified where full Council meetings are to be held. Blackbourne hosts the first of these on Wednesday 19th July.
- 2 The Rose Lane plot adjacent to Wesley is now purchased and I have made a Planning application for change of use to car park. Safety fencing is in place and I am looking at costs for remediating the site ready for surfacing.
- 3 I could not attend the Bowls Club meeting on 5th July but I have the Financial Statement which was tabled showing a healthy Balance at Bank and there seem to be no concerns regarding the Club's relationship with EPC.
- 4 I copied to Councillors the link to the various documents addressing Mid Suffolk's concerning poor performance in administering the May 4th elections. Elmswell suffered considerable disruption of process. I will, when they materialise, forward the promised detailed action plan dealing with the issues raised in both the internal and external reports. Meanwhile, there has been further confusion regarding the current Notice of Poll. The error it carries does not invalidate the process but casts further doubt on the efficiency of the MSDC department concerned.
- 5 I have had further meetings through Community Energy South & the Greater South East Energy Hub towards firming-up on the specification for a possible community wind turbine at Blackbourne. The Government stance remains that they intend to resile on what has been, effectively, a blanket ban on onshore units and I would hope to be in a position to consider taking advantage of any policy change when it happens.
- 6 The Taxi-Bus experiment has proved to be very successful and continues through to September. There is good feedback on the benefits accruing, beyond the simple fact of being able to get into Bury and back, in terms of social interaction and in providing another counter to the possibility of rural isolation, as has become very true in terms of what Wesley offers. I am meeting with the operator

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and the other villages to consider requests for extensions to the scheme with any firm proposals to be assessed by Council.

- 7 The Elmswell Community Enterprise AGM on 29th June elected a Management Board to serve for an initial 7 month period pending a further election when the Shareholders have had a chance to better assess the individual strengths on offer and any deficit towards electing a full-term body. Meanwhile, a draft Lease is to be drawn up for discussion and a Pre-Application Planning consultation is in due process. In response to demand, an open Share Offer is to be put in place allowing fresh investors to come forward.
- 8 My thanks to Cllr Hancock for looking into the possibility of a pest control contract at the allotments. I have copied to Members the recent communication from a previous provider which gives an outline of the procedures, constraints and costing. Cllr Hancock seeks a steer from Council as to whether or not to continue towards seeking competitive tenders for the work.
- 9 I attended, together with MSDC Ward Members and David Brown as Road Safety Officer, a site meeting with Bloor homes at their School Road development. We walked the site including the pedestrian / cycle path with no serious issues emerging. Actions requested were the addition of a 'pedestrian' logo figure next to the cyclist as currently stencilled on the path, the re-location of the 'Cyclists Dismount' sign currently presenting an unacceptably brutal intrusion at the almshouses and the best attempts of the Developer to have EPC included in the Stage 3 Safety Audit consultation towards testing the probity of the decision to create a pinch point at the bend near the oak tree.

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

DC/23/01076 Variation of Condition 9 (Glazing to dwellings) ref DC/18/02146... Land to the North and West of School Road APPROVED EPC did not comment

DC/18/02146 Discharge of Condition 19 (part 3 archaeological works)...Land to the North and West of School Road APPROVED EPC did not comment

DC/23/02343 Erection of front pitched gable roof dormer... The Links, Church Road GRANTED EPC supported

Planning Applications The Meeting supported an application ref **DC/23/03167** for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/03998 dated 07/11/2022. To vary **Condition number 2** (Approved Plans and Documents) in order to make design changes, and modifications to the planning scheme. Lands to the East of Oak Lane

It was agreed to make no comment on the following 2 Applications given the technical nature of the core issues best left to professional advice from Planning Officers: **DC/23/02899** Application under S73a for the Variation of Conditions following grant of Outline Planning Permission ref: DC/20/05053 dated 29/01/2021 – Erection of up to 9no. dwellings (Access to be considered). To vary Conditions: **4** (Archaeology Evaluation); **5** (Archaeology Written Investigation);

6. (Archaeology Results Archived); **8.** (Biodiversity Enhancement strategy); **9.** (Wildlife lighting); **10.** (Fire Hydrants); **11.** (Oak Lane & Ashfield road Junction Improvements); **12.** (Road Improvements); **13.** (Manoeuvring & Parking); **14.** (Refuse/ Recycling bins); and **15.** (Construction Management Plan) as per covering letter. Land to east of Oak Lane **DC/23/03118** Application for works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WS47/ A1 crown-lift 1 No Lime (T1) to 3.5m above ground level. Crown-lift 1 No Lime (T2) to 3.5m above ground level and cut back branches overhanging drive. Crown-lift 1 No tree (T3) to 3.5m above ground level and cut back branches overhanging drive.

