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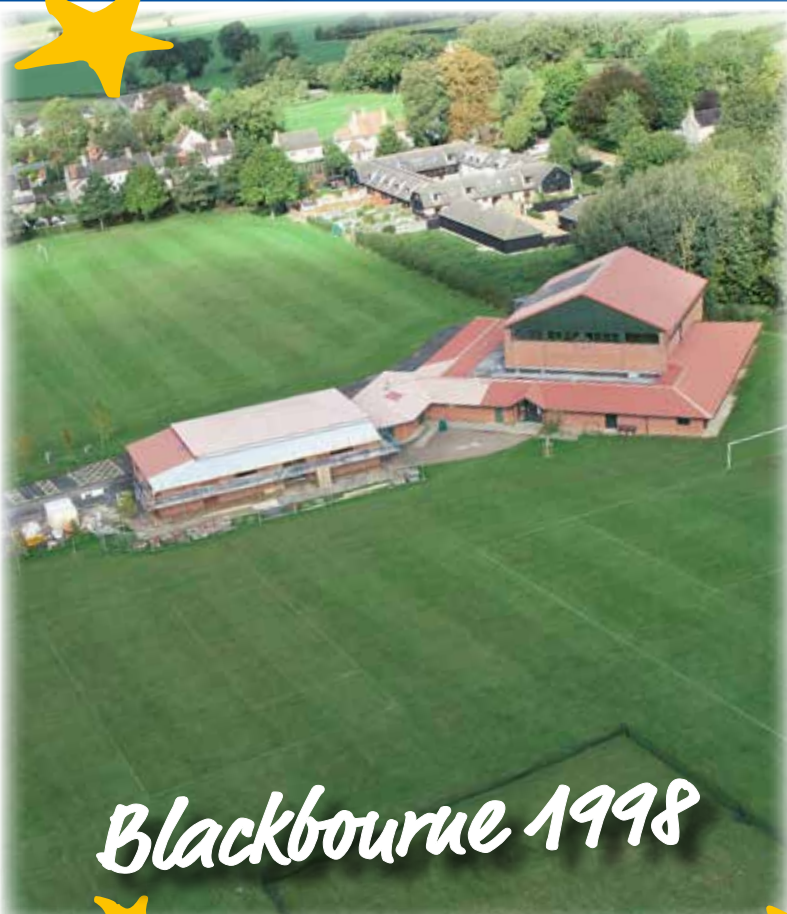
# The Elmswell Newsletter



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OCTOBER 2023

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Blackbourne 1998



Wesley 2020



Tavern - Getting there ...

**UPDATE RE THE TAVERN**

**Preliminary plans and costing**

... see editorial and page 17

New front view

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**Your Newsletter does not claim to be the bearer of the breathless hot-off-the press, 'news', which shrieks out from the daily papers, insinuates itself relentlessly through our 'phones and proclaims with slightly more gravitas and, supposedly, less bias, via the good old tele. It is, rather, a monthly snapshot of the comings and goings of our tiny corner of the often scary larger world. Over 30 years or so it has relentlessly chronicled the, 'hatches, matches and despatches,' and the social ebb and flow of Elmswell as mere eddies in the torrent of national and international affairs.**

This month, however, we carry on our middle-page spread one of the more significant events in our ever-growing and fast-changing small corner. It's almost news. The volunteers of our Community Benefit Society, officially Elmswell Community Enterprise but really the 'Elmswell Tavern Pub Group', have put together a plan for our community pub.

### Three things are immediately clear:

- ✓ **It is a, 'first-pass', aimed at establishing a starting point; it will please no-one absolutely and some not at all, but it is a sincere attempt to appeal to most.**
- ✓ **It contains the 3 key elements of A somewhere to eat, B somewhere to drink and C somewhere to house the administration of those activities... think kitchens, storage, toilets and bins.**
- ✓ **It has tackled the fine balance between the ultimately desirable and the practically do-able and readily can be re-jigged and fettled one way or the other as the budget allows.**

Looking back at the snapshots presented over our many years of our reporting we note a couple of similarly significant community milestones. The move from the Memorial Hall on Cooks Road (now the Library) to the first stage of what is now Blackbourne caused ructions and reverberations which still linger. The decision to buy and develop Wesley came after heated and protracted debate during which the champions of the scheme were derided. In both cases the decisions have been, undeniably, well vindicated by the results and the naysayers have faded as our village has grown and prospered into a community which needs and appreciates what these hard-fought-for facilities now offer. The Elmswell Tavern, our proposed Community Pub, has had, therefore, what we can recognise as a typically troubled path to reach this significant blueprint stage. It has required our parish councillors to draw upon their personal skills and experience to realise

the bargain that was struck in acquiring the pub premises and accompanying site with Planning permission for 8 houses for the sum of £805,000. The most vociferous of those opposed to the two schemes proposed – the affordable homes and the refurbished pub – do not suggest that, even given current financial turbulence, the village has anything other than a very safe investment. The Blackbourne and Wesley experiences suggest, however, that there are many hurdles in the race to realise Elmswell's ambitions to remain a cohesive community by providing such facilities. The Elmswell Tavern scheme has, in its inception, overcome many difficulties but has achieved a crucial mini-victory in the longer game...it has produced basic plans and related costing. They represent many hours of drawing together ideas and consultations both in the community and with building professionals and licensed-trade practitioners. What they have achieved is the identification of a thoroughly considered and properly costed centre ground. After deliberating and researching and questioning and arguing since March 2021 they have achieved 1st base!

However, in that sometime exhausting process, the champions of the enterprise have gathered some 270 like-minded souls who, as shareholders, have paid good money to be part of the project. They have refined their Board membership to include building professionals, those steeped in the practicalities of the licensed trades, others well versed in the ways of the law of contracts, leases and similar dark arts plus not one but two Chartered

Accountants. They have run the pub for 9 months before mothballing the premises, Food Bank excepted, as a deliberate and provenly wise financial decision.

We could fill the magazine with 30+ pages of features headed, '**What Can Possibly Go Wrong?**'

We would start with, 'the current financial situation'. We would detail the number of pubs closing each week. We would wax eloquent on a changing labour market and how staff in the hospitality sector are gold dust / hens' teeth in their rarity. We would project the likely fuel bills, the inevitable rises in business rates and insurance and the trend away from socialising outside of the home. We could join the whine of, 'why do we need 2 pubs?' We could gasp in amazement at the cheek of proposing a bottom line projection of £620,000 and draw scathing parallels with HS2. We could nip to Tesco's and get a pint of lager for 99p. We could have done the same in 1996 when Blackbourne was almost laughed out of existence as a pipe dream or 20 years later when Wesley became a glint in the Elmswell eye.

However, there is now a further opportunity to test the concept as another share issue opens and as feedback registers thumbs up or down on the first properly-considered draft plans.

## ELMSWELL TAVERN SECOND SHARE ISSUE

**Opens 6th October & closes 31st December 2023**

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**The hope is for a repeat of recent history. The aspiration is for the creation of one more reason to enjoy living in our village.**

see page 18 and note...  
Shares are part of the Enterprise Investment Scheme and 30% of the money invested can be reclaimed from HMRC

# CLUBS & SOCIETIES



## ELMSWELL ART CLUB

### John Welford

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the recent passing of John Welford, one of our longest serving members and Deputy Chairperson. As an Elmswell resident, John's contribution to the Art Club, and the village as a whole, has been considerable and totally selfless.

John represented the Art Club at Blackbourne & Wesley Management Association meetings, acting as a conduit for sharing relevant information. In addition, John would liaise with the families of deceased members in order to ensure that any unwanted art materials found a good home – usually one of the local charity shops.

More recently, John was spearheading the Art Club's support of the Elmswell Food Bank – another very worthy cause.

John will be very sorely missed by all his family, friends and associates.

This month's featured paintings from our club members are three lovely paintings of birds. The first one was painted by Joanne Finter in watercolours and is a delightful representation of a Nuthatch.



Our second painting is of a Barn Owl and this fine creation was produced by Ann Smith using watercolours and "gouache" – gouache paint is used to create opaque highlights over the top of watercolour pictures.



Debbie Tharby was the artist of our third painting, a wonderful depiction of a Kingfisher in acrylic paints.



## 2023 ART SHOW AND SALE – WESLEY HALL

Our Exhibition of Art will be held on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** at Wesley Hall. Artwork produced exclusively by members of the Elmswell Art Club will be displayed, many of which will be available for sale. Both days will begin at 10am and end at 4pm; entry to the Exhibition is free and refreshments will be available to purchase from the Wesley Coffee shop. Raffle tickets will be on sale for the chance to win some lovely prizes. Please come along and meet our members, they will be pleased to chat about our club and their artwork.

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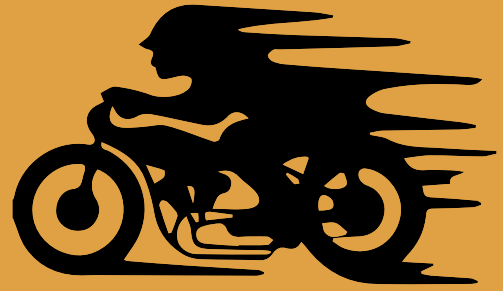


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## ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Towards the end of September the members sat down to a Supper put together by the committee the tables being decorated with pretty coloured table clothes and adorned with floral centre pieces depicting Autumnal colours created by Stella {one of our members } many thanks for your hard work.



Our next meeting on September 28th took us to Dunwich to the Flora Tearooms for a Fish & Chip Lunch this was followed on the way home with a stop at a Garden Centre for a cuppa and time to browse around .

