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The ELMSWELL Newsletter

JULY 2002

..... Your Parish Matters

Dance, dance, wherever you may be
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This Month's "COMMENT"

comes from the organisers of
the Autumn Fayre



Sunday 1 September 2002
12 noon to 5 pm

With the summer now on the wane, sorry if you missed it - perhaps you were shopping, we are now faced with the prospect of Autumn, over-ripened fruit and falling leaves. But it isn't all bad news because it means that now the traditional Autumn Fayre is the next major event on the Elmswell calendar to look forward to. Mind you, after that there is next to nothing to stop you being depressed until Christmas!

The Fayre has established itself as a regular feature of Elmswell Village life and an occasion definitely not to be missed. It attracts a good crowd every year and makes a healthy profit for the village and has helped in the past to furnish The Blackbourne and aid village groups in various ways.

The Fayre Committee agonises every year about which attractions to book, how much to spend, and therefore potentially risk, of what is ultimately village money. Will our patrons decide to shun us this time around and leave us with an embarrassing deficit to explain away? Will the heavens open on us? We have been lucky for several years now with one or two close calls but that was before we had the security of The Blackbourne. In those days we had to erect tents on a rainy Saturday

wondering whether our collective sanity was still intact or whether we shouldn't all have our bumps felt. It is easier now and global warming seems to be playing into our hands also with a definite shift in the seasons pushing summer noticeably, it seems, later each year. It is just wishful thinking or have you noticed that too?

It is impossible to write about the Fayre without mentioning all the support we get from the community at large. Local businesses, large and small, are very generous year on year donating prizes, allowing us the use of their car parks etc and acting as agents for draw ticket collection. We have an army of helpers to assist us in setting up, running the event and clearing up afterwards, manning the gate and marshalling the parking and many other tasks. Without all this and the unstinting backing of the

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Amenities, the Fayre would have folded long ago.

The main problem we face is how to make the Fayre grow and what direction that growth should take. It would be simple to pack the field out with professional fairground entertainers, in fact, it is difficult to restrict them because they are very aware of the earning potential of the Fayre. To have 2-3 thousand people filing past you with youngsters in tow for 5 hours is the stuff their dreams are made of but we aim for a less money-orientated, more traditional, family affair that doesn't cost parents a small fortune. To do that, though, requires a lot of people willing to donate some time to man stalls of the 'ski-ball'/splat the rat'. Good, wholesome, inexpensive fun rather than a high-tech, over in a flash, rip-off (no disrespect to our regular Fairground Stallholders, of course!). Clearly a balance is needed and anyone who is willing to give up some time, not necessarily all day but a couple of hours maybe, to raise funds for any village organisations or their chosen charity has only to contact a committee member for a host of ideas and suggestions. Why not become one of our legion of helpers? You are bound to enjoy it, after all, they all do!

Draw tickets are enclosed in this issue so please take pity on your hard-working Fayre Committee and buy one and do look for the stall booking details hidden among the inner pages because it is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds and put something back into society at the same time.

**Contact the Committee via Peter Edmunds at
Little Acre, Ashfield Road. Tel: 241640.**

YOUR COMMENT INVITED... If you have a comment, a view, a statement - something to say about anything of concern to Elmswell - share it with our readers via the 'Comment' column or our 'letters to the Editor' feature c/o Gobblins, Station Road Industrial Estate. Please include your name and address and a telephone contact number - our next deadline is 7th August.

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Around and About ...

LITTLE ELMS PRE-SCHOOL

We are situated in the porta-cabin in the school grounds, Oxe Close.

We are staffed by 7 members of staff with varying grades of qualifications.

We are open 5 days a week between 9.05am - 12pm and 12.40pm - 2.40pm, during school term.

We always have some spaces available for children moving into the village and we accommodate most parents needs for their children.

Anyone who has a child under the age of three years of age should register them to secure a place on the waiting list either at the porta-cabin or by telephoning Sarah Jobbins on 01359 242316.

We shall shortly be opening a second venue which will also offer a broad and balanced curriculum.

We have had a busy year this year covering themes on Fairytales and Summertime, which we don't seem to have seen much of yet.

Our Rising 4's will be leaving us soon and we will be sad to see them go but hope that they enjoy nursery.

The new term will start on September 5th when our new starters will join us.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER FROM ALL OF US AT LITTLE ELMS.

