

ELSWORTH TIMES

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New Flood Strategy for Elsworth

Last Autumn the Flood Group, consisting of Philip Sleightholme (Co-ordinator) James Witherow, Ian Maddison and Peter Ward, was tasked with producing a Community Flood Plan. The purpose of the plan was to formalise the extent of flooding in the village and what defences might be mobilised to lessen the impact of floods. Measures for dealing with a flood were also to be incorporated.

The initial aim of the Flood Plan was however to enable funding for flood works from Central and Local Government bodies.

The plan has now been completed and we have opened negotiations with the District and County Councils to establish what funds are available. Our approaches have been met with sympathy and support and positive suggestions have been made to us.

We hope to provide further updates soon. In the meantime, it is proposed that the Flood Plan be ratified by the Parish Council at the next meeting in May 2023 and afterwards to be published on the parish website.

Floods in Elsworth tend to be transitory, but due to the speed with which they occur can cause extensive damage to property and vehicles. It is our aim to try to reduce the effects of flooding by better maintenance of the drainage system within the village. Measures to slow flood water entering the village and then

to speed it through are also proposed. Further articles in the Elsworth Times will outline these items in more detail.

When flood waters strike there is not much time in which to react. To look after those among us who may need assistance, we need first to identify them and then to seek volunteers who can look after their needs for the duration of the flooding. If you feel that you may need assistance, please get in touch with Liz Sim as she will be keeping the records.

We also need volunteers to warn those in need of assistance of an impending flood

and also to provide early warning of rising flood water in various areas. Philip Sleightholme will be co-ordinating this work shortly.

We need volunteers to help with general maintenance of our waterways. Ian Maddison

runs a helpful group in the Fardell's Lane area but we need more assistance for other areas. If you think you would enjoy a day out in the sun clearing our waterways (dry season of course), please contact Ian or James.

Lastly, many thanks to South Cambridgeshire District Council for clearing the West bank of the brook in Paddock Row following our request.

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday April 6th Jubilee Club 2.30pm

Saturday 8th April Access Egg drop

Sunday 9th Easter Sunday Service HT Church 11am

Wednesday April 19th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday May 4th Jubilee Club 2.30pm

Sunday 7th May Coronation BBQ Street Party

Saturday May 20th Access Plant Sale in the churchyard 10-12

Sunday June 4th Patronal festival with choir at HT church

CAMBOURNE COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

The Scheme provides door to door transport for those living in the villages of Caxton, Papworth, Knapwell & Elsworth as well as Cambourne who are unable to drive or use public transport to get to medical & some social appointments. A small fee is charged (payable in cash to the driver) to cover the cost of the driver's car expenses but the driver gives his or her time for free. To access this service please email: cambournecarscheme@gmail.com or telephone: 07526 998 465.

If we are unable to respond we will return your call. If you need to take a walker or folding wheelchair we can normally do this—but please let us know when booking.

PLEASE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 48 HRS WHEN BOOKING & IDEALLY LONGER IF POSSIBLE.

ERIC/SALLY (Coordinators)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mobile Library – The Poacher, Second Thurs of the month 2.35pm - 2.55pm

Post Office services from the pavilion: Tues 2-4, Thurs 12-2pm

Next Elsworth Times Deadline and Publication Date

Editorial Copy and Notices by 24th May 2023

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin Dates	Black Bin	Blue Bin	Green Bin
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Thu 6 Apr 2023	✓		
Sat 15 Apr 2023		✓	✓
Fri 21 Apr 2023	✓		
Thu 27 Apr 2023		✓	✓
Fri 5 May 2023	✓		
Thu 11 May 2023		✓	✓
Thu 18 May 2023	✓		
Thu 25 May 2023		✓	✓
Fri 2 Jun 2023	✓		
Thu 8 Jun 2023		✓	✓
Thu 15 Jun 2023	✓		

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday April 19thth 2023 at 7:30pm

The Pavilion Broad End CB23 4JD

This is an open meeting for all Elsworth residents.

