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This Month's "COMMENT"

On 30th July, the Planners at Mid Suffolk considered the application for a two bedroomed house, 3 two bedroomed flats and 18 one bedroomed flats on the long piece of derelict land between the vet's surgery and Travel Stop right next to the railway station. 22 dwellings.

The Planning Officer presenting the facts for members consideration recommended that they approve the plan. It was argued that the community needs such housing and that the proposal fitted well into the Government's plans to encourage 'sustainable communities' - reducing reliance on private cars - and on using previously used land - 'brownfield sites'. It was pointed out that the available parking spaces fitted the guidelines of 1.5 spaces per dwelling and that the County Council Transport Officers were satisfied that the access to the development could be arranged to provide adequate safety. A contribution towards the extra school places which the scheme might create was put at £10,388 and this, along with careful thought to be given to the final design in terms of amenities issues such as overlooking, should remove any objections to the scheme.

And objections there were. Six letters from individuals and one from the Parish Council raised the following points:-

- * Increased traffic will cause a serious road safety hazard in this busy location and emergency access will be poor - traffic visiting the vet's surgery will block the proposed access - parking will inevitably overflow on to the road, as it does so dangerously at Old Schools Court
- * Adjacent residents will be overlooked by the 4 storey block of flats which is entirely out of keeping with the housing in the locality
- * The proximity to the railway line will mean unacceptably noise problems for the flat dwellers, the proximity to the industrial buildings on the other side will also pose amenity problems
- * Too many of this type of housing unit crammed in such a high density will inevitably lead to an overcrowded and socially deprived result - it is gross overdevelopment, 'a hideous environment'.

There was a letter of support suggesting that the proposal, 'will help to tidy up what has become a very scruffy village.'

Under a recently introduced system, the Parish Council and a representative of the public are allowed a chance to present their case. The Parish Council did not consider their input necessary and it was left to Jean Barker to represent the views

of the objectors. Of the Mid Suffolk members, the Chairman was virtually alone in supporting the scheme, arguing that there is a need for cheaper housing and that the people thus housed probably do not seek the finer points of home life, a garden etc., due to work commitments and other lifestyle issues. Carol Jones, the Leader of the Council, lead the majority view - she queried the point of discussing such a seriously flawed application at all...why not just chuck it out?

So they did! The developer must go back to his drawing board, which has an existing outline permission for 8 dwellings granted in January.

There is a commonly heard cry at Parish level that there is little point discussing or commenting on planning matters - Mid Suffolk does what it likes, and usually what the developer likes. A close examination of the facts disproves this, but it is often difficult to see how the professionals arrive at some seemingly weird decisions.

Jubilation, then. The people won. But some interesting questions raised. The Mid Suffolk Housing Needs Survey has identified the need for more flats/dwellings for small/single person households, including in Elmswell. Nip down to Village Homes and see what a single young wage earner can afford to buy - it is no longer uncommon for Elmswell houses to be priced over a quarter of a million pounds, and the bottom end of the market reflects this. Yet the Village Appraisal told us that 1,027 people in the village, 75% of those who responded, feel that we cannot accommodate further new housing. Despite the recent report of Professor Stephen Crowe, the Government, well aware that all voters have a 'back yard', keeps a very tight hold on the supply of 'greenfield' sites.

Most right-minded observers would agree that the decision in this case was sensible. The point was made that this site should remain industrial. It does, however, beg the question; if not here, where?

Your views on this and other matters are welcome to our 'Letters' page at Gobblins, Station Road Industrial Estate IP30 9HR (behind the Fox).

The deadline for the next issue is 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 5th September 2001. Copy to Gobblin's office on Station Road Industrial Estate or contact: Jean Barker 241135 or Peter Dow 241841.

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Around and About ...

ELMSWELL GARDEN GOES DUTCH

The traditional English 'Open Garden' event takes on a new look at Elmswell on Sunday 9th September when Guus Hamel, garden designer, teams up with fellow villager and watercolour artist David Marsden to present a stunningly different perspective on how your back garden could look.

Guus has drawn on the horticultural skills from his native Holland to create a Mediterranean spectacular of tropical foliage, suggesting the exotic ambience of the Southern Europe in the heart of Suffolk. Judicious use of terracotta, water features, gravel is helped by the window shutters and other features on the Hamels' ordinary estate house to transform the small courtyard garden. The setting took the fancy of Guus's friend David who is well known locally for his landscapes of Suffolk and beyond. In this case 'beyond' takes us as far away as Mallorca and Turkey where holiday breaks have offered David the opportunity to tackle different themes and challenges. A selection of his work is sited in and

around planting, sensitively placed to enhance both the garden and the paintings.

The two friends are trained in their respective crafts, David with a lifetime of experience in the graphic arts industry following his time at the Sheffield College of Art and Guus studied at the well known Otley College consolidated with years of hands on experience.

Together they have created an environment which allows relaxation and encourages contemplation. The sound of water and the transporting effect of such exotics such as Phormium, Cordyline and Bamboo complement the subtlety of the watercolour scenes to take the viewer far from semi-suburban Elmswell. Bex, the family dog, whose robust tendencies suggested a replacement for the previous, and more delicate, cottage garden layout, co-exists very happily with the new scene - the final practical consideration which leads Guus and his family to believe that he has created an ideal, and very different, outlook for them all to enjoy.



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The garden, at 16 Blackbourne Road in Elmswell, is open on Sunday 9th September from 12 - 5 pm. Subject to weather conditions.

Some of David's paintings are for sale and Guus will be on hand to discuss any design problems which might be suggested in trying to translate his thinking into other locations.

