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Mid Suffolk Election of a Parish Councillor

Elmswell Parish

Notice is hereby given that:

1. A poll for the election of a Parish Councillor for Elmswell Parish will be held on Thursday 27th July 2023 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
2. The number of Parish Councillors to be elected is 1.
3. The names, home addresses and descriptions of the candidates remaining validly nominated for election and the names of all persons signing the candidate's nomination paper are as follows:

| Name of Candidate | Home Address | Description (if any) | Subscribers | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|--|--------------|
| | | | Proposer (P) | Seconder (S) |
| Brown David | 16 Whatley Close Elmswell Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9GJ | | Sarah E Mansel (P) Walter W Hawes (S) | |
| Kemble Gerry | 25 Gardeners Walk Elmswell Bury St Edmunds IP30 9ET | | Andrew Cocksedge (P) Geoffrey Creed (S) | |

4. The situation of polling stations and the description of persons entitled to vote thereat are as follows:

| PD | Station Number | Situation of Polling Station | Persons entitled to vote |
|---------------|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| MELN | M23 | Elmswell - The Blackbourne , Blackbourne Road, Elmswell, IP30 9UH | 1.000 - |
| MELS/1 | M24 | Elmswell - The Wesley , School Road, Elmswell, IP30 9EE | 1.000 - |
| MELS/2 | M25 | Elmswell - The Wesley , School Road, Elmswell, IP30 9EE | 1276.875 - |

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Returning Officer: Arthur Charvonia

Here we go again . . . see Editorial

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Every now and then we have to reluctantly admit that the French have something useful to offer us. Café culture, the croissant, a popular vernacular reference to contraception and victory at Crécy in 1346.

Plus, as you may have read previously, 'Déjà vu'...the spooky feeling that what is happening is a mirror image of what has already happened.

As with our front cover this month.

Apparently, an election is due. Another election. An election for a position that was quite properly filled at the last election just 9 weeks ago on 4th May. Once again both Wesley and Blackbourne will be open from 7am and, if 'déjà vu' has anything to do with it, 1,257 of the 3,740 Elmswell electors will take the opportunity to shape Elmswell Parish Council for the next 4 years. Photo ID will, once again, be required.

Bother! We were doing so well in terms of, 'the democratic process'. We are amongst only 6 of the 123 parishes in Mid Suffolk interested enough in how their communities are run at this very basic and potentially very effective level of governance to have sufficient candidates come forward to require a contested poll. Many villages cannot even summon sufficient candidates to fill all the places and have to scabble around to co-opt members to make up a viable council. There are many who never have their full complement.

It is fairly clear why Elmswell numbers as one of the communities where their council matters. We live in one of the places where the council makes a difference. Anticipating the pressures from the top-down framework of deciding where new housing should go, Elmswell busied itself developing Blackbourne, acquiring the site that is now the undeniable runaway success that is Wesley and, after consultation with the whole community, purchasing the Greene King site before establishing the Elmswell Community Land Trust, in parallel

with Elmswell Community Enterprise, to secure, for ever, a considerable area of land right in the heart of the village dedicated to our needs and aspirations. As we read this, the news is out that the plot on Rose Lane immediately adjacent to Wesley has been bought by the Council in order to address one of the problems created by the popularity of the facilities there by extending the car park.

Hence, we have a sense that the wealth of knowledge and experience on offer from our chosen representatives has served us well and that maintaining that standard of input, effort and commitment is an aim worthy of a trip to the polling station. Our Council has been key in creating a home to be proud of.

Accordingly, we were presented on 4th May with a choice. For the 11 places there were 13 candidates. The choice was made. The new Council duly convened for its Annual Meeting on 15th May. The Report on its next meeting, held on 19th June, is, as ever, published in your Newsletter. It records the resignation of one of the Members some 4 days into the 4 year term of office and the subsequent calling of a by-election on 27th July – hence our *déjà vu*, sometimes referred to as 'Groundhog Day' or, 'Here We Go Again'.

By-elections are notorious for a poor turnout. Without the extra pull of a parallel Parliamentary or District Council election, many voters feel the 'why bother' argument winning the day and surrender their chance to have a say. It is that same world-weary response that leaves so many of our clubs and organisation struggling to find committed volunteers resulting in, 'the same old faces', taking stick for, 'running everything'. But those same old faces haven't served us too badly of late – please see above. They have given a home and inspiration to our very own Wesley Ukes. They have worked with other local communities to start the twice-weekly taxi-bus service into Bury and they talk



of possibly extending the scheme. They have supported and found a secure base for the Elmswell Food Bank. The spirit thus encouraged has seen dozens of new faces working to re-establish ElmsFest. It has seen a day of exhibition and demonstration of what is on offer across our considerable range of clubs and societies towards encouraging participation. It has created a whole new community of active enthusiasts keen to establish our community pub. Our own humble contribution by way of your monthly Newsletter happens because 47 distributors turn out each month so that we can all be aware of, for example, our hedge planting event at Blackbourne in November and celebrate the successes of our various groups who can even entice a traction engine to revisit Elmswell which was once its home.

Long story short; we are now nearly 4,000 strong. Bigger than several small towns in Mid Suffolk. We have accommodated change as well as most and far better than many. This is down to those, and there are many hundreds of them, who go the extra mile to help maintain some sense of belonging and to keep alive the can-do spirit that has served us well in recent times.

At the top of that tree of willing volunteers are our Parish Councillors. Their profile is such that, however hard they try and however much they help achieve benefits for our community they will suffer brickbats, criticism, and ill-informed comment... generally unfair and unkind, often verging on vicious, and invariably unproductive.

Please consider, therefore, giving some thought to selecting the people who, regardless of the above, for the next 4 years have offered to take up the baton of responsibility on our behalf.

Long story even shorter. Please vote on 27th July.



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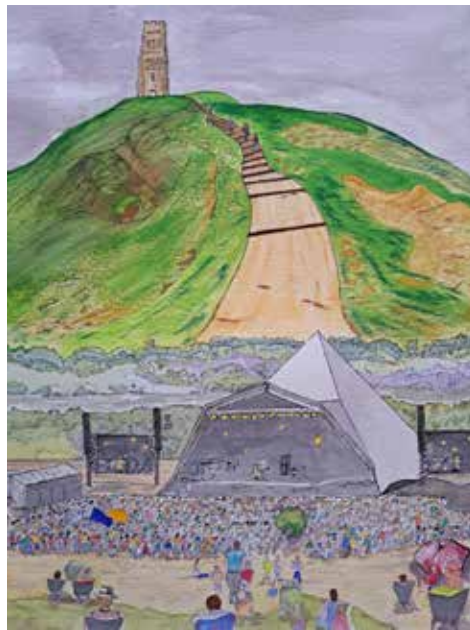


ELMSWELL ART CLUB

This month's pictures are quite different in style and in the mediums used to create them. First is Linda Stephenson's painting of St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds. Linda has used acrylic paint to create the following atmospheric image of this grand building, the seat of the Bishop of St Edmundsbury.



While writing this article, the Glastonbury festival is in full swing so I have taken the opportunity of featuring one of my own "creations" – a merging of two iconic Glastonbury images to produce the below picture. The medium used is Line and Wash (Ink and Watercolour paint). In the foreground is the Pyramid stage and its huge crowd (those heads took a long time to sketch in ink!) The backdrop is Glastonbury Tor with steps leading up to the tower. It seems odd to think that this tower has not always stood on the Tor; it is actually all that remains of the 14th-century church of St Michael, and it replaced a church that was destroyed by an earthquake.