The evening will start with brief formalities followed by 15- 30 mins open question time followed by a social time (with wine and nibbles) for everyone to mingle, chat and meet new and old friends and representatives of village organisations and local authorities.

Representatives from various organisations all hope to be there

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Elsworth C of E School Elsworth Community Shop Elsworth and District Show Committee
Elsworth Parish Council Elsworth Sports Club Elsworth Times Newsletter
Elsworth's Tree Warden Fardell's Lane Reserve
Holy Trinity Church The Samuel Franklin Fund
Cambridgeshire County Council South Cambs District Council

Please do come along and enjoy the evening

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**ELSWORTH
KNAPWELL
AND
CONINGTON**



Our Elsworth, Knapwell & Conington WI celebrated our centenary on Thursday 23rd March with a very enjoyable party in Elsworth Sports Pavilion. Star of the evening was a magnificent new banner made by four of our members to commemorate the amazing achievement of our WI lasting one hundred years without a break. There were also two albums of photos dating back nearly 40 years which brought back many memories. With several recent new members and many dedicated older ones we are hopeful of continuing for many more years to come.

The first WI meeting was in the old school room on Brook Street on 23rd March 1923, eight years after the first UK meeting in 1915. The fee for hire of the hall was 8 shillings. The meeting was chaired by Mrs Jessop of Hillcrest and members had to bring their own cups and sugar. During the war years our WI made 2000 lbs of jam, knitted for the Navy, collected for charities such as the Red Cross and sang Jerusalem. Later Knapwell joined and then Conington. Since then, the WI has worked to support many village activities, providing refreshments for the Village Show and last year's Jubilee celebrations, supporting MacMillan coffee mornings and raising money for MAGPAS air ambulance. Most importantly it is an important source of contact within the village and many lasting friendships have been made over the years. The WI currently meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (apart from in August) at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion. We have interesting and varied speakers, vote for National Resolutions, refreshments are served and there is plenty of time to chat. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Margaret Stevenson on margms@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01954 267175.



Spring has sprung! Maybe... Or it could snow... Ah well...

Regardless of the weather we will be returning to our 'Summer Hours' when the clocks go forward in the early hours of Sunday 26th March

So, from Monday 27th we will be open from 8am until 6pm Monday – Friday and from 9am – 12 noon at the weekend.

For anyone new to the village, first of all welcome and we hope to meet you if you haven't already visited the shop.

We carry a range of supplies from milk, bread, frozen foods and other groceries to lovely artwork and gifts by local artists.

You can also order newspapers and pick up a delicious coffee, tea or hot chocolate and catch up on local events etc on the notice board.

The shop is a community service, run by a committee and managed by our Manager, Charlotte and Assistant Manager, Chaya. Most of the shifts are covered by our wonderful bank of volunteers who work anything from 1-3 hours. Volunteering at the shop is an excellent way of getting to know people in the village.

We are always looking for new volunteers, especially anyone who can work on Saturdays or Sundays. Full training and support is given and it's a lovely relaxed friendly atmosphere to work in.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, please contact us at manager@elsworth-shop.co.uk

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

ELSWORTH



Giving Thanks for the Service we Receive

The deadline for writing this article seems to come over the horizon faster with each passing month! Thinking about it this time, I was reminded that I am one of a host of contributors to what is a source of information, interest and even inspiration to many. Worthwhile commitments and projects which serve a wider community are usually the fruit of vision and cooperation.

We saw this powerfully in early March – with the row over 'Lineker-gate'; resulting in a favourite programme for many over a typical weekend being greatly curtailed. The voluntary or forced withdrawal of what one person could do impacted millions.

One big difference I notice, living in a rural village, is that some important tasks or jobs need to be actioned by local people doing their bit voluntarily (rather than assuming the local authority will step in). It is very heartening to drive down a road and realise a team have been out the previous day litter-picking; although why the mindless behaviour that prompts a few to toss their takeaway meal containers out of the car window rather than putting them in a waste bin prevails is a mystery, (or a sign of widespread selfishness).

So, "thank you" to volunteers – what you do makes a huge difference and truly matters!