We have now received our NOF grant so are looking forward to opening for the October half term. The OFSTED inspection is on 12th July. The Fire Inspection has also been carried out. For those people who have completed forms and expressed an interest in the Play Scheme we are planning an open day/evening (4-8pm) during the 1st week of October. **WATCH THIS SPACE.**

We still need a Treasurer so if you would like to help us please see the advert in this issue.

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB

The Chairman welcomed members and reminded them that there was only a month to go until Open Gardens Day, and hoped that everybody had seen the very good front page of the June Newsletter for which he thanked the co-editors for their efforts in giving it such a big impact, he did make apologies for not checking with the Editors of the Newsletter when the July Newsletter would hit the streets, as he hadn't got his head around the new dates, and it could well appear after Open Gardens so there would be little point in furthering the cause, our guest speaker was obviously switched on and was soon into auto-talk and was very difficult to stop, in fact the Chairman thought that



Elmswell Toddlers

present their

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and children's clothes, toys,
books and equipment
from Birth - 11 years
(including school uniforms)

If you would like to sell or
require any more information,
please call
Alex Bartholomew, 244692

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the July issue would be out before she had finished.

All members were reporting that the downpour on the 17th June had spoilt their Roses, hence there were few entries in the competition for three named Roses, but Mrs Muriel Durham was the winner followed by Mrs Ruth Armstrong in second and Mrs Marguerite Lankester third, and well done to the other entrants. Now there are two things to remember, firstly do not go round to the Library in August as there is no meeting we are all going to Hever Castle, but do remember to come round to the Library in September on the 19th at 8 o'clock when our guest speaker will be from Otley College, and he will be speaking about the History of Gardening, see you all there.

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 7.30pm

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 01284-754358.

The Parish Representative in your area is: Mrs Hilda Jackson: Holly Cottage, Long Thurlow, Badwell Ash IP31 3JB. Tel: 01359-259944.

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please contact:**

**Debbie Branick
(01359) 244276**

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Barter), Travelstop (Elmswell), Stowmarket Golf Club, Tulipa Landscaping (Elmswell)

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Monthly Draw for June

drawn by T Ingram

No 281	S Wright	£500
No 55	C Hayward	£115
No 147	M Reilly	£70
No 75	K Hammond	£30
No 127	C Smith	£15

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

Training Wednesday nights Grove Lane pitch.

Compiled by H Mulley (01359) 240889.

ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Our carpet has been laid - it's surprising what a difference it has made to the appearance inside the chapel. I was concerned however when a week after it was put down, my so called friend helped me lead the CU club on the Tuesday and decided to let 20 children loose doing some stone painting. Not a drop was spilt however, and we still have that lovely new carpet odour.

On the subject of our children's club this term will finish on 16th July with an end of term party held at the Blackbourne Hall. We shall start as normal at 6pm with games, kite flying and fun with the exception this time of letting the parents

stop as well. Then from 7pm we shall have a bar-b-que for the whole family, so please join us from 6 or 7pm, and we shall finish the evening around 8pm. Please accept this as an open invitation to all parents of the children who attend to join us for the evening. If you have never been before, this is a good chance to meet us and see what we do, you can then join us when our new term begins again when the children return to school at the beginning of September. Thanks to everyone who has supported us and helped make this club a great success, with well over 30 children now on our register.

Both the ladies friendship group, the trailblazers, and the house group will also have their summer break and will start again in September. Our weekly services continue throughout July at 11am with a different speaker every week and at the moment a different organist too. If you are musical and would like to become part of our team let me know. We record our services, please feel free to take any cassettes from our tape library, the dates and subjects are written on the covers.

Finally I have to end on a sad note. One of our most regular attendees of all our activities in the Chapel for well over 40 years passed away last month. Doris Fenton will be sadly missed by us all; she was a great example to many, always had a smile and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She suffered a great deal towards the end, but never complained once. She will be greatly missed, but I know she will be watching over us and 'doing nicely thanks'.

Happy holidays to everyone - and I will see you next month if not before.

Ps. The family that moved last month have now left five empty seats - please fill them.

