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There is every chance that we might, this month, stand accused of ‘pride before a fall’, of asking for trouble or of tempting fate.

However, it is a fact that vandalism in our village, allowing that we are the largest in Mid Suffolk, is, historically, very low. This, clearly, having reference to the traditional old-school nuisances – of daubing and smashing and defacing - rather than the modern poor behaviours of putting used nappies in the clothing bank, dangling bags of dog faeces from bushes, parking on the pavement, sitting with the engine running at the crossing gates - we all have our own suggestions.

A couple of recent silly incidents in the village simply serve to point up the past few years when there has been no need for a cost centre in the Parish Council forecasts labelled, ‘external vandalism at Blackbourne’. A few years when pointless acts of damage destruction have not marred our community landscape.

The oft-voiced reason for the improvement in social behaviour is that those who might most commonly be thought of as the perpetrators of community nuisance nowadays have something better to do. They have their phones. They have their games consoles. Often the two at the same time. They have a world in their bedroom where they have an on-line presence which assures them that, whilst living their self-assessed ‘best life’, they can achieve any personal goal; they can become influencers, life-style gurus, and, of course, overnight millionaires. This is far more exciting than knocking on doors and running away or throwing eggs and flour about. Our younger generations are mired in a slurry of mind-controlling and effectively limitless on-line content that serves a very few very well by relying on millions of victims mesmerised by the glitz and the glamour dangling for ever just out of their reach.

However, it is slowly dawning on some born in the analogue ages, those old enough to remember jumpers-for-goalposts, to recall a television picture made up of 405 lines and to consider Benny Hill a little risqué, that to have several generations following them who are so immersed in the unlimited dross on offer at the twitch of a thumb may not be too good a legacy. It is, undeniably, the responsibility of elders and betters to encourage a present and to plan a future that serves their successors well.

Yes, it is dawning that, for example, mobile phones should not be allowed in classrooms. That this was ever in doubt, that this was ever allowed, that this ever became the scourge of the teaching profession seems beyond nonsensical.

It is dawning that, to allow toddlers their own screens may be to entice them away from the very essential tests and trials of growing up and to colour-wash their

world a sickly pink for fear of nasty reality seeping in.

It is, perhaps more slowly, dawning that the example set by adults might well be encouraging the realisation of George Orwell’s sci-fi anticipation of a substance peddled by the controlling class known as ‘soma’. Soma was a recreational drug which removed the masses from the realities of the real world and allowed universal social control. When we observe a young mum absent-mindedly pushing her toddler in a swing on the play park but with no personal interaction because the phone screen comes between them, or when we see dad in the car in the car park at Blackbourne, engine running for the air-con, totally immersed on-line whilst his children are involved in a frantic under-10’s football match, it is not difficult to see the parallels. It is also not difficult to see why the kids think that several hours of screen time each day is an adult way to behave.

There is an opinion abroad that the older generation, having so traitorously corrupted the youth of the realm, should begin to address the on-line theft of childhood. We should, they say, start a youth club.

This view is often put forward and backed-up with dreamy rose-tinged memories of youth clubs run by charismatic vicars or retired squaddies who organised boxing tournaments, arranged board game evenings and healthy forest hikes. The occasional nod to the emerging force that began as, ‘the rock& roll generation’ and continues as the cults of Andrew Tate and P.Diddy came by way of a Dansette record player for the spinning of discs.

A brief trawl through the archive presents a slightly less cuddly image of the community’s attempts to give the kids something to do. A letter from the Elmswell Youth Club Leader in February 1975 to a parent lists the offences committed by his son, culminating in his, ‘mutilating the village hall’s piano.’ The archived record confirms the increasing difficulty in maintaining the momentum of Youth Club activities begun in 1965 which included weekends at Felixstowe with the Army Youth Team, courses on make-up

and hair care for the girls, 30 members attending the Radio London Dance Club at Wimbledon Palais and a football team that beat the Elmswell adult first team in 1966. But, as the newly termed ‘teenagers’ found a voice and an identity, the social structures that encouraged organised social activity declined. The youth club that was moved from the Memorial Hall to Blackbourne in 1998 was a pale shadow of the glory days and lasted just a few months. Other initiatives have similarly foundered, 2 versions of a Youth Drop-In-Centre, the expensive and lengthy attempts to start a skate board park / BMX track, a Youth Parish Council, 2 further youth clubs run by professional leaders, the last of them closing just a few years ago. Elmswell has tried.

For the moment, perhaps, it is time to stop considering how to give our youngsters, ‘something to do’? If the Scouts & Guides, the 17 youth football teams and the BATS sessions each week at Blackbourne don’t appeal, experience suggests that the mind-set of the life-lived-on-line generation does not favour organised or channelled activity from mere mortals?

Literature might help.
Good old Will Shakespeare:

**“I would there were no age between ten and three-and-twenty, or that youth would sleep out the rest; for there is nothing in the between but getting wenches with child, wronging the ancients, stealing, fighting”....
...and mutilating the village hall’s piano.**



All the right components, but not, necessarily, in the right order.



ELMSWELL ART CLUB

Our annual Art Show & Sale took place at the end of September and was very successful, with a good attendance of visitors throughout the two days, as well as many items being purchased from our displays. This year, in addition to paintings and drawings, we also displayed a wide range of other crafts including wonderful stained-glass items, excellent hand-sewn ornaments and fine quilts as well as greetings cards and prints.

We also held a Tombola draw across both days and many lucky winners took away some of the lovely prizes which had been donated by the Art Club and its members.



This month's paintings were produced by Bobbie Fiske and Jo Finter. The first picture shows Bobbie's image of a rural country scene; this is in soft pastels and really captures the peaceful remoteness of the cottage and its surroundings;



Our second picture is Jo's delightful watercolour painting of a Highland cow drinking from a stream; a lovely, serene image of nature....



Eddie Douglas

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ELMSWELL W.I.

Terry began the meeting by thanking members for all their tremendous support, during Elmsfest. Many made cakes to sell on the WI refreshments stall and there was, lots of help during setting it up, running it and cleaning up. It was a great success, and raised £385.50 for local charities.

For the second year running, Trish provided a quiz, which was sold to earn money for the Women's Refuge. Another great success! £50 was given to the winner and £250 was presented to a representative from the refuge. They are now called "Restore", their centre is in Bury St Edmunds and there are several branches in surrounding areas.

Our speaker for the evening was Linda Scoles, an America lady who has entertained us before with stories about her life. She told us about her journey to Citizenship of the United Kingdom. She was born in Washington State and had a wonderful childhood on the family farm.

After studying music, she met and married an air force lieutenant. For twenty three years they travelled around the world, experiencing fourteen moves. In 1971, they lived in Great Barton for five years, where they felt very welcomed and included. Her husband fell in love with England and they both wanted to stay, When he retired in 1984, they managed to get permission to live here.

After eighteen years, Linda's husband sadly passed away. Unfortunately, Linda had to sell her house and after setting up a business with one of her daughters, lost everything. However, they both eventually became citizens of the U.K., after working through all the really difficulty's stages, which that entails. What an entertaining speaker.

If you are interested in joining our evening W.I. Group, please take a look at our Facebook page, where you can find out about all our interesting groups and activities.

Rosie Collins 01359 241652



ELMSWELL EXCHANGE W.I.

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Barry and Nicky who entertained us all with songs from the 1960s. Many of the members were soon singing along to the songs they remembered from their youth. It was an enjoyable hour with plenty of audience participation.

The competition was an item of memorabilia from the 1960's including photographs. 1st Stephanie Lester, 2nd Rosie Ellis and 3rd Mary Chown.

Next month our speaker is Jane Riches speaking about fraud awareness. The competition is an interesting coin.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Carol Blissett 242 884

ELMSWELL OVER 55'S CLUB

Our last meeting on August 29th we welcomed «Yesterday» as our entertainers they consisted of a drummer and three guitarists who performed numerous numbers which went down well by all present.