Our next meeting at the Blackbourne is on October 12th when we welcome Brian Mann who will be providing our entertainment it is an open evening starting at 7 00pm so why not pay us a visit, On Thursday October 26th we welcome CHARLIE HAYLOCK who is joining us for the first time in 21 years. His topic will be the "DIG" but no doubt he will mention more! We start at 7 00pm there will be a charge of £5 for non members payable on the door tea and coffee /biscuits provided.



Dian



**SATURDAY  
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- Hedgerows are a visual historical timeline, showing us where boundaries were made, lost, fought for and farmed over millennia. The oldest recorded surviving hedgerow, in Cambridgeshire, is over 900 years old!

**Help us create some more Elmswell history up at Blackbourne, and help the environment too.**

*Janet Spencer, Tree Warden*



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## ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB

On 19th September the Elmswell Gardening Club was treated to a fascinating and highly informative talk about orchids. The two speakers, Andy and Bill from The Suffolk Orchid Society brought a fabulous abundance of orchids in flower. They talked about the different types of orchid and the care of orchids, as well as showing photographs demonstrating the wide variety and types of orchid.

Basically there are three main types, ones that are happiest in a warmer location, those that tolerate cold and the ones that prefer a moderate climate. In addition some like to grow near water, some can be grown on rock wool and others can even be bought attached to plastic mesh.

They generally don't like full sun but without sufficient light they won't flower. Pale leaves indicate too much light, dark leaves suggest

insufficient light. The shorter days and a cold spell can trigger the plants into flower.

The common idea of putting an ice cube on the plant is likely to shock them. It's best to use tepid water and allow the water to run through the plant but don't allow the roots to sit in water. Dry roots have a grey colour, if the roots are green that indicates they have sufficient water.

Some orchids appreciate a dry period after which they burst into flower.

Should fungus appear, cinnamon can be used as a natural fungicide.

Orchids prefer bark which allows air to circulate around the roots. Peat isn't helpful. Repotting the plant every couple of years invigorates it, but be sure to use a pot which doesn't allow too much room, the roots prefer to be closely entwined.

The size of the leaves and flowers ranged from

tiny little flower-lets to glorious showy blooms. Some had a beautiful or intriguing scent, apparently others have the scent of rotting meat.

The Orchid Society has monthly meetings in Martlesham and their website gives all the details.

We look forward to our next meeting when we welcome Ian Bedford - his talks are always fascinating and entertaining. This time his talk is entitled 'The Humble Bumble'.

We have a thriving group and new members are very welcome.



**If you'd like to know more about the club please email [elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com)**

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## ELMSWELL EXCHANGE W.L.

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting including Graham and Julie Higgins. Birthday gifts were distributed to five members. Graham then gave us a talk entitled *The Hare and the Turnip*. (or 2085 years of history in one small part of West Suffolk) Covering the story of Denham St Mary, through the whole of English History using documents, the landscape, and buildings - the heroes and villains that have made it what it is today. Stories from Boudicca, Norman conquerors, then through disease and the plague, our part in the slave trade, and rise and fall of great families and how it set out to end the depression of the 1920s until interrupted by World War 2.

The Competition, an edible necklace, was won by Lesley Clarke.

After the raffle was drawn, the members were told that the next meeting would be entertainment by the village Ukulele group. The competition would be six home made biscuits. There will also be a bring and buy sale to raise funds.

*Mary Chown*

## ELMSWELL W.L.

Terry acted for Brenda, who was away. She welcomed several new members. It was Pam's first visit and she was congratulated for all the help with washing up on the WI refreshment stall at Elmfest. She was a star! Everyone agreed that it was a very successful event and that we would take part in it next year.

Terry welcomed our guest, Lindsey Barrel, who was going to tell us about British Sign Language. She is a woman of many talents, including mindfulness and Burlesque dancing! Some of us heard her talk about the latter at the recent group meeting. What a contrast! Lindsey is also a well-being and sensory consultant. Originally from Durham, she now lives in Essex and has been signing since 2009. She has many different roles, including teaching, prisons and supporting people with special needs back into work.

Strictly Come Dancing was won by a deaf person last year, and this has increased awareness of the needs of

people who cannot hear, as well as popularising sign language. there are three hundred different sign languages in the world. Some deaf people lip-read and there is also Baby Sign, which is taught from six months onwards.

The first recorded mention of British Sign Language was in Pepys diary in 1450. Apart from hand signs, there are lip patterns, body language and facial expressions used to communicate meaning and mood.

Lindsey gave out some sheets showing the different signs for letters of the alphabet and we all tried out some words, which was fun.

What an interesting speaker! We all learned a lot and were made more aware of the needs of deaf people.

In our October meeting, we have having "A Taste of Suffolk Gin".

*Rose Collins*  
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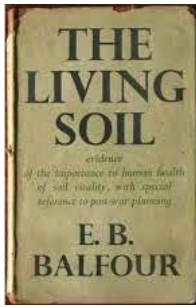
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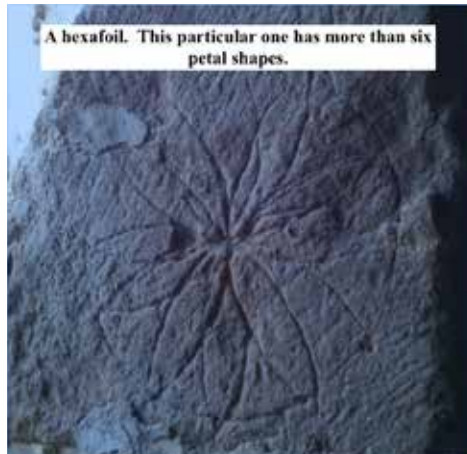
## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

### Programme on BBC Radio 4 about Lady EVE BALFOUR (1898-1990).

On 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, the "Great Lives" series featured Eve Balfour, a forthright aristocrat, a jazz saxophonist (performing in Ipswich and abroad), a crime novelist and a pioneering organic farmer. Born into the political elite (her uncle was A J Balfour, Prime Minister from 1902-05), from the age of 12, Eve wanted to be a farmer. Although she never went to school, she studied at agricultural college, was a land-girl in WW1, and made her dream a reality. She started experimenting with organic farming (devising 'The Haughley Experiment'), and eventually published a book called *The Living Soil*, which led to her founding the Soil Association at Haughley Green's Bell Farm. Seen as somewhat of a crank, she faced opposition from fellow farmers and politicians alike, but what she pioneered about 100 years ago is now very 'modern'. The Soil Association's former Director and a current Suffolk farmer spoke enthusiastically about Lady Eve. On the i.player you can learn much more about this local celebrity in this fascinating programme - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001qdr8> - and visit Haughley to see the road named after her.



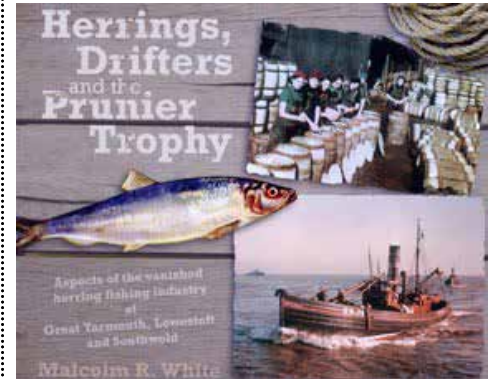
repeated. Some seemed to be very carefully scratched, possibly with specific carpenter's tools that were commonly used by tradesmen in earlier times. Wondering if the marks he'd discovered were also to be found in other old buildings around the county, Timothy decided to extend his explorations not only to other old houses but also to barns and churches. What he discovered was that the most common patterns were regularly repeated from building to building, and also that whatever form they took, the patterns were created over a period of several hundred years and were not the products of a distinct chronological location. In other words, the habit of making systematic marks on timbers, doors, window sills, etc., was a recurring habit of some antiquity. There were three very common patterns inscribed on Suffolk's old buildings, being



(1) the hexafoil, a six-petaled flower shape thought to represent the sun; (2) a double interlocking capital M shape, also called a Marie Pattern, after the Virgin Mary; and (3) a double interlocking W shape that probably also represented the Virgin Mary. It is now thought that all these marks, frequently referred to as "witch marks", were employed to repel evil or misfortune of any kind. Timothy has deduced that their power was believed to lay in the process of their construction and not in the physical presence of the marks



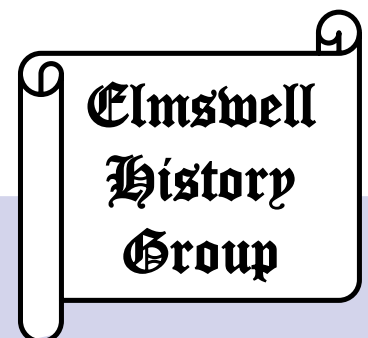
themselves, which explains why they were sometimes painted over or covered up, either in whole or part, not long after they were made. Although Timothy's talk was detailed and delivered at a fast pace, the sheer enthusiasm he had for his subject carried all before him. His name is well known throughout the vernacular history community, and many of his papers can be accessed via the internet.



Meeting at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall, **our next talk on 12<sup>th</sup> October** will be by Lowestoft's Ivan Bunn on "*The Prunier Trophy, 1936-66 – awarded for the best herring catch*". Centred in Lowestoft and Gt Yarmouth, the herring industry was in decline during the 1930s, but in 1935 Madame Simone Prunier opened a branch of the famous Paris fish restaurant Maison Prunier in London. Shortly after coming to London, she was made aware of the plight of the East Anglian herring industry, so she decided to award a trophy to the drifter that netted the highest catch of herring in one night. Do come and hear much more from Ivan on this fascinating local subject.

