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## Elsworth Jubilee Celebrations

### Thursday 2nd June

8:30pm Drinks at Holy Trinity Church

9:45pm The lighting of the Elsworth Jubilee Beacon

Come along and celebrate the start of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations! As part of a network of over 1500 beacons, ours will be lit at the top of the Church tower .... Don't miss it!

### Saturday 4th June

7 - 11pm Jubilee Party on the Sports Field

Pay bar and dancing to the brilliant live band 'Blind Panic', from the Shop party last summer!

Children under 16 FREE. Tickets available in the Shop from 1st May

### Sunday 5th June

10-10:25am Church Service

12:30 pm Jubilee Family Picnic BBQ on the Sports Field

Please bring your own food and drink; chairs etc. BBQ's will be provided.

Fun for all the family with entertainment for the children and prizes for the best home-made 'Crown'. Volunteers from the WI will be providing teas, soft drinks and Jubilee cakes to celebrate the occasion!

### HELP NEEDED!

Setting up on the Fri/Sat/Sun mornings; a few more gazebo's and gas BBQ's; decorations; bar & BBQ help. If you are willing and able, please email Margaret Stevenson on: [margmj-s@outlook.com](mailto:margmj-s@outlook.com)



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The next issue of the Elsworth Times is June 2022 and the deadline for this issue is Wednesday 26th May

## IMPORTANT DATES

Post Office services from the Sports Pavilion:

Tues 2pm - 4pm and Thurs 12 noon - 2pm

Mobile Library - The Poacher

2nd Thurs of the month 2.35pm - 2.55pm

"Due to Covid restrictions they will allow limited access initially and operate with an on-line select and collect service just like static libraries, so books are kept clean and returns can be quarantined. If casual users turn up the operator will assist as much as possible as we know not all can go on-line."

## BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
Thu 7 Apr 2022	✓		
Thu 14 Apr 2022		✓	✓
Sat 23 Apr 2022	✓		
Fri 29 Apr 2022		✓	✓
Fri 6 May 2022	✓		
Thu 12 May 2022		✓	✓
Thu 19 May 2022	✓		
Thu 26 May 2022		✓	✓
Sat 4 Jun 2022	✓		
Fri 10 Jun 2022		✓	✓

**Tissues and Kitchen Roll** - Due to Covid 19 the advice has changed on tissues and kitchen roll used for cleaning, these should be put in your **BLACK** bin at the moment please.

# CLERK'S COLUMN - LIZ SIM PARISH CLERK

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## Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday May 18th 2022

6.00 – 7.15pm in Elsworth School Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is an open meeting for all parishioners. It is not a Parish Council meeting. The Chairman of the Parish Council will present an overview of the work of the council over the past two years and the Council's accounts for the year end 31st March 2022 (unaudited) will be available. This meeting has been cancelled for the past two year because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Although it is being reinstated there will be no social event after the meeting because the increase in numbers of people who are coming down with covid is still unwelcome.

## Elections

Parish Council Elections are being held on May 5th. Current parish councillors cease to be councillors on May 4th with the exception of the Chairman who continues as a councillor until the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the new council takes office and elects its Chairman. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on May 18th from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the school hall.

## Thanks to our long serving District Councillor

Nick Wright has served as Elsworth's District Councillor for the past eighteen years. His advice and the experience he brought in this role has been invaluable for Elsworth parish, particularly with regard to planning matters. Nick has decided that he will not stand in the forthcoming election. The Parish Council extended a formal vote of thanks to Nick at his last meeting with us. He will be missed but I know he will be kept busy with the other roles he still undertakes and as Chairman of the school governors he will still be involved with Elsworth. (Not to mention

his participation in the all-important tug of war between Elsworth and Conington.)

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Plans for the new play area are well underway thanks to the hard work put into its planning by Margaret Stevenson and Rob Askham. It will be named the "Platinum Jubilee Play Area" as a tribute to Her Majesty for her Platinum Jubilee. Removal of the old equipment and installation of the new will start in the next few months and the area will need to be cordoned off for a while, while works are underway.

Initiatives were considered for marking the jubilee for the children of the village and several suggestions were considered. Councillors agreed that a bulk order of wildflower seeds should be obtained for Elsworth Primary school and their distribution to the children arranged by the school. An elm tree in Fardell's Lane Reserve will be dedicated as a commemorative tree with a guard and a plaque. Another Jubilee tree will be planted in the school grounds.