Turning to September we set up a stall at "Elmsfest" where we had a Tombola stall in amongst the numerous stalls offering just about everything. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave prizes to support our fund raising and special thanks must go to Charlotte Barry and Hazel who gave their time manning the stall all day raising £300 for club funds.



On September 12th in excess of 50 members sat down to a wonderful Harvest Supper prepared and served by the committee with the evening continuing with entertainment by «Keith and Angela».

September meetings continue with a visit from "Suzie Q" October continues with Bingo on October 10th which is followed by music with «Gwyn Pritchard» when visitors will be welcome to join us. Music also features at our Meeting on November 21st with Brian Mann (Country Music).

If you need any further information about the club please contact Diann on 01359 241002.

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ELMSWELL FOOTPATH WALK Sunday 29th September 2024

An unavoidable rescheduling meant that the walk took place a week later than that advertised in the Elmswell Newsletter.

Nevertheless a spritely crew of 5 turned out on a rather overcast early autumn morning with the promise of sunny spells later.

A couple of days of rain late in the week indicated that paths crossing fields might be best avoided.

Heading north through the industrial estate and the Bacon Factory houses we joined FP1, continuing north and then veering north east.



Passing the junction with FP3 on the right we crossed the Parish boundary into Norton.

Now on FP32 a right and left took us past the junction with FP31 on the left heading towards Harding's Farm.

A further right and left brought us into the farmyard with the stands of trees beginning to wear their autumnal colours.

FP32 morphed into Harding's Lane as we continued north along the lane, past the houses on the left and on to the junction with Norton Road where we turned left.

A little over 500m towards Norton brought us to the Norton Little Green road sign and FP30 on the left which we duly took.

The route was now in a pleasant wooded tunnel heading south and then breaking out back into open fields.

FP30 meandered right and left until finally a right took us on to FP22 followed by a left on to FP29 and then a further left on to FP31.

Now heading south east a copse of trees known as the Grove stood on our right.

FP31 turned left at the junction with FP35 where it met the familiar sight of FP32 where we had passed earlier.

Now it was a simple task to retrace our steps continuing to head south east with Elmswell in view.

An very pleasant sociable stroll of 4.99 miles in 1 hour and 56 minutes (an average speed of 2.6 miles per hour)

Peter Hancock, EPC Footpath Officer

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HISTORY GROUP

Thank you to all visitors at our display at Sept's ElmsFest, at which we had joint winners in our village photo competition who have each won free entry to one of our new season's talks. Congratulations, and we look forward to welcoming them both in the near future.



Neil Langridge's Sept talk on *Hop Cultivation in Suffolk* gave us a new and unexpected insight into local hop growing from the 16th century, this being an appropriate time of year as hops are harvested in late-September. Neil brought a sample of wild hops from Combs which would have grown along the river there for the past 300 years. We saw illustrations of the ponds in Ipswich's Holywells Park, the water from which was used by local brewers, and Stowmarket's former maltings rivalled those in Burton-on-Trent. Before 1520, the drink of choice for the general populace was ale (made without hops) which was safer than water because it was boiled, but Northern European immigrants brought over their preferred beer and the hops to make it. Various contemporary writers described this development, and there followed a short-

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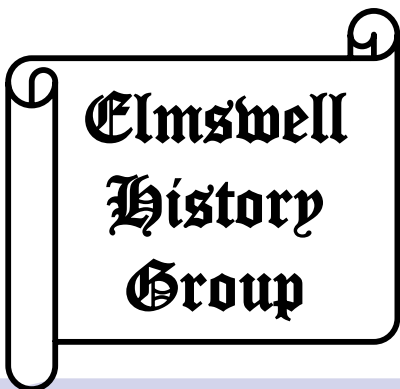




lived “hop mania” in a number of “get-rich-quick” schemes. The first mention of hops grown in Suffolk was in 1594 when Combs Hall had a hopyard meadow, and Cambridge’s medieval Stourbridge Fair sold wool and hops. Hollingsworth’s 1844 “History of Suffolk” mentioned the hamlets of Dagworth and Old Newton having hopyards in 1738 or earlier; Dagworth still has a former hop-drying kiln (1912), now converted into a residential dwelling. Neil also found evidence of a hop meadow on the western side of Elmswell, possibly in Kiln Lane. Stowmarket’s Hop Fair took place from 1826, but often hop fields were converted into osier beds to grow willow for local basket making. There is still Hopyard Lane in Haughley and Stowmarket’s Hop Pole Inn (1861-1925) which had a bonded warehouse with a siding from the main railway. The final illustration was of a fully-loaded hop cart pulled by a magnificent Suffolk Punch horse.

FROM THE ARCHIVE, 19th Oct 1867

The provision market in Ipswich (on the site of the modern-day Buttermarket Shopping Centre) was relaunched after several years of decline. The *Ipswich Journal* gave it a hearty welcome, and boys from the Ragged School played their part by working as porters, in uniforms of loose bright red shirts and corduroy trousers. The streets were decorated and there were crowds of shoppers. One of the new features of the provision market was the availability of fresh goods, such as butter, cheese, eggs and vegetables, shipped over from Holland. The Dutch produce was welcomed by the *Ipswich Journal*’s correspondent “*even though the Dutch market women are not exactly models of feminine beauty*”. No doubt the journalist was a bit of a Greek god himself and well qualified to comment! (*Ipswich Journal, 1867*)



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

www.elmswell-history.org.uk
or contact our Secretary,
on 01359-242601

Heritage Open Days, 6-15th Sept – Some of our members took advantage of these free regional events and visited the following:-

Stowmarket – St Peter & St Mary’s Church (in the town centre), clambering up the ornate Victorian spiral staircase to the bell tower to view and hear the magnificent new and refurbished set of ten bells, one of which has been there since 1450.

Ipswich – Christchurch Mansion Museum for a guided tour of this wonderful building, led by very knowledgeable Tudor-costumed guides.



Norwich – (a) Pull’s Ferry (named after the longest-serving ferryman, 1796-1841) on the River Wensum with its 15th-century watergate, which was the route for the stone used to build Norwich Cathedral along a canal specifically built by the monks for this purpose; (b) The 18th-century Octagon Chapel, some of whose benefactors were various members of the Huguenot Martineau family (possibly

related to the those at Walsham-le-Willows); (c) Strangers Hall, once home to Mayors and Magnates and with a labyrinthine suite of period rooms, 14th-century undercroft and Elizabethan knot garden, this amazing building is now full of enthralling objects and art;



(d) Maddermarket Theatre with its Elizabethan-style stage reminiscent of London’s Globe, set within the winding Norwich Lanes; and (e) 14th-century Britons Arms pub at the top of the delightfully cobbled and historic Elm Hill.



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Our **next talk** at the Wesley Hall, 7.30pm on **10th October**, will be Barbara McElroy’s “*Framlingham, Castle on the Hill*”. Barbara has visited us previously for her excellent talk on the Bevin Boys of WW2. She has lived in Framlingham for many years and her latest talk draws on her research and knowledge of the town. The talk follows the fortunes of both Framlingham Castle and its impact on the town through the ages, with a particular focus on the many links with Royalty and influential families. Do join us then to find out much more.

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COMPARE THE MONEY WITH THE COST...

the Tender bids will inform a process of choosing a preferred contractor with whom discussions will be held towards tailoring the build cost to resources and to the signing of a RIBA Concise Building Contract 2018. At this point we have a build-start date and an anticipated completion date



MEANWHILE - THE GLASS...

is either full or empty or somewhere in between. The doomsayers will fill the ether with a catalogue of pub failures and closures, with tales of sky-high business rates, with their analysis of a continuing decline in the hospitality sector and with their views on the perceived shortcomings of the volunteers driving the scheme. Those volunteers will point to the success of the Community Pub sector, especially locally, to the considerable customer base within a ten minute walk of the Tavern, to the synergies with Wesley right next door and to a village whose track record in delivering community facilities is exemplary. All points of view would be better made over a glass of something...



