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JUNE 2001

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**This Month's
"COMMENT"**

Recent 'election fatigue syndrome' was observed to be more prevalent in Elmswell than in most of the country at large. We had an extra dose of democracy by way of a Parish Poll on 24th May, just two weeks before the voting for an MP and our representative on the County Council took place. In all cases the turnout was low.

Across the country some 40% of the electorate chose not to exercise their right to choose on 7th June. 66% turned out in our own Parliamentary Constituency, Bury St Edmunds. They swung 2% in favour of the sitting MP, Conservative David Ruffley, who polled 21,850 votes, 2,503 ahead of Labour's Mark Ereira. In 1977 Mr Ruffley's majority was 368, but, along with his colleagues in adjacent seats, he has managed to sustain an almost solidly blue East Anglia.

Again, fewer than 67% voted for a County Councillor. Of those that did, a majority of just 45 sent the Conservative Chris Storey to Ipswich on our behalf. 1,929 votes pipped Liberal Democrat Carol Milward, with 1884, at the post. No change there, either, although the reduced majority, down from 392 suggests that the previous incumbent, Gordon Iredale, failed to impress when he moved away to Sussex last year. The all important 'balance of power' at County Hall leaves Labour with 6 more seats, on 36, Conservative with one less at 31 and the balance with 12 Liberal Democrats and 1 independent member.

Our own private vote drew out 363 active participants in the democratic system – just over 14%. On the question that there is no confidence in the Parish Council's 3 top men, Marriott, Curry and Clark and that they should, therefore, resign, 217 voted for resignations. 60% of those who voted want the three Councillors to go. On the question relating to the possibility of the Parish Council publishing its own regular 'Fact Sheet,' the figures were almost identical. 215, 60%, voted against a separate publication to the Village Newsletter.

There is one overriding difference between the three election processes. In the Parliamentary and County elections, the result is binding. No matter how few turn out or how slim the majority is, the result is binding. In a Parish Poll, generally speaking, the result is not binding. Those to whom the result is addressed can, if they so choose, ignore the result completely. Many people realised this fact as it was well publicised by the Parish Council before the day. Why, it was argued, waste the time and money on a vote which we shall ignore? But, ran the counter argument, at the Council's own Parish Meeting on 9th March, just 150 or so votes persuaded them not to oppose the building of a new library. They were, therefore, aware that public opinion exists and has a place in the democratic system. Furthermore, that opinion had been loudly and decisively heard at the two subsequent Parish Meetings called by villagers themselves to vent their anger and frustration. Honour and integrity had been mentioned on both sides, surely there was some hope of those qualities being demonstrated?

In the event, the Councillors have merely re-grouped and the Fact Sheet will be published.

The next Parish Council elections, barring surprise resignation or mishap, are in 2003. Those result cannot be ignored.

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

If you would like to comment on this 'comment', do write to our 'Letters' page c/o Gobblins, Station Road, IP30 9HR.

The deadline for the next issue is 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 4th July 2001. Copy to Gobblin's office on Station Road Industrial Estate or contact: Jean Barker 241135 or Peter Dow 241841.

The Amenities Association, which publishes the Newsletter, will try to find space for all contributions, regardless of any point of view expressed, if space permits and providing that they are legal and that the writer's name and address are included.

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Around and About ...

ELMSWELL LUNCHEON CLUB



The Elmswell Luncheon Club summer outing took place on 4th June and was, by popular request, a return visit to the Bristol Arms at Shotley Point, where members enjoyed a lunch of their own choice.

On our way there we followed a scenic route through picturesque villages and Constable Country although our progress was somewhat impeded by various roadworks.

The little shop at the pub was well patronised and some also took advantage of the lovely weather and enjoyed a breath of sea-air. We had a special draw and everyone returned home with a prize!

Our day out was funded entirely for members by members who generously donate items in order to hold a draw at our weekly club lunches.

Our thanks are due to Jean Barker who kindly provided transport to and from the coach for those who needed it, but, above all, very many thanks to our stalwart secretary, Rosalie, who not only runs the weekly draw but also organised both this and our last trip out so successfully.

Anyone aged 55 and over who might be interested in joining our Club should, in the first instance, contact Mrs R Summons on 240001 for details.

Club member

ELMSWELL FOOTBALL CLUB



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Dinner Dance held at Blackbourne on Saturday June 2nd:- 98 people sat down to dinner which was followed by presentations for the season as follows:

First Team Player of Year

A Garnham

Manager's Player

P Farmer

2nd Team Player of Year

D Hudson

Manager's Player

T Warby

Club Young Player of Year

D Thomas

Under 16's Player of Year

C Lockwood

Most Improved Player

N Stevens

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Man of the Match

P Isaac

Clubman of Year

D Scase

Chairmans Clubman of Year

K Hammons

A special award was made to Nevelle Bendall for his years of service to the youth team. Thanks Nev, from all the Club members.

Monthly Draw for June 2001

Drawn by

Player of Year, A Garnham

£500	316	V Taylor
£115	152	A Day
£75	354	C Dollan
£15	222	R Hayward
£15	104	R Parish

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

Compiled by H Mulley

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Last month I didn't know where to start as I had difficulty in understanding just what our speaker was trying to put across. This month I'm in the same situation, but for a different reason, as Roger Harvey came along complete with his 50 favourite Perennials and with so much information on each one. His talk started with those plants that need



shade and moist soils, and hasn't every garden got a shaded spot, and his solution to that area was the planting of the Epimedium's which come in all colours from Yellow through to Crimson. He then introduced us to Anemone Sylvestris, a most wonderful little plant with a Snowdrop windflower with a satiny-white fragrant flower, and of course it was in full bloom, which was possibly a good marketing ploy as he had brought several plants for sale after his talk. It was also quite obvious that this plant was certainly in the top 5 of his favourite 50, so everybody will know who was at Gardening Club as they will have an Anemone Sylvestris in their gardens, which leads me nicely into promoting our own Open Gardens on Sunday July 15th. Make sure you have this date safely in your diary and bring along all your friends including Aunty who will be most welcome. The other thing is our trip to Blickling Hall on Saturday August 4th, I have heard it said that one or two people who would like to come are a bit shy to travel alone, well don't worry you will be more than welcome to join the Chairman and his party and enjoy a great day out, just ring Elmswell 240347.

