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Community matters **JANUARY 2001**



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This Month's "COMMENT"

"If you have a 300-500 word "Comment" on something directly related to, happening in or affecting Elmswell please submit it! Presentation unimportant - hand written is fine - simply include contact telephone number." Editors.

Billy Farrow died two days after his 95th birthday on 28th December. He will not be forgotten for as long as the tapestry of Elmswell history is brought out and reviewed. He was a significant member of our community for nearly a century.

Born on boxing day in 1905, the third of 6 children, William George Farrow could recall the day in 1915 when he was late for Board School, then under Mr & Mrs Wilson, as a result of having gone to Warren Lane to investigate the First World War bomb crater left by the Zeppelin which had appeared there overnight. The raid was intended for Bury. He recalled the School Outing in 1911, as one of 175 pupils, when the Great and the Good convened to lay the foundation stone at a new Bacon factory on Ashfield Road. At school he was in charge of the garden plot, and, in 1918, aged 13, he put his aptitude to good use when left to become the under-gardener for Mr and Mrs Durrant at The Grange. Of his 8/6d (42½p) weekly wage, the young Bill gave his mother 7/6d (37½p). Here he stayed for 14 years until made redundant. A couple of years' insecure employment as an agricultural labourer followed until he began a 40 year stint at the Bacon Factory which he had seen founded as a child.

Of Bill's marriage to Martha, in 1937, we tell more on our centre pages. They set up home in Chapel Row, School Road which they furnished for £43.00. The marriage was blessed with two children Eileen and Ray, and four grandchildren. Bill and Martha were together for 38 years until her death in 1975.

Behind the facts there lies the picture of a true contributor to our community, a contribution which continued until very recently, despite failing health. Bill was a keen sportsman, playing cricket, football and tennis as a lad, encouraged by Revd. Sayer who ran an unofficial Sports & Social Club from the Rectory. In 1940, Bill became groundsman for the Bowls Club. He served faithfully, eventually as Club President. He served for 50 years and was made an Honorary Life Member at a presentation in 1990. As a founder member of the group which built the Memorial Hall at Cooks Road, he also bowled the first wood on the new green at The Blackbourne in 1996.

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His gardening skills meant that he was constantly represented at the Village Flower and Vegetable Shows over the years, and his involvement in the village lead to his being a founder member of the Over 60's - later the Helping Hand Club and the Luncheon Club which he attended until last year.

And Bill's last years were instructive. He was in pain and often confined to a wheelchair. But his determination to enjoy life as he found it and to give what he could to it shone through. He saw Elmswell grow and change, but he never grew away from it and he made his contribution to the changes wholeheartedly. His lively, positive outlook touched many and encouraged all who knew him. Billy Farrow's passing will be mourned by those he leaves behind. But his life will be celebrated for as long as those who follow want an example of their true kin. Billy Farrow was a Good Old Boy. We shall miss him. We shall not forget him.



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Around and About ...

NEW LIBRARY

The long-winded contactual details of the new Library/Memorial Garden development on the old Hall site at Cooks road are finally coming to an end and the detailed planning application should be made soon after we go to press. Once this has been processed a time scale can be set for the project.

Certain of the Trustees have been approached with the suggestion that the money realised from the development of the site could be used to reduce the parish Precept - the rates.

They have asked that it be made clear that the Parish Council set the Precept and that there is no connection between that money which the Parish Council demands and takes as part of the rating system, and the Amenities Association funds which are the result of voluntary fund raising efforts and, in this one-off situation, the wise realisation of some of the Association's assets. Such funds are closely monitored by the Charity Commissioners and cannot be put into the general pot just to keep the rates down by a few pounds for a couple of years.

SERVICES etc., at ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday 14 January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Praise

Sunday 21 January

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28 January

10.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4 February

9.30am Family Service with
Music Group
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11 February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Praise

*Sunday School at 10.30am each
Sunday except 1st Sunday in
month.*

St Johns Church, Elmswell

Our Parish Praise service on 10 December included a Nativity play performed by the Sunday School children; at the end of the service the children received books to mark their regular attendance at Sunday School.

The following Sunday, 17 December there was a candlelit service of Nine lessons and Carols; the choir, wearing their new robes, the music group and handbell group took part, with readings by representatives of the PCC, Friends, etc. Then on Wednesday 20 December the Church was full as the various village organisations gathered together for the Village Carol Service. The Speaker was the Revd Peter Taylor, Assistant Chaplain at Culford School, and among the groups taking part were the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, WI, Dominote, St John's Choir and Music Group, Baptist Church, Bowls Clubs, Methodist Church and Parish Council.

The traditional Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion was well attended, as was the Christmas Day Family

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Service.

We have so many talented young people in our Village and it was a joy to see and hear so many of them taking part in the events leading up to Christmas. Any of them who would like to join in the various groups at the Church would be made most welcome, as would any adults who like to sing or can play an instrument.

As mentioned earlier our Sunday School took part in the Nativity Play - we now have about a dozen children who come to enjoy the various activities in the Church Room at 10.30am every Sunday (except the first in the month; on that day there is the Family Service - a very informal service specially for families with younger children - but grown ups are welcome too!). We have recently obtained a grant for a new

overhead projector and other items for use in our young people's work.

From 7 January 2001 onwards we shall commence using the new Common Worship service book which takes the pace of the Alternative Service Book; this is something which every Anglican Church will be doing - the only services to be affected at St John's at present will be Holy Communion on the third and fifth Sundays and Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday. The Book of Common Prayer services will not be changed in any way.

The Friends of St John's Church, Elmswell

We are about to arrange our programme for 2001 and hope to have a Sausage Supper on Saturday 24 February. Details of this and other events will be in next month's newsletter.

Thanks!