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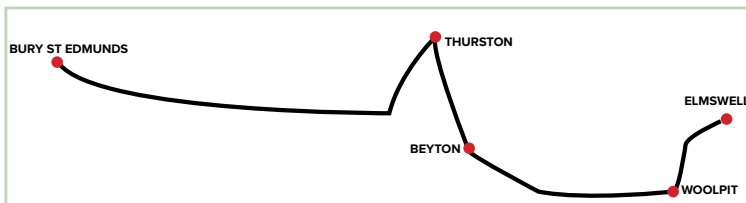
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On 17th September the speaker was Bradley Morris who gave a talk entitled 'Before and After - Landscaping Ideas.'

Bradley began his talk with an introduction about his interest in gardening which began with helping his grandparents on an allotment and in the garden. After school he attended Writtle University College. During this time he worked at several plant shows and made lots of important contacts.

Bradley went on to work in a variety of locations and discovered that one of his favourite jobs was garden design, pruning plants and cutting back hedges. Eventually, he felt ready to begin his own business, 'Prune to Bloom'. The business is clearly thriving and that is no doubt due in part to his outgoing, positive 'can do' personality and very obvious love of what he does

His talk was especially appropriate with so many new homes being built in the area. Often properties have almost completely empty gardens, with just a patch of grass and a small paved area. In his talk, Bradley explained the process he goes through when planning a garden. His first task is to listen to his clients to get a full understanding of their needs and hopes for their garden.

Bradley showed us how he starts with a very basic sketch of anything already in the garden. He then moves on to discuss how the garden is used and adds in the most used routes across the garden, e.g. back door to gate, shed and possibly garage. He then adds in the essentials, such as a path. Bradley then described the next stage as the exciting part where he can get creative. Choosing where to place a water feature, trees that might suit the size of garden, seating areas, perhaps a small vegetable area and suitable choices of flowers. His talk gave ideas and inspiration even to those of us with more mature gardens, possibly needing a 'revamp'.

After his talk, Bradley was happy to answer lots of questions from the audience. Altogether it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Another very useful talk will be given on 15th October by Geoff Hodge, 'Pruning Made Simple.' For many of us, this is a total mystery! Whether to prune, when to prune, how to prune. No matter how many books we read, or articles we scour on the Internet, it seems so easy to make mistakes. This is definitely not to be missed.

Further information about Elmswell Gardening Club please contact Nick on 01359 242601 or e-mail: elmswellgadmin@btinternet.com



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We are going to have Lego out on the table for kids and adults to enjoy 3pm – 4pm Tuesdays to Fridays as well as the usual Saturday 11am – 12noon. The theme for our October display is Halloween. We have a mix of books including a graphic novel inspired by Anne Rice's Interview with the Vampire, Fairy Tale by Stephen King, The witchfinder's Sister set in Essex, The witches of Vardo by Anya Bergman, Shiver which is the start of a werewolf series by Maggie Stiefvater and The demon code which is a thriller by David Leadbeater.

Our next exhibition is artwork from an outsider artist who paints colourful pictures.

We have a new databank service which helps provide free SIM cards through the National Databank to people who have no internet access. The National Databank is similar to foodbanks but for mobile data. To get a SIM people must have a SIM capable device that is unlocked or is compatible with either O2 or Vodaphone. To find out more you can speak to us in the library or email databank@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

Wild Reads is back again this year. The featured books for 2024 are:

Losing Eden – Lucy Jones

Folk – Zoe Gilbert

World of Wonders – Aimee

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Beak, Tooth and Claw – Mary Colwell

Being a Beast – Charles Foster

Into the Tangled Bank – Lev Parikian

There is also an online Wild Reads author event with Lucy Jones on at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd October which you can sign up to via our website <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/special-events/wild-reads>

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See you in the library soon,

Miles

What's on at Elmswell Library?

Story Time

1.10pm – 1.30pm every Tuesday (except 1st one of the month)

9.10am – 9.30am every 1st Tuesday

Sunday Crafts

1pm – 2pm every Sunday (origami 13th and 27th October)

Lego Club

Every Sunday 11am – 12noon

The Keep in Touch Community Café

10.30am on Wednesday 16th October at the Wesley Café (every 3rd Wednesday)

Catch Up In The Library

11am fortnightly on Thursdays (3rd, 17th and 31st October)

Opening times

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



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2024

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 to be just as successful.

Unfortunately, Tony Chaplin, who many of you will know from his 30 years as the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Elmswell, sadly passed away and will be greatly missed. No more tales from his Royal Navy years

At the time of writing, it is anticipated that both Elmswell and Woolpit Co-op stores will be closed for refurbishment during the Poppy Appeal, until 1st November.

Thanks to the generosity and assistance extended by Elmswell Parish Council, we have been allowed to hold our usual table top Poppy sale at the Wesley Café, with a view to moving back into the foyer of Elmswell Co-op upon its re opening, **to be confirmed**. We are most grateful to the Parish Council for stepping in during our hour of need.

Owing to its success, we will also have available a contactless machine over the same period, allowing people to make cashless donations if preferred.

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. Please look out for the QR codes displayed on the boxes, which will allow for any donations to be made where cash is not available.

“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, whose needs are as vital today as they were when the Poppy Appeal was formed in 1921.



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

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



ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Greetings from St John's Church

Harvest is traditionally celebrated in church in the autumn and we are celebrating it at St John's on 6 October with a special family service and lunch. In the Bible, verses 5 and 6 of Psalm 67 declare: *"May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us."* This is a reminder that all good things come from God's hand. Therefore, it is good to thank him for his goodness and seek his blessing.

September was a month of blessing for us at St John's. We kicked off with a lovely family service that celebrated God's power and care, as we heard the story of Peter's miraculous escape from prison in Acts 12. We enjoyed being part of Elmsfest, where we offered free craft activities for children. The following day, we heard from the Fifield family, who are serving God in Ethiopia, and how God is blessing the people there. We then embarked on a series in the morning services looking at God's faithfulness in rescuing his ancient people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We believe this is the same God who continues to bless all who look to him today.

We have a lovely Sunday School at St John's. The children enjoy hearing stories from the Bible and engaging in related craft activities. All are welcome at St John's. If you would like to find out more about us and the God we worship, please pop along one Sunday at 10:30am or get in touch (details below).

On Saturday 2 November at 3:00pm, we are holding a special event called *A Time To Remember & A Time To Give Thanks* at St John's. This short service marks the passing of loved ones and honours their memory. The service includes

readings, hymns, the reading out of the names of those we are remembering, and the lighting of candles. The service is followed by some refreshments. All those who have faced bereavement are invited to attend.

Remember, you can also check out our services online on our web site, YouTube or Facebook (again the links are below).

Upcoming Dates:

Sun 6 Oct	9:00am Holy Communion
Sun 6 Oct	10:30am Harvest Family Festival & lunch
Sun 13 Oct	10:30am Holy Communion
Sun 20 Oct	10:30am Sunday Worship
Sun 27 Oct	10:30am Holy Communion
Sat 2 Nov	3:00pm Time To Remember Service
Sun 3 Nov	9:00am Holy Communion
Sun 3 Nov	10:30am Family Service

Every Saturday:

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

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

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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.

A night's floodlighting costs £5. Cheques payable please to "ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL".

For October the lights will be on between 7.00 p.m. and midnight.

Please note the deadline for inclusion in the November Newsletter is Monday 21st October.

Your support is much appreciated. Thank You.

OCTOBER 2024 SPONSORSHIPS

- 5 remembered with love, Mary Eveline Skinner. "God Bless"
- 6 remembering Dorothy Bloomfield's Birthday.
- 13 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.
- 19 to remember with love Michael Millyard, who "fell off the perch" on 22nd November 2013.
- 21 remembering my Mum, Olive Rose Dalton, on her Birthday.
- 21 Ruth Francis. Happy Heavenly Birthday Mum, as you would have been 99 years old on the 21st October. "Not a day goes by when we are not thinking of you, and you are still so dearly missed". Love you always - Janet & Roy, Irene & Barry, Linda & Peter.
- 21 in memory of Ruth Francis on her Birthday. "We all love and miss you so much Nan". xxx. Lots of love from your Grandchildren, Great and Great Great. xxx.