Next months meeting is on June 21st at 8.00pm at the Exchange Hall, School Road, when our guest speaker will be Mr Bond talking on Geraniums and Erodiums, and the competition for the night is an arrangement of Grasses.

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY, STOWMARKET

Parish Priest:

Father Denys Lloyd
The Presbytery,
29 Lockington Road
Stowmarket IP14 1BQ
Tel: 01449 612946

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 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. Tel: 01359 259944.

BOWLS CLUB



Monday 'A'

Elmswell 107 - Haughley 40
Elmswell 76 - Bacton 67
Elmswell 67 - Old Newton 76

Monday 'B'

Elmswell 73 - Thurston 70
Elmswell 47 - M.S.D.C. 52

Tuesday 'A'

Elmswell 46 - Rookery 25
Elmswell 45 - Bildeston 37
Elmswell 26 - Woodfield 39
Elmswell 20 - Blue Circle 'B' 45

Tuesday 'B'

Elmswell 21 - Bramford 41
Elmswell 38 - Gt Barton 49
Elmswell 30 - St Botolphs 39
Elmswell 36 - Thornham Magna 39
Elmswell 26 - Stowupland 'B' 40

Wednesday 'A'

Elmswell 75 - Wortham 79
Elmswell 42 - Woodfield 79
Elmswell 79 - Walsham Le Willows 62
Elmswell 71 - Thornham Magna 66
Elmswell 82 - Thorndon 47

Thursday

Elmswell 82 - Combs Ford 49
Elmswell 70 - Woodfield 72
Elmswell 78 - Bacton 55
Elmswell 89 - Needham Market 41

'B'

EADT Shield First Round

Elmswell 80 - St Botolphs 76

Junior Cup Suffolk County Bowls Association

Elmswell 94 - Thurston 55

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MILLENNIUM HISTORY GROUP

This month History Group members had the chance to view some of the local history material relating to Elmswell that club secretary, Mo Dow, has accumulated over the last few years. Among the items displayed were copies of Census Returns of the village from 1891, 1881, 1851 and 1841. The 1843 Tithe Map showed the original field names and details of the landowners. There were also copies from Kelly's Directories dating from 1844, many miscellaneous records and old photographs.

An exhibition of photographs, maps, plans and newspaper articles, traced the history of the railway in Elmswell - from the 1844 survey, which planned the works, to the closure of the station in 1974 and its renovation in the 1990's. Also on display were maps and photographs of the tramway to Woolpit Brick & Tile Company, which ran from the main line down Hawk End Lane, Rose Lane and Spong Lane to the brickyards.

Jean Folkard has been researching some of the local families whose names are recorded in the churchyard and she kindly put the results on display. The Friends of St John's and the History Group are to collaborate in producing a survey of the churchyard and list of monumental inscriptions for publication, which will be of great help to the growing band of Family Historians. Jean is also accumulating material on those who

lost their lives in the First War and who are commemorated on the War Memorial in the church. She would welcome any information on these men. Jean can be contacted on 242099.

Norman Kenyon brought us back to the 21st Century with a demonstration of the History Group's proposed website. Norman has spent many hours on this impressive project, which he hopes will soon be ready to 'go live'.

Since the History Group has been in operation, several people have donated valuable and interesting historical material, specific to Elmswell, to the Group for safekeeping. This material is then photocopied, or transcribed where appropriate, before being deposited in the Bury Record Office for future generations of Elmswell. If you have any items that you feel may be of historical interest and that you wish to be preserved for the future - they can just be copied if you prefer to hold on to the original - please don't hesitate to ring Norman Kenyon 241569 or Maureen Dow 240390. The more material that can be saved for the future the more our descendants will benefit.

The Group will be making an evening visit to the Museum of East Anglia Life in Stowmarket on Thursday July 12th at 7.00pm - lifts can be arranged for those without cars. Assemble at the Museum 6.45pm.

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Entrance to Museum will be £4.00 and booking is essential. Everyone is welcome to both events. Enquiries: Maureen Dow 240390.

ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH - JUNE 2001

May is out, Ipswich are in Europe, the cricket season has started, it will soon be time for the carnival parades, and my supper's ready. What on earth is he on about this month I hear you cry. For those that enjoy crosswords (puzzles not arguments), then above are some cryptic clues for events that will be happening in our building over the next few months. The first one starts in August, and most details on this and the other events will be in next months newsletter. On 3rd June I took the Ladies Friendship Group (you know, the Beppe from Eastenders lookalike). We had a great night singing pub songs (The Fox, please note, performances can be arranged!!!), and going back to our childhood with nursery rhymes. As for the miming of an orchestra, my sides still haven't stopped hurting from all the laughing.

The Trailblazers club continues on Sundays, for children of all ages between 9.45-10.45am. Go on, give it a look, we have adapted this club to suit the children's needs, and needless to say we now offer plenty of sticky glue, sweets, mess, high energy games, music and noise. I'm not sure who enjoys the club more, the children or the adults.