I would like to say a big 'thank you' on behalf of the Church and the Friends of St John's Church, Elmswell to everyone who supports our efforts in any way, in particular those who regularly advertise our events in their shops and homes; also to the Elmswell Newsletter for printing all our reports throughout another year.

Jean Folkard

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PROJECT 2000

The next meeting will be held at Bunkers Hill Farmhouse on Tuesday 30th January at 2.30pm. New Stitchers are always welcome for this ongoing project, step by step instruction is given. The dedication of the first batch of kneelers by the Bishop of Dunwich will be at St John's Church, Elmswell on Sunday 18th February 2001.

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Results

December 2nd

First Team, Orwell Athletic. Home. Lost 2-1. Scorer P Swallow.

December 9th

First Team, Aldeburgh. Home. Drew 2-2. Scorers D Thomas, I O.G.

Reserves, Bramford reserves (CUP). Away. Lost 2-1. Scorer G Coleman.

December 16th

First Team, Bramford. Away. Won 4-1. Scorers P Hughes, S Moyes, Tweedle (2).

Reserves, Kitcheners. Home. Won 3-2. Scorers T Warby, D Hudson (2).

THE PARSK FAMILY

would like to thank all friends, parents and teachers at Elmswell Nursery School for all the kind cards and gifts and visits while Charlotte was on the Rainbow Ward at West Suffolk Hospital.

Many thanks to you all.

*Anita, Andrew & Charlotte
2 Jubilee Terrace, Elmswell*

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Fixtures

January 27th

First Team, Needham Market (A), Away
Reserves, Somersham Reserves, Home

February 3rd

First Team, Bacton United 89, Home
Reserves, Bacton United 89 Reserves,
Away

February 10th

Reserves, Felixstowe United Reserves,
Home

February 17th

First Team, Sproughton, Home
Reserves, Sproughton Reserves, Away

First Team Player of the Month:

September P Farmer

October J Clark

November R Turnbull

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

Anyone wishing to join monthly draw contact H Mulley on (01359) 240889.

Training Wednesday nights Grove Lane Pitch.
Compiled by H Mulley

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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 and 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), 8am; 10am & 7pm

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.
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ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

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So, the festive season has come and gone and we've (fully) entered the new millennium. For all that, in playing terms at least, village cricket will remain embedded in styles developed in a bygone era, yet which transcend time! You know what I mean? Christmas crackers are the same - timeless (like London clocks!).

Having missed the Queen's speech on TV, inadvertently of course, I was sitting in my armchair musing on this matter. A friend of mine (yep, despite the rumours, I do have one) told me how he once played for a village team which contained everyone connected with

death - a doctor, solicitor, an undertaker and a monumental mason. The last, he said, always fielded close to the wicket and made jokes about the batsman's style. The undertaker, who often drove straight from the churchyard to the cricket field, kept wicket and regarded each player as a prospective corpse. He never spoke (unlike our keeper) except to appeal, which he did in hollow tones, not expecting the answer 'no'.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to play in village cricket know only too well that each profession begets its particular style of play. The most careful and correct batsmen are vicars and teachers. Both, being instructors, are concerned to set examples but each tends to be used to only moderate success. So it is with their batting. They cling faithfully to orthodoxy and play a 'shooter' with a perfect, straight bat...but held some nine inches above the ball! When given 'out', even from a dubious appeal, they don't complain. They are probably the most heroic yet least successful of village batsmen.

Gardeners make good medium-paced bowlers. I have no idea why unless it's because they thrive on monotony and are not easily disappointed. Publicans make pretty reasonable fast bowlers and tend to bat well at about number six or seven. They *could* bat higher but can't be counted upon to arrive on time for an early afternoon start.

Policemen, possibly because they like to get things exactly right and legal, appeal much more and are apt to differ from the umpire's decision. Nor are they always as popular as they deserve to be as, amongst even a handful of spectators, there are always a few who cycle without

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rear-lights under a full moon. Accountants, and local shop-keepers, form an odd grouping. However, doubtless because of their close and exhausting acquaintance with invoices, are more fond of hovering behind the scorer's shoulder and correcting the finer details than playing. They make good 12th men!

In the field, farmers and farm workers are the most impervious to pain and so are put closest to the batsmen. They stop the hardest-hit balls with anything but their hands - shins, arms, shoulders...whatever (the latter, much to the amusement of other players!) Caterers are selected in desperation since they're very inattentive, largely because they always have one eye out

for the arrival of the tea. For sheet hitting, you need a motor mechanic or 'no-job-too-small' type person. They tend not to be worried about anybody else, the results or, of course, costs! The best long-stops are house-painters and quantity surveyors. This cannot be explained.

Anyway, soon, we'll all be back again doing what we do worst! Watch for fixture news and, in due course, come to a match and see if you can match the style to the profession

Meanwhile, as you've no doubt guessed, we have no current news! Have a very happy new year.

Doug Reed, Secretary (Tel: 241009; e-mail elmswellcc@hotmail.com)



Your Newsletter Abroad Dept

We are always hearing of how far afield the Newsletter travels when passed on to friends & relatives. A special Hello, however, surely must go to the lads of the Nato Defence Fire Service serving in Banja Luka, Bosnia where they do a difficult and dangerous job as part of the peacekeeping mission. They are Dan, Bob, Pete, Jed, Chuck, Barry, Roger and our own cuddly 'Buster' Southgate who says that they really enjoy their monthly episode of somebody else's war ...
Happy New Year, lads!

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ELMSWELL METHODIST CHURCH

First of all we would like to wish all the readers of our Magazine a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

After joyful and meaningful Christmas celebrations we began 2001 with our annual Covenant service on January 7th conducted by Revd. Peter Dainty - a very special service to us in which we renew our promise to God to do all we can for all people in His name.