### At our first talk of the new 2023-24 season

last month we had a near-full house to hear local architectural historian of some significance, Timothy Easton, on "*Magic Circles & Protective Symbols in East Anglia's Historic Buildings*". His subject is a fascinating one and, almost entirely, of his own creation; consequently, he is widely recognised as the expert within his field. Timothy has always been an artist with an artist's eye for colouration and detail and, therefore, it is not surprising that, when he moved to an old, half-timbered Suffolk house in the early 1980s, he became intrigued by scratch marks that he noticed on some of the building's internal beams. Many looked random and difficult to interpret but others were more systematic and regularly

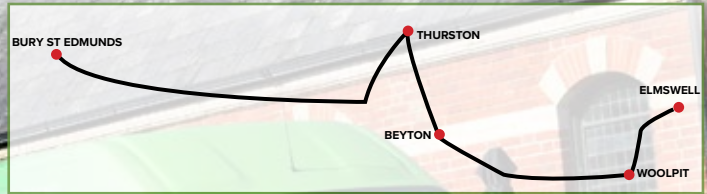


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For many people, buying a car is a major purchase and whether it's new or second-hand, the process can seem daunting and complicated.

First of all, where are you going to buy the car? If you're buying from a trader, choose a trustworthy one with an established name with a good reputation. Ideally, they will be part of a trade association or follow the industry's code of practice.

If you're buying via an auction, this is much riskier as you'll have fewer legal protections like the right to returns or refunds so carefully read the terms and conditions before you bid.

If you buy from a private seller, there's a few extra steps to take. For instance, try to inspect the car at their home address so if something goes wrong later, you have a record of that.

Make sure the car's details are correct by using the DVLA's free online vehicle information checker. You'll need the registration number, MOT test number, mileage and make/model of the car to do this check. Also, check the car's MOT history for free on [gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla](http://gov.uk/get-vehicle-information-from-dvla).

Keep a copy of both these results (take a screenshot or download the information) as well as the original advert or description of the car. You might also consider getting a private history check to see if the car's been reported stolen, still has money owing on it, or has been in a serious crash. This will cost about £20.

Inspecting the car is crucial before buying. Ideally, do this during the day when it's not raining (scratches are harder to see on a wet car) and take it for a test drive for at least 15 minutes and

on different types of road, if possible. Check you have the appropriate insurance for a test drive (either your own or the seller's policy might cover you).

Don't be afraid to haggle on the price, and only pay what you can afford. Make sure you get the original (not a photocopy) of the log book and valid MOT test certificate. Never buy a car without the log book.

Often, despite doing all these checks, you might find something wrong with the car after you've bought it. You may have a legal right to a repair, the cost of a repair or some money back but it's on a case-by-case basis. If something has gone wrong with your car and you need help, you can call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

**Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

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## SEPTEMBER 2023 SID REPORT

Monitoring undertaken  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Ashfield Road

Data collected 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This location less likely to be affected by A14 works.

Total vehicles in monitoring period  
676,816

Average speed 30.06 mph

AADT (annual average daily traffic)  
approx. 992

Approx. 55% of drivers over limit

Average excess speed 36.38 mph

Maximum speed 100mph 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023  
22:25

### Church Hill

Data collected 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Total vehicles in monitoring period  
1,470,492

Average speed 28.88

AADT (annual average daily traffic)  
approx. 3082, an increase of 91 in 6 weeks.

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

Average excess speed 34.5

Maximum speed 70 mph 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
16:05

### Wetherden Road

Data collected 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Total vehicles in monitoring period  
1,297,774

Average speed 28.54

AADT (annual average daily traffic)  
approx. 2232, an increase of 106 in 6 weeks.

Approx. 40% of drivers over limit

Average excess speed 33.9 mph

Maximum speed 90 mph 19<sup>th</sup> November  
2022 22:05

It is very likely that the AADT has increased in both Wetherden Road and Church Hill as a direct result of the A14 roadworks.



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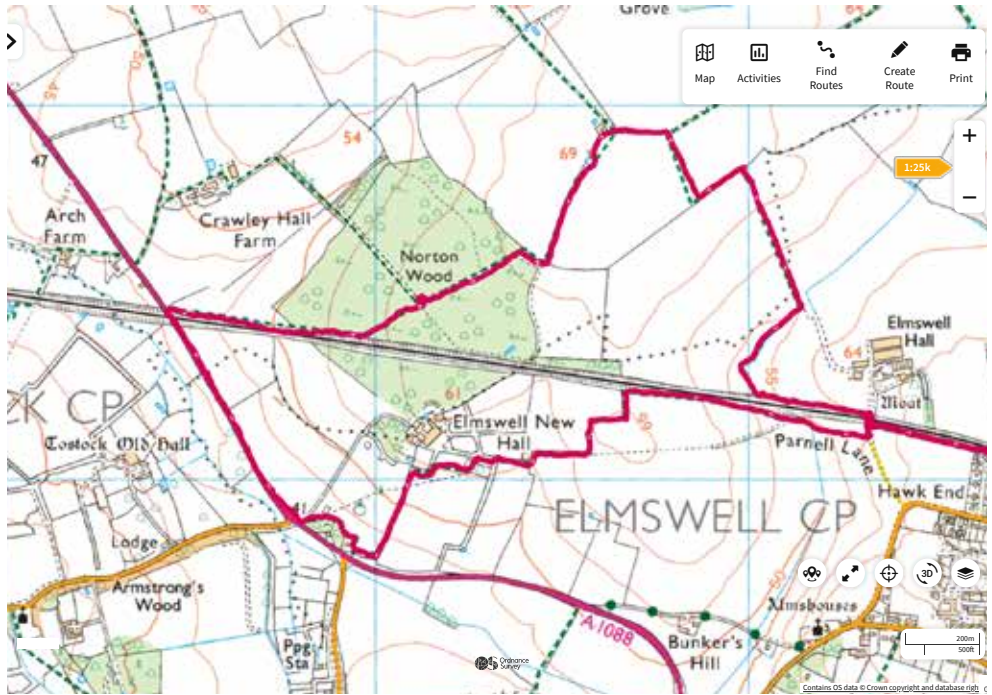
## FOOTPATH WALK 17 SEPTEMBER

Back into open country FP23 continued on to Footpath Walk Sunday 17th September 2023

A party of five met up at the village sign on a balmy early autumn Sunday morning with a view to enjoying a sociable stroll along the footpaths of Elmswell and neighbouring parishes.

Striking off east along School Road we turned right into Hawk End Lane which morphed into FP13 adjacent to the railway line with the blackberry bushes now laden with fruit ready for picking. The surface water lagoon at the junction of FP13 and Parnell Lane is now filling with water and becoming a welcome habitat for local flora and fauna.

A left and right took us on to FP14 continuing alongside the railway line for 800 metres before turning left and meandering alongside the fields of Elmswell Park Stud marked as Elmswell New Hall on the Ordnance Survey map.



Heading south east towards the A1088 we passed behind the Fox and Goose cottages which was the Fox and Goose pub in the living memory of one of our group and hence on to the main road at the entrance to the Stud.

Turning right we were able to make best use of the verge as we travelled northeastwards along the A1088 up to the railway bridge and then turning right on to FP23 which we followed up the slope and into Norton Woods.

The pull up the incline raised heart rates all round and, as the morning had turned a little humid, a light sweat in evidence. The humidity was exaggerated by the canopy of trees in the wood and the air was quite still. Clearing the woods there was a spot or two of rain in the air but not enough to trouble the raincoats all had decided to bring.

Back into open country FP23 continued on to the junction with FP7 where we turned right at the barn then right again still on FP7 starting the last leg of our outing.


A left and right brought us to the footbridge which we discovered has recently been replaced in its entirety by Suffolk County Council. No mean task considering it's isolated location.

FP7 becomes FP13 as we cross the parish boundary back into Elmswell and we take this back to the railway line, back along Hawk End Lane and ultimately our starting point at Crown Mill.

A little longer walk this time to take in the woods of approximately 4.85 miles in 2 hours 8 minutes (an average speed of 2.3 miles per hour)

*Peter Hancock, EPC Footpath Officer*

## OCTOBER'S FOOTPATH WALK WILL BE ON SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER



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## ST JOHN'S CHURCH

### Autumn greetings from St John's Church

September was a month full of activity. St John's Church was present at both the wonderful Elmsfest and Lukeswood Apple days in the village, offering a listening ear, prayer and Sunday School craft for children. There was the annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride event on the hottest day of the year, when the church provided some cool respite for those brave cyclists and walkers raising money for charity. On Sundays, we had a visit from Tearfund, a charity active across the world in disaster relief and helping to lift people out of poverty, and a special service celebrating God's creation and challenging us in how we should care for the environment. We also enjoyed a fun afternoon for new families with games, hot dogs and cake.

On Sundays during October, we shall start by celebrating Harvest, followed by lunch together. We shall then be thinking through some of the Psalms of Ascents in the Bible. We also have plenty of opportunities mid-week for people to look more closely at the message of the Bible in small groups. If this is of interest, please get in touch using the details below.

You are very welcome to come along on a Sunday at 10:30am. St John's is a very welcoming church, full of friendly people of all ages. We have a Sunday School that meets during the service (except for the first Sunday in the month, when we enjoy an all age family service together). There is also plenty of opportunity to make new friends over tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards. If you would like to know more about the church, the Christian faith or wish to enquire about weddings or baptisms, do let us know.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Sun 1 Oct 9:00am**

Holy Communion

**Sun 1 Oct 10:30am**

Harvest Family Festival and lunch

**Sun 8 Oct 10:30am**

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

**Sun 15 Oct 10:30am**

Sunday Worship

**Sun 22 Oct 10:30am**

Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

**Sun 29 Oct 10:30am**

Sunday Worship

**Sun 5 Nov 9:00am**

Holy Communion

**Sun 5 Nov 10:30am**

All Age 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).

*Rector: Peter Goodridge*

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## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

As always, everyone is welcome to sponsor the floodlighting of St. John's, a lovely way to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively, you can simply make a donation.

And it all helps to pay the ever-increasing day-to-day running expenses of our parish church.