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

July. David is autistic and his autism permeates his painting style, producing some stunning landscapes; below is a taster of what we saw but a more detailed account of our visit will appear in next month's article....



Finally, Elmswell Art Club will be displaying some of our members' works at the Clubs and Groups Exhibition day to be held on Saturday 8th July at the Wesley. To date, fourteen Clubs and Groups from the village have asked to take part in the Exhibition so it should make for a very interesting and enjoyable day and we look forward to seeing you there..



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ELMSWELL WI

Brenda, our President welcomed members and guests then Introduced Lewis Turner, the 'Bee Man' who gave us an introduction to the fascinating life of bees. They have quite a complicated social structure and look after each other, something we could learn from.

Lewis said that 8000 year old cave paintings have been found in Spain showing people tending bee hives so it seems they knew then that they could have honey to eat and maybe even used it in medicinal ways. One bee produces one and a half teaspoons of honey in its lifetime so it takes quite a few bees to make one jar of honey.

Brenda told members of some events coming up soon such as the Thedwastre Group Meeting, Exhibition Day at the Wesley and Elmsfest on 2nd September where we will be serving refreshments. All cake donations will be gratefully received by the organisers.

We will be celebrating the 95th birthday of our WI at the next meeting in July with a fish and chip supper, cakes and quizzes.

Our usual raffle was held and birthday plants for two of our members were taken to be delivered.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30 at the Wesley Chapel.

Everyone is welcome so come along and give us a try.

Margaret 01359 408452



ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

It is unbelievable that half of the year has flown by with many meetings and an Outing now a thing of the past June ended with a visit from Richard Whymark who kept everyone present in fits of laughter

July 6th begins with our Strawberry Supper with the committee doing the catering the

evening will also celebrate our chairmans birthday when we have a special guest entertainer namely Gwyn Pritchard.

The meeting on July 20th will be cash bingo when orders and payment for the Felixstowe trip will be required for Fish & Chip orders which must be booked for delivery to The Hut on August 3rd.

Just a reminder that we will be having a pitch at Bacton Fayre on August 6th so any donations of tombola prizes would be appreciated.

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CITIZENS ADVICE

My oldest child is starting school in September and with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are already mounting. We're already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these new costs. Is there any extra help I can get?

The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. This information can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs. If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of peoples' budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. For more information go to midsuffolcab.org.uk.





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The Gardening Club June meeting was an evening visit to Mickfield Hostas. This followed a talk last year from Melanie who runs the family business which specialises in Hostas, and now holds the largest Hosta National Plant Heritage Collection in the UK, comprising some 2000 varieties. This collection started as a hobby and has expanded over the years, creating an impressive site in their plant tunnel.

Twenty-four members attended and, after some light refreshments, Melanie and her family guided the members around their tunnels explaining the various aspects of how the Nursery expanded and now operates. We were told that the quality of imported plants had become a large problem, so they now propagate all their own plants



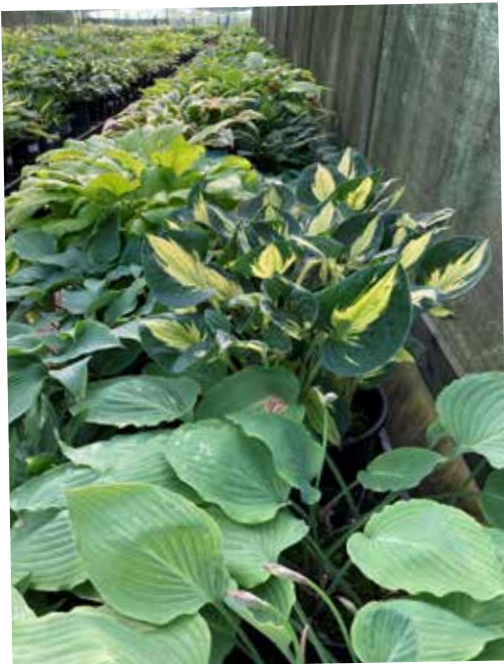
for sale to the public. The high quality of their displays was evidence that they were extremely successful at their craft and that their Gold Medals at RHS shows were well earned.

Members were then able to wander around the tunnels, enjoying the plants with their wonderful variety of colour hues and leaf patterns which were available. The decisions regarding which plants to buy to expand or start collections led to much

head scratching, which ultimately led to smiling faces and many bags being carried back to cars for the trip home, with plentiful expert advice helping to make the decisions a little easier. An excellent evening was had by all, and for anyone who wishes to visit the nursery, please check the website - mickfieldhostasco.uk - which gives opening times or telephone 01449-711576 to arrange a special visit.

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

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UPDATE FOR JULY...



More than half of the 277 shareholders in the pub scheme met at Blackbourne on 13th June to get to know each other at the bar and to hear more about proposals to move things on and to add their input.

The meeting heard from Alan Collard who has supported the steering group on behalf of the Plunkett Foundation which advises Community Enterprise groups including some 160 community pubs which, between them, have raised over £200m from 130,000 shareholders. The success rate of just 97% of these pubs encouraged the efforts of the Elmswell Tavern supporters.



AGM

The inaugural AGM of Elmswell Community Enterprise Limited was held at Blackbourne on 29th June to formally kick-start the process of creating the structures which will allow the transfer of the pub premises from the parish council under a long-term lease. 11 shareholders had put themselves forward as possible Management Committee members, The Board, and the Meeting agreed to elect them en bloc for a period of office which will end on or before January 31st during which time approaches will be made to the wider shareholder membership towards encouraging as diverse a management structure as possible. Meanwhile, there will be no pause or let-up in the process of working-up and costing a basic design for the refurbishment or of the fund-raising efforts already under way. The expertise on offer from the initial Board membership will be of considerable benefit in developing the project through these initial stages.

SHARES AVAILABLE AGAIN

Given the continuing appetite for shares beyond the time-limited initial offer, the Board has been asked to consider an immediate Open Share offer meaning that individuals, businesses and institutions can help towards funding the project and take a stake in the village's future.

Watch this space



Family Fun days will be back!

For all queries contact ECE at the Parish Council Office at Blackbourne - email elmswelltavern@gmail.com telephone 01359 244134

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Homecoming of a 1923 Steam Traction Engine

On 2nd June, it was wonderful to see the return to the village of the beautifully restored 100-year old Wallis & Stevens traction engine, which originated in Elmswell and was used as an all-purpose vehicle for Thedwastre Rural District Council. It was then displayed at the Woolpit Steam Fair that weekend, with many thanks to the Dorset owner who was given this engine as a 4th birthday present from his father!

Our 8th June meeting started with our **AGM**, when we were fortunate to be able to appoint a full committee and some more helpers for our new season 2023-24 from September, so many thanks indeed to all our volunteers – details next month.