Newlands, Church Road. Objections were made to 6 other Applications as follows:

DC/23/0284 Erection of separate garages for Plots 1 and 2 (alternative scheme to that approved under DC/20/05052) Hedgerows, Grove Lane. Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons; It represents an example of, 'development-creep' which confirms the original objections raised by Elmswell Parish Council's to the development of this site. The urbanisation which it was feared would result from permitting the new dwellings would be exacerbated by bringing the proposed new building nearer to Grove Lane which is a single-track road with passing places and which sits in a rural setting. The new building line already created between Half Acre and Hedgerows would be substantially breached creating a street scene at odds with the current pleasant backdrop of those dwellings. Furthermore, the creation of yet more impermeable surface poses the threat of water run-off to the detriment of the neighbouring dwelling at Half Acre.

DC/23/02901 Application under S73a for the Variation of a Condition following grant of Full Planning Permission ref: DC/21/05976 dated 06/01/2022 – erection of 3No single storey dwellings, garages, and new vehicular access. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to vary **Condition 2** - Approved plans and documents in relation to Plot 5 only. Hedgerows, Grove Lane. Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons; This is a retrospective application. The new structure is already in place. The higher ridge height and the presence of solar panels facing on to the neighbouring dwelling at Hedgerows is intrusive and detrimental to the amenity of that dwelling. The new building has rooflights which are not shown on the plans provided. Coupled with the increase in height, there must be serious reservations regarding the possibility that this becomes a 2 storey structure open to uses which would affect the enjoyment of the adjacent dwellings.

DC/23/02699 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access Points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale to be reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – Erection of 1No dwelling.

Land Adjacent to the Stables, Station Road Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons; The vehicular access serving the existing 2 dwellings is already hazardous. Traffic approaching over the railway crossing around the blind bend has little notice of traffic emerging from the driveway currently serving both The Stables

and Sunnyside. Similarly, traffic edging out of the driveway is blind towards the crossing and there is no possibility of improving the visibility to the extent necessary for safety without removing all of the vegetation fronting Sunnyside.

This is a dangerous junction where the Co-op car park emerges on to Station Road / The Street immediately opposite the busy School Road through-route to and from A14. The adjacent pedestrian crossing often stops the free flow of traffic and the periodic backing-up of vehicles as the crossing gates are down makes this immediate vicinity the focus of the Parish Council's current Road Safety Initiative in conjunction with SCC Highways officers. It is the most hazardous point for traffic in the village. Furthermore, the proposal plot currently serves as parking space for The Stables. With only 2 spaces offered in the application there is a parking deficit which will tend to create on-street parking at this very dangerous point. **DC/23/03131** Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WS47/A1 – Fell 2No. Lime (T1 and T2) and stump to prevent regrowth

St Nicholas, Church Road Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

The line of mature lime trees along the southern edge of Church Road extends from the entrance at Lukeswood to Spong Lane creating a unique setting for the 11 dwellings they front. These dwellings are well set-back from the trees which have stood for more than 90 years to create a pleasant and distinctive ambiance, extremely effective in reducing the impositions of the busiest traffic through-route in the village.

This application seeks to address what is professionally assessed to be slight cracking damage in the host dwelling. It confirms that a high level of evidence would be needed to justify the loss of the protected lime trees on the site. It identifies other causes for some of the cracking, including normal thermal movement. The report of the arboricultural practice confirms that the 'influencing distance' is a key factor in assessing potential root damage. In this case, the distance of some 12 metres goes well beyond the normally accepted effect zone for root incursion.