- 22 remembering our dear son, Matthew J. Pollen, on his 47th Birthday. With our love from Mum, Dad & Glenda. xxx.
- 24 remembering our Dad, Bernard Booth, who passed away on 24th October 1997.
- 26 remembering Carl Finch on his Birthday.
- 27 cherished memories of a dear Mum and Auntie, Mary Eveline Skinner, on her Birthday. "God Bless".
- 31 in memory of Roy Clark.

All bookings / payments please to :- Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell, IP30 9DU (Tel: 240908).



ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Harvest Festivals still seem relevant to us living in rural Suffolk don't they? We are used to seeing the combines working away late into Summer evenings, even into the dark, for those living in cities it might seem an alien concept, food comes from the supermarket, right?! Perhaps it will become more difficult even for us when all the fields around are covered in solar panels!!

Our All-Age Harvest Café Service is on October 13th at 10.30am and will be led by Mark Partridge. Craft, quizzes and songs. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch, ALL are welcome, do come and join us as we give thanks to God for another year when enough food has been produced to feed the world if only there was sufficient political will to distribute it evenly across the planet. Any tins and packets brought along will be given to the Foodbank and fresh produce will be taken along to Pilgrims Home in Gt. Finborough.

The Ladies Friendship Group meet at 2pm on October 7th when Lisa Jones will be giving a talk on "Behind the bathroom door". Phone Margaret on 241541 to find out more. All ladies are welcome.

The November meeting is on November 4th when Stephen Moody will be speaking about "Christmas Traditions" The next Food 'n' Friends is on Thursday

October 10th 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.

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

October 6th
Kevin Moore inc. Communion

October 13th
Mark Partridge – All-Age Harvest Café Service – followed by a BBQ

October 20th
Revs. Richard and Brenda Webb

October 27th
Mike Forrester

November 3rd
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 or telephone any of the numbers in this text for further info.

Tony



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NEWS FROM ELSMWILD

Apple Day sunshine!

Two years in a row! Blue skies, hot sunshine and (almost!) not a drop of rain – perfect conditions for our Apple Day. Let's hope our run of meteorological good luck extends to next year.

We had some interesting stalls again this year, including local crafts – ceramics, home-made bee hotels, decoupage ornaments, items made from upcycled metal objects, jewellery, and lots more. Visitors could also buy delicious local produce – honey, eggs, jams and jellies, chutney, and apples, of course. One lucky person guessed the weight of the pie correctly and took home a lovely home-made apple and blackberry pie.

There were plenty of apples and other fruits on show in John's display – this year everything included was from our own orchard, an indication that our many trees are now beginning to mature and produce useful crops. Some visitors brought apples from their gardens for ID

and advice – we'll be sending these off to the experts for their opinion and will get back to you.

There was lots to keep the children entertained as well, including some traditional games like Splat-the-Rat and Welly Wanging. The old ones are often the best ones! Layla provided a whole range of forest school activities which kept the little ones enthralled all afternoon in a lovely woodland setting. The Guides were kept busy operating their intriguing Human Fruit Machine. If you missed it, you'll have to wait till next year's Apple Day to find out how it works. The orchard treasure hunt called on young visitors' puzzle-solving skills; they all managed to find their way to the final password – 'Malus Domestica' – which, as everyone now knows, is the Latin name for Apple.

There were impressive skills on show at Bodgers' corner, including green woodworking and willow weaving. If anyone watching the demonstrations is

taken with the idea of learning more and having a go themselves, please do get in touch with us as we are planning some courses to be held at Lukeswood next year.

It was a good afternoon to sit in the sun and enjoy a cuppa with a slice of cake. As ever, the ladies of the Trefoil Guild did a fantastic job of keeping everyone refreshed with an amazing array of cakes and other goodies. Musical entertainment was provided by the ever talented Wesley Ukes, who gave us a medley of all the old favourites.

A big thank you to all our stall-holders, helpers, and everyone who came to support Apple Day. Next year's date is Saturday 27th September, so get that date in the diary now!

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PAPER PLATE GHOSTS

You will need a paper plate, cotton wool, an old white pillow case or white crepe paper, Black pipe cleaners, glue and a black pen.

Use a hole punch to create holes allowing you to thread the pipe cleaners through as shown in the picture. Loop the pipe cleaners at the back so that they don't fall out. Pop some glue on the end of the pipe cleaners and then attach the cotton wool. Cut out a large rectangle shape out of the paper or pillow case and glue to the plate, carefully then cut the strips. Remember to only cut up to the plate. Draw on the eyes and mouth.



HALLOWEEN JELLY

Why not treat your friends to a Halloween Jelly treat. Make your jelly as normal and then pop some creepy jelly sweets in, pop them in the fridge to set.



SKELETON CARD

Using a piece of black card, fold over and position your ear buds in the shape of a skeleton. Using glue, stick them to the card.

Why not send these to your family and friends for Halloween.



Q Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

A No body!!

Q What did one ghost say to the other ghost?

A Do you believe in people!

Q What do witches get in hotels?

A Broom service!!!!!!

Q What do birds do at Halloween?

A Go trick or tweeting.

ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB



ELMSWELL FC HOME GAMES

07/09 -	ELMSFEST
14/09 - 2:30pm	Elmswell Res v Saxmundham Res
21/09 - 2:30pm	Elmswell v Halesworth Town Res
28/09 - 2:30pm	Elmswell Res v Woolverstone Res
05/10 - 2:00pm	Elmswell Res v Coplestonians Res

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Olly Chaplin with two strong hands on his Manager's Player award from last season)

FIRST TEAM REPORT

After a disappointing opening game against Sporting 87 Reserves and with a week off coming up, it was important for the Elm to get their first points on the board. Our opponents that day were Bacton United 89 Reserves, one of a handful of sides that have moved up to Div 2 following the SIL reshuffle. Starting well and with plenty of possession, goals from Chaplin and Hayden had us 2-0 up at HT. The second half was slower than the first, but good game management and a late goal from Dinley rounded off the victory. MOTM Grimsey.

After a week of chilly weather, it was a welcome warm Saturday afternoon for our first away game of the season against Claydon. We found ourselves 1-0 down after a slow start, but an instant response from Dinley got us level. Quick fire goals from Hayden and Hughes and it was 1-3 by HT. A well managed second half, and inspired subs in Reeve and Welch kept the pressure on. Welch's sublime Bergkamp-esque flick surely deserved a goal. One more from Hayden, and a contender for goal of the season, Chaplin's long range free kick put the game beyond doubt. 1-5 to the Elm. Big performances from defenders Grimsey, Bassett and Rob Morgan. MOTM went to Day for his shift in the engine room.

Back home at The Blackbourne hosting Halesworth this time. A great result to keep in third place. 2-1 up at half time and pushed on second half. Goals from Dinley x2, Chaplin and Welch. Assists Welch and Reevo. MOTM Grimsey.

No home games for the Firsts until the 19th and 26th of October.

UP THE ELM



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Jake Day doing most of the team's running despite only having half a hamstring.



Luke Spillett (left) and Damo Fisk (All Homes shirt) picking up his Manager's Player award from last year)



RESERVES REPORT

We had a satisfying pre-season with a good influx of new talent. Then, just before the start of the season Elmswell U18s sadly had to fold due to a shortage of players and we inherited a handful of new lads. Injuries meant we had to start a couple of the new youngsters in our first league game, rather than easing them in slowly. We started a little nervously but grew into the match and went ahead just before half time as substitute Fisky scored with his first touch of the game from Welsh's freekick. The second half we were more resolute and had more control of the game. Thompson came off the bench to thump home our second, again set up by MOTM Welch.