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David Marsden (01359) 241110

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The Presbytery,
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Stowmarket IP14 1BQ
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MASS TIMES:

Saturdays (First Mass of Sunday)

Woolpit C of E Parish Church, 6pm

Sundays

Stowmarket (Our Lady's, Stricklands Road) 8.30am & 10.15am

Wattisham Airfield Church

(first Sunday of each month), 12.15pm

Needham Market C of E Parish Church (second Sunday of each month), 12.15pm

Holy Days

Stowmarket (Our Lady's, Stricklands Road) 8am, 10am and 7.30pm

Weekday Services in the parish are listed at the front of the church at Our Lady's and in the weekly Newsletter. If you are unable to contact Fr Denys and need a Priest in a hurry, please telephone either 01284-754358 or 01473-741975.

The Parish Representative in your area is: Mrs Hilda Jackson: Holly Cottage, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash IP31 3JB. Tel: 01359-259944.

ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Whether you have left school or not, August always seems to remind us all of holidays and sunshine. Here's hoping that you enjoy both this month. I hope it's especially nice from 14th - 16th, when we shall be holding football coaching sessions on each day as per our item in the previous newsletter. If you receive this before the dates above and would like to take part, to see if there are any spaces left phone Don on 241541. I apologise if you got no answer last time you rang, our secretary

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took a holiday the week the last newsletter came out. Please try again, and thanks for those who persisted.

Our Trailblazers Club takes a break in August, mainly so that I can recharge my batteries ready for a new term beginning on 9th September 2001. If you would like to find out more, or join us for the start of a new session then again phone the above number. The club is open for anyone aged 5 - 13, and lasts an hour each Sunday from 9.45 - 10.45am. It's an enjoyable time of fun and games for children of all ages, with plenty to do. 'I really enjoy coming'. 'I wish more people would come and play with us'. 'What do we do now'. 'I can't sit still'. 'I want to talk to you forever'. 'I enjoy colouring in my face and clothes with felt tip'.

Elmswell Toddlers Nearly New Sale

**Maternity Wear
Baby's and Children's Clothes
Baby Equipment
Toys and Books**

If you have anything to sell, please contact Alex Bartholomew on 01359 244692.

25% of the sales fees will go to Elmswell Toddlers. We would also welcome any donations of goods.

**Saturday 22nd September
2pm-4pm
Wesley Hall, School Road
Elmswell**

'This glue is really sticky when you roll it in your hands and eat it'. Just a few comments we hear every week, so join us and see what you are missing when we begin our new term.

On September 2nd we hope to see you at the village fete, we shall have a tent along with the other Churches in the village, give us a look. The last two years we have had sunshine, so let's make it three in a row. Organisers please note, try not to put us too close to the beer tent again, we kept losing the vicar last year (only joking John, honest).

On September 8th we shall be taking part in the cycle ride again. If you feel energetic, and would like to cycle (or walk) to as many churches as you can within 8ish hours, then contact Tony on 241541 for a sponsor form. Half the money goes towards the Historic Churches Trust; the other half goes to the church of your choice. Our building will be open from 10 - 6pm to sign people in and out so give us a look, even if it's just to say hello.

There will be one difference this year, there will be something missing when you come through the doors. Not the warm friendly greeting, unless you pick the hour when I am covering, but our harvest decorations. Our harvest weekend has been put back to October 7th for a very special reason, of which I will explain all next month.

That's it for August, I am off to sit in the garden before work as I can see the sun is out and I have left the rabbit outside. He is probably eating half the garden by now, I'm off to guide him towards the weeds - see you next

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month if not earlier.

Mark

P.S. When I was at our trailblazers club last week, I asked one of the youngsters to spell bowling, he wrote "B-o-c-l-i-n". 'That's the worst spell of bowling I have ever seen' I said. 'You should be at the Blackbourne on a Sunday afternoon' he replied. I don't know what he meant!!!!

BATWATCH

Friday 13th July saw our first bat watch and eleven people turned up to see and hear some bats around the village. We were lucky to be accompanied by Nick Woods of English Nature, who was our "Batman" for the evening, who gave us a very informative talk about bats. Did you know, for instance, that bats can live for 20 years and that their numbers have drastically reduced so much that they are now a protected species?

We set off in search of this elusive creature. First stop - The alleyway behind Oxer Close. We had heard that this might be a very good spot as only recently one of the residents had woken to find a bat in their bedroom. We switched our bat monitors on, which is a very clever device that converts the bat's high frequency radar into a sound which we could hear, and immediately picked up a very distinctive sound. It was just like the sound when you click your tongue against the roof of your mouth, but much faster. In between these clicks there was the occasional rasp as the bat homed in on an insect. These sounds were that of a Pipistrelle bat, which is the most common British

bat, and 3 turned up to give us a display. Our next stop was to be the churchyard (it had to be, didn't it!) via Pightle Close where we had spotted bats at both locations previously. We left our bat monitors switched on as we walked and once again picked up bat sounds where Bennett Avenue meets Cooks Road. Bat sounds were picked up at various other locations along our route but, as luck would have it, none at Pightle Close.

The churchyard was dark, as all good churchyards should be, and it appeared to be totally lacking in bats. However, patience is a great virtue and eventually it paid off as we picked up more Pipistrelle bat sounds.

As the night grew ever darker we walked back to our starting point knowing that we may have not found any of the rarer bats that live in Britain but Pipistrelle bats seem to be alive and well in Elmswell. **Alan Hall**

We are having a competition

We would like you to draw or paint anything from the wildlife site onto a piece of A4 paper and please put your name, age and address on the back of it. We will have two age groups, the first group of 5-8 years and the second group 9-12, in this group we would like you to also tell us why you picked whatever it was you have drawn.

Please can we have entries to 53 Eastern Way, Elmswell by Friday 31st August, then they will be judged and the winners will be at Kiln Meadow's display at the Autumn Fayre on 2nd September so please enter and then come along to see if you have won.