Our weekly services continue at 11am. We offer a warm (and firm) handshake to all who feel the need for some time set-aside for an hour, out of the normal rush and hectic modern day lifestyle. Of course I would like to think we have more to offer than a friendly handshake, give us a look over the coming weeks, you may be surprised.

On the bank holiday weekend we had over 35 people visit us, from afar afield as Billericay and Southend. (This is not time for any Essex jokes, I'll save them for the cricket club quiz.)

There will be no Ladies Friendship Group in July, but our working party will meet on the first Saturday of the month, to carry on with the upkeep and cleaning of the building. Give us

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a look if you feel the need to landscape gardens, practice your DIY, or fancy offering catering facilities from 9.30am.

Oh well, watch this space, see you next month if not before, at the cricketers quiz (I hope I'm on commission, the amount of advertising I am giving them.)

Mark

P.S. Cricket Club, it's got to be worth a free drink at least.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Services etc.

Sunday 17 June

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 June

10.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 1 July

9.30am Family Service with Music Group

10.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 July

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Praise

Sunday 15 July

10.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Choral Service (see below for details)

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

St John's Church, Elmswell

Christian Aid Week commenced with a special service during which the Sunday School children and

several of the CA collectors took part. Thank you to all those who supported the week and **thank you, Elmswell**, for helping us raise the magnificent amount of £1336.31. This is an increase of £39 on last year's total and will be used by CA to help needy people around the world to help themselves, through education, health work projects and business opportunities. The money is not just handed over to governments, but to organisations who work with those who need help. One example of this is the story of Zaires. Ten years ago he was landless, then he joined a settlement in Brazil called the Landless Rural Workers Movement, and became part of an agricultural co-operative, which grows specialist teas for sale through the Fair Trades system. Zaires is now able to build a house for his family due to the help given by Christian Aid and its supporters.

Royal School of Church Music. On 15 July we shall be hosting a 'Come and Sing' afternoon which will be led by John Wardle, Regional Director of the Royal School of Church Music. The afternoon is for smaller choirs and culminates in a **Choral Service at 6pm in St John's Church, to which everyone is welcome.** Members and leaders of choirs, worship groups, etc., are welcome to attend and more information can be obtained from Jean Turner 01359 271787.

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St. John's Church Floodlighting

A night's floodlighting costs £5 (please make cheques payable to "St John's Church, Elmswell").

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Church Road, Elmswell (Tel:
240908).

HELPING HAND CLUB

Since our last
Newsletter one of our
members has celebrated a very special
birthday. Mary Wheeler was 90. Hope
you had a good day Mary,
congratulations and best wishes from
us all.

At the time of writing these notes we
are looking forward to a visit from our
good friend Peter Clark, not Peter
Smith as I said in last months

Newsletter, sorry about that Peter.
Also our trip on June 16th to Kings
Lynn and Hunstanton.

On June 21st we are having a visit
from the Bury St Edmunds British
Legion Concert Party. They always
give us a very enjoyable time.

On Thursday 5th July our good
friends the Tom Smith Band pay a
welcome visit to our club. They always
give us a foot tapping evening.

New members and guests always
welcome.

Until next month

Happy Holidays to Everyone

Best wishes

Stan King

KILN MEADOW

We're very pleased to report that the
wildlife site is once again open
following the re-opening of Footpath
16 by Suffolk County Council. Much
has happened during the period when
it was closed and we unfortunately
missed some of the spring milestones
- catkins, leaf break and the return of
chiffchaff and warblers, for instance.

We have finally been able to resume
our nestbox monitoring, so our survey
this year for the BTO's nesting birds
scheme will take place, although in a
truncated form. The site is looking
splendid, with all the summer flowers
beginning to appear and damselflies
over the pond. Do go and have a look,
if you haven't been down there yet.

The birds are in full song, too, as the
thirteen brave souls discovered who
dragged themselves out of bed in the
wee small hours to meet on the site at



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4.30 in the morning on Sunday 6th May. We were there to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day, as well as the re-opening of the site. Birds sing at dawn to advertise their presence and territorial claims to other birds before getting down to the other serious business of the day - feeding. At daybreak it's too cold for the insects to be out, so it's the ideal time for a singing competition. Those with a good ear can pick out individual species from the general cacophony and sometimes spot the actual bird on its singing post. Male birds will listen out for other males nearby and, if one is too close, will come to investigate. We had a wonderful demonstration of this when Alan played a recording of a willow warbler and a real bird appeared in the tree beside us, trying to sing louder than his "rival"!

Altogether we heard or saw 27 species, including: Blackbird, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Whitethroat, Magpie, Mallard, Moorhen,

Pheasant, Robin, Rook, Skylark, Starling, Swallow, Turtle Dove, Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer.

Not a bad list for a small site! We were especially pleased with the lesser whitethroat and the turtle dove which are relatively rare nowadays. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and dark, and especially to Alan Hall for preparing his CD of bird calls and for identifying all the songs. Shall we do it again next year, guys?

By the time you read this we will have carried out our wildflower survey on June 7th - full report in next month's Newsletter.

Don't forget **Sunday 17th June** is the first of our mowing/raking workparties - meet on site from 9.00am onwards. All equipment provided, but bring gloves. Another date for your diary is **Friday 13th July** (note the date!) for our very first bat watch, using our own bat monitor, bought with money raised from your nestbox sponsorship. Nick Woods, a bat expert from English Nature, will accompany us on a walk round the village, ending on Kilm Meadow. Meet at the Crown Mill play

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area at 8.30pm, and bring a torch as it will be dark by the time we're coming home. If you are aware of any areas in the village where bats are likely to be seen, please give Alan a ring on 241373 so we can include them on our itinerary.