Home to Saxmundham Reserves we again waited until the second half to really get into gear. But when we did we were unstoppable. MOTM on his debut, Bellamy scored twice and got two assists. Fisky scored again off the bench and Mark and Newton scored their first goals for The Reserves. Final score 5-0.

Another superb performance from The Ressies against a stronger than usual Kestrels A. Player/Manager Edmonds opened the scoring, popping up in the box to get on the end of a great cross from Bellamy. We conceded two goals on the break before half time, but rang the changes at the interval which gave us more impetus. Bellamy scored from the spot and then turned provider. As in the last two games our strength on the bench proved vital. Subs Morgan, Mark x2 and Rolls all scoring as well as Green who was outstanding second half. MOTM for Mark who was a menace when he came on and picked out the top hand corner superbly for his second.

Back at The Blackbourne against Woolverstone Reserves on Saturday. Home fixtures listed above for anyone who might like to come down and watch.

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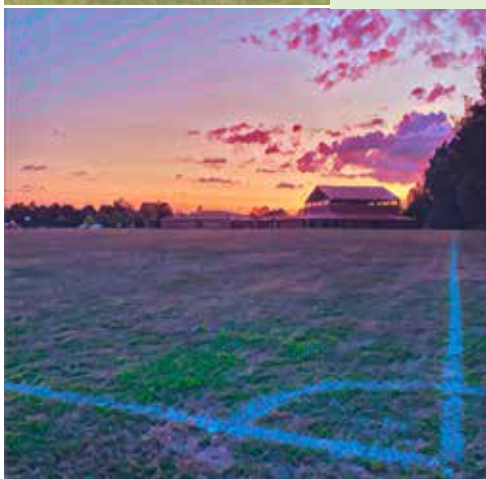
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In September, representatives from the five local Citizens Advice offices across Suffolk met to celebrate the 85th birthday of Citizens Advice. Now a national institution, the first 200 Citizens Advice Bureaux opened on 4 September 1939, the day after war broke out. The network grew at one stage to over 1000 local offices but following consolidation across the country now stands at around 250 separate offices.

Between the five local Citizens Advice charities in Suffolk, in 2023-2024 they helped 28,921 people to address 133,270 issues. This resulted in £8.5 million income gained for clients, and over £9 million of debt managed effectively.

All the Suffolk Citizens Advice offices rely heavily on volunteers to work alongside their paid teams, and a total of 82,070 hours were donated by Suffolk volunteers last year.

As independent charities who are not directly funded by central government, all five local Citizens Advice offices (LCAs) are constantly under pressure for funding, applying for grants and project funding from a wide range of organisations including all the local councils, the Suffolk Community Foundation, trusts and private sector organisations. Every £1 of funding has been shown to deliver £26.12 in public value.

Over the years, there have been different trends in the types of advice most sought by clients, housing issues and debts often being high on the list. A strong reminder that Citizens Advice is as important and relevant in 2024 as it was when it was launched 85 years ago.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth 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. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



Mid Suffolk

EXHIBITION



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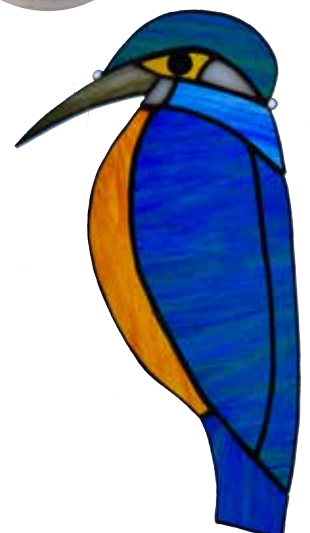
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- 1.30pm Foiled Glass Demonstration
- 2.30pm Fused Glass Demonstration



There will be the opportunity to purchase glass items that michele has crafted, including Christmas decorations and sun catchers.

Entry is free, as are tea, coffee and biscuits.

Donations towards church funds will be gratefully received.





BLACKBOURNE & WESLEY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (BWMA)

The BWMA was formed at the turn of the century by the Parish Council and granted the right to 'administrate, manage and use the facilities within the boundary of Blackbourne Meadow for the purpose of a village hall and sports facilities...' It comprises delegated members from a wide range of the village user groups along with parish councillors and elected non-affiliated individuals.

It has grown with the village and now undertakes these roles across a much-expanded Blackbourne facility as well as at Wesley, including the coffee shop. It has guided and advised many of the initiatives which the Parish Council has undertaken towards providing exemplary community provision to keep pace with the rapid growth of Elmswell, now the largest village in Mid Suffolk.

The 24th AGM was held at Wesley on 23rd September and the following membership agreed:

Afternoon W.I.

Carol Blissett

Art Club

Michell Russell

Baby & Toddler Group

Ria Burch

Carpet Bowls Club

Colin Davies

Companions

Linda Wasp

Cricket Club

Terry Garner

Elmswell Tavern Management Assoc.

David Brown

Evening W.I.

Terry Byford

Football Club

Chris Edmonds

Fox Bowls Club

Peter Edmonds

Gardening Club

Hilary Foster

Guides

Gemma Sutton

History Group

Stella Chamberlain

Over 55's

Diann Armstrong

Scouts

Ruth Salmon

Wesley staff

Charlotte Smith

Youth Football Club

Wayne Sharpe

Elmswell Parish Council:

Cllrs Dick Burch, Peter Hancock, Philip Shaw & ex officio Parish Clerk Peter Dow

Elected non-affiliated members:

Marian Abbott, Michael Bizley & John Russell.

The ensuing Committee Meeting noted the following amongst other business:

- The successful completion of projects to link Blackbourne into the footpath network via the new link with the new housing estate on Ashfield Road, the installation of plaques related to the Wesley chapel clock and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust's help in 2002 with the re-roofing of the chapel, the installation in the Wesley Meeting Room of 8 canvas print wall hangings depicting historic village scenes and the first cut, bale and remove exercise towards establishing the Conservation Area as part of the Turners' Field development at Blackbourne.
- The Parish Council's agreement to the new door installations in the Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne

- The transfer of accumulated letting fee funds to the Parish Council with the recommendation that the money be directed to the proposed play areas project, to the Elmswell Tavern scheme and to the new Chamberlayne Hall doors.
- Management issues related to EYFC and monthly Bingo sessions, confirmed as being adequately addressed at the moment
- A rare incident of vandalism at Blackbourne when, in the early hours, a lock was smashed to gain access for a car to drive on the pitches. The external CCTV clearly identified the culprit who has been contacted by the Police and is to pay for the damage as well as writing a letter of apology.
- Funding is being pursued with Mid Suffolk and others towards providing further 'Winter Warmer' sessions at Wesley following last year's success.

*Peter Edmonds,
BWMA Secretary*



OUR COVER PICTURE SHOWS



Less dramatic, but yet another picture boding well for the future. Of the Turners' Field land donated at Blackbourne, this area – The Conservation Field, is to be retained for walking and informal recreation as a managed wildlife area. The first stage was the removal of several years-worth of rank overgrowth and its removal so as to starve the land of nitrogen and thus encourage wild flower growth. The same technique, as advised by the ElmsWild volunteers, is used at the Green Cemetery on Church Hill.

The iconic view of St John's across the rolling farmland which was recently saved, for the moment, from the development of a massive care-home complex comprising a 60 bed main building with several ancillary buildings and 37 bungalows.

This proposal on 11.63 hectares of prime farmland was the latest in several attempts to build on Elmswell's most picturesque and much valued view.

It was refused Permission at a meeting on 28th August when Mid Suffolk Members unanimously supported the views of many objectors from the village as summed up for Members by the Parish Clerk, together with the objections of Historic England, of Mid Suffolk Ward Members, of the District Council Heritage Team, and of Mid Suffolk Place Services. The Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan was used to support these objections.