For October the lights will be on between 7.00 p.m. and midnight. A night's floodlighting costs £5.

Cheques payable please to "ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL". Your support is much appreciated.

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### **OCTOBER 2023 SPONSORSHIPS**

- 5 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner. Love, Margaret. xx.
- 5 Joan and Colin, on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Love and Best Wishes, Brenda, Linda, Lynne, Marion. xxxx.
- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 14 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire-Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 15 remembering a dear brother, Derek Bloomfield, on his Birthday.
- 18 in loving memory of Leila Buzinin.
- 21 remembering my Mum, Olive Rose Dalton, on her Birthday.
- 22 remembering our dear son, Matthew J. Pollen, on his 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday. With our love from Mum, Dad & Glenda. xxx.
- 24 in memory of our dear Dad, Bernard Booth.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.





- 27 in loving memory of Mary Eveline Skinner on her Birthday. Love, Margaret. xx.
- 27 cherished memories of a dear Aunt, Mary Eveline Skinner, on her Birthday. xx.
- 28 in loving memory of a dear Nana & Grandad, Rene and George Stiff. "Always remembered". Louise and Brian. xx.
- 28 as the autumn leaves fall, precious memories of a dear Mum and Dad, Rene and George Stiff. Monica, Philip and family.
- 30 Ken Catchpole. Remembering your 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday. "When someone you love is in Heaven, there's always a bit of Heaven in your home". Love from Joan, Stephanie, Ivan, William and Glyn. xxxxx.
- 31 in memory of Roy Clark.

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Simon Leworthy, The Presbytery, 29 Lockington Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1BQ  
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E-mail: pp@ourladystowmarket.org.uk

**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday (First Mass of Sunday) – 6PM**  
St Mary's C of E Church, Woolpit IP30 9QG

**Sundays – 8.30am & 10.15am**  
Our Lady's, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket IP14 1AW

**Holy Days – 10am & 7.30pm**  
Our Lady's Strickland Road Stowmarket

Weekday Mass is usually 10am, see the weekly Newsletter or the Parish Website – [www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk](http://www.ourladystowmarket.org.uk)

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

## TAVERN SHARE ISSUE

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## ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

I'm sure we've all been watching the farmers working hard getting the harvest in, culmination of a full years labour and yet it can all go horribly wrong if the moisture levels are too high or the quality is not up to scratch. Fortunately God provided a way for all our imperfections to be ignored when he sent Jesus to this world as a man to pay the ultimate sacrifice for us so that our eternal salvation is not based on how good we are, but on his grace and forgiveness if only we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and seek to serve him as Lord.

Our activities this month are as follows:-

The **Ladies Friendship Group** meet at **2pm on October 2nd** when Stephanie Hemphill will be giving a talk on "Half a pound of tuppenny rice – a history of cooking". Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more. All ladies are welcome.

The November meeting is on **November 6th** when Catherine Buchanan will be speaking about The History of Table Manners

The next **Food 'n' Friends** is on **Thursday October 12th at Midday**. A chance for senior citizens to get together for a good chat and enjoy some nutritious food for a voluntary donation. There are a good number who come regularly. Everyone is welcome. Phone Jackie on 245918 for more information.

Our **All-Age Harvest Café service** is on **October 8th at 10.30am** and will be led by Mark Partridge. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch, ALL are welcome, some idea of numbers would be useful. Phone 241541, email cockant2@btinternet.com

or text 07784095225 but don't let that put you off coming if you haven't contacted us, we always over cater!



*Our 2022 display*

We are grateful to all those who come to lead worship each Sunday. Our preachers for the next few weeks are as follows:-

**October 1st**  
Rev. Norman Tharby inc Communion

**October 8th**  
Mark Partridge – All-Age Harvest Café Service – followed by a BBQ

**October 15th**  
Rev. Paul Hills

**October 22nd**  
Revs. Richard and Brenda Webb

**October 29th**  
Kevin Moore

**November 5th**  
Rev. Norman Tharby inc Communion

Anyone turning up can be assured of a warm welcome at all these events.

**Visit our website at [www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk](http://www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk) (I'm currently having problems updating this) or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.**

Tony

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A brochure is available at the Parish Clerk's office should site of a hard copy be required. Please note that this discount is on seeds only but potatoes can be purchased at the reduced rate of £5.75 for two or more packs but attracts a £3.75 postage charge.



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# OCTOBER UPDATE <sup>AT</sup> THE TAVERN

## PLANS

AT LAST A PRELIMINARY FLOOR PLAN HAS BEEN DEFINED AND COSTED

PLEASE SEE OVERPAGE

**IT IS A WELL-INFORMED AND WELL-RESEARCHED ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH AN ESSENTIAL STARTING POINT:**

- ★ It simply represents the coming together of all of the comments and suggestions from both formal and informal consultations in and around the community over many months, tested by the ECE Group's experience of running the pub for 9 months
- ★ It therefore incorporates the key elements that have come across as essentials...
  - space for eating with some 45 covers indoors with bar access
  - space for drinking which is separated from the diners
  - flexibility of those spaces to house community events - quizzes, bingo, folk nights etc. allowing the pub to function at the same time
  - cellar/kitchen and staff facilities to service the indoor areas and an extensive pub garden together with possible food service to Wesley
  - maintaining the heritage element of the old building and adding sympathetically to it



**BUT, WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE, FOR PLANNING AND COSTING PURPOSES:**

- ★ This scheme has had approval from Mid Suffolk on a Pre-Planning Application basis - the concept is acceptable
- ★ The preliminary Plan has been worked-up by our architectural technician from original rough 'concept' requirements
- ★ Using the professional skills of the 'build team' and incorporating input from several contractors and materials suppliers, there is a well informed cost assessment of £620,000
- ★ The Team has the experience of having undertaken a similar project next door which resulted in the very successful Wesley facility



**OK, WE'VE STARTED SOMEWHERE...WHERE NEXT?**

- ★ With a target costing that can be backed up with comprehensive figures following industry-standard assumptions we can approach funders for financial backing
- ★ With the added detail as to aims and aspirations, we can open a second share issue
- ★ As the reality of the funding potential emerges, we can look to trimming back the scheme - the 'services' facilities (kitchen / toilets etc) are an obvious area where cuts can be made - and a phased approach adopted, ie add them later
- ★ In the interim, to save time, we will make formal detailed Planning application and commence the process of producing construction drawings and specifications



**...AND IF AND WHEN IT'S BUILT, WHAT NEXT?**

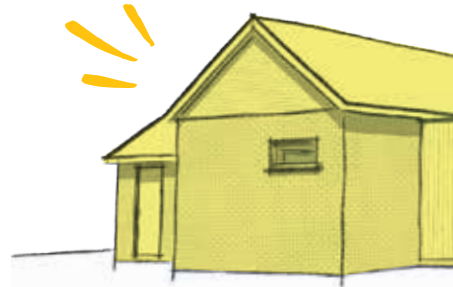
- ★ The Parish Council conveys the completed building to the pub group - Elmswell Community Enterprise, 'ECE' by way of a long Lease, typically 99 years.
- ★ ECE pays a premium for the Lease using funds from its share issues, donations and funding to cover the cost of the refurbishment - this repayment can be made over several years to include input from the trading profit
- ★ ECE appoints a manager / management team to run the pub along the 'Community' lines which feedback over the past couple of years suggests is what suits Elmswell



**SHARE ISSUE NOW OPEN AGAIN!**

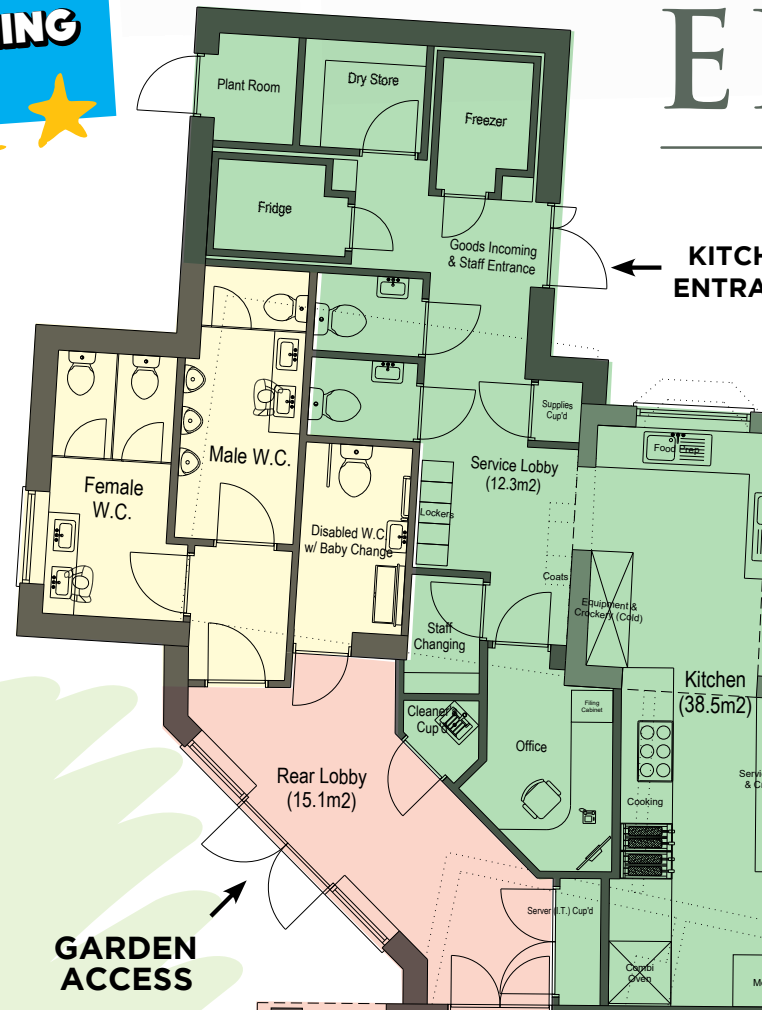
New front view

New rear view



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## ELMSWELL TAVERN SECOND SHARE ISSUE

**Opens 6th October & closes 31st December 2023**

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# ELMSFEST 2023

From fun fairs and fudge tasting, to tractors and tombolas, it can only mean one thing... the return of ElmsFest 2023!