With daffodils currently (as I write) in full bloom, I am reminded, also, that some of our small seemingly inconsequential actions last for years and just keep on blooming year after year. What was sown and buried at one time can have the potential to bring cheer, comfort and strength for many generations to come. This analogy offers an insight into how Christians celebrate Easter – where God's action in Jesus of Nazareth in the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday keep on repaying faith nearly 2,000 years later. This was the supreme act of voluntary service for which the right response is to offer thanks and live thankfully before God and one another.

Unlike others, I have little or no horticultural understanding. Neither do I get much of the science that has undoubtedly helped us come alive to the threats of environmental disaster lurking just around the corner and the need for us all to do our bit now. I am grateful for those who do and offer their wisdom so liberally; I do value the fruit of their study and labour. To do so is an expression of trust and wisdom which is returned as the experts in one field do something similar to enjoy the expertise of others in other matters. Once again this is how spiritual faith works, not boiling down to what I can understand and explain but a realisation of what is true and transforms the world.

Whether you are a person of some faith, much faith or no faith in what Christians believe about Jesus please consider joining us to give thanks and worship on Easter Day.

Nigel di Castiglione - Team Rector

Hilton Methodist Church



Services in April

April 2 nd	10:00am Mrs. K. Salmon
April 9 th	11:15am Easter Day - United Service at the Parish Church
April 16 th	10:00am Mr. J. Green
April 23 rd	10:00am Dr. B. Spencer
April 30 th	10:00am Dr. R. Randall

All are Welcome

Tea and Coffee will be served after the services

Hilton Coffee Mornings



Monthly coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Schoolroom have now restarted on the first Saturday of each month.

April 1st. 10:00am to 12 noon

Proceeds in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Services around Easter and Beyond

- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross at Lolworth,
- Eve of Easter Vigil at Conington on Holy Saturday
- Easter Day Service in HTE on Easter Day, Sunday 9th at 11.00am.

For more information on what is happening in the Papworth Team of churches see www.papworthteamchurches.org

We are now in the period when the church's electoral roll is being updated. If you know people who could be prompted to join, ask them to get in touch, please.

The Annual Meetings - to elect Churchwardens and fulfil our APCM expectations - will take place at the end of Evening Prayer on SUNDAY 23rd APRIL, commencing about 6.45pm.

Further ahead:

In addition to all the local community activities there will be an In-Person Service to celebrate the King's Coronation on Sunday 7th May in Kingston Church at 10.30am - all welcome, and,

There will be a service for churches across the Team in HT Elsworth on Trinity Sunday Sunday, June 4th, at 10.00am to mark our Patronal Festival. John Daffarn is pulling together our Scratch Choir to contribute to the service - if you or others want to be involved he will be glad to have your support.

WHAT IS PASSOVER ?

PASSOVER or Pesach is one of the most important Jewish festivals of the year, taking place in the Spring (this year, beginning on the night of April 5th). The obvious theme of this festival is redemption. In the Exodus narrative, which Jews are commanded to tell their children every Passover, we were redeemed physically from slavery in Egypt. Pesach is the season of our freedom, but it is also a festival that speaks of spiritual redemption. We were redeemed from mental, emotional, and spiritual—as well as physical—slavery. It was as a physically and spiritually liberated people that the our nation prepared to receive the Torah (Five Books entrusted to Moses) on Mount Sinai.

The notion of spiritual redemption is in part demonstrated by the fundamental Jewish idea that in every generation every individual is obliged to view him or herself as though he or she had actually left Egypt. Egypt is "Mitzraim" in Hebrew, stemming from the root "tzar," which means narrow or constrained. In order to leave Mitzraim, each individual must break out of personal narrowness, becoming free to achieve his or her full spiritual potential.

Before Passover begins, homes are thoroughly cleaned (the origin of "spring cleaning") and all products containing leaven are removed. Passover lasts for seven days (Israel) or 8 days (elsewhere) during which no foods with leaven—including such things as bread, cake, beer, chocolate, most cereals, pasta, and anything containing malt are not eaten or drunk.