Our usual activities continue with the Exchange Club monthly meeting on January 16th when the speaker will be Mr Peter Driver, and his subject 'It's a Grave Business'. Thereafter the Ladies Meeting will be held each Tuesday at 2.45pm, with the Exchange Club again on February 20th when Rebecca Batterham will speak on Fire Safety. An open invitation is given to all.

Our Sunday Services continue at 10.45am each week and the preacher planned for the coming weeks are:

Jan 21	Mr Oliver Baker
Jan 28	Revd. Joyce Dye
Feb 4	Mr Gordon Steed
Feb 11	Revd. Joyce Dye
Feb 18	Mr David Rogers

Our monthly house fellowship will be held on 17th January and the coffee mornings recommence on 11th January and will be held fortnightly:- 25th January, February 8th and 22nd - why not drop in for a warm cup of coffee/tea, and a friendly chat.

God's Peace be with you all.

ELMSWELL AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



The Society's Christmas pantomime will be "Aladdin" and will be performed on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February 2001. This is our most ambitious show to date, so why not book a date and join in the fun?

There will be four performances altogether with evening shows starting at 7.30pm. There will be a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are available from Elmswell Post Office and cost £3.50 or £2.50 for concessions.

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 2001

Welcome to the New Year, let's hope it carries on at the chapel, as it has finished last year in December. We had another baptism at the chapel, and well over 80 people attending our Christmas Eve Carol service. Thanks to all who supported us, it was a great way to begin Christmas, and I have never heard Jingle Bells sung so rousingly. As people left the service with jingle bells still being sung, people would of thought we had offered more than mince pies and coffee afterwards. I'm sure all those who attended would like to thank everyone involved in planning the service.

We have had several people interested in going on our list of address for those that would like to keep up to date with the events of the chapel. If you would like to be kept in touch of our special events, and future plans give Tony a call on 241541, and we will keep you in touch. At the moment it's still easier for me to use envelopes and stamps than a web page. Thanks also to those of you who enjoyed my small offering in the village carol service, there's nothing like playing to a captive audience, although I did finally give the door key back at the end.

Now for the year 2001, give us a look. I would like to think that the church has moved on and changed since perhaps the last time you entered one way back in the 30's. (We now have a water heater and toilet paper!!) Give us a look at 11am on any Sunday morning, and see why we meet every week. At 9.45am our childrens club meet for an hour every Sunday morning for fun and games, so before you go off swimming or shopping

give us a look.

The ladies friendship group meet on the first Monday evening in February at 7.45pm. I'm sure it'll be good, but I have once again lost the programme, there's too much Christmas wrapping paper around at the moment to find it.

We are also hoping to run an Alpha course for anyone in the village who is perhaps wondering why the church is in the village, why we meet every week, and how is it all relevant for today. We shall meet around peoples homes, and just chat about issues that are raised. Again if anyone picked up a leaflet from our service on Christmas eve, or would like to know more on these classes then either write to us at the chapel, or give Tony a call. As soon as we have a group, we shall arrange the times etc. There is

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no commitment necessary, just a chance to meet with others with similar thoughts, or are wondering what things are really all about. Finally a happy New Year to you all, we have a lot of great things lined up, so be part of the action.
Mark

(P.S. - Cricket Club - Why is Turkey so popular at Christmas? Because of its warm climate.)

W.I.

At both the November and December meetings of Elmswell W.I. there was a distinctly D.I.Y flavour.

In November after election of a new

President and Secretary, members were entertained with readings by candlelight of ghostly or amusing stories and poems to the accompaniment of Bailey's Cream and hot chocolate.

At the December party members were refreshed with hot punch and tasty food, and again entertained by various members of the committee performing a rendition of 'Cinderella', the shortest pantomime on record.

Why not come and join us at our monthly meetings? These are held at Blackbourne Hall on the second Tuesday each month.

ELMSWELL AMENITIES ASSOCIATION

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The Fraud Squad

Further to the raid on the Amenities Association's files and records by the Suffolk Constabulary Fraud Squad on 7th December, a working relationship has developed between the officers involved and the Association so that the day-to-day business of the Newsletter etc. can continue. There is massive inconvenience and, inevitably, some confusion as individual documents out of the many hundreds that were seized are faxed from Police Headquarters for our use.

It seems that, due to pressure of work, the process is likely to take a further two months at least. There is no indication that further papers or documentation will be required and, therefore, little likelihood of further raids on the houses of Trustees.

The Association asks that advertisers and others are patient and understanding at this difficult time if the business of the Newsletter etc. is less than sparklingly efficient.

There is still absolutely nothing to suggest that Trustees or Officers can stand accused of fraud in any degree whatsoever. The Association continues to co-operate fully and amicably with the Police in the knowledge that there is nothing to hide.



Between the Lines

In line with our established tradition of impartiality, we do not presume, in an Election month, to favour one candidate or another with our incisive comment on the village scene. Our aim is always to stimulate, to inform and, where possible, to enliven the debate.

Please therefore, be stimulated into reading the election address on pages 23 to 29.

Thus informed, please be enlivened and, please VOTE ON 25TH JANUARY.



THEDWASTRE CLOSE PLAY AREA

Completed at a cost of £20,000 - See readers letter page 35

(Photograph submitted by a reader)

ELECTION FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following two resignations, an election will be held on **THURSDAY 25th JANUARY at The WESLEY HALL between 8.00am and 9.00pm.**

Five candidates have come forward. Four of them have accepted our invitation to print a short piece so that they may make themselves known to electors;

Eric Buckmaster of Church Road is proposed by Ernest Payne and seconded by Brian Denny.

Mary Feeney of School Road is proposed by Herbert Mulley and seconded by Muriel King.

Norman Kenyon of New Road is proposed by Paul Kent and seconded by Peter Rutt.