On the 2nd of September we were blessed with an afternoon of sun, food, singing and a great atmosphere, we were so happy to see so many people come to join us at the Blackbourne having a great time.

The day was filled with music, games, food and animals, there really was something for everyone to enjoy and we have been overwhelmed with the feedback since hosting the event.



We'd like to say a **BIG thank you** to the vendors, stallholders, musicians and organisations that came to create an incredible atmosphere and helped to give everyone a wonderful afternoon, without you, the event wouldn't have come to life. The main stage was surrounded by groups of people enjoying their day, with many wishing it was going into the night!

We wanted to bring ElmsFest back to the village to bring everyone together, it wasn't an easy job especially as we gave ourselves just 4 months to pull it together, but headed by Di Jackson, Tanya Utting and their committee members, meant that we were able to bring together some great local businesses and organisations to bring everyone a day to get together with their friends and family and have a great afternoon.



*"Being able to provide an afternoon of free entertainment was SO important to us and we couldn't have done it without the amazing generosity of our local community. A massive thank you goes out to the musicians who came to entertain us along with the many organisations who provided a free activity for families to enjoy. We have had such a positive response from all who attended and I genuinely can't thank everyone enough for supporting us."* - Di Jackson

*"The relaunch of ElmsFest was incredible and I am massively proud of what we managed to achieve in just 4 months. The team we had behind us were all amazing and we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we did without them. The amount of support we had from all trade stalls, charities, organisations and all bands and singers was amazing and can't wait to see what next year brings!"* - Tanya Utting.

The day not only meant we were able to showcase some local small businesses, but what we really wanted to do was to help local charities too.

An INCREDIBLE £3500 was raised throughout the afternoon, through the Grand Draw, cake sales, tombola and donations, we cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and allowing us to support local charities where the money will really make a difference.



Thank you to all our volunteers that helped support us on the day, everything about the event was a great joint effort and to have the support behind us meant we're able to put this event together.

We have been blown away by the response from everyone and already have a lot of interest for ElmsFest 2024. We're excited to share the date with you soon as well as updating you with all of the charities that we have supported from this year's event.

We would like to mention a few people who helped us behind the scenes.  
 Neil @ The Rehearsal Rooms for setting up the sound and providing all the music equipment.  
 Woolpit Nurseries for providing plants and compost to enable children to pot their own plants.  
 Bacton Transport for the stage. Macorlee Farnaby for creating promotional videos for us.  
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 & Vaiders Raiders for being fantastic fun walking round the event and dancing the afternoon away.





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How soon another year comes around. Following on from the success of last year's Poppy Appeal in the village. I am hopeful that this year, the generosity of the villagers, will prove just as successful.

Once again, thanks to the generosity of Ryan at the Elmswell Co-Op, we will be setting up our usual table top displaying our wares and this year, in an effort to do our bit for the environment, we will be introducing the all paper Poppy, which will replace the plastic based ones as stocks deplete.

Owing to its success, we will also have available a contactless machine at the Co op from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November for those who wish to donate, but do not carry cash.

I am pleased to say that, thanks to our volunteers, there will be a limited number of door to door collections, but only in specific areas around the village, dependant on the location of the volunteers.

"Every Poppy counts" and it is encouraging to know that ALL donations contribute towards the Poppy Appeal total, providing the necessary funds for the charity to continue its vital role in supporting our serving and ex serving military personnel and their dependants.

If you would like to volunteer to collect for the Poppy Appeal, or any Royal British Legion Membership enquiries you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07707 524722 or e mail [nplumpton@aol.com](mailto:nplumpton@aol.com)

I do understand that the current economic climate will have an effect on all of us this year, but I do hope that you will be able to donate whatever you can to help those in need.

THANK YOU.

*Norman Plumpton ( BIFF )  
Elmswell Poppy Appeal Organiser*



## ELMSWELL LIBRARY

Hello Elmswell,

Our Chess Club is back after a summer break. It is from 4.30pm every 2nd Thursday of the month. The next couple of dates are Thursday 12th October and Thursday 9th November. It is open to all and we have a volunteer who can show you how to play if you would like to learn or if you have not played for a while and need some reminders.

Our exhibition changes in the middle of this month. The new exhibition will be of artwork by Colin Wallis. The exhibition will be of sketches Colin has done of places and scenery in Switzerland. The sketches will be for sale with 15% of anything sold going to Suffolk Libraries.

Our book display this month is inspired by Black History Month. We have books set in England, Scotland, Nigeria, Ghana, US. It includes the biography of Strictly Come Dancing judge Motsi Mabuse, the British Book Awards shortlisted The secret diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho by Paterson Joseph, Queen Charlotte by Bridgerton author Julia Quinn. Some other books in the display are The son of the house by Cheluchi Onyemelukwe-Onuobia, The library of the dead by T L Huchu, Recitatif by Toni Morrison, Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead, Afterlives by Abdulrazak Gurnah and The only wife by Peace Adzo Medie.

Tickets will be on sale later this month for Wines around the World evening with wine expert Bob Stopp selecting and introducing each wine. The wine evening is on Friday 24th November and put on by Elmswell Library Friends. It will start at

7.30pm and tickets will be £15 each.

Recycled Hound by Zoe Rubens has now gone to be exhibited at the Food Museum in Stowmarket from Wednesday 4th to Saturday 8th October and then will be auctioned at a special event at Trinity Park on Thursday 12th October. You can bid online here <https://auctions.clarkeandsimpson.co.uk/auctions/8688/ibcla10819> or use the QR code. Bidding is already open with the live event starting at 7.30pm on 12th October.



We are able to offer the range of books, activities, newspapers, computer access, 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?

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# NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



## Apple Day at Lukeswood

After last year's rain and cold we felt we were owed some good weather for this year's Apple Day – and for once the meteorological deities were on our side! It was bright and sunny, and our festivities were not interrupted by a single drop of rain. We had a great variety of stalls, with something to interest everyone, along with some old favourites like the Orchard Treasure Hunt, Splat the Rat and Guess the Weight of the Apple Pie. As usual, the hardworking ladies of the Trefoil Guild were kept busy all afternoon plying everyone with tea and an amazing array of cakes and savouries – always a highlight of Apple Day. There were fascinating crafts on show – willow weaving, hurdle making, pole-lathe wood turning – with lots of local products for sale. All the pots of Lukeswood fruit jellies were bought (hope everyone is enjoying them – if all goes well there will be more medlar available to buy at our Crafty Christmas event in early December), and local honey and eggs were snapped up. We even had a display of live bees, which were a constant draw throughout the afternoon. John had an extensive display of apples and local fruit on show, including

some quirky varieties that you won't find on the supermarket shelves. And if that wasn't enough, we were kept entertained by the combined forces of the Wesley Ukulele Band and Jen's Circle Dancing troupe. It was great fun, and we're already looking forward to next year – the date for your diary is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you missed this year's event, make a note now! And if any local makers, organisations and clubs would like to join us and have a stall – it's not too early to book your pitch!



## Cutting and raking

September is a very busy month for us because, as well as all the preparations for Apple Day, we have to carry out the annual cut and rake of the grassland at all our sites. Cutting and mowing allows new growth to come through, and raking off the dead vegetation removes nutrients from the soil which benefits wildflowers. We pile up all the cuttings to create valuable habitats for overwintering insects, small mammals and reptiles. It's heavy work – we often wonder how many tonnes we have shifted over the years! Our photos show ElmsWild volunteers hard at work at Kiln Meadow. If you look closely at our draw sheets you may notice that they look quite unusual. They are, in fact, the bases of old trampolines! With the addition of handles they make excellent vehicles for carting away piles of cuttings – light, hard-wearing and very practical. Now that's a great example of upcycling!

Mary Feeny

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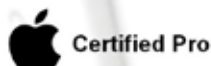
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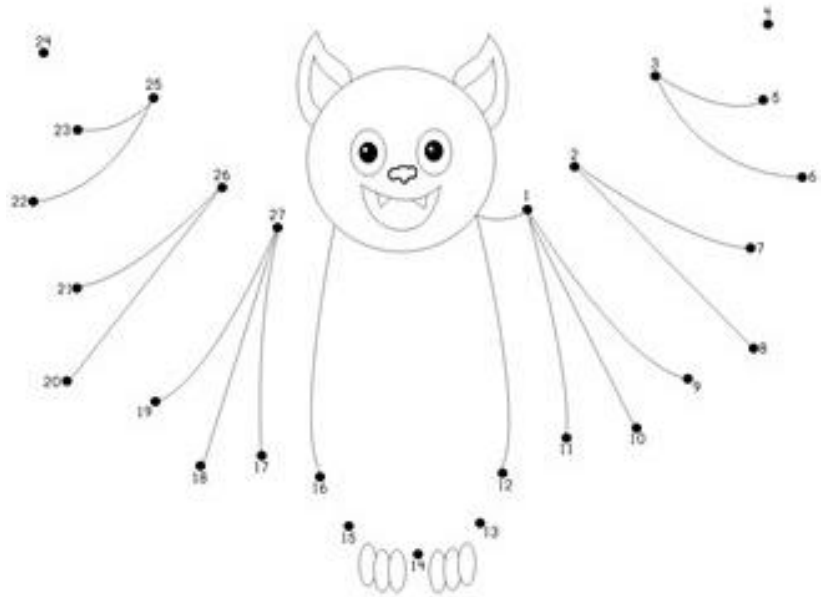
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## FIRST TEAM REPORT

We started the season at home to Sporting 87. With new faces at the club and high expectations for the season ahead we found ourselves 1-0 down in the first half. After Olly Chaplin saved two point blank shots Sporting tapped in the 3rd effort. Shortly after, last seasons top goal scorer, Will Hayden got us back on level terms. In the second half we pushed for a winner but the game ended 1-1 with Elmswell the team looking more likely to win it.