Finally, you may have read recently that Kiln Meadow is among the twelve finalists in a competition being run by the East Anglian Daily Times. By the time you read this, the judges will have been to visit the site to see our efforts for themselves - so keep your fingers crossed for us!

Mary Feency (241901)

PROJECT 2000

The next meeting of The Kneeler Group will be held at St Johns Church meeting room on Tuesday 31st July at 2.30pm

ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB (Sponsored by Manvers Triumph)

England managers have three crucial tasks - carry the bags, organise fielding practice and take the blame. With Elmswell the bags are carried by anyone daft enough to be passing Nigel's car when he unlocks the boot. The blame is shared equally unless the skipper is out of earshot, in which case it's his fault. As for fielding practice - what a marvellous idea. We must try it someday.

However, "catches win matches". So we *should* practice but we don't tend to think about fielding too much. The



nearest we get is a desultory game of 'catch' before each game. The first four or five out of the changing room jog aimlessly on to the field, looking for something to do while waiting for Steve Jordan to arrive. Someone grabs a ball while the others arrange themselves into a sort of circle and throw the ball at each other. The show-offs (you know who you are) then throw it high in the air for other people to drop. Those who can't throw for toffee stand a little closer to the centre of the circle in an attempt to avoid looking stupid (fat chance...). Eventually, someone throws the ball too far and fast, one person (normally Ben) runs off to recover it while the others wander back to the pavilion for another cigarette. End of practice. Truth is, we can't be bothered. Come to that, we don't practice batting or bowling, but we especially avoid fielding. It's basically the price you pay for batting and/or bowling, unless you're a Jonty Rhodes. Few of us are! To improve would require effort. What a grim thought. Let's just field most like Zandra or Cecil Rhodes! Sometimes, I reckon our lot would have as much chance of running someone out if they posted the flaming ball first class. You'll always, of course, get players like Ron Farmer or Jamie Barter who field energetically, leaping like salmon to take catches or to stop the ball. Most of leap no higher than the smoked variety. Then there are 'oddities' like Andy Brown who can't run faster than walking pace. OK, he

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has a fairly safe pair of hands and can throw pretty well but his steps are so small when running he looks like one of those speeded-up characters from old Benny Hill sketches. Unfortunately, singing the Benny Hill theme tune as he chases a departing ball doesn't seem to help or, indeed, cheer him up (but then what does?). Down the evolutionary cricketing ladder, you come to those of us who form the majority of Elmswell fielders - those with a fundamental flaw. We throw like girls. All we can do is try to hide our ineptitude. You'll also note that we all have dicky shoulders (like Mr Burch?!). The trick is to always throw the ball in underarm, then rub said appendage vigorously, thus giving the appearance of serious injury. Occasionally, we do have to try to throw the ball at speed but that's only when the 'keeper has yelled something like "Keep the batsman down to five". Then we really do get injured.

Anyway, to matters less serious. Forget not our **Music Quiz** at The Blackbourne on Saturday 23 June. Don't delay - book now!! Finally, thanks to Tony Sadler for his help in laying the concrete base for our practice nets (see, we really are going to practice!). Apparently, he almost decided to put his old five pound note in the mix because he reckoned he wanted some hard cash. Thanks, too, to Gus Hamel who got called over while walking his dog (dank u wel) and, lastly, to Mr O'Leary who kindly supplied the timber for the shuttering (it's a technical term, apparently).

Results to Date:

League: Ampton & Culford 156 (Nigel Greathcad 3 for 16, Doug Reed 2 for 2); Elmswell 122 (Andy Brown 31). Lost by 34 runs.

League: Elmswell 174 for 1 (Jamie Bevan 130, Adi Read 33 not out); Great Cornard 66 (Doug Reed 3 for 7, Nigel Greathcad 2 for 1, Stephen Froud 2 for 2). Won by 108 runs.

Friendly: Elmswell 88 for 7 (David Peachy 40 not out); Woolpit 92 for 2 (Doug Reed 1 for 5, Ben Whatling 1 for 10). Lost by 8 wickets.

League: Hadleigh 192 for 6 (Dean Rust 2 for 53); Elmswell 159 (Nigel Greathcad 57). Lost by 33 runs.

Doug Reed, Club Secretary (Tel: 241009)

P.S. Mark, Baptists - pleased to see you've entered a team in our music quiz. Unfortunately, "Name that Hymn" isn't a round we've included, but perhaps you'll be OK with the rap and garage questions? Incidentally, as an ITFC supporter, do you know what they call someone who has lost interest in the Town? An extractor fan!

Elmswell CC Century Club:

May Draw

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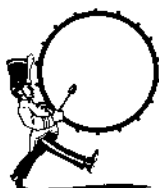
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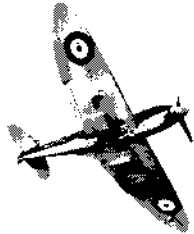
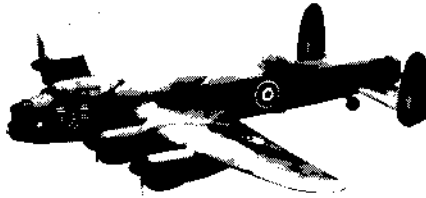
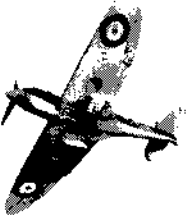
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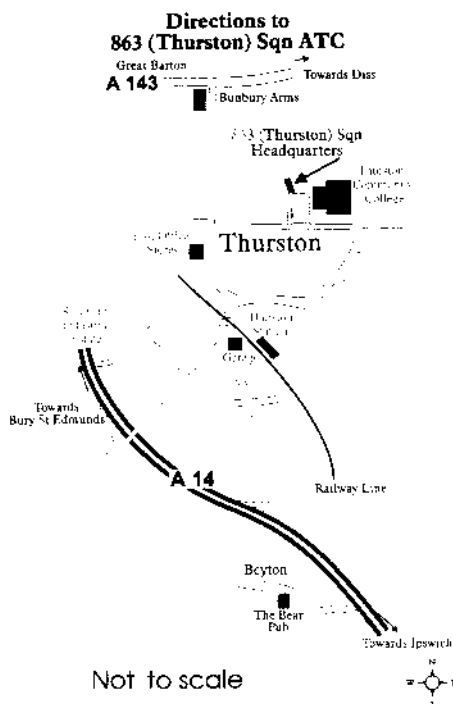
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TED SMITH

We mark the loss of Ted Smith who, at the age of 89 recently passed away. His contribution to our community was most recently made as a staunch supporter of the Luncheon Club in its recent tribulation. His quiet assertiveness often contributed decisively in debate and discussion, his drily humorous perspective was a welcome part of many meetings.

Bury born, Ted moved into Fox & Goose Cottage to work at Elmswell park with the herd of Jersey cows which, under his expert stewardship, won many prestigious awards. Here he also developed his involvement with Tostock Church which encouraged his lifelong love of music, music which filled the house in Miller Close to which he retired and which played him out in grand brass band style at his funeral.

Ted stood testimony to George Elliot's words that; 'the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts.' He has, quietly, left his mark

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Acknowledgement - Late Ted Smith

We would like to thank all friends and neighbours for cards, letters, flowers, kindness and support on the sad loss of dear Ted.

Also for donations to Tostock Church.

Evelyn, Avril, Barry and families.

Raid by Suffolk Constabulary Fraud Squad on Elmswell Amenities Association Trustees

Following a formal interview with the Police, the Association remains confident, as has been the case since 7th December last when this unfortunate incident took place, that Trustees and Newsletter advertisers have nothing to worry about with regard to fraudulent or dishonest activity. The matter does seem to be heading for a resolution in the near future.

The Police have, furthermore, said that their enquiries were as a direct result of a complaint made by the Parish Council. This is directly contrary to statements made on behalf of the Parish Council in the past.

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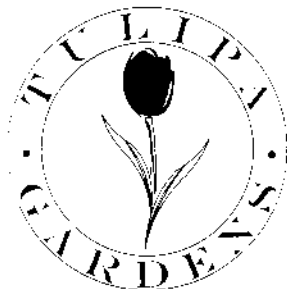
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PIGHTLE CLOSE VILLAGE GREEN

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th & 16th of May, a Public Enquiry was held at Blackbourne into the factors which affect the claim by Rex Durham and other villagers that the land at Pightle Close, which they have used without hindrance for recreation over the last 20 years, should be officially designated a Village Green. The immediate effect of such a designation would be on Messrs Hopkins Homes who have secured planning permission for 30 houses on the site for which they paid £1.35m.

122 people attended on the first day which stretched over three sessions into the evening. The second, more procedural, day attracted 32 people for a morning and afternoon hearing.

The procedure was chaired by an independent barrister appointed by Suffolk County Council who must, finally, make decision based on his advice. The developers had their solicitor and a barrister present to make their case. Rex Durham sat alone, needing only a sling shot to complete the full biblical tableau.

28 villagers came forward to be questioned on their claim that the land had been used for recreation for 20 years or more. Eric Peachey set the tone with an authoritative account of the history of the site and its position in the community. This and 27 other testimonies were so detailed and convincing that the opposition conceded that there was little doubt that the case for use was proven. Football, kite flying, dog walking, bonfire parties, rounders, blackberrying, bird watching - the list was long, detailed and convincing.

1 objector to the claim for Village Green status came forward, Mr Clive Jewers. He argued that the case for community use had been overstated, but denied that his view was coloured by the fact that, as an adjacent developer, he might stand to gain should the proposed houses be built on the site.

The decision rests, it seems, on technical matters of law relating to the precise area of the land in question, the precise period of time claimed for its use and the actual catchment area from which those who have used it were drawn. The relevant legislation is relatively recent and not widely tested in the courts. The Inspector will report to the County Council, possibly in June or early July. The Council must then decide how to act on his advice. Appeals are possible.

All that is certain is that Rex Durham gave it his best shot and did an excellent job of co-ordinating and motivating in these apathetic times. His efforts could make a real difference to our community landscape for evermore. Worth the effort, however it goes. Thanks Rex.

PARISH COUNCIL

1. PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting, in effect the AGM, of the Parish Council was held on 29th May attended by 17 members of the public. Councillor Clark proposed Councillor Curry as Chairman for the coming year. Councillor Curry was elected unopposed. Councillor Curry proposed Councillor Clark as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Marriott. Councillor Clark was elected unopposed.

Councillor Clark thanked Councillor Marriott and his family for their forbearance over the last two difficult years when, as Chairman, Councillor Marriott had enjoyed little co-operation and, despite attempts at compromise with the Village, aggravation beyond what was necessary. Councillor Curry wholeheartedly endorsed the sentiments expressed by Councillor Clark.

Councillor Marriott went on to give his Chairman's Report (*reproduced on our 'Letters' page 31.*) Reports were also given by Cllr. Crook as the Council's representative on the Primary School Governing Body, by Mr Eric Buckmaster, the Parish Clerk, as the Council's representative on the Amenities Association and by Cllr. Talbot as Mid Suffolk District Councillor.