Mark

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LUNCHEON CLUB SUMMER OUTING:



The Elmswell Luncheon Club recently enjoyed their annual Summer Outing in fine, sunny weather. 24 members were able to enjoy a day out exploring the Suffolk and Essex countryside and the circular drive led to Shotley Point and the Bristol Arms. By popular choice this is the Club's second visit to Shotley and with the tide in and a light breeze the estuary was particularly attractive - not to mention the excellent food and facilities offered to parties such as ourselves. The Bristol Arms is to be recommended to secretaries of similar clubs.

The return journey, by another interesting roundabout route held a pleasant surprise when each member was presented with an attractive Jubilee mug as a memento of the day.

In the last few weeks the Club has welcomed new members Rosie and Frank Thompson who have recently moved to Elmswell. The Club is always pleased to welcome anyone who is retired and at least 55 years old. Meetings take place every Monday at The Bull, Woolpit where good food, cheerful company and a raffle combine to make an enjoyable occasion. The Club runs a coach which caters for mobility impaired and able bodied members. If you would like to join us, please contact our secretary, Rosalie Summons on 240001.

ELMSWELL GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE are pleased to announce the joint winners of the balloon race. They are: Sophie Thornett and Leanne Peckham whose balloons were returned from Harleston, Norfolk.

Elmswell AUTUMN FAYRE

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2002

*Return of the
Kangaroo Kid
Plus the Kiddies*

Craft Stalls

Vintage Vehicles

Admission £1.50 - Children Free

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- 25 to celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Eileen & George Stiff. Love and Congratulations
- 26 Loving memories of my wonderful husband, Des, on this 3rd Anniversary
- 28 Nan Stagg. Will never forget. Sadly missed. Edd.

All bookings and payments please to:- Trevor Sadler, Abbots Warren, Church Road, Elmswell (Tel: 240908)

ELMSWELL TODDLERS

Toddlers have been busy the last few weeks. Going back to the beginning of June, Elmswell Toddlers' Mums and Dads put on a craft stand at the Jubilee Street Party. We hope all those who made crowns and did golden handprint certificates enjoyed our contribution to the community's celebrations. Special thanks go to Sean for helping set up and Natalie Nichols and Sue Field for designing the certificates. All toddlers got their certificates laminated as a keepsake - thanks go to Jo Cromarty.

Earlier this month toddlers enjoyed a rather wet but fun day out to Banham Zoo. Now we are looking ahead to the Teddy Bear's Picnic on 14th August at The Blackbourne and the Family Barbeque on 28th August.

The Nearly New Sale is set for Saturday 28th September 2002 from 2pm - 3.30pm. If you would like to see any maternity goods or children's items from birth - 11 years, then Elmswell Toddlers will do it for you at a commission of 25%. Please contact Alex on 244692 if you are interested. Donations are also warmly received.

If you would like any more information about any of Toddlers' events, we meet on Mondays 1.30 - 3pm and Wednesdays

10 - 11.30am at the Wesley Hall in School Road. All new visitors receive their first visit free!

We are open throughout the Summer Holidays! **E French**

ELMSWELL W.I.

Another four weeks full of activity. About twenty members walked across the footpaths to Wetherden (not Haughley as previously reported!!) on one of the sunny evenings in June. On arriving back in Elmswell they were glad to partake of the B.B.Q.'d food on offer in the garden of Anna Hawes, the less physically inclined also managed to enjoy the food. A mystery coach tour took over thirty members to Monks Eleigh where everyone was shown how to make a corn-dolly and to learn the history behind the craft.

Our August meeting is advertised as

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"Member's Evening" where we entertain ourselves, why not come and join the activities on the second Tuesday in August, 7.30pm at Blackbourne?

Contact **Jeanne Crook.**

Tel: 01359 241591.

HELPING HAND CLUB

Our last June meeting we were entertained by our Vice Chairman with a musical quiz with a fifties theme thanks Stanley.

Our first July meeting was a short coach ride to Cotton Music Museum where the resident organist gave us a conducted tour round the numerous musical instruments large and small, playing them for us and explaining their history. The evening would not have been complete without the mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ being played to which we had a most enjoyable singalong session. For those of you who missed the trip, we will certainly go again.