The high point of Passover, is the first night on which a "seder" is held (seder means "order"—the way in which the service is done). The seder includes a brief telling of the Passover narrative together with foods that remind us of aspects of our experience. The seder plate includes matzoh—unleavened bread, a hard-boiled egg; a roasted lamb shank bone symbolised the Passover lamb—a spring vegetable such as parsley—"karpas"; a mixture of fruit, wine, dates, and nuts—"charoset"—symbolic of the bricks we were forced to make for pharaoh's monuments, and prepared or fresh horseradish—"moror"—symbolic of our affliction. The script for this central ritual of Passover is the Haggadah (literally, "telling"). The creation of this script took place over hundreds of years at the

beginning in the First century although there are many modern variations.

Wine is also central to the telling of the story as each of four (small) glasses of wine are drunk symbolising the four stages of the Exodus. Each cup stands for one of the promises of God to Israel:

1. The Cup of Sanctification – based on God's statement, "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians"
2. The Cup of Judgment or Deliverance- based on God's statement, "I will deliver you from slavery to them"
3. The Cup of Redemption – based on God's statement, "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm"
4. The Cup of Praise – based on God's statement, "I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God."

Christians might be interested to know that the festival Jesus kept before his betrayal was indeed Passover. As a good Jew, he kept all the festival (indulging Hanukkah) and his attendance in Jerusalem at the Temple is noted by the writers of the Four Gospels.

Experiencing the wonderful meal and the interactive celebration—very much a family event—is to live through all the varied themes of the Passover festival.



Access Events

Easter Egg Drop!

Saturday 8th April, Top of the Church Tower, 11am

Do you have the skills to protect an egg from breaking if it was dropped from the top of the church tower?

We are setting a challenge for the problem-solvers and physicists amongst you. Can you protect an uncooked hen's egg from breaking? If any of you manages to crack this (!), you will win a large, delicious, chocolate egg.

It's free to enter and we hope to see many of you there - refreshments will be on sale.

Plant Sale

Saturday 20th May 10am-12pm, Elsworth Church

After the great success of last year's event, we are holding another plant sale in the churchyard. There will be opportunities to buy a range of healthy plants at very reasonable prices; vegetables, annuals, perennials and shrubs. Do put the date in your diary and come along for home-made cakes and refreshments while you browse.

ACCESS Elsworth is committed to improving the interior of the church, making it an accessible and inviting place for all the community. We are raising money to fund these improvements which, along with grant funding, will enable this to happen. Thank you for your support.

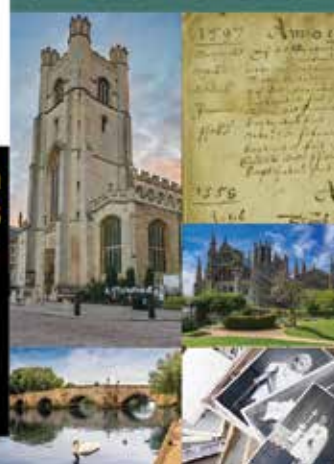
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Huntingdon
Bar Hill
March**



Model Engineering in Elsworth . . . Tim Coles

Biography:- Tim was born and brought up in Cambridge and following six years at the University of East Anglia, and a couple of years working in Durham, moved to the village in 1979, when he started work locally. He has a workshop complete with lathe and milling machine at the back of his house. Tim has won a number of awards for his engineering models.

I first became interested in model steam locomotives in 1958 when, at the age of seven, I witnessed the opening of the miniature railway built by the Cambridge and District Model Engineering Society (CADMES) in Newnham. It was of course, some years before I was able to start building my first locomotive, in the coal shed of my student digs in Norwich, aided and abetted by my wife Caroline, herself the daughter of a model engineer.

I started out on the project described in this article back in 2012. The plan was to work in co-operation with a fellow member of the CADMES, sharing out the work to design and build a pair of model locomotives. In the event, my engineering partner decided to pursue other plans part-way through the build, and so I bought out his share, leaving me with two locos to complete.