This was followed by a talk from UEA's effervescent and knowledgeable medical historian, Joy Hawkins, on "**A & E in the Middle Ages**". She explained that the types of injuries sustained in the Middle Ages were much the same as today – burns, scalds, injuries from falling and impacts of various types and drowning, as well as from encounters with wild or farm animals. In the 13th Century there was a Preachers' handbook that advised priests on what to do under certain circumstances, i.e. the priest had to warn parents to keep children safe from various hazards until the child had "common sense" at about 7 to 8 years of age (but later for boys!). The usual person providing treatment was the female head of the family, or in some cases the Lady of the Manor. There were reference books to help with preparing potions or medicines to aid healing, and there would be a "Herbal" which listed the various plants and what they could be used for. There was also a "Medical Dictionary" listing complaints and the treatments that could be used, while a "Bestiary" listed animal parts which could be



used. Some of the ingredients for the potions could be obtained from an apothecary who would also make up the remedies themselves. The importance of acting quickly in the event of emergency was also known at the time. The women would have prepared the remedies as they were probably able to read adequately for this purpose, even if they could not write. On the battlefield the reputation was maintained by recording "enemy killed them" when treatment was unsuccessful. Barber surgeons cut hair, extracted teeth and set bones. Amputations were carried out and there are images of prosthetics that were made. Physicians cost too much for the lower classes so physical injuries were dealt with by providing as good a life as possible and not necessarily a total cure. Finally, when all else failed, families had to ensure that their loved-one had an easy and 'proper' ascent into Heaven. Some of the cures used in those days are still used today, as pharmacists have studied the documented treatments and identified the active ingredients which are now being included in modern medicine. (Thank you to Mary Dunbavin for this report.)



Woodbridge Tide Mill to Sutton Hoo to Community Pub

Standing on the quay at Woodbridge, the Tide Mill makes a dramatic sight. One of only two such mills surviving in Britain, and a rarity by world standards, this elegant piece of 18th-Century technology makes a fascinating visit for anyone with an interest in history. Furthermore, its position on the beautiful Deben estuary provides inspiration for art lovers and excitement for naturalists, as well as being just across the river from the world-famous Sutton Hoo site, which would make an enjoyable day out to combine the two. Summertime opening hours for the Tide Mill are 11am-5pm, adults £6. Sutton Hoo is fully open to end October, entry is free for National

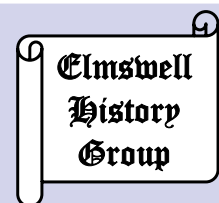
Trust members, and now there's no need to book a visit. When at Sutton Hoo, you could take the opportunity of visiting the Sorrel Horse Inn in nearby Barham (IP6 0PG, 01473-830327) which has recently become a *community pub* much like we're all very much hoping that our own Elmswell Tavern will be in the near future.



Village Groups EXHIBITION

Saturday, 8th July, 10am-3pm, at Wesley. **Free entry.**

We will be attending this Exhibition, so do come along and find out what we have to offer on all things historical in East Anglia. You'll also have the chance to buy a copy of our widely-acclaimed book on Elmswell's WW1 Aerodrome, pick up our new 2023-24 programme of talks starting in September, and sample the delicious array of food and drinks available at the on-site café.

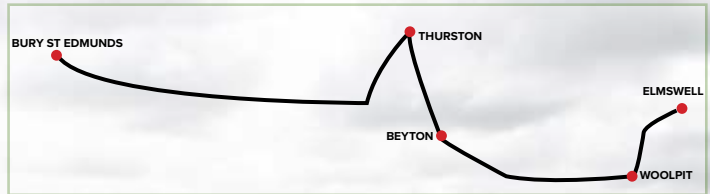


For further information about our History Group, please visit our website –

www.elmswell-history.org.uk

or contact our Secretary, on 01359-242601

Trial now extended to July



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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.

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THE RETURN OF ELMSFEST, NOT TO BE MISSED

If you are looking for a fun and exciting way to spend an afternoon, look no further than Elmsfest, which returns to the Blackbourne on Saturday 2nd September 2023.

The festival, which is organised by residents of the village, supported by the parish council, local businesses, and organisations, is a celebration of what makes living in Elmswell a joy, and promises to offer something for everyone.

Here are some of the reasons why you should not miss this year's festival:

- **Social event** - It's an opportunity to meet new people, spend the afternoon with old friends, and a coming together of the village.
- **Live music and entertainment** - You will be entertained by a range of live music on the festival stage and inside the blackbourne throughout the day. Some of the local bands playing are Riff Raff, NU4, Big Girls Blooze, Jurassic Rock & No Angel.
- **Food and drink stalls** - We are proud to be supporting local vendors and you will be spoiled for choice by a wide selection of food and drink stalls, catering to different tastes and preferences. You can also quench your thirst with a variety of drinks, from coffee and tea (and cakes), served by Elmswell WI, to a full bar.
- **Crafts and games** - You will be able to browse and buy some of the unique and handmade crafts from local stalls including pottery, jewellery, home gifts, Fudge, sweets, children's books, glass crafts and much more. You can also get in the festival spirit and have your face painted, glitter face art or your hair braided.
- **Funfair** - We plan to have a large funfair at the event for those seeking the extra thrill.
- **Monies raised** - All monies raised will be donated to local charities along with the many who have come forward to support us on the day.

We will be running a competition where children are invited to create an Egg Box Garden at home to display on the day, there will be prizes available too. All they need to start is an egg box and then can use their imaginations to create a garden out of whatever materials they like. Follow us on social media for updates.

We are looking for any donations of raffle prizes too, again, we will be advertising where these can be dropped off nearer the time.

WI would love people to bake for their cake stall, if you can help with this please deliver your cakes on the day to the Jubilee Hall at the Blackbourne from 10am. (Please include a list of ingredients and we would politely request 'no nuts').

Would you like to get involved? We are especially looking for help on the day so, if you can spare an hour or two (or the whole day), please email us elmsfest@gmail.com.



And the best news is Elmsfest is FREE to attend and open to all. It starts at 12 noon and runs until 17:00. For more information, visit our Facebook or Instagram page by searching for 'Elmsfest'. Don't miss this chance to experience a fantastic festival that celebrates the village. Come along with your family and friends and join in the fun!



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Hello Elmswell,

The Summer Reading Challenge starts this month. From Saturday 22nd children under 12 can sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. This year The Reading Agency has teamed up with Youth Sport Trust and the theme is Read, Set, Read. It is for kids to read / listen to things they enjoy so can include fiction, non-fiction, audiobooks, graphic novels or picture books.

The display this month will be books we have multiple copies of. Book groups are popular and we have a lot of books with enough copies for small and large groups.

The current exhibition is of work by abstract artist Marian Lishman, with artist Daisy Windsor exhibiting her pressed flower artwork from the end of the month.

If you are going away, have your beach reads already but fancy borrowing something that can be enjoyed as a

group, we have games and jigsaws that can be borrowed. If you are going on a walking holiday we Ordinance Survey maps and from the catalogue you can reserve guides like Lonely Planet guides from our catalogue. We can print your boarding pass and other documents sometimes needed for international travel for 20p per black and white A4 sheet.

If you have been growing a sunflower for the sunflower competition, share how they are getting on on our Facebook page.

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

4.30pm Thursday 13th July (every 2nd Thursday of the month)

The Keep in Touch Community Café

10.30am on Wednesday 19th July at the Wesley Café (every 3rd Wednesday except August)

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday

Lego Club

Every Sunday 11am – 12noon

Opening times

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| 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

Sunday 18th June 2023

An unfortunate misunderstanding on the date of the June footpath walk meant that the Elmswell Newsletter contained the incorrect date of the walk which had been changed to suit holiday commitments.

Apologies if you turned up to walk only to be disappointed.

By way of information the dates of the Footpath Walks are also advertised on the Elmswell Community Facebook page and on Nextdoor.

The party of four commenced the walk on a bright, warm summers' morning with the prospect of an enjoyable, if warm, stroll around the village footpaths.

From Crown Mill we turned left then right on to School Road and then left on to Rose Lane which is FP17 which then became FP16 as we continued across Church Road on to Spong Lane.

We crossed open fields which were starting to look rather dry through the lack of any meaningful rainfall and on through the tunnel of trees next to Kiln Meadow continuing southwards past the water treatment plant and on to Kiln Lane.