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ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB



What a glorious day the 15th July was, but before I launch myself into a string of superlatives about the day itself, I'm going to thank all of the wonderful people that worked and contributed in so many ways to make the day so successful, and I propose to do this in no particular order but in the hope that I leave no-one out. Mr Guus Hamel of Tulipa Gardens for sponsoring the cost of the programmes and to Steve at Jem's for the design and production of the same, Mr Owens for printing all posters, to Mrs Olive Spanton for taking care of refreshments, and Mrs Jean Mason for organising the Draw and taking care of admissions, and to all the good ladies that helped them on the day, and the entire Committee for their unwavering support, and to the Methodist Church for all their kindnesses in allowing us to use the Hall, to our own PRO and all her friends at Radio Suffolk for their great boost in promoting the day, and last but not least Mr John Spanton who has the task of persuading a lot of very good gardeners to show off their skills for others to admire, and of course a big thank you to those same very generous people.

Now to the day itself, it was the best Open Gardens we have ever had, we had 190 people through the gardens, with the vast majority coming from outside the village, and since the day itself we have received some fantastic letters from people as far away as Felixstowe, Clacton, Woodbridge and all points West, all saying how nice the

gardens were and how friendly all the people in the village were, and what a lovely village to live in, which for the Gardening Club is most satisfying, as we were able to show the village off in a good light. One young lady from the village who will remain nameless thought it was well worth the £2.00 just to come along for the refreshments, and no one could disagree with that Polly.

The coach to Blickling Hall is full, so that's very good. Our next meeting will be on September 9th when Mr Peter Fisk will be talking on vegetables and how to grow them, so that should be of interest to a lot of gardeners, but more about that in next months issue.

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB - July Results



Monday 'A'

Haughley 66	Elmswell 77
Elmswell 99	Bacton 48
Old Newton 75	Elmswell 66
Meadlands 66	Elmswell 75
Elmswell 62	Mendlesham 75

Monday 'B'

Elmswell 88	Thurston 78
M.S.D.C. 63	Elmswell 57
Elmswell 65	Ixworth 74
Stowupland 'B' 93	Elmswell 64

Tuesday 'A'

Bildcston 38	Elmswell 39
Elmswell 31	Woodfield 37
Blue Circle 'B' 32	Elmswell 32
Elmswell 38	Stowupland 'B' 42
Meadlands 51	Elmswell 27

Tuesday 'B'

Elmswell 36	St Botolphs 'A' 38
Thornham Magna 42	Elmswell 30
Elmswell 32	Stowupland 'A' 46
Debenham 'B' 60	Elmswell 18

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Wednesday

Wortham 72 Elmswell 'A' 66
Walsham le Willows 90

Elmswell 'A' 65

Elmswell 'A' 49 Thornham Magna 95

Thursday

Elmswell 'B' 67 Combs Ford 68

Woodfield 'B' 52 Elmswell 'B' 86

Elmswell 'B' 83 Blue Circle 78

Bacton 46 Elmswell 'B' 78

Blue Circle 66 Elmswell 'B' 62

Thurlow Shield

Elmswell Tuesday 'A' 42 Ixworth 44

Bullen Cup

Elmswell 'B' 50 St Botolphs 104

Stowmarket K.O. Triples

Elmswell 66 Combs Ford 84

Bullen Cup

Elmswell 'A' 86 Combs Ford 61

HELPING HAND CLUB!



Our strawberry and cream supper on July

5th was a most enjoyable evening, despite the non arrival of the band. We had to rely on the records and turntable for our music! The band turned up on the following evening. Sincere thanks to all the Committee members who worked so hard to make the evening such a happy one.

All was forgiven and the band arrived on our July 19th meeting. It was a lively foot tapping evening that we have come to expect from our good friends The Tom Smith Band.

On August 2nd we had a visit to our club from Mike and Lorne Scott and what an excellent evening they gave us! Mike's great humour and funny stories of his travels and all the beautiful slides

of his lovely garden made it a perfect, entertaining evening. Thank you both most sincerely.

We are hoping to have a visit from a police officer as our speaker in the near future.

Our next outing in September is to Felixstowe, early evening performance of Olde Tyme Music Hall at the Spa Pavilion.

Until next month,
best wishes

Stan

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Like most organisations we are having a month of near inactivity. At the beginning of September it will be all systems go again as we welcome our new minister Revd. Stephen Yelland, his wife and two sons who will have moved into the manse at Stowmarket to begin his ministry in this section of our circuit. We look forward to his first service with us for our Harvest Thanksgiving on 16th September.

Preachers for our 10.45am service each Sunday:

August

19th Mrs Maureen Newcombe

26th Mr Harold Goodhand

September

2nd Mr David Rogers

9th Mr Alan Newcombe

16th Revd. Stephen Yelland

ELMSWELL TODDLERS



Now we are well into the summer months, Elmswell Toddlers have been making the most of the good weather with a few trips into the Great Outdoors. We had a very enjoyable adventure to Ncedham Lake by 'train',

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where we picnicked in glorious sunshine, fed the ducks and played on the swings before catching the train back to Elmswell. And a day out to the seaside at Walton-on-the-Naze was a big hit too.

Our next outdoor activity is a Teddy Bears Picnic at The Blackbourne on 22nd of August so if you're a toddler come along and join us and bring your favourite bear too.

We are also starting to get organised for our Autumn Nearly New Sale on 22nd September. Letters will be going out soon to people who have sold in the past. But if anyone wants to sell baby/children's clothes or equipment and clear some space in those cupboards, please call Alex on 244692. Elmswell Toddlers is **open all through the Summer Holidays** so do come and join us, we are always keen to welcome new parents/carers with their children. We have a range of toys and activities (these include regular craft and music sessions) to suit all ages from birth to 4 years, so do come along and join us (tea or coffee included). For more information please contact Alex Bartholomew (244692) or Sarah Mansel (241857).