Public comment was invited and some discussion took place on the problems of vandalism which are exacerbated by the lack of a Police Liaison Officer in the village. A letter is to go to the Chief Constable. The new Chairman, Councillor Curry, then clearly demonstrated the patient diplomacy, wit and charm which has been his trademark in dealings with the community, when the vexed question of Mid Suffolk District Council's inadequate grass cutting regime was raised. He took issue with members of the public who suggested that various shortcomings were making a scruffy village look even scruffier and expressed his view that the locality has never looked better.

A letter of apology offering a more reasoned explanation has since been sent to the questioner by the Clerk.

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2. PARISH COUNCIL – JUNE ORDINARY MEETING

The June meeting of the Council took place at Blackbourne on 11th and was attended by 16 members of the public.

Recycling Centre. A member of the public asked why it had taken four months from the decision to move the recycling centre to actually having the necessary work carried out. It seemed to him that only after a letter of complaint, as in this case, is anything done.

Public access. The new Chairman, Cllr. Ronald Curry, took responsibility for the arbitrary decision to reduce the occasions on which the public is invited to speak at Council meetings from two to one. He confirmed that, when granting such access, only comment, and not questions, will be invited. He defended the move against accusations that it went against his stated ideal of a democratic community in which debate is encouraged.

Street lights. Mr Eric Buckmaster, as temporary Clerk, explained that the newly installed street lights on Bennett Avenue were not being used until objections from householders in the locality have been addressed. There had been no consultation in the neighbourhood prior to the installation of the lights.

Bowls pavilion. The Chairman refused to discuss a letter from the Bowls Club which had been sent to all Councillors regarding the responsibility for taking the project further. It is, he said, to be addressed by the Blackbourne Management Association.

Correspondence. It was widely accepted that the weight of correspondence delivered to Councillors at the beginning of the meetings was too great for it to be properly considered at the meeting. Cllr Mrs Feency recommended a system used at Parham where freer and wider access to all letters is possible.

Accounts. For the second month running, no accounts were available for Councillors to see. The computer company who supplied the relevant software are still engaged in sorting out various problems. A Payments and Receipts account for the month was made available to Councillors only.

Newsletter. The Council is to spend up to £136 per month providing a fact sheet to all households in the village. It was argued that this would further alienate public opinion as the option to use the Village Newsletter for such communication is such an obvious way forward and would be interpreted as 'bridge building'. Ex Chairman of Council, Cllr David Marriott felt strongly that the Newsletter had not been supportive of the Council in the past and did not, therefore, deserve support from the Council. He went on to say that he had, that day, heard from the Suffolk Constabulary Fraud Squad regarding the result of the investigations following the raid in December last on Trustees of the Amenities Association, the publishers of the Village Newsletter. There

is, he said, absolutely no fraud or dishonesty involved and there are to be no prosecutions. The investigations suggest poor management of one aspect of the magazine's production and this, he maintained, is another reason not to use it. In revealing this knowledge prior to its official publication, Cllr. Marriott accepted that he would be accused of being the Councillor who had persuaded the Police to undertake their abortive enquiries. He would not deny such accusations.

Website. The Council is to spend £350 having a Website set up and £50 per month thereafter on its maintenance and management.

Public seating. Benches are to be provided at the maze site on School Road and at Crown Mill. It was not considered necessary to consult with local householders.

Blackbourne. Council agreed to engage an architect to draw up plans for works, as yet unspecified, to modify Blackbourne. The initial fee of £900 rises to £4050 should the project develop and is based on a brief presented to the architect by Cllrs. Clark and Curry which initially includes a bowls pavilion and improved storage facilities. The Chairman denied that the Blackbourne Management Association had discussed the conversion of one of the existing changing rooms into a Clerk's office and cloakroom. Other areas which might be addressed are a bar and something for young people. No decision was made as to who might firm up the brief for the architect or how the various proposals might be prioritised, assessed or funded.

Grants. £247 was granted to the Bowls Club for fencing and hedging designed to discourage vandalism on the green. In the absence of any policy on grant aid, concern was expressed that the same groups seem to keep coming back for more. It was decided to defer consideration of a grant to the Little Elms Pre School until Cllr Clark has sought from them an idea of the strategy and annual requirement. It was decided to reject an application from the Toddlers Group as it effectively sought money for refurbishment works to the Wesley Hall.

Cemetery. In the light of concerns expressed from several quarters and of a recent site meeting attended by three Councillors and the new maintenance contractor, Cllr Mrs Feeney pressed for certain cemetery matters to come formally before Council.

Libel by Council. A letter from a resident claiming that the Council had made a libellous statement in a recent publication relating to a Parish Meeting had not been circulated, as requested, to all Councillors. Cllr Mrs Feeney recommended that all Councillors try to see the letter as the liability, if proven, would fall on them.

Next meeting. The date of the next meeting was not stated, but would normally be expected to take place on 9th July at 7.30 at Blackbourne. The notices of meetings are posted at the Co-op notice board.

Open letter from Cllr David Marriott, ex Chairman of Elmswell Parish Council

This last twelve months have been very difficult and only some success has been achieved.

We have provided more street lighting for Bennett Avenue which has been the subject of many complaints in the past. At the same time a full survey of the street lighting in Elmswell has been carried out and little change is required at present.

The play area at Thedwastre has been completed but unfortunately the worst recorded weather in living memory has taken its toll on the number of users so far.

Work on securing a permissive footpath across church land to the rear of the cemetery continues and permission has now been granted. It only now leaves the precise route of the path to be determined to the satisfaction of the church authorities and then the route can be sign posted.