Turning left here we were pleased of some shade as the temperatures began to rise. On past Kiln Farm Guest House travelling

westwards we made our way on to Warren Lane crossing on to FP22, up the incline past Warren Mill House and on to FP25A.

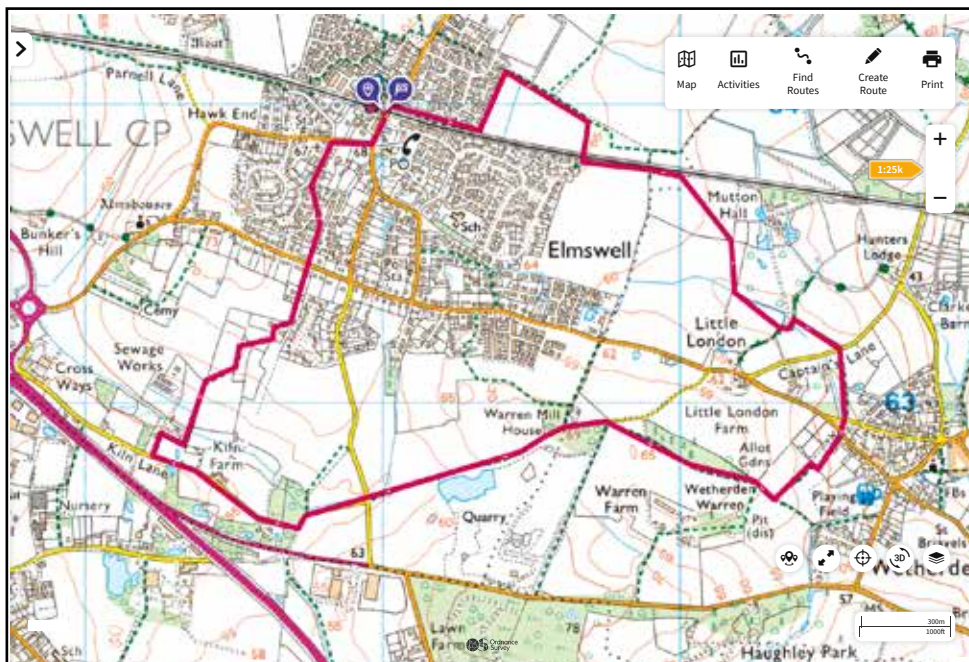
We were now in the Parish of Wetherden and traversed the heathland with fine views across to Wetherden village. Turning left onto FP51 we followed the path down the slope between the copse and the horse enclosure, past the allotments reaching the Elmswell Road by the Wetherden Baptist Chapel.

A quick left and right took us on to FP32 crossing Captain's Lane on to FP33 and

then turning left at RB46. We were then able to access Mutton Hall courtesy of the key kindly provided by the Elmswell Amenities Association and onwards across sheep meadows and ultimately across Lord's Bridge heading back into Elmswell.

FPs 25 and 10 then returned us back into the heart of the village adjacent to the railway line, past the Pharmacy and back to Crown Mill.

A walk of approximately 4.25 miles in 1 hour 46 minutes (an average speed of 2.4 miles per hour). *Peter Hancock, EPC Footpath Officer*



PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS THE NEXT ELMSWELL FOOTPATH WALK WILL BE ON SUNDAY 9TH JULY





ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Greetings from St John's Church

I took this picture whilst walking the dog recently. It was a glorious morning of enjoying God's good creation. The way the poppies formed a carpet of red leading toward the church was stunning. I was also reminded of some words Jesus spoke about how much our heavenly Father cares for us:

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith!" (Luke 12:27-28)

June was an active month at St John's. As well as our all age and other main services with Sunday school, an awesome team of around 20 people worked hard inside and outside the church on Saturday 10 June to make the church and grounds look amazing. Thank you so much to all. Later that day, local band *Nutz and Boltz* with friends performed a thoroughly enjoyable evening of entertainment. This helped raise funds for the work of St John's.

We also celebrated the work of the *Friends of St John's* on Sunday 18 June, followed by lunch in the church. We are very grateful for all the funds the *Friends* have raised for the fabric of the church over the past 30 years – I believe the figure is in the region of £50,000, which is staggering. The Friends of St John's is now coming to a close and the service and lunch was a fitting tribute. Our speaker, Catherine Joughin, reminded us of how this magnificent building has stood as a witness to God's love over the centuries.

In July and August, we will be running a series entitled *Women of Faith* during our morning services. This will include both outstanding women that we read about in the pages of

the Bible and others from history, such as Amy Carmichael, an inspiring Christian lady who rescued many young girls from becoming temple prostitutes in India. We are looking forward to some baptisms in the services and it is also wedding season! We pray for all couples living in Elmswell who will be getting married either here or elsewhere.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sun 2 July 9:00am Holy Communion
- Sun 2 July 10:30am Family Service with baptisms
- Sun 9 July 10:30am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
- Sun 16 July 10:30am Sunday Worship
- Sun 23 July 10:30am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
- Sun 30 July 10:30am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
- Sun 6 August 9:00am Holy Communion
- Sun 6 August 10:30am Family Service with baptism

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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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

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

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

For the summer months the lights will be on between 8.00 p.m. and midnight.

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- 5 in loving memory of Craig Paul Stammers on your 34th Birthday. "Love you always". Mum & Peter. xxx.
- 5 treasured memories of a lovely Dad, Hector Francis, on his Birthday, 5th July. Lots of love, all the family.
- 15 in loving memory of Ivy Millicent Elliston.
- 17 our lovely daughter, Margaret Cowland. who passed away on 17th July 2020. "Thinking of you always".
- 20 in memory of Reginald Bloomfield.
- 21 in loving memory of my husband William Clark (Bill), on his Birthday.
- 22 to remember and thank all those past Elmswell Fire- Fighters who served their village and community so well.
- 23 in loving memory of Thomas Clover.



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MASS TIMES:

Saturday (First Mass of Sunday) – 6PM
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Sundays – 8.30am & 10.15am

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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

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

In June we held a service at our Chapel celebrating the life of Charles Rudland a much respected long serving member of our church, Charles was a former Church Secretary/Sunday School Superintendent General Maintenance man of the church, Charles was borne in 1929 and had been a member of our church for 60+ years and had devoted much of his spare time to serving his lord and master Jesus Christ in his younger days he regularly cycled other churches locally to lead services he will be greatly missed by us all at Elmswell Baptist Church.

On the 8th July we will be at the open day for clubs and societies to be held at the Wesley

Centre so why not give us a look and find out what those strange people called Baptists are like we're pretty ordinary really and will be glad to tell you about our church and what we have to offer.

On 13th July at Noon our Food and Friends lunch will take place at the church as ever new guests are welcome contact Jackie on 01359245918.

Our Ladies friendship Group will be closed for their Summer Break in July and August and will reconvene on the 4th September at 2pm to hear a talk on "The Astonishing Life of Queen Victoria" given by Tony Diamond

Our services in July will be led by

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| July 2 nd | Rev Norman Tharby |
| July 9 th | Carole Almond |
| July 16 th | Mike Forrester |
| July 23 rd | Ann Rudland |
| July 30 th | Caroline Vallance |
| August 6 th | Rev Robert Green |

For any more information about us go to our website www.elmswellbaptist.org.uk or contact Tony on 01359241541 or during July contact me Dave Hollings on 01359241323



The new hedge goes in at the cemetery in 2009



The first tree planted at Lukeswood

BLACKBOURNE'S BIG HEDGE PROJECT

Calling all community groups, uniformed groups, school and playgroups...and anyone else!