Doug Reed of Church Road is proposed by Jean Folkard and seconded by Roy Finch.

Maurice Edwin Matthews of Hanover Court is also standing.

ERIC BUCKMASTER

Background

My wife and I have lived in Elmswell for almost five years. I retired just over twelve months ago, (well past my sell-by date). My employment moved me about all over the UK, but supporting our children's interests in their younger days, I have experience of PTA committees, Scouts and other voluntary groups.

Opinion

We very much like Elmswell and have met only friendliness and courtesy from all of those we encounter. It is an unusual and interesting village.

In standing for the role of Parish Councillor I would of course be a 'Johnny Come Lately' but I am confident that I could make a helpful and useful contribution to our village life. **If this is acceptable, please vote for me.**

Hopes and Aspirations

I would like to help to see an end to the Bi-Partisan situation that has developed in the Village over the past two years. It is both unnecessary and unfair to everyone. It is also very destructive.

It puts the **lie** to the **slogan** on the face of the otherwise **excellent** village **Newsletter**. It is actually pushing people apart, **if you agree with me please vote for me.**

I would like to be a friend to Mr Peter Dow, because in my opinion he needs one. He

is either a desperately unhappy man or is nursing a bruised ego that won't get better. Has he asked himself why he did not get re-elected.

It is so sad that all the good work that he has done in the past is being discounted by his misuse of the newsletter, and again by his influence on other people.

This sounds contrary to my stated aims, but where do you start to lance the boil, **if you agree with me then please vote for me.**

Facts to be considered

The present parish council could have been considerably helped by the outgoing team, but instead they have been forced on to the defensive and unfairly denigrated by people who should know better.

Because of dissatisfaction over the very high Parish precept (rates), the incoming council asked 'special interest groups' to make themselves self-financing, and sought to clarify the parish income from the Newsletter, the information has not been forthcoming.

This does not mean that villagers or the Parish council will not support the various groups, but it was to prevent householders from making **compulsory payments** through their rates, for activities which were not their own particular interest.

In my own opinion the Library site should not have been sold. The village needs every bit of open space that it can get, and the whole of that area could have made a spacious Memorial Garden around the Library.

However since it has been sold, as a Parish Councillor I would propose that the **£100,000 profit** which has been obtained be split over the next four years to reduce the high parish rate, which still appertains in our village. **It would benefit all households.**

If you agree with me please vote for me.

MARY FEENEY

My name is Mary Feeney, I am 46 years old and have lived in School Road for the last thirteen years. Since moving to the village with my husband in 1987 I have worked from home as an editor and information consultant. I am a dedicated dog-walker and cyclist. I have always taken an interest in village activities, most recently as an active member of the volunteer group which manages the wildlife site at Kiln Meadow. I am also concerned about facilities for both young and older people, and have written to the Newsletter on these subjects.

There now seems to be a feeling within the community that villagers' concerns are not being addressed and I share the growing anxiety of many people that the Parish Council does not seem to be working in the best interests of the village. Having attended and spoken at many Parish Council meetings, I feel that I have a contribution to make and would welcome the opportunity to help bring about the changes that many people are anxious to see.

If elected, my priorities will be:

1. More consultations, better communication. The Village Appraisal has shown that people want the opportunity to express their views - councillors must listen to what they are saying. We need openness and flexibility. There have been problems recently with administration, for example over obtaining keys to Blackbourne, and this has led to misunderstandings; tempers have understandably flared. A less confrontational style would help to untangle some of these procedural difficulties and to heal the obvious rifts and feelings of resentment which have been allowed to grow but can only be counter-productive.

2. Helping to put at the top of the agenda those day-to-day issues, which according to the Appraisal, really matter to people. There has been a disappointing lack of progress on improvements to Shop Corner. Improvements at Blackbourne are still outstanding. A traffic management plan, with road safety as top priority, is needed. New pavements on Warren Lane have long been asked for, but never materialised. Litter is an ever-present and increasing eyesore.
3. Providing suitable facilities and services for young people. We must give them the chance to demonstrate that they have a contribution to make to the community and at the same time allow the community to show young people that they have a legitimate and valued place within it. We must press ahead with multi-use facilities at Blackbourne, available seven days a week, and appropriate for all kinds of youth activities.
4. Ensuring value for money. The precept is roughly the same as it was, but many people feel that services are not as good as they should be.
5. Protecting the environment - encouraging wildlife (of course!), but also helping to safeguard open spaces, enhance natural features such as ponds, trees and hedgerows, deal adequately with litter and noise problems, and provide recycling facilities.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to represent your views - I would very much appreciate the chance to help.

NORMAN KENYON

My name is **Norman Kenyon**, aged.... well yes, getting on - I was born during the war. I moved to Elmswell with my wife Rita in 1988, after our two daughters had flown the nest. My career in a nutshell: a science/electronics degree and a PhD at Cambridge, four years in the USA, 24 years with BT Labs at Martlesham - from 1982 I managed the 90-strong Visual Telecomms Division (video-conferencing, picture coding, videophones, and so on), and I also took a particular lead in international negotiations for telecomms standards. Then early retirement, in principle making more time available for my hobbies - singing, tennis, squash. In practice I have mopped up a good many voluntary organisational tasks, the most onerous being the Suffolk Festival of Music, Dance and Speech, of which I have borne a substantial burden these past 11 years.

I have no experience of local government to offer, but then maybe that's a good thing! I have spent much of my time organising people and projects, and generally try to be critical in a constructive way (getting Americans, Japanese and Europeans to agree took a lot of inventive tact!). I would not be a silent thumb-twiddler on the Parish Council, but neither would I be a prejudiced drum-banger. My interest in local matters can be judged from my letters elsewhere in this issue, and you may also see me clearing the leaves or snow from the Cooks Road footpath, raking the meadow at Kiln Lane, or delivering these newsletters.