Full details of the Decision are available on the Mid Suffolk website under DC/23/05651. It remains open to an Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.



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Electoral Register:

The Council has a duty to keep the register up to date via an annual canvass. Households are being contacted electronically wherever possible – or via letter where no email address is available. Updates can be made to the register via the weblink provided, or by telephone if preferred, via MSDC Customer Services 0300 123 4000, option 7.

Future waste collection services:

A new waste collection service is planned to start in 2026, to maximise the amount of recycling and minimise the amount of residual 'black bin' waste. This will enable collection of more recyclable waste (including glass and tetra packs) along with weekly food waste collections. Changes will be in line with new national Government regulations and will be explained to all residents well in advance.

Proposed Care Home development:

The planning application for a care village including sheltered housing units on School Road – which had been recommended for refusal – was determined by planning committee on 28th August. The application was refused by the committee on grounds relating to heritage harm, landscape harm, and because it was against policy in both the new Joint Local Plan and Elmswell Neighbourhood Plan.

Mid Suffolk EV scheme:

A trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch in the county next summer. Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing sixteen electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk, which local residents can book by the minute, hour or day. Two of these locations are in Mid Suffolk – Needham Market and Stowmarket.

Anyone interested in the project can get more information by web searching 'Plug in Suffolk' which will direct you to the link.

Locality Grants available:

Don't forget to contact Jen or Sarah if you are looking for a grant to help your community project. Each councillor has a fund of £7,350. Minimum grant size is £250. Your County Councillor Andy Mellen has funding available for minor highways works and a separate fund to support community groups.

Monthly drop-ins:

Jen and Sarah hold monthly drop-in sessions, alternating between Elmswell and Woolpit. County Councillor Andy Mellen also joins us when he can. The next date is **Tuesday 22nd October 10-12 at The Wesley, Elmswell.**



District Councillors for Elmswell and Woolpit:

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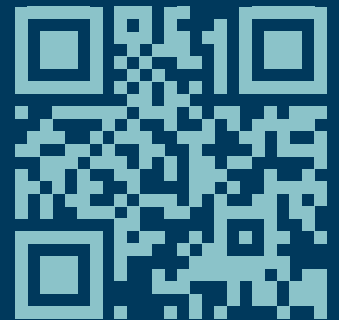
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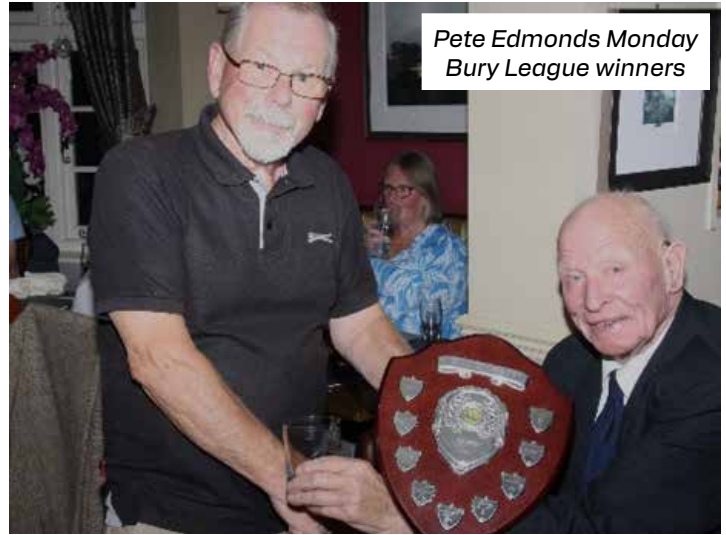
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ELMSWELL FOX BOWLS CLUB

As part from a couple of weeks of unofficial roll-ups, the 2024 season is all over now and all league and club competitions have been completed. I must apologise for an error in last month's report because our Tuesday team were runners-up in the Area D league as we were overhauled by West Row in a similar manner to Dick Burch's Thursday side who lost out to Haughley. Monday's Fox 1 won their final postponed match at Haughley to top the Bury League Division 2. We will drop the Fox 1 and Fox 2 titles and adopt names that do not imply a comparison, Red Foxes and Brown Foxes are the current front runners. So, all in all, our most successful season yet and with the Guinness Cup already gracing our trophy cabinet, and our own Jenny Murray as President Elect, the bowls world will be well aware of Elmswell Fox Bowls Club. We just have to keep the momentum going and that we can achieve that by entering more competitions next season. Young Mark Jolly, who instigated the Guinness Cup Team, may well spearhead that initiative. Several players have pledged their support so Mark should have no problem raising a team.

Greenkeeper, Dick Burch has been tearing his hair out, metaphorically speaking of course, because the pump that powers the watering system broke down and took nearly 4 weeks to be replaced. The weather failed to help giving us a warm dry spell when rain was desperately needed. Fortunately, the green has recovered remarkably well, due to Dick and his team spending countless hours with a hose pipe and an awful lot of patience.

On the 12th September we held our annual dinner and presentation night at the Fox at which all the trophies, including the League ones, were presented. The League trophies had already been presented at the respective League finals days but it was decided to present them again to the team captains. The Area D runners-up trophy was collected the Saturday after the dinner so that was received at the Rookery. I will report on the Presentation night next month but, for now, here are the team captains and their trophies.

Peter Edmonds, E.F.B.C. 07860 395720



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Well. We made it!! Elmsfest was our 100th gig since we started in May 2021. The Blackbourne Hall was filled with people enjoying our music. (Or was it the fact that the bar was situated just off where we were playing?). Anyway, we had fun and encouraged those watching to join in and sing along with us.

The 11th September saw us playing for Wyverstone biannual Church Fete. Very posh place with free tea and coffee and, again, the audience joining in with the likes of 'Drunken Sailor'. This was followed by yet another return to Nowton Court Village and we ended the month at Lukeswood for Apple Day. Fortunately, all the outdoor events were blessed with sunshine and warm weather.

Our picture this month was taken by our guitarist/ukulele/percussionist Alan using his new toy, a drone, which, he tells us can fly to 400ft. It shows the players at our Nowton Court Village gig and Alan has superimposed the wording to celebrate our first century. The way that the Ukes are going, our second hundred should be up in 2026!



'Til next time. Take care.

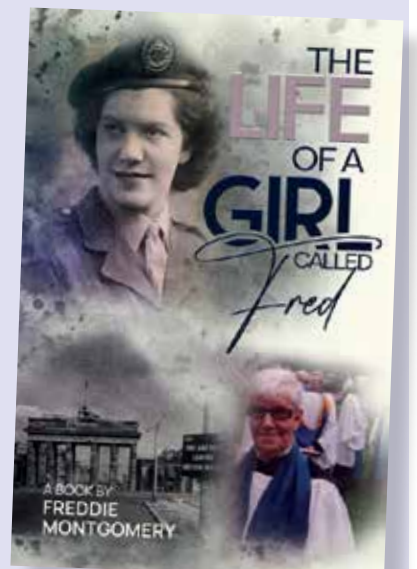
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THE LIFE OF A GIRL CALLED FRED



One of our senior community members at 96, Winifred Montgomery, known as Freddie, lives in Hanover Court where she has written a book which draws upon a fascinating life and which very effectively conveys the richness of her experiences and memories. The depth of Freddie's experience may be reflected in her having acquired an impressive confirmation of learning and talent – she can legitimately sign herself as A(Dip)R, R.R, BSc, B.Ed., CertEd., and as Reader Emeriti.

Learn more at source when Freddie holds a book signing at Hanover Court on Saturday 9th February between 10.00am and 1.00pm. All are invited and are welcome to meet the author and enjoy tea or coffee and a slice of cake.





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The Parish Council meets at least once each month, sometimes excluding August if there is insufficient business, although extraordinary meetings can be called as required at any time.

The September meeting, with 7 councillors present, together with 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk, Peter Dow, took place at Blackbourne on Monday 16th.