You will have read in the Newsletter of this project up at the Blackbourne.

Now is the time to put it in your diaries and think about how you can be involved.

The date is **Saturday 25th November**, at the start of National Tree Week.

NATIONAL TREE WEEK

Now that the date is decided, I am contacting groups to discuss how they might be involved. We are planning that groups come along to maybe plant their own stretch of hedge, or

help generally. And anyone else in the village, young and old. There will be refreshments and facilities in the Blackbourne courtesy of the PC. The fence is now in, marking the new piece of land, and the hedge will go alongside. It is adjacent to the existing playing fields, extending over 50m to the east and north east in a big L shape, totalling 6 acres. It came about through planning gain from the Ashfield Road housing development. The hedge will be of native species, much like the existing hedge, and will be of huge value for wildlife. In autumn I will be ordering more hedge plants from the Suffolk Tree Warden Network and Woodland Trust, to add to those we already have in the tree nursery at the library. We have been lucky with the wet spring, but now have started weeding, watering and replacing the mulch.

I do hope that your group would be interested to play a part in this. Please contact me to discuss it. Considerations may be:

- could you come all together for a certain time slot,
- or just tell your members so they can turn up whenever suits them.
- for schools and nurseries, would the Fri or Mon be better, if you can come during the school day?
- If not to plant trees, then maybe help with the refreshments?

I look forward to hearing from you
Janet Spencer, Tree Warden and Elmswild



Message from the Chairman

On Saturday the 10th of June, Elmswell Youth FC held the end of season 2022/23 presentation.

It was a fantastic day with 95% of our players in attendance, and top it off the beautiful sun came out for us.

The raffle raised an amazing £262.00, which will go towards new equipment and the refurbishment of a new facility at Grove Lane.

Thank you to all that donated a raffle prize/prizes and those that bought tickets, it is very much appreciated by us all at EYFC.

Congratulations to all our players on a successful season, you have all worked extremely hard and Played superbly over the last year, the Club are very proud of you all, and well done to all our coaches and Officials, your efforts do not go unnoticed, so Thank

you for all you do to help keep the club up and running.

A special congratulations goes to our U12's Team (upcoming season will be U13's) on winning the Ipswich & Suffolk Youth League in Division 2, keep up all the good work, you should all be very proud of yourselves. All I need to say now is "Bring on the next season 2023/24, let's smash it".



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NEWS FROM ELMSWILD



A rainy day in May

It's been so hot and dry in June that it's hard to think back to May when it seemed to be raining all the time. It was on one of those particularly wet days that we hosted a team of volunteers at Lukeswood with a strenuous schedule of fair weather tasks all planned out. Over the years we have been very lucky to have the support of BT volunteers who choose to come to Elmswild to help us at our various wildlife sites, so it was disappointing not to be able to welcome them with sunshine! The rain and cold winds didn't dampen their enthusiasm, however, and we managed to complete a lot essential tasks. Our pictures show the volunteers hard at work clearing the grass around the maze, mulching the trees in the orchard, and removing plastic tree guards and wire from the hedges in the green cemetery. A huge thank you to all the hard workers – we hope your next visit will be much more clement!



Preparing for drought

Although we had a wet spring, water levels have not completely recovered from last year's scorching temperatures and the recent hot, dry weather means that drought is an ever present risk. We did lose some of our more recently planted



trees to drought – winter rain was not sufficient to save them. One of our headaches at Lukeswood is that we have no source of water. Of course, we can't hope to water everything over 6.5 acres – the more established trees have to be left to their own devices – but it would be helpful to keep newly planted trees hydrated until they get their roots down. So we were really pleased with the gift of two large water containers from Bloor Homes – pictured with Janet and Hugh who very kindly went to collect them from the development site on School Road. We plan to use them to harvest the rainwater from structures such as our pole barn, so this will make it easier to deal with the hot dry summers that now seem to be the norm. A big thank you to Bloor Homes for this very useful addition to our facilities!



Dragonflies and pagodas

We were delighted to welcome expert basket weaver Jo Hammond to Lukeswood for our two willow weaving courses in May. Under Jo's patient tuition participants made either a dragonfly or a pagoda-style plant support. We all had a great time learning a new skill, and some people even took home extra willow to have another go at home! We plan to run more similar courses in the future, so if you missed out this time or would like to try your hand at making interesting stuff, please do send us your contact details and we'll keep you posted of what's coming up.



Blooming outrage

In June we look forward to seeing our mini wildflower meadows in full bloom. These are situated around the village – at Crown Mill, the station, the maze and next to the library. They were painstakingly established by volunteers, including many enthusiastic children, over several years. It was hard work, but the end result – colourful native wildflowers buzzing with bees and other pollinators all in the heart of the village – made it worthwhile. Imagine our dismay, then, when we found that the little meadow next to the library had been mown just at the point when the flowers should have been bright and lovely. All that was left was dead, brown grass clippings. We know that this not carried out by the usual grass cutting contractor, nor by the EAA who own the library site. We will most likely never know who did it, but we're hoping that it was not done in malice but lack of awareness. Many people this year have been commenting on the relative lack of insects about, including butterflies and bees. We need our pollinators, and providing nectar-rich wildflower areas, however small, is one way of helping them. We leave them to flower and set seed over the summer months, then cut in September after the seeds have dropped, raking off the cuttings so that they don't add nutrients to the soil (wildflowers thrive in poor soil). Despite this dispiriting setback, we have done our best to salvage what is left of this little meadow and have sown some more seed, so we hope there will still be a colourful display later on in the summer. Down, but definitely not out!

Mary Feeney

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- GO FOR A PICNIC 
- PLAY A SPORT 
- PLANT A SEED 
- VISIT THE SEASIDE 
- GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT 

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Method

STEP 1

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STEP 2

When all your banana pops are made lay them on a baking tray and put in the freezer, uncovered, for 1 hr.

STEP 3

Put the yogurt into a tall glass or jug then dip each banana pop into the yogurt to coat (avoiding the strawberries), then place back onto the tray to refreeze until set.

STEP 4

Melt the chocolate in the microwave in 30 second bursts (stirring after each blast) then pour into a mug. Dip the end piece of each banana pop in the chocolate then sprinkle over the hundreds and thousands.

STEP 5

The chocolate should set pretty much instantaneously, but you can keep them in the freezer until you want to serve them for up to 1 week.

Ingredients

- 2 bananas
- 4 large strawberries
- 100g natural yogurt
- 200g dark chocolate
- 1 tbsp hundreds and thousands

You will also need:

- 4 wooden lolly sticks



ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB



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Secretary's Report

Not a lot of football to tell you about in the last month but we did start preseason training last Wednesday at the Blackbourne. We'll be up there or Grove Lane Wednesdays 7-8pm for the next couple of months. New players welcome. Get in touch on our socials if you'd like more information. We had a good turn out with several new faces, so things are looking promising for the up-coming season.

Thanks to continuing sponsors on this page, Park Garage, Culford Waste and ServiceMaster Clean, and welcome to LMT Print and Elmswell Kebab. A couple more didn't get their ads in in time so we should have some local surprises for you next month. If you'd like to place an advert on our page you can email edddd101@gmail.com for more information.

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To fill in some space from the missing adverts I've dug out a classic photo (above) from the mid 1990's. It was taken in front of the Grove Lane Pavilion when it was still new and loved and features a host of Elmswell Legends. How many do you recognise?! Hopefully some good news on Grove Lane coming soon.

I'll leave you with July's friendly matches. We might even be able to offer you a beer and a burger at some of the games with a bit of luck so keep your eye out.