The models are one-eighth scale versions of an LMS tank locomotive with six wheels, not unlike the iconic Thomas the



Tank Engine, to run on standard 7 1/4" gauge track. I drew up the designs on computer, based on measurements and photographs taken from the full-size engine 47406 which is based on the Great Central Railway at Loughborough. The models are about four feet long (1,200 mm) and 13 inches wide (330 mm), weighing about 400 lbs (180 Kg) in working order. They are capable of hauling up to about a ton on level track, so roughly ten adults, riding on our CADMES coaches.

I made extensive use of modern technology in building these models, with much use of water-cutting to generate many of the parts, from large components like the main frames, to small bits like brake rods. Patterns were made for casting parts like the wheels, chimneys, and domes, with East Coast Castings Ltd of Watton near Norwich carrying out the casting work. The coal-fired boilers are of silver-soldered copper construction and were made to my design by a professional boiler-smith based near Coventry. They operate at a design pressure of 90 pounds per square inch (7 Bar), which is about two-and-a-half times the pressure in a car tyre.

For the more technically minded, the engines have two inside cylinders of two inches bore, with Stephenson's valve gear giving forward and reverse operation, as in the full size locomotive. They are fed with steam from the regulator via stainless-steel super heater elements. Two small pumps supply steam oil to the cylinders, lubricating the pistons before the oil is carried by the exhaust steam up the chimney and into the driver's face! Water is fed to the boiler by two live-steam injectors, backed up by a hand pump in case the injectors fail. The side tanks on the models are just dummies, all of the water is supplied from a large tank in the driving truck, which itself is modelled on a 50-ton brick wagon. The truck also carries a supply of coal!

Both models run well on the CADMES track, now over half a mile long, with the boilers providing plenty of steam, as long as I keep shovelling the coal onto the fire. Hauling passengers on our public open days is quite challenging, following the signals, and keeping the fire bright and the water level up in the boiler, all without burning my fingers on all the hot bits.



Elsworth School

Our Transport Exhibition

→ Sapphire and Emerald class have been very busy in Design and Technology. The children have been learning about wheels and axles. They used this learning to design vehicles to make. In the design the children thought about the materials they would need and the equipment they would use to join different parts of the vehicle together. They then had a lot of fun making them!

The teachers explained to the children that they would display their work in an exhibition for their parents and carers to attend. So we wrote captions, non-chronological reports and adverts to go alongside our models.

Parents and carers were invited into school to see the exhibition and the children loved sharing their work with all our visitors.



Religious Education

This term, KS2 are learning about Buddhism in RE. So far, children in Aquamarine class have explored the definition of refuge and the children have thought about when someone may seek refuge and where or to whom they might go when seeking it. The children have been learning about the Triple Gem, made up of three gems (gold, blue and red). They learnt that each Gem represents a different source of refuge that Buddhists may turn to in their lives.

The children then worked in groups to re-create the Triple Gem, choosing their materials and how best to represent each part. They thoroughly enjoyed working as a team, discussing ideas and how they could represent the various components. Their own interpretations were all so different as all the children expressed themselves individually within their group.



CLERK'S COLUMN

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My thanks to Peter Deer for penning the Clerk's Col while I was away. It was wonderful to be able to catch up with family again after almost 4 years of restrictions in life in general, with travel and the glumness of covid. I do hope that everyone will be able to feel we are finally coming out of the woods.

I confess, it was difficult to take off my Clerk's hat when seeing, how, 12,000 miles away, things that come onto my radar daily, are dealt with. Found myself staring into gullies and culverts that were coping with massive deluges of water, marvelling at cranes swinging massive new culverts into place, watching council men driving small golf-cart-like buggies, wielding sprayers killing weeds next to kerbs, asking council employees, who looked like space men in their luminous bee-keeper-like protective garb, why they were whipper-snipping grass verges, that hadn't grown after weeks of dry weather, on a regular 2 weekly schedule and chatting up one-man-lorry bin men who were operating fully automatic vehicles that stretched out an automated metal arm and grabbed the wheelie bins, hoisting them up and tipping them into the truck and gently replacing them at the side of the road. (Sad sack aren't I?).