Living in an old house in an old village makes one quite aware of long-term values. I joined in the founding of our new History Group, drafting its constitution and being duped into the chairman slot. But I have great hopes that by gathering the evidence of Elmswell's precious past we may develop a stronger position from which to defend the village environment against the encroachments of myopic planning, not to mention

fighting the decay and abating the noise.

Put 25th January in your diary and stop by at the polling station - I can only help if you give me your X.

DOUG REED

An early 1980s badge, on sale in London, bore the following text, "If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal." I'd dispute that. I still believe my vote is crucial in elections, and that yours is too. We may not live in Florida and have the ability to put into office the most powerful person on the planet but we do have our own world to consider and it's no less important.

I've lived in Elmswell for seven years and been involved with a range of organisations, activities and events since moving here. I have to admit, however, that it's only within the last 15 months that I've become properly aware of the Parish Council albeit, sadly, more because of what has *not* been happening rather than its achievements.

I'll admit, too, that I was fairly oblivious to the preceding administration. What I do know is that nothing is achieved by repeatedly seeking to criticise previous councillors, or engaging in divisive politics and procedures which only serve to alienate people.

We live in a thriving, growing village which has so much to offer. Having asked for the trust of the electorate, I feel its incumbent upon councillors to acknowledge that trust by promoting development and growth, and by establishing procedures which respect people's honesty and commitment. Those organisations which deliver excellent service have rules that are built around the majority, and not the 2% or 3% of people who might abuse them. I feel strongly that the Parish Council should do likewise.

So what would your vote for me represent? If elected, I would want to:

- * work to a 'middle ground' which sought to end the present divisions within the village;
- * facilitate the development of organisations, facilities and services in Elmswell rather than constrain them;
- * recognise and respond positively to the expressed wishes of the electorate, not least by acting upon the outcome of the village appraisal;
- * encourage the Council to publish information far more fully and widely than at present;
- * develop a village 'plan', i.e. the Council *ought*, in my view, to have a programme which sets out what it wants to achieve in the next year and by which it can be judged; and
- * bring some sensitivity and a sense of humour to the Council! This by-election is important but councillors need to keep a sense of proportion, have respect for those they serve and be aware of their place. Lord Carrington once said, "If you take yourself seriously in politics, you've had it." This must apply as much to parish councils as national governments.

In seeking office mid-term, as it were, I recognise that my ability to produce positive results and influence might be limited. My promise, however, is that your vote for me would not be wasted in terms of the commitment, enthusiasm and effort that I would bring to seeking fulfilment of the above objectives, and to the pursuit of other matters you felt were important for Elmswell.

At a meeting of **Elmswell Parish Council** held on **Monday 8th January 2001** the following points were discussed:-

KILN LANE WILDLIFE

Mr Thompson read out a report from the Wildlife Group, which outlined work that needs to be carried out in the future. All trees need stakes and rabbit protection. Work on the pollarded oak trees continues and the Group intend to research the possibility of planting some rarer species on the site in the future. Cutting and mowing will take place in June and September this year and a small area of the site will be sown with a wildflower seed mixture as part of an experiment. Several surveys and meetings are planned for the rest of the year and it is suggested that either Alan Thompson or Mary Feeney be contacted for details. The next box sponsorship scheme is continuing this year with an increase to £3.00 per box. It was also agreed that there would be a stall at the Autumn Fayre again.

PARISH PRECEPT 2001/2002

The Precept for next year as set at £47,500. Different Councillors expressed the view that the Precept be set anywhere between £45,000 and £50,000 but after discussions the middle figure was decided upon. This figure incorporates estimated capital expenditure on projects including a bowls pavilion, new street lights and traffic calming measures in Ashfield Road. Together with £2,000 towards youth issues and an additional £1,500 over and above the grant from Mid Suffolk District Council to try and address the litter problem in the village.

RECYCLING CENTRE

This item was included for discussion but unfortunately the revised Licence from Mid Suffolk District Council has not yet been forthcoming and so discussion on this subject was adjourned until the next meeting.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

Councillors raised no objections to the renewal of a PEL licence at The Railway Tavern which will allow music and dancing on Saturday evenings between 8pm and 11.20pm.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council agreed to grant £55.60 to Little Elms Playgroup to assist with advertising and hiring costs for a fund-raising event but were unable to support another application from Little Elms because it related to payments for facilities. Councillors felt that grant aid would be more useful to pay for educational items. Little Elms are to be contacted with regard to this application.

NEWSLETTER

Councillors decided that in view of the scandalous nature of journalism displayed by the newsletter last month and the fervent wish of many people within the community for the bickering between the Amenities Association and the Parish Council to cease that they could no longer support the newsletter by supplying notes of the Parish Council meetings. No alternative method of publicising these minutes was decided upon but it is to be hoped that an alternative method will be decided at the February meeting.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

In light of the decision regarding the newsletter the proposal to vary standing orders was withdrawn.

LUNCHEON CLUB

Councillors noted with sadness the recent move of the Luncheon Club from the Blackbourne to The Bull at Woolpit. They expressed their good wishes for the continuance of the club and pointed out that this decision did not prevent the Luncheon Club from moving back to the Blackbourne at a later date if this was their wish.

STREET LIGHT SURVEY

A survey of street lights has been carried out by Eastern Contracting and the following recommendations were made: 1 lamp on the corner of Bennett Avenue and Cooks Road needs upgrading; an additional light should be provided in Cooks Road opposite the police station and 5 new street light columns in Bennett Avenue. The estimated cost for this work is £3,725.00 but the exact figure cannot be ascertained until 24 Seven have carried out a survey of existing mains cables. This quote is expected shortly and it is hoped that it will be received in time to allow a proposal to be put to the February meeting.