Our meeting on August 1st is in the form of an Antiques Roadshow with Barrie Stevenson (not of BBC Fame) so dig out something old, modern, large or small, it doesn't matter, so that we can have a bit of fun. See you soon. **Grant Elliston**



ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB

(Sponsored by **Manvers Triumph**)

I'll be the first to admit that being leader of any disparate group of individuals isn't easy. Just ask Yul Brynner, Lee Marvin or Ian Duncan Smith. As such, I have every admiration for our skipper, Nigel Greathead. Let's face it, his attention to detail is second to none. Few can forget when we last did teas and produced, in true biblical style, two tea bags to provide for the needs of 22 thirsty cricketers, two umpires, a dozen



supporters and one stray dog. Then, recently, against Bushel CC, he arrives without a coin for the pre-match toss - only saved by a remarkable act of inadvertent generosity (as I didn't see the coin handed back) by Steve Jordan who threw him a 5-Euro piece. Identifying the opposition's captain is his next task. Unless they've met before, Nigel will instantly forget his name and have to address him as 'Skip' for the rest of the afternoon. Names aren't his strong point. Many's the time he's had trouble - with youngsters particularly - referring to Stephen Froud as Linden, Russell Sheldrake as Jamie, Chris Burch as Peter, and Michael Peachey as 'the nephew of that old boy who lives in Blackbourne Road'. When they're all playing in the same game it takes ages to change round between overs - nobody knows where they're supposed to be!

Anyway, back to the loss. Having psyched himself up Nigel will amble out with Skip as we look on admiringly, realising in that instant just why we'd elected him to the role. As they said of Charles Bronson, leaders are not so much born as quarried. They're a breed apart (thank God!). We sit quietly ... awaiting news of our Sunday afternoon fate. You can cut the tension with a blunt pair of Dick Burch's runner beans. To be fair, Nigel does always consult prior to the event - "OK lads, what shall we do if I win the toss? Shall we bowl first, or shall I ask them to bat?" If he did win the toss cheering would be good - Nigel's lost the toss every Sunday since 1978. That's a skill money can't buy. Even Wink, when he was Captain, managed to call correctly on occasions - except, of course, when he was painting Skip's house. Nigel returns. We're fielding. Quelle surprise! He's had a quick look at the opposition and determined that they're strong and we might think about playing for the draw. We, of course, are a

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bit weaker than usual. But then we always are. Captains need to be competitive but some seem to accept the role as a consolation for their inability to achieve more personally fulfilling career ambitions such as invading Poland or becoming Chairman of the Parish Council.

Captaincy is a subtle art, requiring tactical insight, management skills, endless patience, a powerful set of lungs... not to mention an understanding wife. Tons of books exist on the subject but the best is Mike Brearley's *The Art of Captaincy*, mainly because when he wrote it, Brearley had fostered a reputation for having the largest brain in the world. Even bigger than Marvin the Paranoid Android's. It may be cleverer to be thought clever than to be clever, and to be thought as clever as MB is very clever indeed. Yet the book demonstrates Mike only knew the half of it. He was a superb captain with a deep understanding of the way people tick and an instinctive knowledge of how to get the best out of unlikely raw material. But when did he ever have to collect tea money? When did he ever have to go to Skip and say, "Look, sorry, but we've only got eight players... do you mind if my wife plays?" It is in the uncompromising world of village cricket that captains like Nigel come into their own. Anyone could lead the world's best cricketers to victory over Woolpit 3rd XI, but I can't imagine Nasser Hussain has ever had to ring around all his friends on the first morning of a Test match because Graeme Hick has been told by his wife that he has to put up some shelves. That's why Nigel gets our vote... and always will.

Anyway, after the appeal for players in the last newsletter, we had a really good response - but we still need more. Please help us if you can. Otherwise Nigel will go...and, as you now know, his skills and talents are irreplaceable. So support Nigel and our campaign "Vote Joey - and

Play Cricket for Elmswell". Contact details below.

Latest Results:

Friendly: Elmswell 82 for 5 (David Peachey 35, Doug Reed 23 not out); Falcon Promotions 84 for 8 (Peachey 3 for 3). Lost by 2 wickets.

League: Earl Stonham 126 (Dean Rust 5 for 23, Nigel Greathead 2 for 3); Elmswell 96 (Greathead 41, Nigel Burch 16 not out). Lost by 30 runs.

League: Elmswell 133 (Rust 29, Steff Parker 27, Reed 17 not out); Bushel 135 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.

Doug Reed, Club Secretary (Tel: 241009)

Elmswell CC Century Club

June Draw

£15 P Reilly (92), £10 P Tricker (66) and £5 M Schofield (36).