Sara Rogers (244419)

SERVICES etc., at ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Saturday 18 August
10.00am Coffee Morning at Fayreways

Sunday 19 August
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 August
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2 September
9.30am Family Service with Music Group

10.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Communion

Friday 7 September
7.30pm Concert followed by Cheese & Wine

Saturday 8 September
10am-6pm Friends' Festival Exhibition

Sunday 9 September
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Friends' Service
1pm-6pm Friends' Festival Exhibition

No Sunday School until 16 September

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The Friends of St John's Church, Elmswell

We hope that you will support the Festival of Art, Flowers and Music in the Church over the weekend of 7-9 September - more details on the poster elsewhere in this Newsletter. This year we are being generously supported by a grant from the Elmswell Amenities Association, which will help us pay for publicity and the production of catalogues, service sheets, etc. There will be paintings (mostly for sale) by local artists, music by local musicians and flowers arranged by local flower arrangers! Our preacher, Mr John Andreasen, also has local connections - his father was Manager at Elmswell Bacon Factory for many years. We have tried to involve as many *local* people as possible - please come and see what talent we have in and around Elmswell. Admission to the art exhibition is free and the concert and cheese and wine preview on Friday evening is only £5. Refreshments will be available during the weekend.

St John's Church, Elmswell

On Saturday 8 September the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place so we look forward to welcoming cyclists - and walkers to St John's. The money raised by those who take part is divided equally between the sponsor's nominated Church and the SHCT funds.

Macmillan Cancer Relief

Once again Jean Folkard is hosting the 'Biggest Coffee Morning in the World' - or at least, Elmswell's part in it. The event will be on Friday 28 September

in St John's Church Room from 10am - 12 noon. Admission 50pence. There will be a cake stall, plants, bring and buy, etc. We have raised a substantial amount of money in the past for this cause and hope that we can do so again this year.

Suffolk Churches

Are you interested in the history of Suffolk's Churches - if so why not visit Simon's Suffolk Churches on the internet on www.suffolkchurches.co.uk - we're there!!!!!!!

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

A night's floodlighting costs £5 (Please make cheques payable to "ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL")

August 2001 Sponsorships

- 9 in memory of Lillian Hurrell
- 9 in memory of William Henry Strachan who would have been 100 today
- 11 to celebrate the marriage of Thomas James Kent to Joanna Margaret Roylance
- 22 in memory of Betty Margaret Greathead
- 31 Alfred Clarke, in loving memory of a dear husband, Alf, died 31 August 2002

September 2001 Sponsorships

- 6-10 Dr & Mrs Dobbs
- 10-13 in loving memory of Gary Ferguson. Sadly missed and never forgotten
- 15 in memory of Leslie Bloomfield
- 16 in memory of William Victor Manning
- 18 Ann & Dave Hollings

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All bookings and payments, please, to:-

Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell (Tel: 240908)

ELMSWELL LUNCHEON CLUB



Following the first AGM of our newly reformed Elmswell Luncheon Club we continue enjoying each other's company and our meals at Woolpit Bull, where Val and her staff are ever-welcoming and cater for our individual tastes. We have also been pleased to welcome some new members amongst us.

Our numbers have been lower than normal of late owing to the usual summer holiday breaks, grandparents becoming child-minders during the school holidays, illness and, indeed, several members having had stays in hospital. Some, happily, have returned home now, so we wish them all well and look forward to the day when they are all back home and fit enough to rejoin us.

We were pleased to see Rosalie back with us after her spell in hospital and glad to hear that she is progressing well.

We still have some room for new members so if any retired 55+'s would like to join us at Monday lunchtimes please ring Rosalie Summons on 240001 for details of the Club and available transport if you do not have your own.

ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB (Sponsored by Manvers Triumph)



Further to the concerns expressed by Mark (Baptists) last month about our wicket-keeping situation, I thought I should examine the Club's strengths (or otherwise) in this vital position. Not least, since it's a curious but undeniable fact that everybody wants to be wicket-keeper. No, it's true. Of our current players no less than 11 have done the job at one time or another. Put end to end, there's a whole team of wicket-keepers out there. Scary, isn't it? A team of batsmen or bowlers we could do with, but a team of wicket-keepers - who needs them? So what's the appeal of the job? Maybe it's something to do with being able to show off constantly. Plus, it's more fun than getting bored and cold in the outfield. There again, maybe we've just attracted a group of blokes who have a 'thing' about wearing huge gloves in mid-summer?

Our normal keeper is Steve Jordan. I use the word 'normal' advisedly! He is, to harmony on the cricket field, what Lemmy from Motorhead is to classical music. But what if he isn't about? Take your pick! This season, more often than not, it's been Steff Parker. Despite an almost total lack of aptitude for the job ('One T' Whatling's words - not mine, you understand) he loves doing it. As a result he's been happy to bat at number 11, although for form's sake he complains about this incessantly. Anyone who has ever captained a village cricket team knows the value

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of a player who is happy to bat at number 11. You nurture him, you indulge him, you sell him your sister at a knock-down price.

Then there's Nigel, our skipper. He's done the job - which just goes to show that mediocrity is within the reach of us all. For several seasons now he's recorded just the one stumping - when the batsman was so far out that he didn't make any effort to get back into the crease but simply walked off towards the pavilion. Even then, our skipper nearly fumbled it! Jamie Barter has attempted the task. As a goalkeeper (so rumour has it) he has perfected the despairing dive to leg whenever one of our 'fast' bowlers momentarily loses control (no names ... eh, Ben?). Speaking of 'One T', he's had a go and, would you believe, actually been known to take a catch. As for stumpings, the art has forever been beyond him so he tries to impress by throwing himself around with crazed abandon - like Alec Stewart on crack. Andy 'don't call me Charlie' Brown is another who has donned the gloves at various times but blessed with reactions slightly slower than a dead dog he collects the ball, moves his hands in the general direction of the stumps and triumphantly throws them down only to find that it's time for tea and everyone has left the pitch. David 'Wink' Peachey also had wicket-keeping aspirations once. Mind you, that was in the days when, according to local legend, he was younger and fitter! Nowadays, a fielding position which requires movement towards the grass and back is too much for him,

i.e. any bob too small.