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

The Minutes of recent Parish Council meetings and Committee meetings, together with the agenda for the next meeting, when ratified, are available online at elmswell.suffolk.cloud and from the Parish Clerk by arrangement. Bound copies of older Minutes are lodged in the Village Archive at Blackbourne and with the Suffolk County Records Office in Bury St. Edmunds. The most recent Minutes from the meeting held on 17th June, as approved at this meeting, are posted in the Council's notice board at Crown Mill.

Suffolk County Council

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

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care On Wednesday 20th August the inspection report for Suffolk County Council's social care services for children was published, following a visit from Ofsted at the end of May. The report found that social care services for children, which include fostering and adoption, safeguarding, child protection, youth justice and corporate parenting (children in care), 'require improvement to be good.' My group are concerned by this as children's services were rated as 'Outstanding' the last time they were inspected in 2019, and the remarks on leadership – that leaders do not have 'sufficient grip' on all the services provided – are especially worrying. A new director for children's services started in July 2024, and more information will be available on the plans for improvement in September when the inspection report is *tabled at Cabinet*. Here is a summary of the findings of the report:

- *The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Requires improvement to be good*
- *The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – Requires improvement to be good*
- The experiences and progress of children in care – Good
- The experiences and progress of care leavers – Requires improvement to be good
- **Overall effectiveness – Requires improvement to be good**

This inspection is separate from the recent inspection into services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) You can read the full Ofsted inspection report at: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80565>

Back to School Transitions Do you know child starting primary or secondary school this September? Moving up and changing school is a big change for children and a new stage of growing independence. To help parents and carers support children with this transitions, Suffolk County Council have a selection of Solihull Approach online courses which are free for anyone with a Suffolk postcode. You can access these using the link www.inourplace.co.uk/moving-up and register for an account using the access code WOLSEY. The Solihull Approach is a parenting support model which was developed by health visitors, child psychologists and psychotherapists in the 1990s and aims to understand child behaviour as part of their development.

Electric Vehicles Over 60 new community venues across Suffolk will have new electric vehicle (EV) charge points, as Suffolk County Council's 'Plug-In Suffolk' project continues to grow.

Fast charging facilities will be installed at 63 new sites, including community centres, village halls, scout huts and other community hubs, and 25 existing charge points from an early iteration of Plug-In Suffolk will be adopted under a new contract.

The county council has successfully bid for £7.3 million from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, which supports local authorities to plan and deliver EV charging infrastructure for residents without off-street parking. £1.4 million of the LEVI funding will go towards the community charging infrastructure, with a further £5.9 million allocated for on-street charging, which will be developed later this year.

In addition, a trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the council's tender process for this beginning this month.

Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing 16 electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk which local residents can book by the minute, hour or day. Planned locations include Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Sudbury, Needham Market, Stowmarket, Lowestoft and Woodbridge.

Launch of Solar Together Suffolk Residents of Suffolk can come together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Solar Together Suffolk helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers.

Suffolk residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate. The scheme allows homeowners to increase their independence from the National Grid. It is free to register at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation.

Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk's Report to the Meeting included the following:

1 I met at Wesley on 24th July with representatives of the 3 other participating villages plus officers from SCC & BMSDC to discuss the way forward in light of the BSIP2 grant of £12,000 over 2 years towards continuing the pilot scheme. It was agreed that an across-the-board fare of £4.00 return should be offered to test the price-sensitivity of the service in light of the sudden improvement in ordinary scheduled bus services which have also benefited from grant funding. It was noted that the social and personal benefits to a core of

regular users added considerably to the value of what the scheme offers over and above the convenience of the outings.

2 The Executive Team at BMSDC have added Thurston and Elmswell to the cohort of larger councils with which they meet every 6 months and I joined an on-line session on 5th August chaired by Arthur Charvonia, the BMSDC Chief Executive. Amongst the points raised were:

- That in a forthcoming liaison meeting with SCC, the frequent, common and serious shortcomings on the part of the Highways administrators should be an urgent agenda item. The lack of local liaison and subsequent chaos regarding road closures, diversions and signage suggests an underlying culture which serves the community very poorly.
- Impending moves by central government towards streamlining the Planning process will, inevitably, mean pressure away from Members' decisions via Committee meetings and towards more frequent delegation to officers. I expressed the concern regarding the need for consistency in the process and for there to be a mechanism for clarification when there seems to be disparity.

3 After some discussion our insurers have conceded that the serious breakdown in the Blackbourne Ground Source Heating system was covered under our policy and some £4,975.80 has been recovered against engineering bills of £5,325.80, all as detailed in published financial reports.

4 Lengthy negotiations with Mid Suffolk and the Valuations Office Agency have resulted in the substitution of Wesley for the Cemetery as one of the nominated properties receiving Council Tax Small Business Relief. Given the higher Rating Valuation on Wesley this allows a saving which, backdated to when EPC bought the property, amounts to £7,287.00.

5 There are several initiatives deserving of an update, viz:

- Increased solar pv installation plus battery storage at Blackbourne; 3 quotations secured by Cllr Brown and CIL funding bid supported by Cllr Mansell in for consideration in next round beginning 1st October
- Play areas at Crown Mill; Pre-app Planning advice formally sought for the 2 sites on scheme progressed by T&FWP (Cllrs Brown, Roots & Schofield) + BWMA. 3 contractors providing revised scheme to avoid extending existing facility towards

road. Amenities Association has granted £25k towards a 2 site solution.

- New land at Blackbourne; Cllr Brown chasing a 3rd quote for levelling, draining & seeding the 2 amenity grass areas. Contact made with Suffolk FA re funding once preferred contractor identified. Path now made through to conservation area and advice sought from ElmsWild on maintenance regime.
- Community Affordables; Cllrs Pallett, Barker and I met 03.09 with chosen Chartered Surveyors towards confirming Land Value estimates so that we are in a position to open negotiations with Registered Providers following advice in the Options Report commissioned from specialist solicitor. The valuation is pending.
- Elmswell Tavern; Council's ring-fenced fund, including donations from former ECE Shareholders and the £50k resolved at the July Council meeting, now stands at c£150k. The dissolution of ECE should be completed by 1st October at which point there is access to the s106 Mid Suffolk funding of £500k. Meanwhile, Tender packs have gone to the 5 contractors selected from those who formally expressed an interest in response to the Press advertising. Their submissions are due back on or before 7th October.

6 I met at Wesley with SCC & BMSDC officers and representatives of Woolpit PC on 9th September to view the latest engineering proposals for the Elmswell – Woolpit community path. There remain several pinch-points requiring compromise and innovation but these are adequately dealt with towards a submission for CIL funding by the end of October for a decision in March. Some £470k of CIL is already earmarked but there is no costing as yet. However, previous discussions and recent experience suggests a scheme costing £2-3m. Highways England could be significant contributors if they agree that the scheme deserves priority. Should funding be in place in parallel with the CIL programme, works could be completed in October 2025.

7 I attended with Cllr Brown at Woolpit a meeting of the neighbouring PC's including Bacton, Haughley, Old Newton, Stowupland, Wetherden & Woolpit to discuss matters of common interest. The Agenda invited the sharing of recent experience regarding traffic, Planning, the recent unauthorised incursion of caravans camped at Haughley, Aggmax quarry, footpaths and biodiversity.

The discussion was wide-ranging and informal. No actions were determined.

8 On 10th September I attended an on-line meeting of the Suffolk Bus Passenger Group in which we have an interest as it administers the Government's Bus Service Improvement Plan which provides funding for our taxi-bus pilot and through which, by accessing further funding, I would hope to develop a Demand Responsive Transport scheme. There is the possibility of working on DRT with Thurston PC and with Sudbury CAB and I am in touch with both.

9 We have received CIL grant totalling £46,490.00 towards the joint scheme with SCC to rationalise and improve footpath access with a view to offering a real alternative to private car use as our roads become increasingly busy and in anticipation of the increased crossing-gates down time when the Haughley Junction Rail Improvement project receives its trigger funding. EPC is committed to a contribution of £11,500.00 to the programme.