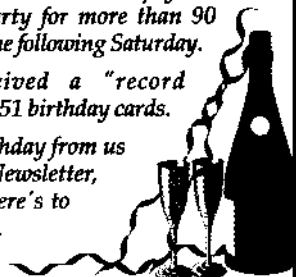


*Congratulations to
Stan King
one of the villages
best loved characters and
valued newsletter deliverers
who celebrated his
70th birthday on July 3rd.*

Stan started the celebrations with friends on the Sunday before his birthday and then enjoyed a surprise party for more than 90 friends on the following Saturday.

Stan received a "record breaking" 151 birthday cards.

*Happy Birthday from us
all at the Newsletter,
Stan and here's to
many more.*



CARL FINCH MEMORIAL

Our picture shows a presentation which has become an annual event. Carl Finch, a Football League referee, an Elmswell FC player and a very popular local figure, died of lung cancer three years ago. Since then his memory has been kept alive by virtue of a fundraising weekend featuring a charity football match and dance. This year the match was between an Elmswell FC XI and a team of Bury referees. Together with the dance, promoted by local impresario Roy Finch (no relation), this year's grand total amounted to £1900. It went towards providing a defibrillator for the Woolpit Health Centre.

Pictured from left to right are Beryl, Carl's mother, President of the Friends of Woolpit Health Centre Lloyd Baker, Roy Finch, Carl's wife Virginia, Community Paramedic Andy King, Dr Tony Brain and Practice manager Sallie Crouch.



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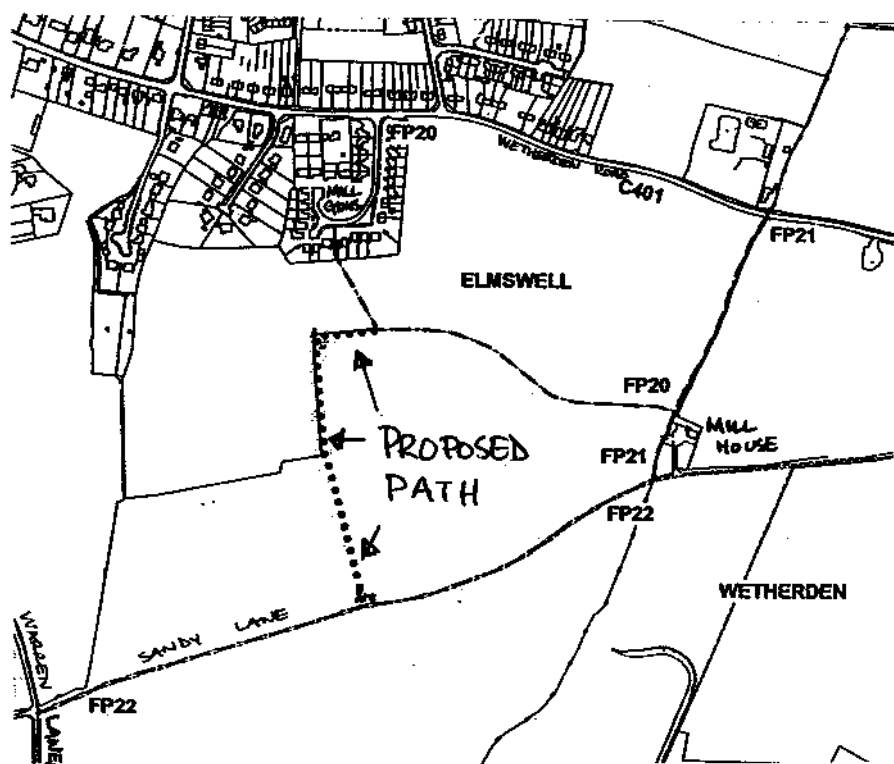
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CLAIMED FOOTPATH

The map shows as a heavy dotted line a proposed footpath route joining Footpath 22, Sandy Lane, off Warren Lane, with Footpath 20 which goes from Mill gardens over the fields to Mill House in Wetherden.

The proposal was made by the Parish Council back in 1992 on behalf of people from the village who claimed that they were aware of or had used the right of way prior to notices being put up forbidding its use.