So where does this leave us? Oddly enough, not doing too badly. We have, to date, lost all League matches away yet won all League matches at home. By a curious and cruel set of circumstances which has seen other teams losing when they should be winning and vice versa we are, at the time of writing, in second place in our division. That being said, do not rush out and place bets on us staying there. "If we get a good start, we could win this" is the single sentence, awash in wide-eyed idiocy, that somehow encapsulates the madness of village cricket, and Elmswell especially. Take Great Cornard (see below) where it was enthusiastically proclaimed by our skipper - who then ran himself out and saw us collapse from 60 for 1, to 77 for 7! Between our aspirations and our achievements lies a void of almost interplanetary proportions.

Recent Match Results:

Friendly: Elmswell 76 for 5 (David Peachey 32, Doug Reed 27 not out); Needham Lions 77 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.

League: Ampton & Culford 87 (Reed 2 for 13, Nigel Greathead 2 for 15, Adi Garnham 2 for 15); Elmswell 88 for 0 (Steve Jordan 58 not out, Greathead 25 not out). Won by 10 wickets.

Friendly: Needham Lions 147 for 2; Elmswell 57 (Peachey 15, David Royal 14). Lost by 90 runs.

Friendly: Tattingstone 166 for 6 (Reed 2 for 20); Elmswell 152 for 7 (Reed 46 not out, Richie King 28). Lost by 15 runs.

AUTUMN Elmswell FAYRE

Good Food Kick Boxing Display Stalls Galore
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Leigh Lanham Speedway Champ. Vintage Cars

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TUG-OF-WAR - Junior Invitation Challenge

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Admission includes CAR BOOT SALE

Craft Stalls - indoor & out Vintage Motorbikes

Wizard Balloons Ascent

Stationary
Engines

Fire Brigadedisplays

CAR BOOT SALE £5 per pitch

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Admission £1.50 - Kids 25p

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Free Parking - Starts 12.00am



STOP PRESS 2: Battle of Britain Fly Pass at 5.00 pm


Over the last 10 years, the Fayre has generated tens of thousands of pounds for Elmswell charity & community ventures...over £23,000 went to fitting out Blackburne!

Looking at the checklist of special attractions, this year promises to be the best;

- ✓ **The Kangaroo Kid**, the intrepid Quad Bike stunt wizard - fresh from T.V.'s 'You Bet' will perform a programme of breathtaking feats of daring...he intends to leap over the eleven stars of the Tavern Football team...
- ✓ **All Star Wrestling** - so popular in 1997, but it took this long before they could fit in the return booking - Thunderdragon, Spiderman, Rock & Roll Express - they'll all be there, love 'em or hate 'em...
- ✓ **Jack Russell Terrier Racing** - the renowned Bury St Edmunds Club prove the worth of their chosen breed and take on all comers...
- ✓ **Gareth Evans from SGR's Morning Crew** will be around the site meeting old friends from the very popular show...



 Meanwhile, as the poster shows, the favourite feast of regular treats will be there... the **Junior Invitation Tug - of - War**, always won by the girls (so far), the **Boys' Brigade Senior Band** opening the proceedings through the village from the Fox car park at noon, our own **Fire Crew** demonstrating how they can cut, lift or squirt you out of any emergency (and, we are assured, they are really really ready should a really real incident occur). 

 Plus the stalls both in the hall and outside, food galore & drinks aplenty, car boot, stationary engines & vintage vehicles, fair rides and inflatables, etc., etc., etc.....and our friends from **Wizard Balloons** taking off at tea time (still time to book a flight - call Terry on 240528).

All for £1.50 (children 25p.) which includes admission to the car boot area. As a last fling before School starts again, you wont get better value!

CAN YOU HELP?

It may look easy, but your fayre involves some hard work...less if there are more people willing to do their bit.

If you can offer an hour (or more)

- ✿ On the gate
- ✿ In the bistro café
- ✿ Parking cars
- ✿ Setting up before or cleaning up afterwards
- ✿ Selling draw tickets on the day or before the day

...or bake a cake, help produce the programme

please telephone Peter Edmonds on 241640 or Terry Southgate on 240528

STOP PRESS: All stall spaces in the Hall have been snapped up. Space is still available outside - call Peter Edmonds on 241640

Around and About cont'd., pg20

League: Great Cornard 135 (Greathead 4 for 24, Ben Whatling 2 for 28); Elmswell 101 (Adi Read 31, Reed 14 not out). Lost by 34 runs.

Friendly: Elmswell 72 for 1 (Reed 35 not out, Peachey 33 not out); Brettenham 78 for 0. Lost by 10 wickets.

League: Elmswell 160 for 7 (Read 52, Steff Parker 20); Hadleigh 132 (Greathead 4 for 27, Whatling 4 for 50). Won by 28 runs.

Doug Reed, Club Secretary (Tel: 241009)

Elmswell CC Century Club:

July Draw

£15 to J Farmer (90),
£10 to S Garbett (29),
and £5 to D Wiggins (95).

ELMSWELL F.C.

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K Hammond.

2nd Team Manager B Barter.

3rd Team Manager J McMillan.