Up next we took a trip to Ipswich Wanderers. On a hot day we found ourselves in the same position of 1-0 down after a promising start. George Chandler equalised on his debut and the game finished 1-1. This was a fair result with both teams having chances to win it.

We then returned to home soil at the Blackbourne and took on Stonham Aspal who haven't improved from last season and we saw this as a must win game if we want to be around the top of the table. Elmswell didn't disappoint walking away with a 9-0 win with goals from Tom Emerick x 3, Romaine Scott x 2, Will Hayden x 2, Jordan Sylvester & Ash Farmer getting a goal each.

Another away trip to Ipswich saw us go to Coplestonians looking to remain undefeated, but this wasn't to be. We started well with Calvin Frost putting us ahead after linking up with Luke Catchpole. We were 1-0 up at half time. Coplestonians looked dangerous going forwards and got a goal back before Charlie Potter was given a red card for disagreeing with the ref. We dug in but Coplestonians over-ran our defence and got a goal to put them ahead. We reacted well and with 8 minutes remaining Will Hayden got us back on level terms only for 3 minutes later Sam Bassett to bring the ball out of the air with a touch in our box that fell straight to the striker's feet for him to tap in with the game ending 3-2 to Coplestonians.

Gt Blakenham Chequers were the next visitors to 'The BB'. They were mid-table like us and with similar results, but it wasn't to be. We didn't perform to our normal standards and got punished 5-1. Sylvester got our goal.

We're currently in 8th place in the table with a cup game away to Capel Plough next week.



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RESERVES REPORT

The Reserves suffered a painful start to their season against Div.6 favourites Ipswich Vale Exiles. Apparently Exiles had asked the league to be put into a higher division but were refused. Missing many key players and suffering several injuries our Resgies valiantly played most of the second half with only 10 men, which they lost 2-0. Unfortunately, we'd lost the first half 8-0. Instructions were not followed and the basics were not adhered to. MOTM Jason Brown.

Next up was alliterative newbies, Redgrave Rangers Reserves. Our Resgies put in a much better performance at The Blackbourne. It was very tight for 70 mins but Rangers' extra firepower on the bench out gunned our efforts as they scored twice in the closing stages. MOTM Jason Brown again.

Playing Bramford Utd is historically a good fixture for us but it's a funny ol' game. Two lads called in to work and one called up to the first team left us with half a sub. The game was a spectacle for the neutral as goals flew in left, right and centre. Bevan was at fault for their first but with true grit clawed back the equaliser. Another bit of sloppy defending gave Bramford their second before Catchpole smashed a screamer to pull us level again. Given too much space, a long-range effort put Bramford in control before again we equalised through MOTM Jake Fisher. If he plays with that fire every week he'll be up for club top scorer again this year. Almost as fast as the goals had come, came the injuries. Ankles rolled, hamstrings pinged, knees popped, our half-a-sub gingerly hobbled on as the those who could tried to run off their knocks. We lost 4-3.

Next week we go to bottom side Stow Falcons A, whose Reserves don't have a game and with likely bolster their side. We just can't seem to catch a break at the moment.



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## ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls season has effectively ended now with roll-ups poorly attended because many players have moved indoors and don't want to mix the much faster indoor greens for the slower, heavier out-door ones, even though many days are still nice enough to make playing a pleasant experience. Anyway, it is time to start thinking about end-of-season green treatment and Dick Burch will have plans for that, no doubt. In fact, his order of 'consumables' including numerous bags of Top Dressing, came today! So all maintenance staff, stand by your beds!

On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September we held our annual Presentation dinner at the Fox, our spiritual home, when 30 club members and a few Guests gathered to enjoy a meal and witness this season's successful players receive their well-earned awards. First up was Mark Edwards who

edged Barry Hayward in a closely-fought final to take the main trophy. Mark was to make another appearance as he and Pauline Collins were runners-up in the pairs competition, which Pauline won last year. Barry Hayward went on to collect two Trophies for the 2-wood final and the Handicap final brushing aside Pete Edmonds on both occasions. We have revamped the old Horseshoe trophy, which was made from a Horseshoe found on-site when the green was constructed, and we decided to re-purpose it, too. It is now presented to the member who has made the greatest contribution to the Club over the past year and was won, hands down, by Jenny Murray. Jenny has brought an unprecedented degree of professionalism to the club with our new club shirts and our very efficiently run Club Competitions. Congratulations, Jenny, and thank you.

Pictured above:

Left: Mark Edwards receiving his trophy from Dick Burch

Right: Barry Hayward picking up his Wells Stitched trophy

The green is officially closed until next Spring but anyone interested in trying their hand at bowls can contact me on the number below or any other club member they might bump into.

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E.F.B.C.*

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## ELMSWELL FAYRE GOLF DAY

The last golf day for the Elmswell Autumn Fayre trophy was played on the 25 August at Stowmarket Golf Club.

After 18 years I have decided this was the last one, so the old Fayre name has gone forever. The Fayre now has a new modern name, nothing wrong with change.

With 36 players and the most I have had for a long time, we started the day with a Texas Scramble in the morning with the winners detailed below.

Neil Holcombe, Stuart Harland & James O' Doherty

We stopped for lunch and then off we went again with an 18 hole afternoon match. We had 9 holes covered with an extra prize for them to have a go at.



The winner with a score of 41 pts and playing off 11 and the holder of the trophy forever more was young Henry Ridgeon at the tender age of 15.

In the photo with my Wendy is the winner Henry and our sponsor Kevin Hollins. If you need a new Kitchen check him out in the newsletter as his advert is in there every month.

Well that's it, I would like to say a big thanks to all of our players over the years, we have had some fun and laughter over the years.

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*All the best, Terry Southgate*

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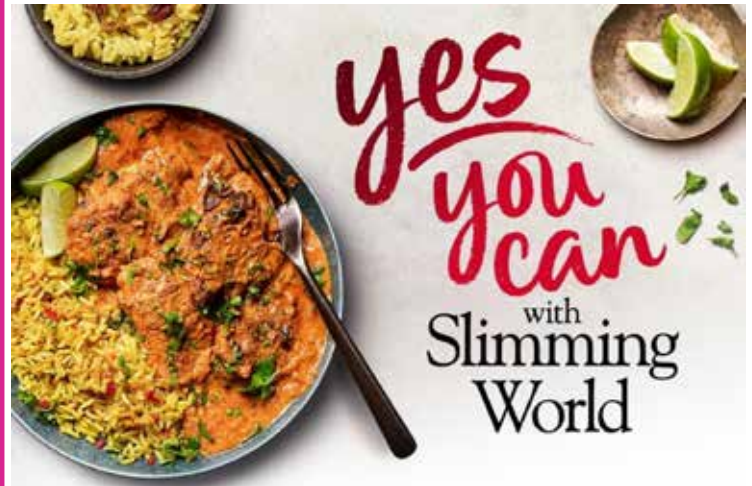


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## WESLEY UKULELE BAND

*This month's article was penned by Carol Pybus.*

Wow, what a Magical Day on 24th August, the Wesley Ukulele band being invited to play at the Beer Festival in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. Along with audience participants enjoying tasting the various cask beers and ciders on offer we spent a joyful afternoon listening to other musicians as well as sampling the Drinks on offer (at least the men in our group did) us ladies like to keep a clear head. Once it was time to strut our stuff we clambered on the stage (Fame at Last) we sang and played our hearts out in such a beautiful setting breath-taking to say the least. Such an honour to perform in such beautiful surroundings, and we were asked to return next year 2024!

Our next Gig took place at Elmsfete 2nd September playing in the hall where we captured some of our audience queuing for the over 18s stall (wine and spirits) this kept them occupied whilst waiting in the long queue until they were served, along with our seated fans who sang along with us and had a great time.

Forthcoming dates for the Wesley Ukulele Band will be at:

Lukeswood's Apple Day on 23 September  
4th October Wesley Hall Private Party  
Newmarket General Hospital on 5th October

With so many more dates until the end of December. Our charity for forthcoming gigs will be Music in our Bones, a charity for dementia sufferers and carers



Our friends Bob and Paddy are holding acoustic nights at the Fox on the fourth Monday of each month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to sing, play or just listen.