The County Council is now in the process of assessing the claim and would like to hear from anyone else who supports it. If you are able and willing to help, please ring Rex Durham on 240 718 or contact Anna Hawker at Suffolk County Council on 01473 584 524.



Our Cover Picture Shows . . .

The Hageneth Morris Men - our local side although they dance throughout West Suffolk during the summer and practice in Bury over the winter (contact Keith Farrow on 242215 if you fancy trying it!)


Here they are performing to the large crowd which gathered recently to see them at The Fox under the watchful eye of the CCTV camera on the station. They were joined by the Haughley Hoofers - our local ladies Clog Dancing side (contact Gill Brett on 01449 673518) and they all went on to perform at the Railway Tavern.



**AUTUMN
Elmswell
FAYRE**

Please take your Autumn Fayre
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Elmswell Amateur Dramatic Society Production *'Busy Body'*

Keith Farrow's photo shows superintendent Baxter (Rod Mansell) relaying Mrs Piper's (Val Wilce) story about a disappearing body to the station. Constable Goddard (Jon Barber) looks on.

The production of Jack Popplewell's comic who-dun-it *'Busy Body'* was performed at the Methodist Hall on 20th, 21st & 22nd June to an audience of about 75 people from the village. Although the society was disappointed not to have attracted a larger audience, they were pleased with the comments of appreciation from those that did turn out. After the summer break, EADS will turn its attention to the annual village pantomime which will take place in early February 2003. Rehearsals will start in September.



Letter to Ed from G Powell of Station Road

... In response to Keith Harrison's letter re Youth Shelters (see last month's correspondence)

Further to your letter of 30th May, I write to express my opposition to the proposed Youth Shelter (whatever that might be as your letter does not make it plain) on Crown Mill on the following grounds:

- i. This is a busy and potentially dangerous road, surely the likelihood of a serious accident will only be increased by the proposal, given past incidents.
- ii. There is no available parking space for the cars and motorcycles of the young people, leading to potential obstruction of a section of road which is already dangerous - the level crossing.
- iii. I understood that Crown Mill Green had been designated as an open space - has this now been rescinded? When and how did this happen?
- iv. Given that the vast majority of the young people will come from other areas of the village, what criteria has been applied to select Crown Mill as a potential site?
- v. The children's play area has regularly been vandalised to such an extent that parts of it are dangerous to use: if the young people are encouraged to use this area it is likely that, given the past record, the damage will increase.
- vi. If the Youth Shelter requires screening, as your letter implies, surely it is in the wrong location and should be sited somewhere else?
- vii. I understood that there already was a Youth Shelter in the village, at the Blackbourne. I know from the Elmswell Newsletter in May that this has been badly vandalised. Have the reasons for such behaviour been identified? Incidentally, the newsletter reported that the Parish Council was considering a permanent 'drop in' centre at Blackbourne: is this in addition to or instead of the proposed Youth Shelter?
- viii. I was concerned to read that consultation with various groups had already taken place - perhaps it might have been helpful to discuss the proposals with residents likely to be affected before asking us to 'rubber stamp' the Council's decision.
- ix. As you may be aware I work unsocial hours and already am unable to use the bedroom at the front of the house due to the noise from Crown Mill Green: if a Youth Shelter is to be sited there I can only foresee the problem becoming worse: where do you suggest I sleep?

Given the above concerns I would like to reiterate that I cannot support the Parish Council's proposal/decision in any way.

From Keith Harrison of Wetherden Rd

... cat amongst the pigeons ...

Boy did I put the cat among the pigeons or what! This letter to you is in response to the last council meeting and the newsletter. In my defence I would like to say when the matter of the youth shelter first arose, it was decided to form a working party to look at the situation.

The working party was supposed to be made up of 3 councillors, 2 adult members of the public and 2 young adults of the public. An ad for volunteers was placed in the newsletter and as usual no takers for the adults. But 1 young adult did volunteer and I managed to talk 1 adult into joining. The police had stated to us the sites they had preferred which were the library or Crown mill. We met with the youth or those who had the time to speak to us and they also suggested Crown mill. So we decided to write to you for your suggestions.

As a working party no decisions could be made and nothing had been put forward to the council as we had nothing to report, and a working party does not make a decision or need permission to write a letter. It was written on council paper because as a councillor I give up my time not my stationary. As chairman of the working party it was my decision to send the letter, I thought it would be the most

decent thing to seek your opinion. This issue will not go away, it needs to be addressed, or just sweep it under the carpet.