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Monthly Draw for August drawn by

Mrs B Hatton

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D Wiggins

£35 No 235

Mr J Frost

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J Reid

£15 No 110

G Mimms

£15 No 95

J Cardy

Fixtures

Sat 15th Sept

First team Saracens (Away) Div 2

Rest Team Somersham Res (Home)

Div 5

Sat 29th Sept

First team St Clements (Away) Div 2

Res Team Bacton Res (Home) Div 5

Sat 6th Oct

First Team Somersham (Home) Div 2

Sat 13th Oct

First Team Saxmundham Sports
(Home) Div 2

Res Team Woodbridge Ath (A) (Away)
Div 5

A team fixtures not available at time
of going to press.

Anyone wishing to join Elmswell
Football Club please telephone B
Hayward on (01359) 240951.

Training Wednesday nights Grove Lane
pitch.

Compiled by H Mulley



From Paul Peachey (Mr) of Bennett Avenue

... ridiculous "Fact Sheet"

Since when has the present Parish Council worked in partnership with the community. The ridiculous 'Fact Sheet' recently received could so easily have been printed in the village newsletter (also saving the Parish valuable money)?

The only fact it proved was, this was Elmswell's answer to 'This is Your Life'. Four pictures of Chairman Ron Curry dominated the fact sheet, was there nothing of interest to report or will Michael Aspel appear in the next issue with his red book? To keep the village in the news I believe Jeremy Beadle is making a programme about the Amenities Association called 'Are You Being Framed?'.

As for the next episode of the soap opera why not turn up for the next Parish Council on Monday September 10th at Blackbourne?

From Rex Durham of Warren Lane

Chairman lost control

On the 9th July I walked out from a parish Council meeting in its very early stages. Why? - the current Chairman Mr Curry decided that the public contribution to the meeting was finished, despite the fact that several people, including myself, had points to raise or questions to ask.

Why was this undemocratic step taken? Goodness knows, although in my humble opinion the Chairman had lost control of a somewhat contentious session. Sufficient reason to bar public discussion? - I think not! Already public discussion at the end of the Council meeting has been barred - how soon I wonder before the earlier public participation is ruled out altogether.

The Chairman says he is working to standing orders - perhaps they allow for the public to be switched on or off at will.

In a separate letter I detail the point which should have been put before the Parish Council. I hope this is published and will be read by Councillors for action.

From Rex Durham, as above

Some months ago Suffolk C.C. re-surfaced Church Road and School Road, and left behind thousands of small stones which were 'surplus to requirements'. Most of these finished up on the relevant pavements and a lot are still there. The gutters are full of them and many have found their way on to sideroads, i.e. Warren Lane, New Road, Cooks Road etc. A 'phone call to Suffolk County Council some 5 or 6 weeks ago has brought no response.

Perhaps now, therefore, the Parish Council will bring pressure to bear on Suffolk County Council and insist that they finish the job.

From Muriel Durham of Warren Lane

To the residents of Elmswell

Let us all buck ourselves up. Those in 'control' in this village may not be too lively, but instead of complaining about this 'dirty village', let us do something about it. The next time a bottle, tin, or some other rubbish is left on the ground outside our property by a litter lout, let us make sure we pick it up and dispose of it correctly. Almost every time that Rex (our dog walker) returns home from a walk, he brings with him a piece of someone else's rubbish which he has found along his way. Can we not all do the same?

From Roy Finch of Eastern Way

'... very unfair situation ...'

In conjunction with the Elmswell Football Club I have booked the Blackbourne again for the Annual Carl Finch Memorial Dance for 20th April 2002 (don't miss it!).

Unfortunately, we are now tied down very strictly by the Blackbourne Management Association with regard to payment. There is no deposit system, we have been told that the full £60 has to be with them by 1st September (I've been arguing over it since June!). Our hard earned funds are with them 8 months in advance, and there seems to be no argument allowed.

I am writing to thank all of the people who have heard of this very unfair situation and chipped in £1 each to help cover the cost.

This year £1725 was raised by this event for the Friends of Woolpit Health Centre. Any contributions which take us over the £60 will go to next year's good cause.

Thanks again.

From Virginia Finch of Tostock

Re: Hiring of the Blackbourne - April 2002

Re: Carl Finch Fund Raisers & Mr Clark

... why is he in charge ...

I write with dismay on learning of Mr Clark's attitude with regard to the Annual Benefit Match and Dance in memory of Carl Finch.

For the last 2 years Roy Finch and many other local people have been involved and supported this fund raising event. All proceeds go to the Woolpit Health Centre to buy extra equipment for everybody's benefit.

In previous years, Roy has not had to pay the hire fee for this event as it has been "donated" to the cause. However, this year Mr Clark has decided not only do we have to pay, but pay now and no less than the full amount will secure the booking! Roy has tried in vain so far to be able to just pay a deposit, with no success.

What is going on in Elmswell?

Before moving to Tostock 4 years ago, I lived in Elmswell for 18 years. There were of

FRAUD SQUAD RAID

On 24th July, 22 of the 25 Trustees of the Amenities Association met with two representatives of the Charity Commission in order that they might be assured that the charity has always acted within the law and within the objects of its charitable status.

The issues surrounding the recent Police involvement in the Association's affairs were outlined. These dealt mainly with the funding arrangements with the Parish Council, which have never been breached but which were ended last year at the Council's insistence.

The meeting heard that the matter had been brought to Police attention by, 'officials of the Elmswell Parish Council'. There had been no correspondence from the Parish Council to the Amenities Association expressing any concern. The Chairman of the Council had raised the issue of an apparent discrepancy between what he had calculated as being the theoretical income from Newsletter advertising and income declared in the end of year accounts at an Annual Parish Meeting, but at no stage was a written detailed enquiry made of the Association.

As explained in last month's Newsletter, the Association fully accepts that it had been through a period when administration of the Newsletter advertising had suffered from the growth in popularity of the magazine and the volunteers had not kept up with the paperwork. These issues have been adequately addressed.