Much work has been undertaken to investigate the possibility of a cycle way and footpath down Church Hill which will not only link the village to the cemetery but will also continue to Woolpit. This work has led to plans being submitted for inclusion in the traffic plan which will then allow European funding to be sought to provide the path.

Suffolk County Council assure us that in this financial year they will carry out a study of Elmswell and the traffic problems here in order to identify a plan to improve the road network in the future. Any such plan will incorporate shop corner and we are holding £27,000 in reserve to help fund the improvements.

The day to day running of the Blackbourne has been successfully handed over to the Blackbourne Management Association and already there has been an increase in bookings for the facility.

The mound of earth at the rear has been levelled into a far more acceptable profile, the car park is lit, the hall is now ventilated and some of the car park has been surfaced.

A new site for the recycling centre has been identified and plans for the construction of a purpose built site have been approved. Work should have started already but the contractor has been delayed. The new site should be completed very soon which will allow the bins to be moved from the memorial hall site.

The village has suffered an increase in mindless acts of vandalism and a job culture has developed over recent weeks. The vandalism seems at the moment to be focused on the Blackbourne site. The cricket square, the cricket score hut, the bowls green and the hall itself have all suffered at the hands of these individuals. Only this last weekend some £1400 worth of windows were broken at the hall.

We as a council have also attracted a lot of unfair and unjust criticism. This criticism has led directly to a parish poll and to the resignation of Debbie Bannick as Parish Clerk, both of which cause a large amount of public money to be wasted and produce no worthwhile result. I would like to thank Debbie for all the hard work she put in during the two years that she worked for the village. Eric Buckmaster has replaced her on a temporary basis and I would welcome him to the position.

The vicar has appealed for a cessation to the animosity and for the village to work in

harmony. I fully support him in that plea and I believe my feelings were reflected in the recent East Anglian Times article on the subject. Interesting that in that article Peter Dow was quoted as saying he could see no end to the problem. The only people suffering from the current situation are the people of this village.

These disparate groups within the village are not operating alone they are being centrally orchestrated. Dick Burch will tell you that there is a personality problem between Peter Dow and myself. He may be right. That means that there are two people who can have a hand in drawing to a close this senseless and damaging campaign.

For my part I have stood down from Chairman of the Parish Council. It is the only course of action that I can take to try and ease the current situation, and support John Perrott in his plea. Ron Curry has taken on the mantle and I wish him the very best in the position. I will do whatever I can to help him and I would ask all other councillors and members of the public to do likewise.

In closing I would just like to say that for evil to succeed requires only that good men do nothing. If this evil which currently exists in the village is to be defeated all good men need to do more than nothing. If you do nothing, it will carry on. I would ask you all to examine your conscience and ask yourself what you can do to stop this evil. There is something that all of you can do.

From Cllr Ronald Curry of Crabtree Meadow

.... enthusiasm and integrity

Many of you will no doubt be aware that I have been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the next year, I feel proud and privileged to be a Councillor in our community so I am sure you will understand when I say I am honoured to serve as Chairman of the Council.

I would like to thank all who have supported me in the past and look forward to the many challenges that will undoubtedly face us in the year ahead.

My first task as Chairman was to thank Cllr Dave Marriott for his excellent leadership, commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of the community during his period in office as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Despite much unjustified criticism from a misguided minority within the community he stood firm and ensured that the Council as a body carried out its business in a timely and professional manner, achieving best value for the community at all times as well as fully meeting its legal obligations.

Recent claims that our Village is in chaos, that your Council has not served you well, that the community is at war with groups and organisations are at best untrue and a gross exaggeration of reality, and can only be described as scare-mongering by a minority group whose selfish actions have deprived this community of so much valuable time and effort from Councillors who could otherwise have done much more for the benefit of all.

Calls for bridge building have been made by many in the community on more than one occasion, the council has been ready to participate, however as they say it takes two to tango, a difficult task when your partner is nowhere to be found when the

music starts.

As the newly elected Chairman I would like to make it perfectly clear to all that it is my desire that a line be drawn under this sad state of affairs and that the council move forward and be allowed to continue undertaking its duties for the benefit of the community. I shall endeavour to build on the strong foundations laid by Cllr Marriott and carry out my duties with enthusiasm and integrity, addressing issues closest to the needs of those in our community.

From Robert Davidson of Pightle Close

..... Thank you

I would like to say thank you to the Elmswell Parish Council for the generous donation of £250.00 towards sponsorship of my place on the Air Training Corps Expedition to the Northern Territories, Australia in August.

863 (Thurston) Squadron Air Training Corps take boys and girls aged 13 to 18 from Thurston and surrounding villages. There are quite a few of us from Elmswell.

Adventure training is high on the list of the many varied activities that we do. These include: flying, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, survival exercises, hill walking (even in the winter) and participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme. There is always plenty to do at the Squadron and you never get the chance to be bored.

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From Ian Tullett, Chairman on behalf of Elmstevell Bowls Club

..... an achievement by the Parish Council

I have replied to the Councillors Marriott's comments at the May Parish Council meeting and set out below a resume of my lengthy reply:

"I refer to your comments at the May Parish Council meeting concerning the proposed Bowls Pavilion. At my last meeting with yourself, Councillors Talbot and Halliwell in July 2000 you said 'plans would be drawn up, costed and then presented to the Parish Council for approval to proceed with Grant applications for the funding'. Councillor Talbot said he had the relevant forms to make the application and he would proceed directly the Parish Council gave the go-ahead.