10 Prompted by several complaints from residents regarding the closure of School Road for 4 weeks during the refurbishment works at the fire station, I have, in liaison with Cllrs Pallett & Brown, sought detailed responses from the relevant Portfolio Holders at SCC and am dealing with what they offer as explanation. I have pressed through SALC and MSDC for there to be a county-wide reconsideration of the current roadworks business model and more stringent requirements for local consultation. In advance of SCC elections this may be a productive time for pursuing this.

11 I have been in liaison with the Police regarding an incident on 10th August at 04.45 when the lock was smashed off the access gate at Blackbourne and a car was driven onto the pitches, executed a handbrake-turn and drove off. Our CCTV was able to identify the suspects and Police have interviewed an individual under caution. Suffolk Constabulary advise that we might receive a letter of apology and we could receive restitution for the lock if the individual concerned agrees.

12 I have been approached by the Fire Service who wish to re-locate the clothing bank at the fire station to where one of the village notice board stands. This, it is suggested, will require the removal of the notice board. I am in discussion towards re-location, if necessary, on site as the

6 boards EPC owns and maintains, all refurbished this year, serve a valuable role in providing community information. I have included Suffolk Constabulary in the discussion. They have a notice board adjacent which has not been used for some years and the adoption of that site might be a solution. The location near the takeaways and on a well-used pedestrian route makes this, probably, the most effective site we have. Total removal would seem to be retrograde and, hopefully, avoidable.

Planning results

The Meeting noted the results of Planning applications made to Mid Suffolk, the Planning Authority, and of an Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, being:

DC/24/02171 Discharge of Conditions...Land to the West of Former Bacon Factory APPROVED
EPC no comment

DC/24/02897 Non material amendment...Dagwood Farm, Ashfield Road APPROVED
EPC no comment

DC/24/03081 Discharge of conditions...Grange House, 112 Bennett Avenue APPROVED
EPC supported

DC/24/02866 Removal or Variation of Conditions...White House Barns, Ashfield Road GRANTED
EPC no comment

DC/24/02890 Removal or Variation of Conditions...Willow Farm, Ashfield Road GRANTED
EPC no comment

Planning Applications The Meeting agreed to support the following Applications:

DC/24/003718 Rear extension at Blackbird Cottage, St John's Close
DC/24/ 03911 Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation at Luke's View, St John's Close

DC/24/03936 Works to trees...at 38 Oxer Close

The Meeting agreed to rely upon the Clerk's Delegated Powers by which he agreed to support:

DC/24/03764 Storage building... Willow Wood Farm, Grove Lane

DC/24/04008 Permission without compliance on land adjacent to Kiln Lane (petrol filling station)

Councillors urged rejection of an application ref. DC/24/03665 for the erection of a two storey self-build dwelling at Jamita, Oak Lane for the following reasons.

1 The proposal is for a house presenting an overbearing mass in the context of this site. Although reference is made to the previous Permission for a 4 bed roomed dwelling, the expanded footprint presented here virtually fills the east-west extent of the site such that it imposes to the detriment of the street scene which comprises dwellings set on sizeable plots without the sense of cramming that would result here.

2 The retention of the ancillary accommodation, unrelated to the occupancy of the proposed host dwelling, could further overcrowd the site in terms of occupancy and vehicle use.

3 Local Plan policies urge a 'positive contribution' to be expected from development proposals. In this case the result would be a deleterious imposition on the immediate neighbourhood. It is inappropriate and should not be permitted.

Recycling centre stewards

Elmswell community groups are invited to take on the stewardship of the Council's Station Road recycling centre on a three monthly basis by arrangement with the Council office at Blackbourne. The Gardening Club were thanked for having kept the site clean and tidy for the 3 months to 23rd August and Councillors were also keen to express appreciation for the Club's long-term custodianship of the flowers on our railway station culminating in this year's dramatic display. A grant of £200.00 was agreed as a donation to the Club's funds.

External Audit opinion

The Council is subjected to 3 levels of annual audit, the last one being undertaken by a Government appointed practice, currently PKF Littlejohn LLP acting as external auditor. The meeting formally approved

and accepted the External Auditor's

Certificate and Report for the year ended 31st March 2024, noting that the Annual

Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices, that relevant legislation and regulatory

requirements have been met, and that the Auditors found no other matters affecting their opinion to be drawn to Council's attention.

Internal Audit by Councillors

The first-level of the annual audit cycle is an examination by 2 nominated councillors who are not cheque signatories of the Council's internal control procedures including all financial records with unrestricted access to all files both paper and electronic. The Meeting agreed a pro-forma to guide this process and that Cllrs Brown and Hancock should be asked to undertake the task and report back to Council.

Chamberlayne doors

The 5 main doors into the original Chamberlayne Hall at Blackbourne are failing in one way or another presenting serious security problems as well as falling short on DDA compliance and heat retention. The Meeting agreed to a wholesale upgrading, including 2 push-pad automatic systems, for a sum not to exceed £21,537.20 net.

Next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 21st 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 and on the Council's notice board at Crown Mill and hard copies can be collected from the Council Office at Blackbourne.

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Future Council Meetings

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

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
16th	21st	18th	16th	20th

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

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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.

October 2024

- 2 Exchange WI 2.00pm at Wesley. Fraud Awareness. Speaker Jane Riches
- 6 Ladies Friendship Group, 2pm at Elmswell Baptist Church - Lisa Jones talking about "Behind the bathroom door".
- 8 Elmswell WI - Reflexology demonstration
- 10 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 10 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Barbara McElroy: Framlingham, Castle on the Hill
- 10 Over 55's Club Bingo evening
- 15 Elmswell Gardening Club 'Pruning Made Simple' by Geoff Hodge Wesley 7.30pm, all welcome
- 24 Over 55's Club Music with Gwyn Pritchard OPEN EVENING
- 25 Bingo - Doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30 all welcome

November 2024

- 4 Ladies Friendship Group, 2pm at Elmswell Baptist Church - Stephen Moody talking about "Christmas Traditions".

- 6 Exchange WI 2.00pm at Wesley. History of the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal Speaker Mandi Cox-Osborne
- 7 Over 55's Club Hot Dogs followed by Bingo
- 12 Elmswell WI - SARS Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service
- 14 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 14 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Speaker Andy Peachey: Archaeology on Anglia One's Cable Route
- 19 Elmswell Gardening Club 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel AGM and Quiz
- 21 Over 55's Club Brian Mann entertains OPEN EVENING
- 29 Bingo - Doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30 all welcome

December 2024

- 2 Ladies Friendship Group, 1pm (NB earlier start) - Nosh and Natter with carols, Christmas songs, poems and readings and a thought for the month.
- 4 Exchange WI 2.00pm at Wesley. Christmas Celebrations. Hosted by the committee

- 5 Over 55's Club Concert by Norton Salvation Army Visitors welcome
- 10 Elmswell WI - It's Christmas
- 12 Food 'n' Friends at Elmswell Baptist Church midday
- 12 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Performers 'Chanters Jigge': Our Merry Christmas Revel - an entertaining evening of live music and seasonal songs, played on traditional instruments
- 13 Bingo - Doors open 6.30 eyes down 7.30 all welcome
- 14 Over 55's Club Christmas Party followed by entertainment with Susan Jayne

January 2025

- 9 ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP, 7.30pm; in Wesley Chapel. Members' Evening: A selection of members' own researches
- 14 Elmswell WI - Have you ever met a Trans Woman?

February 2025

- 11 Elmswell WI - Climate change and reducing the carbon footprint

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Regular sessions at Blackbourne & Wesley include:

- KARATE** with Lewis - 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
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 - 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.grount@btinternet.com
 - MARDLE QUILTERS** - last Friday monthly carpajak@aol.com
 - MOO MUSIC** - Fridays 12.45 - 3.15 bury@moo-music.co.uk
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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
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