It was noted that the Parish Council was currently taking steps to distance itself from the affair by denying the Police statement that the involvement had been official by suggesting that Cllr. David Marriott and one other 'official of the Elmswell Parish Council' had acted as individuals.

In general discussion, Trustees spoke of their conviction that the Parish Council had been, and continues to be, at loggerheads with many individuals and organisations within the village and that this sadly ludicrous affair was but one result. Others told of the real hurt and upset caused by the issuing of search warrants for their homes. It was pointed out that the affair had figured in the decisive Parish Poll vote of 'No Confidence' in the Officers of the Council who remained, nevertheless, unmoved and unrepentant. The Commissioners expressed themselves entirely happy with the administration of the Newsletter and of the Charity as a whole. This they have since confirmed in a letter which has been circulated to all Trustees.

There has been no response to a request made of Cllr. Marriott that he might allow the Association full details of the complaint he made so that Trustees may be assured that all relevant issues have been addressed. There has been no response to the appeal that the second Councillor reveal himself so that his reservations, too, might be taken on board. Neither has there been any information forwarded as to which other village organisation was detailed in the Councillors' complaint to the Police.

FOLLOWING ENQUIRIES

Village Green Claim at Pightle Close

Our June edition told of the battle engaged in May at the Public Enquiry called to decide whether or not the public had established the right to call the open space at Pightle Close their Village Green, including the immunity from development which would ensue. The Inspector duly reported and has advised Suffolk County Council to reject Rex Durham's claim on the grounds that public use - which was not doubted - had not been 'as of right', but that there had been permission effectively granted by Mid Suffolk District Council by the Council's having kept the grass cut. In other words, the Council had been allowing use, the public had not been using it without 'secrecy, force or permission', which is what the law requires.

Never-say-die Rex Durham has taken further advice! The legal precedent upon which this small but very important point hinges, has gone to appeal. The appeal was heard on 16th July, the decision is 'reserved', so it may be some time before the judges make their decision.

Watch this (green) space.

Footpath 9

Your correspondent attended yet another Public Local Enquiry at the Blackbourne, this time into the claim by Suffolk County Council that Elmswell footpath No. 9, which, on the official map, ends south of the railway line towards Wetherden Road in the middle of a field, should continue (technically in Wetherden) all the way down to Wetherden Road. Elmswell villagers had presented written statements confirming their use of the route over many years and several appeared to back up their testimony in person. There was archive evidence from 16th Century confirming that a path - then a 'Processional Way' - was marked on maps of the time. Ordinance Survey maps show the path as having been in existence for at least 87 years. The Footpath Walking Group had held several of their New Year's day walks along the route and had, with the co-operation of Suffolk County Council, installed footbridges and a fingerpost.

In 1994 the access to the route from Wetherden Road was blocked with a barbed wire fence. The Parish Council, which luckily in those days took an interest in the village footpaths, appealed, and this, eventually, triggered the enquiry. The barrier remains and the access land has, effectively, become the neighbour's garden. There is a route to footpath 9 from Wetherden Road across the adjacent 'set aside' land, but this is 'permissive', rather than by right, and requires the walker to risk a hundred yards or so of very fast on-coming traffic.

The farmer who sold the land, and the neighbour who now owns it testified that they had never seen walkers on the claimed route. They said that it could not have been walked as it was ploughed close to the ditch. The user evidence was, they felt, 'thin'.

Once again, and after two days of hearing, the case rests on some fine points of law. In this case, the Common Law. The route marks the Parish Boundary and the old boundary between East & West Suffolk. It forms a natural and obvious continuation of Footpath 21 across on the other side of Wetherden Road. It allows safe, sensible and logical access into the rest of the footpath network. Nevertheless, its future is in the hands of the lawyers.

POTTERING AT THE FRINGE

The Edinburgh Festival presents an opportunity for two of Elmswell's finest to seek a wider audience.

Jonathan Barker, in the left of our picture, is a member of the Charterhouse Company, now all school leavers awaiting exam results but who nevertheless managed to raise sufficient funds for a two week run at the prestigious event.

The lads have chosen the challenging Dennis Potter play 'Blue Remembered Hills', written for television in 1979 as a tragically comic tale of children's games, fears & fantasies played out by adults against the backdrop of World War II. Their performance has already attracted a record first night audience, no mean feat in an environment of wall-to-wall productions running 24 hours a day for three weeks.



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Can You Help?



Paul Peachey - whose postcard collection gives some fascinating insights into earlier Elmswell days - has come across this photograph.

The van is older than the rest of the scene, he believes. It certainly stands in front of Mr Leeks' post office stores ... possibly early to mid 1970's.

Why the van - and who are the two men? Can you help?

Let us know on 241841, or to Paul directly on 241517.

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KILN MEADOW - WE'RE HIGHLY COMMENDED!



We're delighted to announce that Kiln Meadow, Elmswell's own wildlife site, has come runner-up in a competition organised by The East Anglian Daily Times.

The award scheme is the brain child of Bernard Tickner, one of the county's leading naturalists and a prominent benefactor to conservation projects in this area. Mr Tickner recently discovered a new variety of euphorbia in his garden and this is being marketed by Notcutts all over the world at Euphorbia Redwing. All the royalties from the discovery are being recycled back into conservation projects and this year some of the money has been channelled into the EADT Wildflower Award Scheme.

The two winners were Brockley Churchyard and Wenhaston Commons, while Kiln Meadow and Parham Community Action Plan were joint runners-up and were both highly commended. David Green, EADT Environment Correspondent, Martin Sanford of the Suffolk Naturalists Society and Bernard Tickner were the judges. When they came to visit Kiln Meadow they were very impressed by the different habitats which we are creating on the site and especially with the community involvement demonstrated by the project.