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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 September meeting with all 11 councillors present, together with MSDC Ward Member Cllr Jen Overett, 1 member of the public and the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow, took place at Blackbourne on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 [elsmswell.suffolk.cloud](https://www.elsmswell.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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 the following:

- The Pride in Your Place campaign was launched last month with the aim to clean-up neighbourhoods, build community pride and tackle the doorstep issues that voters say matter to them. Under the funding scheme, parishes with a population over 1,500 are eligible to apply for up to £400 in funding. Applications can also be made by voluntary, community and social enterprises with support from their local town or parish council. They must be received by the council by 31 October 2023 and awards and payments will be made within 21 days of receipt of an eligible application.
- Businesses in both council areas are set to benefit from a new round of funding thanks to the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF). Mid Suffolk District Council was allocated £821,658 over the next two years. Grants are available between £5,000 - £10,000 per application and will fund a maximum of 50% of total project costs up to the maximum value of £10,000. Eligible projects include net-zero developments, agriculture and farm diversification, visitor economy business expansion as well as SME investment and diversification or investment in community facilities in our rural areas.
- A new free trees, hedgerows and wildflower scheme is open for applications that both help wildlife and have public access. Applications can be for individual trees, tree planting schemes, small community woods, hedgerows, community or scattered orchards and wildflower meadows. MSDC tree canopy cover across the district is currently well below the national average. We want to help get 30% of our land managed for wildlife by 2030 (30 by 30 national initiative). We are doing what we can on the council's land, but need help on other land to be really successful. This can include parish land, school grounds, recreation grounds, land open to the public regularly, millennium greens and community spaces.
- The following support was provided for residents in Babergh and Mid Suffolk who were struggling with the cost of living during 2022/23. £100,000 was awarded to tenants through the

household support fund, £150,000 to households struggling with the cost of their rent through Discretionary Housing Payments and a reduction in council tax for low-income households. During last winter, a total of £110,995 was provided to 62 organisations through Winter Warmth grants. Over 588 homelessness applications were received in Mid Suffolk. Additionally, Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice received a 30% uplift in funding. Christchurch Estates are currently undergoing some community engagement regarding a development proposal for a care home and supported living units between Parnell Lane and St John's Church, Elmswell. Their proposals can be seen in brief at [School Road \(schoolroad.elsmswell.co.uk\)](https://www.schoolroad.elsmswell.co.uk), with further details to follow. This proposal is currently at the pre-app stage with MSDC so we fully expect a planning application in due course.

- Jen and Sarah have arranged a series of monthly drop-in sessions alternating between Woolpit Teacups and Wesley Café in Elmswell. The next couple of sessions are on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10-12, Teacups Café and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10-12 Wesley Café

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

- **Pylons** Suffolk County Council is not supporting the latest proposals by the National Grid to install 114 miles of electricity pylons across the county as part of the "Norwich to Tilbury" project. A number of objections have been raised about the 33 mile stretch of the new works which would run through Suffolk, which includes installing a stretch of cabling under the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The council is pressing for an offshore solution to be fully researched and considered.
- **Onshore facility** Suffolk County Council was disappointed to learn that the LionLink interconnector project from National Grid Ventures has identified an alternative landfall at Walberswick, with cable routing making its way to the north of Southwold. The LionLink project aims to connect multiple offshore wind farms in the North Sea, instead of individual wind farms connecting one by one to the shore. The project is a joint venture between the UK and the Netherlands,

supplying energy to both countries. The Council will study the details of the new proposals, and will prepare its response to the National Grid's second public consultation, which opens on 8 September.

- **New Fire and Rescue Training Centre** The Suffolk Fire and Rescue Training Centre at Wattisham has had a £1.3m upgrade and was formally opened on 24 August. This includes a new tactical firefighting facility to simulate incidents firefighters may be faced with and help them prepare for the dangerous work they undertake in the community.
- **Social Worker Awards** Suffolk County Council's social workers and social care teams have been shortlisted for six awards at the annual Social Worker of the Year Awards. This is the only major national awards event for social work in England, attracting hundreds of entries every year and reaching millions of people with positive stories of outstanding social work. We are really proud of our social workers, who work so hard to help people in often challenging circumstances. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in November this year.
- **Support for Ukrainian refugees** In May, Suffolk County Council announced a one-off £2,000 support grant for Ukrainian refugees moving on from their host into their own accommodation. This 'Independent Living Payment' is available to any Ukrainian refugees moving into private rented accommodation after 1 April 2023. Guests must have been living in Suffolk for a minimum of two months and be registered on the Suffolk Homes for Ukraine scheme to be eligible for the payment. This funding can be used for any associated housing costs, including furniture, moving costs or travel to work. The support can be used towards accommodation which is furnished or unfurnished, and accommodation can be in Suffolk or out of county. Ukrainian guests can apply for the Independent Living Payment and completing the application form on the Suffolk County Council website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-engagement/support-for-refugees/support-for-ukraine/ukraine-information-for-guests>

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

- 1 All of the 31 tenants of the Council's allotments were consulted regarding the possibility of a pest control contract to address any possible problem of rats on the site. There were 4 detailed written objections, one written message of support and overwhelming feedback either directly or through Cllr Hancock against the idea. If any Member wishes to test the issue in debate, a Proposal is invited.
- 2 On 28<sup>th</sup> July I met with the 3 other Councils engaged in the experimental taxi-bus scheme and all were agreed that the trial should run to the end of the year if a fair assessment is to be gleaned from the activity over 6 months. I have appended a fact sheet on the way the scheme works and would appreciate feedback to what might happen at the end of the year.
- 3 I attended on 7<sup>th</sup> August a Teams on-line meeting along with Cllr Pallett, Sam Guiver, the Networks Assurance Manager from SCC and Vanessa Adu the Social Value & Stakeholder Manager re the Concrete Roads framework at Sisk, the contractor currently doing the A14 concreting works. It was accepted that recent suggestions towards closing local access slip roads to mitigate rat-running were extremely unpopular with Elmswell residents and will not be implemented. On the whole, it was agreed that, given the scale and nature of the operation, traffic management off and around the site is working well enough. There is now a query regarding weight and speed of traffic along Kiln Lane but, again, this has not been flagged up as an issue to EPC as far as I am aware. Feedback from Councillors is welcomed. Meanwhile, I have copied across notification of a public information event re the works on 27<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00pm – 7.00pm at Wetherden Village Hall.
- 4 I met on 11<sup>th</sup> August with Cllr Pallett and Matthew Fox, our SCC Highways Liaison re the traffic mitigation measures through the village. We had a preview of the Report which came from the recent traffic sensor exercise and which was printed in full in the September Newsletter. Cllr Pallett continues to work with Cllr Brown in driving forward the implementation of the agreed measures. There are exploratory moves towards costing a possible ANPR facility which may be compatible with some of our existing SID units to provide a warning to speeding offenders leading to a Police interview if repeated, as per the current Speed Watch system. Meanwhile, the yellow lining outside Elmswell School and extending to Cooks Road is on hold pending the changeover of SCC Highways Contractors at the end of September.
- 5 The Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan has satisfied our Independent Examiner who has recommended to Mid Suffolk that it proceeds to the

- statutory referendum. I have signed the Agreement to this effect. An informed guess puts the referendum date towards the end of October. I have circulated the all-important Regulation 18 Decision Statement confirming this.
- 6 The External Auditor's report, as per Agenda item 15, raises 2 minor issues. Reference to the fixed assets valuation policy refers to the fact that I had not registered as an asset the new skylights or the improved CCTV at Blackbourne. Local Authority accounting rules require that the value of the building be uplifted by the cost of such works, in this case, **£42,125.00**. This is now rectified. The second issue is not so easily addressed. Council has to source Statements of the position re its Deposit Account with the Co-op Bank via the on-line portal. These then appear as a simple set of figures and nowhere does it state that the account is held by EPC. A paper statement confirming this can only be obtained by post from Head Office. We have been promised on 3 occasions that our request for paper copies would be met 'within 7 – 10 working days'. This has overrun the deadline for the Auditor to take note. In light of this experience, if and when we receive an attributable Statement we will begin the process of requesting one for next year. In September 2022 we received from MSDC estimated costs for a contested PC election combined with a District Council election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and this informed our budgeting. The figure was £1,798.63. The invoice for the election eventually arrived in the sum of £6,733.26. The overrun of almost £5,000 represents an underestimate of some 274%. I have obtained a breakdown of the recharges which clearly indicates that there are several of the 20 individual cost centres which, if aggregated with one other, produce a sum above the original estimate. This compounds the problems experienced by the extremely poor performance of the MSDC election team which caused extensive confusion and upset. I understand from Cllr Mansel that we are not alone in querying the process and outcome.
- 7 There is a hazel tree in the garden of the Elmswell Tavern close to the boundary wall. It has been recently crown-reduced to allow more space in the pub garden where it provides extensive shade. An immediate neighbour has suggested that it be severely cut back or removed as it shades their garden also. I have met with our Tree Warden, Janet Spencer, who has suggested that the removal of one extensive lower bough might be judicious as it is ivy clad and a possible drop-hazard. There is no damage to the wall adjacent. I have secured advice from a professional arboriculturist which confirms that the tree has reached full maturity at c100 years of age and is an unusual and valued specimen as it has been allowed, following early coppicing, to develop

- into a full tree. There is a neighbouring specimen which suggests that the trees were planted for cropping. It is in good health, but the ivy growth on the lower bough should be killed by cutting at its root to allow proper inspection towards remedial action if necessary. The pressure of the trunk on the non-boundary wall should be monitored, otherwise there would seem to be no reason to interfere. I would appreciate the view of any Members who might be able to take a look towards any decision on action.
  - 8 On 12<sup>th</sup> September I attended an on-line meeting which served as an introduction to the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership scheme for lending out thermal imaging cameras for individual communities to borrow and conduct surveys of houses with regard to heat leakage. This seemed to chime with EPC's positive attitude to climate / energy saving issues. Elmswell has the opportunity to borrow one of the scheme's cameras and Cllr Brown has agreed to look at co-ordinating its use across households that respond to an invitation in the October Newsletter.
  - 9 I have had positive feedback regarding the possibility of a community wind turbine to be sited on the new land at Blackbourne. I have visited one such at Palgrave community centre and spent some time with the company which maintains that and similarly sized units locally. Site visits with other engineers in the field suggest that an 18m high unit producing c22 kWh is a feasible starting point – one local installation suggests an 8 year payback period based on the average wind speeds in our location. The recent change of direction at Westminster re On-shore turbines is yet to translate into hard Planning guidance but encourages further investigation.
- Planning results** The Meeting noted the following results of Planning applications made to MidSuffolk, the Planning Authority:
- DC/23/03437** Application for works to trees... 21 Oxer Close CONSENTED EPC opted not to comment (Clerk's Delegated Power)
- DC/23/01732** Listed Building - Erection of single storey side extension... Elmswell Hall, Parnell Lane GRANTED EPC opted not to comment
- DC/23/01734** Erection of single storey side extension... Elmswell Hall, Parnell Lane CONSENTED EPC opted not to comment
- DC/23/03118** Works to trees... Newlands, Church Road CONSENTED EPC opted not to comment
- DC/23/02968** Non-Material Amendment relating DC/22/02560... Oakdene, Ashfield Road REFUSED EPC opted not to comment
- DC/23/02699** Application Outline Planning Permission one dwelling... Land adjacent to The Stables, Station Road GRANTED EPC objected