Plans for the Jubilee celebrations are gathering pace, as you will see from a separate article in this edition. Marquees and seating have been sourced and a band booked for a party. A picnic BBQ is planned, bringing the annual village BBQ event to the sports field as part of the celebrations. The Parish Council agreed to underwrite the costs of the celebrations up to £1,000.00. It will be so positive to see everyone enjoying this event, being able to celebrate something joyful.

## East West Rail

The Chairman of the Parish Council updated councillors on the current position. A report made to SCDC Council meeting on 22 February said that there had been a change in HMG's approach to the Ox Cam Arc and that it no longer wished to drive

the project. There was no mention of the Arc in the Levelling Up White Paper, and while it is believed that ministers support the continuation of the project, they feel it should be locally led, if at all. Revenue funding has been made available to continue ongoing operations but there is no long-term commitment to this funding, and no commitment at all to capital funding.

This would seem to have obvious implications for EWR, in particular how it would be funded. As a business case for the railway has not been published by EWR, there was a move afoot to get HMG to order EWR to produce one. A number of South Cambs parishes (35 as of Friday March 11th plus St Neots Town Council), County and District Councillors (including Nick Wright, Mark Howell and Mandy Smith) and organisations in Cambs and beyond, had agreed to be signatories to a letter which would be sent to Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport. This would press the case for publication of a business case but would not make reference to other matters such as route alignments or station locations. Cambourne Town Council had declined to sign as the council wants a station north of the A428.

### Highways and Planning



There seems to have been a rash of highways work in this area over the past couple of months and finally Brockley Road is sporting its new shiny surface. A tar-spitting dragon ate up the old road surface and a hot-stuff massive machine

poured its contents a couple of days later and highway workers scurried behind it raking the tar flat before the true heavyweight road-roller came and squished it all down.

Not only that, but there has also been a flurry of building work all over the village. There have been so many planning applications submitted over the past year and there are still ten ongoing applications with the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

### Planning Applications considered.

22/00706/HFUL 3 Brook Street Elsworth Cambridgeshire

Proposal: Retrospective installation of electric car charge point. PC recommendation Support

20/04791/FUL Land to The South Of 29 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX



Construction of 2 No. detached dwellings, including demolition and re-construction of existing former shop and replacement of demolished barn to form a garage.

22/00571/HFUL7 Church Lane Elsworth Cambridgeshire CB23 4HU Mr & Mrs Paul & Serena Wyer. PC recommendation: Support. Comments There is no mention of how the building works would be undertaken. Given that Church Lane is essentially a single vehicle width road, all builders' vehicles should be kept off road and accommodated on the property; this (and the times of vehicles arriving on site) should be required as conditions of planning permission, if given.

21/05616/FUL 5 Church Lane Elsworth Cambridge Mr & Mrs A Taylor. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1no. replacement dwelling. PC recommendation: Support

### Notification of Planning Appeal

S/4521/19/FL APP/W0530/W/21/3282/388 Martins Farm 53 Boxworth Road. Parish Council recommendation: Object, reasons previously conveyed to planning Authority

### Applications for Works to Trees in a conservation area/ protected by a TPO

22/0161/TTCA 11 Cotterell's Lane T1 Field Maple – reduce crown height by approx. 3mand the spread by 2.5m. T2 and T3 Ornamental Cherry – Fell. PC recommendation: No comment

### Applications determined/closed by SCDC

21/05189/LBC 3 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX. DC decision Granted Permission.

21/05155/FUL 54 Boxworth Road Elsworth CB23 4JQ. DC Decision Granted Permission

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21/1637/TTCA 15 Brook Street Elsworth CB23 4HX Works to CA trees. DC decision Have No Objection To.

S/1955/19/CONDD Pittdene Farm Rogues Lane Elsworth CB23 4JA. DC decision Discharge Condition in Full

21/05616/FUL 5 Church Lane Elsworth Cambridge. DC decision Granted Permission

20/04719/FUL Land to south of 29 Brook Street. DC decision Granted permission

### Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2022.