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CLARINETS & JAZZ AT THE WESLEY

Right:

Blackwood Clarinets, formed from the Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra, squeezed in a visit to Wesley on a recent mini-tour of East Anglia. Their performance drew considerable acclaim and a promise to have them back.



Above: The local Jazz & Song Quintet also played from their American Play Book repertoire.

WESLEY UKULELES

WESLEY UKULELE BAND

June was fairly busy for the Wesley Ukulele band with gigs on the 8th, at the Catholic Church in Stowmarket, where we have played before but this time the audience out-numbered us!, and the Phil Stabler – inspired Children's Hospital Charity where £580 was raised for a very worthy cause. We did a gig at Westhorpe in their new and very smart village hall which seemed small to us but matches the size of their village perfectly. There were many acts from the surrounding area and

the standard of performance was quite surprisingly high. Westhorpe has its own choir who were really good and a number of other talented musicians as well. The Wesley Ukes aside, the highlight for me was John and Caroline featuring Westhorpe resident John Evans and Elmswell's Caroline Long, who got the best audience reaction of the night. It climaxed with a mass rendition of 'Pay me my Money Down' which sent the audience home well satisfied with their evenings entertainment. So many people took part that pure audience members were relatively few but everybody had a terrific evening, which was the main object of the evening, of course

As soon as you get this edition of the Newsletter, Kevin's music festival will be upon us. He has assembled a full programme of bands featuring many different musical genres guaranteeing something for all musical tastes. It is entirely free and right on your doorstep so really too



good to miss! If successful, it could well become an annual attraction and, with a re-invigorated Elmsfest coming in September, Elmswell will be well-served with entertainment befitting a village of our size. I feel that we owe it to the organisers to support their efforts by attending the events, which is all they are asking of us.

No original photos for you this month as I have missed a few gigs lately so I am recycling some Wesley practice session shots from last year.

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Elmswell Foxes' fortunes have taken a turn for the better just lately. The Monday team have clocked up consecutive wins over St Edmundsbury blue at home and Wortham away and, consequently, rocketed up to 3rd bottom in the league. 3rd bottom doesn't sound too good but it is in touching distance of mid-table which, after our disastrous start to the league, seemed unattainable. In fairness, we did start off by playing the top teams in the Division when there were few opportunities to pick up points and now we are playing teams that are beatable and the points are coming. The question now is, how will we perform in the second half of the season when we have to play them all again? Those we played at home, we will have to play away and vice-versa which means a trip to Brandon, who thrashed us at home and promises to be quite brutal, but we should get some joy from our two recent victories when we play Wortham and St Edmundsbury again. The Thursday team crushed Walsham at home as we did away and are comfortably 4th in their league but the Tuesday side suffered a home and away defeat at the hands of Bacton which won't have done much to improve their league standing. They now have to face Woodfield (Stowmarket) in the 3rd round of the League Cup, which could be the first time we have progressed that far. Some teams play their strongest players and go for results but we prefer to give everybody a game regardless of league position but, in truth, there is not that much difference in members' capabilities. One or two are outstanding and the rest are pretty similar, and, unsurprisingly, we do try to

put a good team out for a Cup match which, I think, is common practice.

Before I go, I will just remind you of Marion Abbott's Day at the Wesley on Saturday, July 8th, a week after you may get your copy of this award-winning publication, so do come along for a chat and find out all about us and the village's many other clubs.

Linda and Neil Smart with Richard Vince on the next Rink and Keith Pybus as opposing skip, Jim, spots the camera, during our recent visit to Coney Weston

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT - June Meeting



The Parish Council meets at least once each month, excluding August, although extraordinary meetings can be called as required at any time. The June meeting with 9 councillors present, together with 3 members of the public and the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow, took place at Blackbourne on Monday 19th.

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](https://www.elswell.suffolk.cloud) and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged in the Village Archive at Blackbourne and with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes from the Annual Meeting in May, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

Mid Suffolk District Council

Cllrs Sarah Mansel & Helen Geake tabled a written report on BMSDC activities which confirmed that, at the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd May, the 24 Green Party councillors officially became the Administration at Mid Suffolk. Andy Mellen, as leader, outlined initial priorities to lead and work with other bodies to address the challenges faced by our communities, cost of living, affordable homes, local services, public transport and climate change. There will be initially a cabinet of 6 councillors.

Cllr Rowland Warboys was elected as Chair of the Council, with Cllr Dan Pratt as Vice-chair. Cllr Mellen has appointed a Cabinet of 6 members. As well as Leader of the Council, Cllr Mellen's role on the cabinet will be Performance and Resilience. The other Cabinet members are Cllr Teresa Davis (Thriving Towns and Rural Communities), Cllr Rachel Eburne (Finance and Resources), Cllr Andrew Stringer (Heritage, Planning and Infrastructure), Cllr Tim Weller (Environment, Culture and Wellbeing) and Cllr Richard Winch (Housing and Property).

The outgoing Chair, Cllr James Caston raised, during the past year, over £4k for his chosen charity – Stowmarket ASD Saturday clubs. Cllr Warboys' chosen charities for this year will be The Forge Workshops in Thornham Magna and 'Beyond the Wall', a charity based in the Walled Garden at Thornham Estates. Bloor Homes have now completed the section of cycle path alongside School Road in Elmswell from their development to the church. SCC are now working on detailed design of the wider scheme, focussing initially on the section from St John's church to A1088. The next steps are surveys for underground utilities. A CIL bid is to be submitted to MSDC by the end of May.

A number of activities for children and young people were organised for half term. These included family cooking sessions, fencing and dance classes, and kids' clubs. Children who receive free school meals will be able to swim for free at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre. Details of all the activities are available on the website <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/communities/whats-on/holiday-activities-fund/> Cllr Mansel is to be the Chair of planning committee and there is to be a change to the schedule of planning committees. The first daytime planning committee will be held on Wed 21st June and then every 4 weeks. In between those

main meetings provisional meetings will be scheduled for 17:30 on the intermediate fortnightly Wednesdays.

Suffolk County Council

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

Revision of Suffolk County Council's Energy Infrastructure Policy

The decision to adopt the Energy Infrastructure Policy by the Cabinet in February 2021 required that a review of the Policy was undertaken after two years, and this was discussed at Cabinet on 16 May. The following changes were proposed: to expand the scope of the policy to cover water resource infrastructure, including, but not limited to reservoirs, pipelines, and desalination plants, and to make modifications to the policy wording to ensure that it is up to date and robust. The policy was also renamed the Energy and Climate Adaptive Infrastructure Policy.

Water Resources East stated, with the launch of their regional plan consultation in November 2022, that, "Unless action is taken, increasing water scarcity will constrain agricultural production and curtail economic and housing development, impacting the region's future prosperity and endangering the east's iconic chalk rivers, peatlands and wetlands".

The emerging issues of water stress are illustrated by the proposal, in Essex & Suffolk Water's Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP) 2024 consultation, for a moratorium on mains connections for new non-domestic supply until 2032, in the Hartismere Water Resource Zone (WRZ).

The Council has supported innovation and adaptation, having worked closely with the Environment Agency, the University of East Anglia, and Felixstowe Hydrocycle, to construct and run demonstration sites for the use of alternative water resources. Demonstration sites include a system for the storage and distribution of storm water, and a pilot installation for managed aquifer recharge near Felixstowe.

Procurement of Street Lighting Services

The current Highways Services Contract with Kier Integrated Services Limited, which includes provision for Street Lighting Services, comes to an end on 30 September 2023, having been extended to its full 10-year term.

