

# **Tendring District Local History Recorders - 2019 Report**

**Parish: Elmstead      Recorder: Polly Lewis**

Amongst the issues concerning the village of Elmstead Market there are two which are linked and very contentious: the proposed Garden Development on the western boundary including the link road between the A120 and A133 and the amount of housing development within the Elmstead boundary.

Originally there was a promise of a 'green lung' between the new Garden development and the village of Elmstead. This seems to be reducing in size whenever it is discussed. The link road is contentious and many outlying homeowners are increasingly worried about their futures because of the proximity to the road to their homes. However, at the date of writing, there are still no definite agreed plans for either.

The increasing development within the village is creating great concern. The village Primary school is full and the Doctor's surgery is refusing to accept new patients. There are no plans to increase the capacity of the village school. The GP surgery is no longer independent and is linked with the Abbey Fields Practice in Colchester.

There are large developments either agreed or completed in the following areas:

- Tye Road - 2 developments approximately 30 dwellings on each
- School Road - Charity Field. 60 dwellings including a new Community Centre  
40 dwellings on field adjacent to Market Field School
- Church Road - 50 dwellings field next to Cricket club
- Clacton Road - Dwellings linked to Lanswood Business Centre 70 dwellings  
Winterbourne gardens 20 dwellings.

(NB All development sizes not verified. )

On a happier note we welcomed a new Rector to St Anne and St Lawrence Church, the Revd. Andrew Fordyce. The Church is part of the Tenpenny Villages Benefice and linked with Thorrington and Alresford.

The Community Centre continues to thrive and is used most days. The plans for a new Community Centre on the Charity Field development are progressing well. Amongst the voluntary groups is the Local History Group which meets monthly with a core group of fifteen people.

A great success is the Budgens store on the site of the former Kings Arms public house. This is always busy and a Godsend to the elderly in the village. Although we no longer have a Post Office we do have an outreach facility once a week on a Monday afternoon sited in the Fersina Vaughan Conservatory.