If the lime trees were the cause of the damage, their removal would inevitably allow the re-hydration of the soil presenting further damaging pressures, or, 'heave'. There is no defensible case made for the trees as the source of the damage, but, if they are deemed to be instrumental, their removal could well exacerbate the problem. However, the assessed, 'moderate shrinkability' of the soil on site would, again, suggest that the trees are not damaging the dwelling.

No evidence of monitoring of the cracking was presented. This tends to confirm the possibility that a dramatic proposal with serious implications for this very valuable environmental asset is proposed with no conclusive case being made.

There are other mitigating measures which can be taken if vegetation is confirmed as a decisive damaging factor. There is no justification for removing these trees and the application to do so should be refused.

DC/23/03170 Full Planning Application – Severance of garden and erection of 1 No two storey detached dwelling with associated parking (amended scheme under refusal



notice reference DC/22/02447)

Folly Cottage, 2 Rose Lane

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

1. The proposed dwelling on Plot 1 has a ridge height at 9150 some 2m above that of any neighbouring property. It offers more than 4.000 sq. ft. of floorspace. The mass that this presents on an infill site is entirely disproportionate to the neighbouring dwellings at Warren Lane and at Warren Gate. It threatens an intrusive, alien and overbearing result detrimental to these well-established neighbouring properties which currently enjoy a cohesion of size, design and style.

2. Similarly, the scale of the 2-storey cart lodge exacerbates the effect of overdevelopment of the site and clearly offers the opportunity for the creation of further living accommodation which is not appropriate given the constraints on vehicular access on to Cross Street.

3. The Outline nature of the permission sought for Plot 2 leaves open the possibility of the imposition of another inappropriately large proposal when details are presented. This whole site should be subject to a requirement for a cohesive master plan in detail so that the end result is known. A rolling programme of increasingly inappropriate proposals for individual plots is unacceptable.

4. Councillors' original reservations regarding the access from this multi-plot site remain. There is the likelihood of dwellings totalling some 15 bedrooms seeking to use Cross Street just a very few metres from the dangerous staggered crossroads with Warren Lane / New Road / Church Road.

DC/23/03169 Application under Section 73 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Variation of **Condition 2** (Approved Plans and Documents) of Planning Permission DC/22/04216 dated 18/10/22 – Erection of Hot Food Takeaway with Office above (revised application following permission DC/22/00144)

Land at Stag Café, Old A45

Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons;

This 3rd iteration of the development of this site exacerbates an already unsatisfactory situation where parking is reduced by the increased footprint and the larger business anticipated by the changes generates more traffic accessing the already stressed highway network, particularly to and from Elmswell / A14 via Warren Lane.

There remains the strong likelihood that the extensive accommodation on the first floor will be used for domestic occupancy and this should be specifically addressed by removing Permitted Development Rights

which might allow this to happen, potentially setting a dangerous precedent for similar inappropriate use.

Retirement Complex at School Road

The Clerk tabled the following as an Appendix which detailed a Pre-Application discussions with Developer's Agent regarding land at School Road between Parnell lane and St John's Church.

1 At the request of James Bailey representing the interests of the landowner, the Clerk, in consultation with Chairman and Vice chairman, arranged a meeting at Blackbourne to which all Councillors were invited on Monday 3rd July 2023 to discuss a scheme first presented in a public consultation session on 29th March at Wesley for a care home facility on land adjacent to Parnell Lane at School Road.

2 The meeting was held under the Council's Planning Protocol re pre-application approaches from third parties to Council, copies of which were distributed to all present.

3 Those attending were James Bailey and Jamie Martin-Edwards of James Bailey Planning Ltd, Parish Clerk Peter Dow, and Cllrs Hawes, Pallett, Roots & Shaw.

1 Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Barker, Hancock & Mansel.

2 James Bailey confirmed that there had been no support for the scheme from any of the 30 visitors to the consultation event where the overriding concerns were for the VIOS issues related to the rolling and exposed nature of the site, the detrimental effect on the setting of St John's Church and the position of the site representing a pleasing rural aspect at the southern boundary of the village.

3 James Bailey confirmed that the remaining land in the same ownership from the proposed development boundary to St John's could be conveyed, as part of any agreement, as POS.