PLANNING

Concern had been raised by a member of the public regarding the development of Oliver House. Following discussion Councillors decided that the best course of action was to enter into dialogue with the Planning Authority in order to obtain the best result for the village in the time leading up to the detailed planning permission being sought. The concerns raised in the letter were substantially similar to the concerns raised by the Parish Council and present to Mid Suffolk when the outline permission was considered.

Councillors raised no concerns with regard to the following planning applications:

CTPO/27/00	Re-shaping ash tree	1 Grange Meadows
1257/00	New window extension and garage	Kinsey Lodge, Cross Street
1285/00	Two Storey house and garage	Adjacent to Loughbank

Majority of Councillors decided to support planning application 1249/00 for 6 dwellings at former MG Homecare, Ashfield Road but expressed concern that what was initially planned as bungalows are now intended to be a mixture of 1 storey, 1½ storey and 2 storey mixed dwellings. Concern was also expressed that planning rules were not being complied with in requesting 6 dwellings to be served by a private driveway when the guidelines that a maximum of 5 should be so served. The Clerk is to raise these concerns with Mid Suffolk District Council.

Results from Mid Suffolk were noted as follows:

1137/00	Conservatory at Gardeners Walk	Granted
1110/00	Erection of garage, Old Schools Court	Granted

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Burch pointed out a dangerous pothole in Eastern Way. This has been reported to the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council. It was reported that moles are becoming a problem in the Cemetery and Crown Mill area.

Ehmswell Parish Council:

Mrs D Brannick, Parish Clerk, Street Farm, Ashfield Road, Ehmswell

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Letters to Editor

From Ray Eyres of Cooks Road

"The Right to dictate to the village"

WHY?

I am at a loss to understand what is happening to our Village, I read in the Nov. edition of Newsletter that, the elected representative on the Suffolk C.C. now lives 150 miles away in Sussex. To carry out his obligations from that distance is both impossible and ridiculous. He cannot possibly carry out the Office he undertook.

The Parish Council is also to my mind either sound asleep or non-existent. The biggest problem as I see it is in two parts.

No 1. The Memorial Hall which was conceived and built by Villagers in remembrance of its Son's and forebears, and confiscated by a member of a Hippy Commune who came here to live, and was deliberately run down to ensure its demise, and now I believe sold, I ask with what authority?

Part (2) I now read that the Blackbourne, which I agree was necessary as a sports ground for the village, is to be barred to the Football and Cricket Clubs because they haven't answered a ridiculous request to hire it for their seasons. May I ask what gives these individuals the right to dictate to the village what they can or cannot do as Village teams on the grounds provided by the taxpayer? To the people of Elmswell I say, when will you stand up and be counted? Protest! It is your right, your money! Only you can correct the terrible vendetta that is in our midst.

from Dr Norman Kenyon of New Road

"too confrontational to achieve its aims"

The affair of the **Blackbourne Management Association** rumbles on, to our collective disgrace. Let us put behind us what has happened so far, and just acknowledge that the present position is so unsatisfactory that we should not wait until the AGM in June to start putting it right.

The very good reason for having an Association (I am told) is that a voluntary organisation *at arm's length* from the Parish Council (PC) would be excused from £5000 p.a. rates. However the Constitution document is seriously flawed, not only in its financial liability aspects (already notified to the PC by a legal expert) but how it lays down the make-up of the Association's managing committee. This is currently as follows: three members appointed by the PC, plus one member each from the Cricket, Football and Bowls Clubs, and up to four more "co-opted"; so the total is 6 to 10 persons. Moreover, *the Chairman has a casting vote*, even apparently in the vital matter of electing the Chairman! And §16(f) states that "...the quorum shall not be less than one-third of the total

number of members..." So even just two people could take the management decisions.

The result in practice, as we can now see, is a body which is anything but arm's length from the PC, and too confrontational to achieve its aims, so what corrective action should be taken?

Clearly a better constitution must be adopted - this is in any case necessary, as the present document is badly worded in almost every paragraph. The managing committee should be 7 or 9 persons, of whom only the Treasurer should be appointed by the PC; the Chairman, Secretary and the others should be elected by all those present at the AGM (which can be attended by anyone on the electoral register). One would expect that all the sports clubs, as well as other regular users of the facilities, would ensure that they had good candidates to put forward. Co-opting is not a good idea: if specialised advice is desired, an expert can be asked to give this, but should not have voting powers. The quorum at a committee meeting should be five.

I have written to the Parish Council, asking them to take a "fresh start" approach to this problem.

from Eddie Stagg, Chairman of Elmswell Luncheon Club
"thank you and a Happy New Year"

I write to thank the many people, organisations and businesses in our village who contacted myself and other Committee members to express support for our efforts to carry on despite having to move out of the village.

Many of these good wishes were accompanied by the offer of practical help with came by way of donations towards the Grand Draw held at our Christmas Lunch.

As a result we had a wonderful meal to say farewell to Blackbourne and a spectacularly good Draw which made a lot of money to help us to continue providing companionship and a regular weekly lunch for our Senior Citizens. New members are always most welcome. If you are retired and aged 55+, please contact our Secretary, Rosalie Summons, on 240001.

It is very heartening to know that so many of you are with us. On behalf of all our members, thank you again and a Happy new Year to all.

from Maureen Newcombe of Blackbourne Road
"... an excellent monthly magazine ..."

A positive note to begin 2001. As comparative newcomers to the village we wish to congratulate you on an excellent monthly magazine. Many villages and small towns must envy us. Of late though, we have become increasingly perturbed when it has been, in part, turned into a point scoring grumbling competition. Some of the criticism to be sure, is valid, some needs sensible

sorting out, but more and more show negative attitudes and insensibility. We moved to Elmswell from Cheshire, a village with a lot to offer, but didn't; Elmswell has a lot to offer, and in our experiences, does. We have found nothing but friendship in the people we have met and mixed with, politeness and helpfulness in our shops, a Health Centre second to none, and last but certainly not least, 'Hats off folks to our postmen, milkmen, and paper boys (perhaps with a little help from dad) who, whatever the weather, never fails us. Special thanks to special people.