The Cabinet report for 16 May set out the process and timeline for the new procurement, with reference to

the Scrutiny Committee report 'The Procurement of a new Highways Services Contract' from 15 February 2022, which set out lessons learned from the last procurement and how these would be incorporated in the procurement process and new contract to ensure a more rigorous procurement and selection process, and delivery of high quality and sustainable street lighting services for the county.

Supporting Suffolk Residents to Access Benefits

Feedback from VCSE organisations shows that many people are not benefiting from the support they are eligible for. Whilst recognising the good work done by council officers and the voluntary sector to support those in need as cost-of-living pressures continue, a motion proposed and passed in May to put in place an additional programme of communication, to improve the take up of benefits and support available.

According to a recent Financial Times article, an estimated seven million people nationally are not accessing benefits they are entitled to claim, with around £15bn of unclaimed support. Many Suffolk residents may be unaware that they are eligible for a carers allowance, or attendance allowance, and may need signposting or support with the application forms for these benefits. *Suffolk County Council receives £7.8m for Active Travel Schemes*

The government's scheme Active Travel England aims to boost local economies and transform the school run for thousands of children, generating up to 16 million extra walking and cycling trips a year across the country.

The council received £7.8m from the government which it will spend on seven projects around the county, encouraging cycling and walking via cycle lanes, shared use paths and improved road crossings. There will be a period of consultation with Suffolk residents during 2023, with work starting on all schemes in 2024.

Investment of £10m announced for potholes on minor roads

The Council confirmed that £10m would be set aside to be spent over the next 20 months on the surfaces of smaller, local roads where people live, in partnership with Milestone, the new highways contractor.

Clerk's Report

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

- 1 Responding to input from residents,

I have liaised with Network Rail regarding the all-encompassing, often offensive, graffiti at Lord's Bridge. This is, over the years since installation, a recurring issue. NR have, in the past, refused permission for volunteer efforts on the ubiquitous H&S grounds. We have improved our relationship with the regulator over recent years, largely through the support of MARPA. On this occasion the job was very thoroughly done within a few weeks. Watch that space.

- 2 Again, prompted by residents' complaints, I inspected the considerable overgrowth along the pedestrian ways at William Armstrong Close / Bennett Avenue. Responsibility would inevitably be disputed between MSDC /SCC and remedial action would not be swift. I had our Caretaker do a thorough one-off job which attracted notice and thanks from residents who might now be able to stay on top of the problem themselves.
- 3 I spent some time at Wesley on 23rd May with 2 members of the BMSDC Communities Team discussing the range of grant / CIL options available for EPC projects. I then joined the BMSDC CIL team in a Teams meeting on 1st June towards clarifying the position regarding the application of CIL funding beyond the Neighbourhood allocations to projects such as the Elmswell Tavern and the degree to which the community enterprise basis of such ventures renders them free from constraints as a 'business'. The dialogue continues.
- 4 The first meeting of Elmswell Community Enterprise shareholders was held on 13th June and attended by over half of the 279 investors in the project to refurbish the Elmswell Tavern as a Community Pub. The majority of those attending were new to any community involvement in Elmswell and a good proportion are entirely new to the village, bringing a refreshing new energy which may well be reflected more widely in village life. It was encouraging to hear wide appreciation of what Elmswell has achieved over recent years and of a determination that the Tavern scheme will continue as a key factor in a community which is taking account of the pressures of the recent relentless housing development. Elmswell Parish Council is held in some esteem as the driver of recent progress and as the prime mover in having saved the Greene King site from commercial development. The first AGM is due towards the end of the month and this will trigger a new phase in the undertaking with a broader spread of community input drawn from the new Membership.

Planning results

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

DC/23/01599 Discharge of Conditions

Application for DC/22/01224 Condition 5 Holly Lodge, Cross Street APPROVED
EPC did not comment

DC/23/02364 Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/22/03966..

Land Adjacent to Elmtree Business Park APPROVED EPC did not comment

DC/23/02287 Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/22/01615...

Land to the North And West of School Road APPROVED EPC did not comment

DC/23/01582 Erection of first floor extension over existing garage

56 Eastern Way GRANTED EPC supported

DC/23/01454 Erection of single storey rear/side extension

20 Ozer Close GRANTED EPC supported

DC/23/01302 Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension

Linden Cottage, Hawk End Lane GRANTED PC supported

DC/23/01358 Construction of 1no dormer and 5no roof lights

2 Hawk Green GRANTED EPC objected

DC/22/04767 Discharge of conditions DC/20/01677 Condition 4

Land to the West of former Bacon Factory APPROVED EPC made no comment

DC/23/00064 Discharge of conditions DC/20/01677 Condition 18

Land to the West of former Bacon Factory APPROVED EPC made no comment

Planning Applications

The Meeting supported an application Ref. DC/23/02343 for the erection of a pitched gable roof dormer following removal of the existing flat roof dormer at The Links, Church Road.

It was agreed that, given the very technical nature of the substantive issues involved, no comment should be made on applications for minor variations to detailing of works at Elmswell Hall, Parnell Lane under refs. DC/23/01734 & 01732.

The Meeting raised objections, as detailed, to the application Ref DC/23/02238 for the erection of barn style dwelling at Ten Ten, Kiln Lane

Councillors urged rejection of this application for the following reasons:

It represents an example of, 'development-creep', whereby this application relies upon previous applications which have gradually prepared the way for a full-blooded and blatant case for a large house in the countryside.

In 2017 (ref DC/17/02404) Permission was refused for a Class Q Approval for change of use of the existing agricultural building to a dwelling. This decision was reasonably and sensibly based on the very insubstantial nature of that building which in no way could have been, 'converted', without major structural remediations and additions.

A subsequent full application for conversion was, however, granted in 2019 (ref DC/19/01596) against objections that

the building, with a corrugated tin roof, visible slippage suggesting inadequate or compromised foundations, internal collapse of floor structure and damaging incursion over many years of trees and vegetation, could not be the core of a rebuilding process. At this juncture, the Planning Authority lacked the pre-requisite of a 5 year housing supply and this lent support through the broad-brush NPPF policies for overriding such practical objections in favour of blindly increasing housing supply. With the precedent thus established, an application for a conversion plus 2 further dwellings in 2021 (ref DC/21/05406) was withdrawn in the face of impending rejection and then softened to a subsequent application for conversion only in 2022 (ref DC/22/02641). The current application completes the process whereby a rickety old timber grain store has eventually provided a route to suggesting that a 3 bedroom family house in the countryside is acceptable. Elmswell Parish Council urges a fresh look at this proposal and repeats its previous arguments for refusing development on this site:

- 1 Mid Suffolk District Council has a 9.5 year housing supply and therefore does not need to look beyond existing policies and settled development boundaries to fulfil Government targets in this regard.
- 2 This site is in the countryside clearly outside of the Development Envelope of Elmswell. To permit further encroachment of development into Kiln Lane would run counter to Local Plan Policy SB1 and there is no mitigating factor presented to support intrusion which is, clearly, against the overriding principle of protecting the countryside for its own sake.
- 3 Kiln Lane is a single-track country lane with no footpath along its entire length. It is already at capacity as the village expands and traffic seeks ways around the increasingly busy main through routes. In proposing another vehicular access on to Kiln Lane and imposing the traffic generated by a 3 bedroomed dwelling which must rely almost entirely on car use to access facilities, the Proposal, runs counter to Local Plan policy T10 which requires that existing roads giving access to a proposed development should be suitable in terms of the safe and free flow of traffic and pedestrian safety. Recent permissions for residential development along Kiln Lane have enjoyed the unfettered laissez faire of NPPF guidance. This application must, in contrast, be viewed against the reasoned and considered Local Plan regulation, against which it signally fails. The PD rights and curtilage benefits which would accrue should permission be granted pose further serious threats in terms of amenity.
- 4 The Application goes against NPPF policies of sustainability. In its strictures on promoting sustainable transport it argues for an awareness of potential



impacts on transport networks [para 102(a)], focussing on locations which can be made sustainable through limiting the need to travel [para 103] and for attention to the impacts from a proposal on the transport network [para 108(c)].