Many initiatives and maintenance issues in Elsworth are making slow but steady progress. The Community Flood group (please see the article in the ET) is liaising well with the County Council. County Highways recently marked out potholes for repair and will be undertaking investigations and clearance of drains in some parts of the village. Road sweeping has been carried out on a more regular basis by the District Council, though there are still some areas that the sweeper cannot get to where cars are continually parked and not moved.

PRECEPT FOR THE COMING YEAR

The dreaded Council tax bill dropped through doors recently and we all noticed the percentage increases that the various authorities have implemented. I do hope you noticed that

the Elsworth Precept (the amount you have to pay to raise the money for the parish that the Parish Council requested) dropped by -1.7%. Councillors were very aware of the current financial pressures that many residents are under and as there are no major projects planned for the coming year, decided to concentrate on the funding required for ongoing projects for the village and not raise the precept.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 23/0309/TTCA 9 Boxworth Road Elsworth Cambridgeshire
- Proposal: 1 - Elm - remove dead fallen stem. remove single dead stem with bird box
- 2 - Group of Elm - re-pollard all remaining Elm to 4-5m
- 5 - Field Maple - reduce to just above height of shed approx 2.5m
- 23/00952/LBC & 23/00951/HFUL 2 Brook Street Elsworth Cambridgeshire
- Single story side and rear extension
- 22/05065/FUL The Avenue Business Park Brockley Road Elsworth Cambridgeshire
- Davison and Co (Barford). Amended application.

Creation of a mixed-use food hub with additional parking
Removal of additional access onto Rogues Lane, reduction in car parking, submission of preliminary ecological appraisal, retail impact assessment, flood risk assessment and additional information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECIDED BY SCDC.

22/03801/FUL The Avenue Business Park Brockley Road Elsworth Cambridgeshire

Proposal: Erection of office extension to Units 17-18 Avenue Business Park and associated

external works. Granted Permission on 26 January 2023

THE ELSWORTH JUBILEE CLUB

The Jubilee club meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the Sports Pavilion at 2.30pm, and continues to enjoy a very successful programme with good numbers attending.

In February, Rabbi Dr Ruth Fleischer gave us a fascinating insight into the way our minds process and make memories in her talk and slideshow 'Making Memorable Moments' – giving us a LOT to think about.

In March, Catherine Turner spoke about English Toy Terriers and brought two adorable examples of the tiny breed with her. A few people had to be searched on the way out, but Catherine did eventually manage to retrieve both dogs!

Upcoming Events

April 6th MERCY SHIPS – Alison Briggs

Medically equipped ships with medics providing life-saving help, free of charge, in the most deprived areas of our world.

May 4th HUNTINGDON BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION – Moira Monro

Bee keeping demonstration. An insight into keeping bees with produce for sale. (No live bees!)

June 1st MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS – Derek

An insight into the amazing training and work of these amazing dogs

July 27th ANNUAL OUTING TO THE SEASIDE

Day trip to Wells-next-the-Sea – details to be announced.

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REPORT FROM FARDELL'S LANE NATURE RESERVE

A work party in February put up four more bird boxes and one bat box in the Reserve. We also removed wood and other debris from the pond and planted a couple of trees. "Thank you" to everyone who was able to help out!

The next work party won't be until the end of August so as not to disturb the birds during their nesting season. If you would like to join in let me know.

We are always in need of wood chippings—to be used on the paths to keep them passable. If you would like to donate some, please get in touch.

Louise Hanzi – thehanzis@gmail.com



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Proposed Mixed Use Food Hub - The Tasting Morning



On a Saturday in March, some of the business' that hope to work from the proposed Food Park in the Avenue Farm Business Units held a tasting morning. Quite a number of village residents attended and those I spoke to declared the products very tasty. Discussion on the proposal is ongoing, but the planning decision on the proposal has been delayed until mid-April, so both those in favour and those against the proposal will have to be patient!



Elsworth 'Coronation' **STREET PARTY**

Sunday 7th May

12:30pm onwards



To be held on Brook Street, opposite The Causeway.
BBQ's and tables provided.
Please bring your own picnic & chairs/rugs.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