IT'S A NEW YEAR, ELMSWELL HAS A LOT GOING FOR IT - LET'S GO FOR IT TOGETHER.

from Mary Feeney of School Road

"... nothing gets done ..."

Over the Christmas holiday we had guests staying, and one sunny afternoon decided to take them on a walk to show them the village. But what should have been a pleasant outing gradually turned into a bit of a nightmare. This is what happened.

We set off down School Road and immediately came to a halt - a sticky, slippery mess of squashed leaves all over the pavement. "Leaves still on the pavements in January?" our friends asked. We crossed the road.

Up at the station another embarrassment awaited. The usual pile of empty beer cans and litter, this time with the additional eyesore of a broken fence. "Well, the kids do tend to congregate here", I mumbled apologetically, "there isn't really anywhere for them to go". We moved on.

"We've just had a new kiddies' play area installed at Thedwastre", I said hopefully, but when we got there it wasn't anything to brag about. The contractors' spoil heaps still lay on the ground and the play area itself was cordoned off. "Not quite finished yet", I said. "Bit of a mess", they said. We hurried by.

We admired the new maze, the Church and the almshouses, but on School Road we had to step into the road where the pavement is still awaiting repair, and further down the road deep ruts were still evident in the nearby field from last year's fatal accident. "Bit of a lorry problem", I apologised. Traffic calming at Shop Corner? Don't even ask!

These problems will not be new to anyone - they feature regularly in the letters to this newsletter and some brave souls also attempt to raise them at Parish Council meetings. The general impression is that nothing gets done, questions are asked, nodded at and then forgotten about. Even if something is being done, we don't know about it. The Parish Clerk used to produce a very useful document for Council meetings - the "Clerk's Report", detailing work in hand, progress chasing, etc. First, this was taken out of the agenda and relegated to a separate piece of paper, so it hardly ever got looked at or referred to. Now it

seems to have disappeared altogether, leaving us completely in the dark. The Clerk's Report helped to keep important issues, some of them long term or ongoing, on the agenda and to the forefront of people's minds - in both the community and the Council. Its withdrawal is part of a pattern that's become all too familiar recently - less and less information is supplied to the public. Micky Powell asked the question last month - what about "Open Access to All"? What about "Integrity with Efficiency" and "Respect for Local Opinion"? All I can do is repeat the question.

from Dr Norman Kenyon of New Road

"planning consent for 14 homes..."

I write to draw attention to the outline **planning consent for 14 houses** on land behind the houses on the west side of New Road. Access would be by **a new road right across the meadow opposite the Co-op**. At the PC meeting councillors and public voiced their deep concern, and our opposition was conveyed by the PC to Mid-Suffolk, but the consent has now been given against Elmswell's wishes.

This is an appalling decision, for two reasons: (i) Shop Corner is already very dangerous, particularly for villagers on foot (many of them being less than agile), and to bring another road out there would be extreme folly; (ii) it would constitute a major change to the heart of our village, for a rather trivial purpose - *major changes should only come as part of a well-considered strategy for development*. Preferably the houses should not be built, because Elmswell already has too many dwellings for a village, and it has not been designed as a town. But if they must be forced upon us, then at least let the access be from the weighbridge end (near the south end of New Road), where there is already an adequate visibility splay.

We must make an appeal - at the PC meeting the chairman said that we have a few weeks to do so. In principle we could write as individuals to Mid-Suffolk, but surely collective action would be much more effective. The PC should protest on our behalf, but you, dear readers, **please** write, ring, or speak to the councillors to let them know how strongly you feel.

from Peter Edmonds of Ashfield Road

"....a great deal of unnecessary hurt"

(a real tweet of a letter)

As a long-serving Amenities Association member and an active fund-raiser since Trevor Sadler revived the Fayre in 1991, I am appalled at the treatment being meted out to the Charity's current officers. These are the very people whose tireless efforts gave us the Blackbourne and sending the boys in blue round is, without question, an act of unwarranted malice which has caused a

great deal of unnecessary hurt.

People make the mistake of judging others by their own standards and the inner circle of the Parish Council, from whence this attack was launched, has no concept of altruism believing that everybody does everything for themselves. They are on the council for their own personal reasons. Some want to block the footbridge, by fair means or foul, some are out to get certain individuals and others want both. None of them much cares how Elmswell suffers in the crossfire. As I see it, only Dick Burch is there to serve the village whilst the others have their own private agenda, with only one or two being more difficult to fathom.

There may be signs of a softer approach, however, since the Council has just granted the Bowls and Football Clubs a whopping 99% cut in hire charges for the Blackbourne facilities. Great news for the sporting community, especially since the original £100 fee was a bargain, but not so good for those who voted them in on their austerity budget. I didn't, myself. I would sooner vote for our budgie but, if you were one of those who were duped, you are probably feeling somewhat betrayed and fearful of more acts of reckless generosity. A fee of 30p a match for something that costs £30 anywhere else is a offer truly too good to refuse. It is a bit soon to start buying votes or it might just be a knee-jerk reaction to the mass turn-out of sportsfolk when a petition was handed in at a council meeting last year. Dare I suggest that a third explanation could simply be muddled thinking?

In a little over 2 years time we will have the chance to vote them back out again and elect a council with a clear vision of where it is heading and one that will unite the village instead of just talking about doing it. I am starting my election campaign right now.

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on the day they reported
Billy and Martha Farrow's
wedding.

An Elmswell Wedding. FARROW - ROSE.