This is a proposal for a dwelling along a narrow country road situated almost a mile from the village facilities. In NPPF terms it is unsustainable.

Proposed development at School Road

Councillors agreed to meet with the Planning Agent who had recently presented a public consultation event at Wesley regarding a proposal for development of care home / retirement accommodation at land on School Road from Parnell Lane towards St John's. The meeting would be a precursor to further public consultation as deemed appropriate by the Agent and would be held under the Council's Pre-Application Consultation Protocol.

Facebook

The meeting agreed to the setting up of an Elmswell Parish Council page on Facebook under a Protocol tabled at the meeting

under which no comment can be made through that platform but responses will be invited through the usual channels including by email.

Taxi Bus

The success of the taxi bus service to Bury which has been underwritten by the 4 feeder parish councils of Elmswell, Woolpit, Beyton and Thurston and administered by the Clerk's office at Elmswell has been such that Councillors agreed to continue the experiment for a further month and that consideration be given to possible extensions to the scheme.

Election The Meeting noted the resignation of Cllr Arnold some 4 days into his term of office and the Clerk, on request, read from the letter of resignation which clarified Cllr Arnold's reasoning whereby, having acted in an unprofessional manner he considered his conduct unbecoming of the position to which he had been elected. The Meeting noted that a Notice of Casual Vacancy had been posted on 17th May, that an election had been properly requested by 10 electors and that Notice of Election was published with 27th July confirmed as the date for a contested poll. The closing date

for Nominations was 30th June. The Clerk confirmed that the estimated costs charged to EPC would be £2,000.00 for a contested election without the issuing of polling cards. Polling cards, if requested by EPC, would cost a further £1,800.00. An uncontested election would cost £141.00. The meeting agreed that, given that the date of any election would be in the holiday period, polling cards, which give details of the arrangements for postal voting, would be necessary in the interests of widening the response and that the Returning Officer should be asked to issue them.

Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 17th July 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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SID REPORT JUNE 2023

Monitoring undertaken 16th June 2023

The average data have changed over the last few weeks, no doubt as a result of vehicles avoiding the A14 roadworks, with the headline numbers being:

Ashfield Road

Data collected 25th October 2021 to 25th April 2023, unable to collect data 16th June 2023, no connection to radar. This location less likely to be affected by A14 works. Total vehicles in monitoring period 582,934
Average speed 30.12 mph
AADT (annual average daily traffic) approx. 1065
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 16th June 2023
Total vehicles in monitoring period 1,178,404
Average speed 28.99
AADT (annual average daily traffic) approx. 2898, an increase of 189 in 4 weeks, most likely as a result of A14 roadworks.
Approx. 37% of drivers over limit, a decrease of 3%
Average excess speed 34.5
Maximum speed 70 mph 24th April 2022 16:05

Wetherden Road

Data collected 1st March 2022 to 16th June 2023
Total vehicles in monitoring period 1,004,945
Average speed 28.76
AADT (annual average daily traffic) approx. 2129, an increase of 170 in 4 weeks, most likely as a result of A14 roadworks.
Approx. 41% of drivers over limit
Average excess speed 34.0 mph
Maximum speed 90 mph 19th November 2022 22:05

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

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Staffed Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm and other times by arrangement

clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk
Tel. 244134 www.elmswell.suffolk.cloud



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.

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| July 17th | Sept 18th | Oct 16th | Nov 20th | Dec 18th |
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Meetings are held at Blackbourne, beginning at 7.30 unless otherwise notified

VILLAGE INDEX

Useful contacts for community groups & others...feedback is essential.

Do be in touch to correct or add details or to suggest someone else deserving of listing.

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| Bingo at Blackbourne | Brian Hawes | | 07761 125093 |
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| Youth Football | Wayne | wsast@hotmail.co.uk | |

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What's On in Elmswell ?



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

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

July 2023

- 6 Over 55's Club Strawberry Supper followed by entertainment by Gwyn Pritchard
- 8 10am-3pm, Elmswell HISTORY Group at Wesley's Village Groups EXHIBITION, free entry
- 11 Elmswell WI Fish & Chip Supper
- 13 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 13 Elmswell HISTORY Group Summer Outing, 6.45pm for 7pm, TOUR of Bury Cathedral's Tower, Ancient Library, and Ruins. Details and Tickets (£13 member or £15 non-member, includes refreshments) at our 8 June meeting or any time before end June from 01359-242601.
- 18 ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB, Outing – TBA
- 20 Over 55's Club Cash Bingo
- 28 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30

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
- 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

October 2023

- 10 Elmswell WI Karen Luke Heart of Suffolk Gin Distillery
- 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'
- 27 Bingo at Blackbourne doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30

November 2023

- 9 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday

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Regular sessions at Blackbourne & Wesley include:

- KARATE** with Lewis - Tuesday 4.30 – 5.45 / Friday 5.00 – 7.00 info@greatheadma.com
 - JAPANESE JUJUTSU / SELF DEFENCE** – Monday & Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30 ryoishintowaryuheiho@gmail.com tel. 07711 680262
 - BABY & TODDLER GROUP** - Monday mornings elmswellbtgroup@gmail.com
 - BATS- badminton / table tennis / pool** at Blackbourne Friday nights 7 – 9.30 simon@coakleyandtheaker.co.uk
 - BOWLS** - barryhayward1902@gmail.com tel. 240951
 - GUIDES** - elmswellguides@outlook.com
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 - JUNIOR FOOTBALL** - smyth98@hotmail.com 07717 841591
 - CUBS** Tuesdays 6.15 – 7.30 - claremariekeefe@gmail.com
 - BEAVERS /SCOUTS** - Wednesday 5.45 – 9.15 ddc.paula@stowmarketscouts.org.uk
 - OVER 55'S** - every other Thursday 6.30 – 10.30 Diann Armstrong tel. 241002
 - CIRCLE DANCING** - Thursdays 1.45 – 3.15 jenlerner@gmail.com
 - TREFOIL GUILD** - 1st Tuesday monthly lesley.grout@btinternet.com
 - MARDLE QUILTERS** - last Friday monthly carpajak@aol.com
 - MOO MUSIC** - Fridays 12.45 – 3.15 bury@moo-music.co.uk
 - WI** – evening at Wesley 2nd Tuesday monthly 7.30pm Terry Byford bbazby@aol.com
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 - COMPANIONS** – every other Friday 10 – 12 at Wesley - linda@abbott.plus.com
 - PILATES** – Monday & Friday mornings – suzanne@triformpilates.co.uk
 - BINGO** – Blackbourne, last Friday monthly doors open 6.30...eyes – down 7.30
 - ARTS SOCIETY OF WEST SUFFOLK** first Tuesday monthly, October-June. Diana Hollins 01449 736930 theartssociety-westsuffolk.org.uk
- If we've missed you out, do let us know...all enquiries to Ann at the Council Office Tel. 244134 Email clerk@elmswell.suffolk.gov.uk

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