At no time was it stated, either verbally or in writing, that the Bowls Club would be responsible for obtaining funding for the building and for the design and construction of the pavilion. The Club wrote to the Parish Clerk on the 15th November 2000 asking what the situation was regarding the pavilion as we had heard nothing since July, but no reply has been received.

A meeting was held in December 2000 with the Bowls Club and the BMA representatives and the Contract agreed for the Bowls Club's priority use of the green and the Club agreed to supply equipment and labour to maintain it. Plans for the proposed pavilion were then discussed and Councillor Clarke gave his interpretation of the proposed design as "a communal room, two changing rooms and a toilet block but no office for the Clerk of the Council as was suggested at the July meeting, the building to be of multi-use." When the Bowls Club were not using the pavilion it would be available to organisations in the village to rent as a small meeting room. All parties were in agreement with the design and Councillor Clarke then said he would have the plans drawn up and shown to the Bowls Club for their approval. Planning Permission would then be applied for and grants would be sought. **AT NO TIME WAS IT INTIMATED THAT THIS WAS IN ANY WAY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOWLS CLUB.** Here we are six months on and no action appears to have been taken by the BMA. At the meeting with the BMA Councillor Clarke was adamant that the pavilion would be built during this current Parish Council's period of office.

The green belongs to the Parish, the Bowls Club has a two year agreement only and the pavilion, when built, would be a Parish asset. I would suggest that the organisations who grant funds would not entertain any applications from Clubs who do not own their Greens or have long-term leasing.

Finally, I am mystified why the Bowls Club pavilion was listed as an achievement by the Parish Council in their recent leaflet if they do not propose to proceed with the building of it.

from Dr Norman Kenyon of New Road

..... reflecting on the recent parish poll

They never get it right, do they? Six electors (not including myself) put a question to a parish meeting on 29th March and again on 2nd May, suggesting that the three top parish councillors should resign; on both occasions it was overwhelmingly approved. The parish poll of 24th May was conducted because 10 electors (again not including myself) demanded it *at the first meeting*. So how is it that the calling notice put my name in "poll position"?

Well, never mind - I was indeed one of the supporters, if not a prime mover.

When the result of the poll was announced, one of the councillors named in Question 1 said with great scorn that it had been a sheer waste of time and money. *He is still missing the point, isn't he?*: there are at least 217 people in the village who feel strongly enough that we should not have to put up with him for two more years, who detest the way he voted himself in as Chairman of the Blackbourne committee and the high-handed way he and another named councillor deal with ordinary villagers wanting to avail themselves of the local facility.

Looking at the agenda for 11th June, I note that Cllr Curry, perhaps by way of reprisal, proposes to the Council that it spend up to £1600 a year on a separate monthly Fact Sheet instead of putting its input into our Newsletter, the suggestion put forward by Mr Buckmaster as Question 2 of the poll and rejected by voters. Furthermore, would I be misguided in thinking that his proposal for a "Policy and Resources Committee" having executive powers would be so that the public may again be excluded from meeting where decisions are taken? I trust the Council will reject both these proposals, but they do illustrate yet again the sort of attitude we are complaining about.

From John Dodds of Cross Street

.... Democracy takes another blow

I am puzzled by the attitude of the Councillors who have failed to abide by the results of the Parish Poll. There was just as much publicity, conditions every bit as legal.

Of the 363 people who voted, 60% were in favour of their departure from office. This was a very reasonable turnout in view of these politically apathetic times.

They say the result was not binding. This is, technically, correct. However, there is a strong moral obligation to accept the result which, in any other election would be binding.

Democracy takes another blow.



What's On in Elmswell ?

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

June

- 17 Kiln Meadow - mowing/
raking (equipment
provided; gloves useful),
9.00am
- 17 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Woolpit III at the
Blackbourne (League),
2.15pm
- 20 Elmswell Toddlers social
event for Adults - Indian
meal
- 20 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Risby at the Blackbourne
(Friendly), 6.00pm
- 23 Elmswell Cricket Club:
Music Quiz, 7.30pm, £2 per
person, max. 6 per team
- 27 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Hartest & Coldham at the
Blackbourne (Friendly),
6.15pm

July

- 1 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Bushell at the Blackbourne
(League), 2.15pm
- 4 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Needham Lions at the
Blackbourne (Friendly),
6.15pm

July continued

- 5 Kiln Meadow - ragwort pull
(bring gloves, spade),
7.00pm
- 12 Millennium History Group
- *An evening visit to the
Museum of East Anglian Life*
- Guided tour with
Miriam Stead. More
details later
- 13 Friday - Kiln Meadow - bat
watch (like the date!),
8.30pm
- 15 Elmswell Gardening Club -
Open Gardens
- 15 Choral Service in St John's
Church led by local choirs,
6pm
- 22 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Ampton & Culford at the
Blackbourne (League),
2.15pm

August

- 1 Elmswell Toddlers seaside
trip to Walton-on-the-Naze
- 1 Elmswell Cricket Club v
Brettenham at the
Blackbourne (Friendly),
6.15pm



August continued

- 4 Elmswell Gardening Club annual outing to Blickling Hall
- 5 Elmswell Cricket Club v Hadleigh III at the Blackbourne (League), 2.15pm
- 8 Elmswell Cricket Club v Mid Suffolk at the Blackbourne (Friendly), 6.15pm
- 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

September

- 7-9 Friends of St John's Church: Art, Music and Flower Festival in the Church
- 9 Friends of St John's Church Annual Friends' Service, 10.30am in the Church, Preacher Mr J Andreasen

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

- 6 Elmswell Sports Clubs: Sports Quiz, 7.30pm, £2 per person, max. 6 per team

November

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

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