A very pretty wedding which attracted much local interest was solemnised at Elmswell Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. William George Farrow, second son of Mrs. E. Farrow of Cross Street, Elmswell, and the late Mr. E. Farrow, Elmswell, and Miss Martha Olive Rose, youngest daughter of Mrs. W. Rose of Ipswich and the late Mr. W. Rose, Framsden.

The bride, who was charmingly attired in a dress of white satin of ankle length with embroidered veil (lent by a friend) and orange blossom with the dress held in place by a silver girdle, with shoes and stockings to tone, carried a bouquet of trumpet lilies and pink carnations and fernery. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Ruby Armstrong (Great Finborough), and Miss Bessie Wright (Ipswich), friends of the bride, who were daintily attired, the former in a dress of pink satin of ankle-length with silver shoes and head-dress of silver, while the latter was attired in a dress of turquoise blue satin of ankle-length with silver shoes and silver dress, and both carried bouquets of pink carnations and tennery and wore lucky horseshoes (gift of the bridegroom). The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. L. Rose of Ipswich, while the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Albert Farrow (brother of the bridegroom). The Rector, the Rev. G. H. Dolman, officiated.

A reception, to which a large number of guests were present was afterwards held at the "Oak Hut". Mr. and Mrs. Farrow were the recipients of a large number of useful presents, and they are taking up residence in Elmswell.

FOOTBALL.

Lillistone Hospital Shield Final. Rattlesden v. Elmswell.

A good crowd turned out to see this final of 1936-7 charity football on the Cricket Meadow on Friday evening last, and were rewarded by a very fair exhibition of soccer skill. Elmswell were unquestionably the better of two emergent eleven, and deserved their victory of 3-1; they were well served in all positions: a very reliable defence with a smart line of forwards, of whom Armstrong was the star. The brothers Read, forming the left wing, also made a good impression; their understanding was pronounced, and it was from their area that most of the danger came. Rattlesden were throughout tries, but their system of play was inferior to that of their opponents, they were first time clearers, but more often than not those clearances reached an opponent. For all that however, they had a good share of the game, and with better distribution of the ball would have shown to greater advantage. They seemed to make a mistake in acting too much on the defensive; when the Elmswell forwards were threatening, the Rattlesden goal area was packed with defenders; this may perhaps

be a good policy if you are leading the score, but when in arrears it won't help much. Attack is generally the best means of defence. Goodchild gave a good display in goal, and B. Nunn and Copping were reliable, and they, with the half backs, had quite a lot to do. The forward line was a great contrast to that of the other side; too much individual play, when a pass to a comrade would have given a better result. With an adjustment of this defect the team will undoubtedly do better. The game was played in the best of spirits; some hasty charging and crude methods of dispossessing one of the ball were indulged in, but you get this in most village play, and there was not the slightest inclination to get ruffled, so Referee Borman was not worried on that account.

Elmswell kicked off from the Church end, and Rattlesden were the first to impress, with a move by the left wing, Buckle being the first goale to be called upon. This proved to be one of few excursions, for Elmswell settled down, and for a time had most of the play. Thanks however to some good goalkeeping by Goodchild, and rather poor shooting, Elmswell were denied the lead. A lovely shot by Armstrong was pushed over the bar, and from a good move by the same player, E. Nunn hit the cross bar. Persistent attacks

however caused the citadel to surrender. C. READ accepting and finishing a capital pass from the right wing. By this goal Elmswell led at half-time, and it was not long after changing over that ARMSTRONG obtained a well-worked for further goal; he tricked several players and his shot entered the net after striking the inside of the upright. Rattlesden often had chances to make ground, through the clearances of their defence, but the forwards did not lay far enough up the field. Dykes however, and Fuston, got near enough to have a pot at goal, but their efforts were weak. The brothers Read were engaged in some delightful passing, the outcome of which was that ARMSTRONG scored a good goal from a difficult angle. Rattlesden continued to play for all they were worth, and close on time had the satisfaction of reducing the lead. R. NUNN seizing an opportunity of a temporary lapse by Elmswell's defence. Thus Elmswell well rightly won a well-contested game by 3-1.

Rattlesden: Goodchild; B. Nunn and Copping; Moon, Snelling and Mulley; Dykes, Reynolds, Fuston, R. Nunn and Alderton.

Elmswell: Buckle; Barnes and Everitt; Farrow, Holden and Staff; Ball, E. Nunn, Armstrong, C. Read and D. Read.

Referee: J. Borman.

CRICKET CLUB DANCE AT ELMSWELL.

A dance in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club, and arranged by the Cricket Club Committee, was held at the Old School on Friday evening and about 60 were present. Dance music was supplied by the Harmony Brothers Dance Band, and Mr. Raymond Lyres, Treasurer of the Club, was M.C. Refreshments were served by Mrs. B. Elliston, Mrs. E. Buckby and Mrs. J. MacNeill.

JUMBLE SALE AT ELMSWELL.

A Jumble Sale in aid of the renovation of the Old School was held at the Old School on Tuesday afternoon, and there was a fair attendance, and brisk trade was done. The stallholders were Mrs. E. Oxborrow, Mrs. Goode, Mrs. Crosse, Mrs. W. T. Pearl, Miss M. Pearl, Mrs. B. Brown and Mrs. A. Favers. Teas were supervised by Mrs. C. Hawes.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL EGG COLLECTION AT ELMSWELL.

The annual collection of eggs for the West Suffolk Hospital was held last week, when as usual the organiser was Mrs. F. Winchester, Wetherston Road. 1,424 eggs were collected and 90 in cash. Mrs. Winchester was assisted by Mrs. P. Finch and Miss Madge Fayers, while the eggs were collected by the children of the Council School. Of the number collected 150 were taken to the Council School by the scholars.