May 18th	Annual Parish Meeting 6pm
	Annual Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm
July 20th	Parish Council Meeting
September 21st	Parish Council Meeting
November 16th	Parish Council Meeting

## Childerley looks forward to welcoming you to the following events:

### Monday 18 April:

Gardens Open with Daffodil Walk and Refreshments

2 – 4.30 pm

Proceeds to Caldecote Church

### Sunday 15 May:

Open with Plant Sale and Refreshments

2 – 5 pm

### Thursday 7 July:

Shakespeare in the Garden

Durham University's Castle Theatre return

with The Comedy of Errors

curtain up 6.30 pm

### Saturday 16 July:

Opera in the Long Barn

A Wild Art Production of Mozart's

Così fan Tutti

curtain up 6 pm

*Gardens open for picnics from 4 pm*

### Sunday 11 September:

Gardens Open with Refreshments

2 pm – 4.30 pm. Proceeds to Red Cross

Full information on arrangements on these and tickets will be available on our website:

[www.childerley.org](http://www.childerley.org)

Or drop us an email to receive further information and be added to our website.





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## **Elsworth Church**

Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am ~ Morning Prayer

Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon ~ Reflections

at Papworth Church

Holy Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30pm ~ Service of Light

at Conington Church

Easter Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am ~ Holy Communion



## **ELSWORTH PLANT SALE**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> : Holy Trinity Churchyard**

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH -ELSWORTH



### ***'Being real in a time of crisis***

***Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector***

One of the readings (in churches) during Lent felt especially timely this year, as our hearts are savaged by the horrors we watch and hear of from Ukraine.

Jesus cried out: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem ..." At the same time, we would be wrong to ignore other issues ongoing in the church, the locality and the nation. Christianity has always been about us offering light to dispel darkness and salt to provide seasoning and protection for today and what can unfold in generations to come.

Lament is a form of complaint; a strong expression of regret; a passionate expression of grief. In terms of spiritual outpouring, lament becomes a way of us searching for understanding and peace in the face of suffering or distressing events.

The Bible is a rich depository for such a time as now. For example, more than half the Psalms are laments; when we find Jesus offering his lament over the state of Jerusalem, he is drawing on the rich tradition of his Jewish identity and heritage. This same heritage has made a similarly profound contribution to our own history. I realise not everyone reading this column has a Christian worldview. Even so I hope you will find it helpful to be reminded of what our Jesus offered into this area of public life and thinking.

Jesus' lament was visceral; definitely not politically correct! On one occasion he refers to a leader as 'that fox', an expression

implying strong distaste. There is no prevailing evidence in the gospels of people thinking sympathetically: "... Jesus you are so wrong ... you have swallowed fake news ... you need to be properly informed and if you were you would not speak like that ..." There is permission here for us, having done our research, to offer deep and strong feelings. On the big issues of our time, this is no time to be silent if our main concern is not offending someone; that was the mistake made by huge swathes that turned blind eyes to the Holocaust in World War 2 and so much other suffering.

Jesus' lament set aside the personal risks. Convictions including what we believe, how we serve others and seek the common good should not be reduced to what is merely the art of being risk averse. Therefore, we applaud and support sacrificial responses to the situation in Ukraine and our response to those needing shelter and support now. We also look to do more; for those with power and influence to use it beyond the narrow concerns of what will benefit me, us.

Jesus' lament becomes a cry of sorrow for a city, its history and prevailing culture. Many people, probably including ourselves ... know what it is to say or feel 'Woe is me ...' to feel unjustly treated, not given a fair crack of the whip, bemoan how things turn out for me compared to someone else we know. Jesus invites us to be stretched, enlarged and caught up in the struggle for something bigger, going beyond the timeframe of our own span of years, to impact and transform the atmosphere in which we and others live.

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# Elsworth CofE (VA) Primary School

This term our Key Stage 2 classes have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. As part of this topic the children and staff had a visit to West Stow.

The children enjoyed handling artefacts and learning more about archeological finds in the museum. The exhibition answered some of their questions and provided an opportunity to ask more.

In the afternoon, the groups were introduced to the Anglo-Saxon village and had the opportunity to visit the buildings to find out about the daily life of an Anglo-Saxon. The children noticed the similarities and differences between the buildings and found out how historians are using the site to find out more about life in Anglo-Saxon times.

The children and staff all returned to school full of new knowledge about the Anglo-Saxons and had a wonderful day.