4 The scheme was generally explained as being a care home facility with a 50-60 bed main block with satellite individual units and a training facility for appropriate medical and social care skills. Peripherally on offer are a community library incorporating social facilities, allotments, community woodland and a site for bee hives.

5 Open and frank discussion drew the following points:

- 8.1 The landowner is seeking to maximise gain from land previously refused permission for development in several iterations;
- 8.2 Any identified need for such provision District-wide should properly be addressed in the first instance by a MSDC Call For Sites ;
- 8.3 Any POS would have to be gifted to EPC

as neither of the upper-tier authorities has a trustworthy record in the matter of retaining such holdings for the community of Elmswell; 8.4 Without a detailed financial model, there can be little faith in the viability of the business here proposed;

8.5 There can be no way of effectively mitigating the dramatic visual impact;

8.6 The proposal is open to abuse of system whereby, once the principle of residential development is established, a Viability Assessment can be engineered to suggest that only a move towards developing pattern-book open-market housing could be supported and the village ends up with yet another housing estate. James Bailey suggested that he would report back the feeling of the Meeting and that a next step, if there is to be such, would be a further public consultation event.

Elmsfest The Meeting agreed to fund the forthcoming ElmsFest day at Blackbourne in the sum of £350.00 to cover the facilities hire fee.

Internal Control Each year the Council is subject to 3 examinations of its finances, practices and procedures. The first of these is an examination half-way through each financial year by nominated Members who are not Bank account signatories following a pro-forma check-list agreed by Council and with access to all documentation both in hard copy and electronically. This is signed off and returned to Council for Approval as part of the package presented to the independent Internal Auditor in April towards the submission at the end of the financial year to the Government appointed External Auditor. The meeting agreed to ask Cllrs Pallett and Schofield to conduct this year's first-stage examination.

Hedge planting event at Blackbourne The Meeting agreed to budget £500 towards the community event on 25th November when the village will be invited to come together and plant the new shelter-belt hedging around the new 6 acres of land recently acquired at Blackbourne. The Council's Tree Officer, Janet Spencer, is co-ordinating the event in which many community groups will be involved.

Next meeting It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 18th September beginning at 7.30pm at Blackbourne. The public are, as ever, welcome to attend all Council meetings and the agendas will always offer opportunities for questions and comment. Agendas are published online at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and hard copies can be collected from the Council Office at Blackbourne.

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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.

Sept 18th	Oct 16th	Nov 20th	Dec 18th	Jan 15th
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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.

August 2023

- 3 Over 55's Club Felixstowe "The Hut" for Fish & Chips
- 8 WI - Graham Higgins - The Real Robin Hood
- 17 Over 55's Club Details to follow
- 25 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30
- 31 Over 55's Club Tyler Kemp Music OPEN EVENING

September 2023

- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. *Annual Subs Due* Speaker Timothy Easton: Magic Circles & Protective Symbols in E.Anglia's Historic Buildings
- 14 Over 55's Club Harvest Supper followed by Bingo
- 17 WI - Lindsey Farrell - British Sign Language

- 19 ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB, 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel. Speaker - Suffolk Orchid Society 'How to care for Orchids'
- 22 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30
- 28 Over 55's Club Cromer Seaside Special Show

October 2023

- 10 Elmswell WI Karen Luke Heart of Suffolk Gin Distillery
- 12 Over 55's Club Music in the Company of Brian Mann
- 12 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Ivan Bunn, Port of Lowestoft: The Prunier Trophy, 1936-66, awarded for the best herring catch
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 17 ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB, 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel. Speaker - Ian Bedford 'Humble Bumble'

- 26 Over 55's Club - An evening with Charlie Haylock - Visitors welcome
- 27 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30

November 2023

- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 9 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs followed by Bingo
- 9 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Gerry Barnes: History of Orchards in Eastern England
- 14 Elmswell WI Mandy Cox-Osborne The British Legion
- 21 ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB, 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel. EGC - AGM followed by a presentation from Elmswell
- 23 Over 55's Club Concert by Norton Salvation Army all are welcome
- 24 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30

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 - MOO MUSIC** - Fridays 12.45 - 3.15 bury@moo-music.co.uk
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 - BINGO** - Blackbourne, last Friday monthly doors open 6.30...eyes - down 7.30
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