Several volunteers attended a presentation ceremony at the EADT offices to receive our certificate on behalf of the village. Afterward Bernard Tickner spoke about his hopes for the future and looked forward to the day when wildflowers would be prolific enough for everyone to enjoy. He hopes that this Award Scheme will become an annual event and will encourage more wildflower conservation projects.

We're absolutely delighted with our award and very pleased that Elmswell's own wildlife site has won recognition from some of the county's leading naturalists. It gives us the confidence to progress the project further - we're now talking to the Wildlife Trust about the possibility of a second survey of the site to help us update our management plan.

We're always pleased to see new faces at Kiln Meadow, whether it's just a short visit or as part of a working party. Our next meeting is on Sunday 23rd September when we will be mowing and raking the meadow.

Mary Feeney (241901)



DOMINOTE

Our picture shows some of the members of the group at one of last season's performances. They have recently enjoyed an exciting chance to grow and develop with a grant of £5,000 from the Millennium Commission through a scheme run by Age Concern, recognising the value of the work done by Chas Nunn. Chas founded and organises the venture which takes youngsters to perform before audiences of senior citizens throughout the County. The grant has not only allowed the purchase of an electric keyboard together with sound equipment and sheet music but has funded mini-bus travel and a trip to London. The group acknowledges the help and support of the Amenities Association which acted as 'Host Organisation' to trigger the grant aid and gave valuable advice throughout the award year.

The new season begins with a rehearsal at the Exchange Hall, School Road, on Tuesday 4th September at 7.00pm. The group will be working towards their Christmas production which will include amongst many other seasonal pieces, the musical 'THIS IS YOUR LIFE, SANTA CLAUS'.

Any youngster over the age of 9 is welcome to give Dominote a try. Perhaps there is someone in your family who likes singing - or who you wish might do their singing somewhere else! Encourage them to come down to Dominote. We have fun singing with others, we get great enjoyment in performing for others.

Or contact Becky or Erin on 241147 ... Lauren on 241181 ... Laura on 240580.





316 YOUNGSTERS SPEND SUNDAY NOT WATCHING VIDEOS...

What looks to become an annual event took place at Blackbourne on Sunday 15th July when 39 young boys and girls came together with trainers, coaches and support staff from all over Suffolk as 39 teams to play in the Elmswell Youth Football Tournament.

From 9.00am they battled and practised and trained and competed. 140 games were played under the watchful eyes of 10 very busy referees and over 500 supporters and spectators. Between them they ate over 600 burgers and drank drinks galore.

At the end of a satisfying exhausting day the hosts were pleased to have had the chance to pit their skills against often more experienced opposition and there was nothing but admiration for the various group winners;

Under 8's	Moreton Hall
Under 9's	Martlesham
Under 10's	Bacton
Under 11's	Morcton Hall
Under 13's	Walsham

Thanks are due to all the visitors and their supporters for making the day such a success, to all the sponsors and to the many helpers, many of them E.F.C. Committee members, but many not connected with the Club, just keen to make their contribution.

The tournament is a spin-off from the Elmswell Summer School, which attracts up to 120 youngsters every Wednesday evening during the summer for training at Blackbourne. The organisers, Andy Taylor and Mel Banbury, and their hard-working squad of coaches, are doing village football the world of good. But it doesn't stop there. They are involving the kids of our village in the wider community, catching them young, keeping them interested. A genuine and very valuable example of bridge building.



What's On in Elmswell ?

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

August

- 18 Friends of St John's Church: Coffee Morning, Fayreways, Cross Street, 10am
- 22 Elmswell Toddlers teddy bears picnic at the Blackbourne
- 26 Elmswell Cricket Club v Edwardstone at the Blackbourne (League), 2.15pm. Match-ball sponsor Eastern Frames
- 31 EADS juniors comedy production 'Jungle Madness' at 7pm Wesley Hall. Tickets from Elmswell Post Office

September

- 1 EADS juniors comedy production 'Jungle Madness' at 2.30 & 7pm Wesley Hall. Tickets from Elmswell Post Office
- 5 2pm. The Old Telephone Exchange, Elmswell Exchange WI, Speaker Helen Scott-Davis, topic Ghost Stories. Competition Holiday Souvenir

September continued

- 7-9 Friends of St John's Church: Art, Music and Flower Festival in the Church
- 7 Friends of St John's Church - Festival Weekend - Cheese and Wine Preview Evening with Concert at 7.30pm
- 8 St John's Church, Exhibition open 10am-6pm, Admission Free, refreshments available
- 8 Church Bike Ride, contact Sarah Mansel 01359 241857
- 9 Friends of St John's Church Annual Friends' Service, 10.30am in the Church, Preacher Mr J Andreassen
- 13 Millennium History Group AGM and Archive Film Show "East Anglian Life", 7pm Wesley Hall
- 15 10am - 12 noon. The Methodist Hall, School Road, Elmswell, Exchange WI Coffee Morning (see our ad).

September continued

- 23 Kiln Meadow - mowing/
raking (equipment
provided, bring gloves),
9.00am
- 28 Macmillan Cancer Relief
Coffee Morning, 10am in St
John's Church Room
- 29 St John's Church Gift Day
- 30 Harvest Festival, St John's
Church, 10.30am

October

- 3 2pm. The Old Telephone
Exchange, Elmswell
Exchange WI, Craft
Afternoon. Competition 3
iced buns

November

- 7 2pm. The Old Telephone
Exchange, Elmswell
Exchange WI, Annual
Meeting. Speaker Mr
Copping, topic British
Birds. Competition animal
photo

November continued

- 17 St John's Church: Autumn
Fair, Blackbourne, 2pm
- 17 Elmswell Cricket Club:
Entertainment Quiz,
7.30pm, £2 per person,
max. 6 per team

December

- 5 2pm. The Old Telephone
Exchange, Elmswell
Exchange WI, Christmas
Party. Competition
homemade Christmas Tree
decoration

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