**DC/23/03131** Works to trees...St Nicholas, Church Road REFUSED EPC objected

**DC/23/02901** Variation of Condition DC/21/05976 – Erection of 3 No. single storey dwellings, amendment Condition 2 Approved plans and documents – plot 5 only Hedgerows, Grove Lane GRANTED EPC objected

**DC/23/03170** Severance of garden and erection of 1No. two storey detached dwelling (amended scheme) Folly Cottage, 2 Rose Lane REFUSED EPC objected

**DC/23/03571** Discharge of Condition 4 (materials) Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road APPROVED

EPC opted not to comment

**DC/23/03938** Non-material amendment relating to DC/20/01999 – Addition of first floor room...

Land North of Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road REFUSED EPC opted not to comment

**DC/23/02911** Discharge of Condition 5 Land to the West of the former bacon Factory APPROVED

EPC opted not to comment

**DC/23/03820** Tree work to tree protected by TPO WS47/A1 – Crown lift and raise Lime Trees...

The Limes, Church Road GRANTED EPC opted not to comment (Clerk's Delegated Power)

### Planning Applications

The Meeting supported the following Planning Applications, forwarded for comment from Mid Suffolk District Council, the Planning Authority:

**DC/23/03839** Application under S73 for the removal or variation of a condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/02560 dated 20.07.2022. Erection of single-storey side extension, garage/store with electric car charging point, new 1.2m high fencing (following removal of existing) and creation of new vehicular access. To vary Condition 1 (Approved Plans and Documents) to enable change of position for cartlodge Oakdene, Ashfield Road

**DC/23/01390** Erection of a two-storey rear extension 16 Cooks Road

**DC/2303628** Erection of single-storey rear/side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) 20 Oxer Close

**DC/23/03508**

Conversion of garage/store to include raising roof ridge height to provide ancillary annexe for parents.

Orchard House, Ashfield Road

[Conditioned re occupancy]

The Meeting objected to 2 further Applications for the following reasons:

**DC/23/03597** Erection of 5 No dwellings with garaging and alterations to vehicular access

White House Barns, Ashfield Road

*This detailed application justifies the serious reservations voiced by Elmswell Parish Council in its objection to the Outline submission. The overall effect in terms of mass and density has worsened and the style and form are out of keeping with the very specific and considered design of the existing White House Barns development. There is a less compact overall footprint on a very tight site which exacerbates the potential for noise nuisance related to the well-established proper activities at the adjacent community facility. Again, in objection to the Outline proposals, this was raised as an issue and, again, the detailed proposals fail to address the matter. Since the Outline Permission was granted, the Parish Council's fears regarding the concessions made by SCC Highways regarding access on to Ashfield Road are borne out as the 65 house development a few metres to the north are built-out and the reality of the extra traffic pressures are realised.*

**DC/23/03849**

Change of use of building to form 1No dwelling Building at Royston Farm, Kiln Lane. *The Application site is outside of the development boundary of Elmswell, as clearly defined in the Local Plan, as reinforced by the Elmswell Neighbourhood Development Plan which has been examined and pronounced fit to go forward to Referendum and as per the emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan which is substantively found to be sound although delayed on issues which do not include the settlement boundary of Elmswell. Housing development outside of the settlement boundary should not be permitted given that the Planning Authority has a 10 year Housing supply. There are no extraordinary factors in this case which merit exemption from the above constraints. Kiln lane is a narrow single-track country lane with no passing places. It serves 2 industrial premises and some 20 dwellings. It is a constant source of complaint regarding over-use and danger*

*posed to pedestrians seeking to access the 3 cross-country Public Rights of Way that the lane serves. Any extra vehicular traffic increases the hazard. Reference to previous Permissions for residential development in Kiln Lane do not persuade Members, as such concessions to development pressure have relied upon the failure of the Planning Authority's Housing Supply allocation and have added to the cumulative worsening of the unacceptable highway safety issue. There is a limit of acceptability and this is already breached. The site is situated over a mile distant from each of the communities of Elmswell and Woolpit. Given the pressure of traffic on the Lane and the very busy nature of the roads beyond leading to those centres, all without pavement for most of the route, residents of Kiln Lane inevitably resort to the use of private cars for every journey. This renders the site unsustainable.*

**Recycling Centre duties** Both the Trefoil Guild and the Elmswell Garden Club were thanked for recent volunteer stewardship of the Station Road recycling facility and a grant of £200.00 was agreed for each organisation. Invitations are open to any village organisation to take on a 3 monthly stint keeping the facility clean and tidy.

**New land at Blackbourne** The new 6 acres of amenity land recently added to Blackbourne Meadow were gifted by Stan and Ian Turner who, over many years, developed several of the large estates in the village including Crown Mill, Blackbourne Road and Eastern Way. In recognition of such a generous gesture, Councillors agreed that the new land be known as 'Turners' Field'. The name will be formally recognised by the installation of a dedication board at the community hedge planting event to be held on the land on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Next meeting** It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> October 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](http://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.

*Peter Dow,  
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## October 2023

- 2 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist church when Stephanie Hemphill will be speaking on Half a pound of tuppenny rice - A History of Cooking
- 4 Elmswell Afternoon WI at the Wesley 2.00pm Bring and Buy Produce Sale Tea/ Cake/Posh biscuits
- 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

- 1 Elmswell Afternoon WI at the Wesley 2.00pm Speaker The history of Dunwich Heath (Turbulence to Tranquility) Richard Symes
- 6 2pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church when Catherine Buchannan will speaking on A History of Table Manners
- 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

## December 2023

- 4 1pm Ladies Friendship Group at Elmswell Baptist Church - Nosh 'n' Natter with entertainment by the Horringer Bellringers - men welcome as well
- 6 Elmswell Afternoon WI at the Wesley 2.00pm Special Christmas Celebrations
- 7 Over 55's Club Cash Bingo
- 12 Elmswell WI Christmas Party
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Bryan Thurlow Music Hall Memories - an entertaining evening of historic songs and monologues
- 16 Over 55's Xmas Party with catering by Home Farm and entertainment by Bob Whiting

## January 2024

- 11 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Members' Evening - A selection of members' own researches

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Regular sessions at Blackbourne & Wesley include:

- KARATE** with Lewis - Friday 5.00 - 7.00 [info@greathadma.com](mailto:info@greathadma.com)
  - JAPANESE JUJUTSU / SELF DEFENCE** - Monday & Wednesday 6.30 - 8.30 [ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com](mailto:ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com) tel. 07711 680262
  - BABY & TODDLER GROUP** - Monday mornings [elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com)
  - BATS- badminton / table tennis / pool** at Blackbourne Friday nights 7 - 9.30 [simon@coakleyandtheaker.co.uk](mailto:simon@coakleyandtheaker.co.uk)
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  - CUBS** Tuesdays 6.15 - 7.30 - [mark.pernot@gmail.com](mailto:mark.pernot@gmail.com)
  - BEAVERS /SCOUTS** - Wednesday 5.45 - 9.15 [ddc.paula@stowmarketscouts.org.uk](mailto:ddc.paula@stowmarketscouts.org.uk)
  - OVER 55'S** - every other Thursday 6.30 - 10.30 Diann Armstrong tel. 241002
  - CIRCLE DANCING** - Thursdays 1.45 - 3.15 [jenlarnar@gmail.com](mailto:jenlarnar@gmail.com)
  - TREFOIL GUILD** - 1st Tuesday monthly [lesley.grout@btinternet.com](mailto:lesley.grout@btinternet.com)
  - MARDLE QUILTERS** - last Friday monthly [carpajak@aol.com](mailto:carpajak@aol.com)
  - MOO MUSIC** - Fridays 12.45 - 3.15 [bury@moo-music.co.uk](mailto:bury@moo-music.co.uk)
  - WI** - evening at Wesley 2nd Tuesday monthly 7.30pm Terry Byford [bbazby@aol.com](mailto:bbazby@aol.com)
  - WI** - afternoon at Wesley 1st Wednesday monthly Carol Blissett [carolblissett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolblissett@hotmail.co.uk)
  - ART CLUB** at Wesley every Tuesday 9.00 - 12.00 Eddie Douglas [edward.douglas2@gmail.com](mailto:edward.douglas2@gmail.com)
  - HISTORY GROUP** at Wesley 2nd Thursday monthly 7.30 [stellachamberlin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stellachamberlin@yahoo.co.uk)
  - GARDEN CLUB** at Wesley 3rd Tuesday monthly 7.30 [elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:elmswellgardenclub@gmail.com)
  - CARPET BOWLS** - Wednesday 7.00pm at Wesley - [jf.boxall@btinternet.com](mailto:jf.boxall@btinternet.com)
  - COMPANIONS** - every other Friday 10 - 12 at Wesley - [linda@abbott.plus.com](mailto:linda@abbott.plus.com)
  - PILATES** - Monday & Friday mornings - [suzanne@triformpilates.co.uk](mailto:suzanne@triformpilates.co.uk)
  - BINGO** - Blackbourne, last Friday monthly doors open 6.30...eyes - down 7.30
  - ARTS SOCIETY OF WEST SUFFOLK** first Tuesday monthly, October-June. Diana Hollins 01449 736930 [theartsociety-westsuffolk.org.uk](http://theartsociety-westsuffolk.org.uk)
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