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From Linda Keegan of Wetherden Rd

... character assassination ...

Firstly I publicly want everyone to know that Keith Harrison is a friend of mine, and that I am proud to have him as a friend.

So you will excuse me if I feel that the last newsletter was a bit of a witch hunt and character assassination.

Keith is, in my opinion, a good man. He is always helpful in whatever way he can, and nothing is too much trouble. He is a committed, honest and loyal

person and totally involved councillor and I know that he wouldn't knowingly do anything wrong or offend anyone.

What is wrong with seeking people's opinion? Your young people need somewhere to hang out, to meet up.

My children are adults and live in London, but will yours when they are adults want to raise their families in a village that doesn't want them?

At the back of my house there is a field that could house a youth club.

I admire the group, who are trying to grapple with this dilemma and feel we in Elmswell are lucky to have a man like Keith who has commitment to his work for his community.

So let's stop pulling each other apart and start to pull together for a change.

Who knows what we would achieve and let's feel proud of ourselves as a community.

From Shelley Watts of Thurston Local Learning Centre

Adult Education Classes 2002/03

We are hoping to run classes in our area from September and would like as many local people to hear about them as we can as they can only run if we get at least 10 students.

We hope to run the following courses in your area from September 2002:-

Art Classes in Woolpit, Ixworth, Stanton, Badwell Ash, Rickinghall & Thurston;

Creative & Craft Skills in **Elmswell**, Ixworth, Stanton, Woolpit & Thurston;

Fitness Classes in Woolpit, Ixworth, **Elmswell**, Beyton & Thurston; Yoga in Ixworth, Stanton, Walsham le Willows, Botesdale & Thurston; Sport and Dance in Woolpit & Thurston; Cookery in Thurston; Surname Studies in Stanton; Bridge in Thurston; French & Spanish in Thurston; Computing in Stanton & Thurston.

For more information and enrolments on these courses please call Thurston Local Learning Centre 01359 232204. OPEN EVENING for enrolments on Wednesday 4th September 2002 at New Green Community Centre, Thurston 7pm - 9pm everyone welcome.

James (Giblet) Rudling

Cheryl, Ian, Chris, Debbie and their families would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the floral tributes, cards and their kind messages of sympathy and support, after the tragic loss of James on 26th April. It helps us to know that so many people care, and that he was so well liked and loved by so many. A special thank you to Jo Merrywest who did the Eulogy. She did a wonderful tribute to James.

We cannot thank everyone personally as there are so many. Please accept this as our only but very sincere acknowledgement.

From Ms Haxall of Oxer Close

Re: Beaver Scout Group

On 31st May I walked down to Elmswell Primary School to collect my son from Beavers only to find that no-one was there. I was told by the cleaner that the Beavers were on a visit to the Fire Station. I then had to rush home, get the car and drive over to the Fire Station.

When I confronted Mr Hollings I was told that the boys were sent home with a note about the visit 2 weeks ago. But I never received one, nor did other parents that I spoke to.

I am not happy with the situation of my son and other children being taken on a visit without permission from the parent(s). Should they not receive a signed slip from the parents with permission to go on a trip - as is the case with other children's groups in the village.

Also, I would like to know what the Beavers are actually achieving in their weekly session. Do they do anything other than 'play football & mess around in the hall' (my son's words)? Obviously I do not want to pull my son out of Beavers if there has just been a breakdown in communication/lesson plan. Does anyone actually have a plan of what is going to be done from one week to the next, or is it just a spur of the moment thing each week?

Do other parents feel the same way? If so speak up.

From Rev John & Mrs Penelope Perrott of Barningham

"Thank you to Elmswell"

Penelope and I want to thank all who have so kindly contributed to our Farewell Gift from Elmswell. So many people have been overwhelmingly generous in contributing to our Farewell Gift of £1,335. We have also received a lovely oil painting of Elmswell Church to remind us of almost 24 years of Ministry in Elmswell, Stephen Friar's "Companion to the English Parish Church", further donations, and very many beautiful cards wishing us a Happy Retirement and Welcome to our New Home, together with so many kind messages in cards and in letters. It has been an overwhelming experience. And we are so very grateful for all the kind thoughts behind the gifts.

Though 8 weeks will now have passed since we moved from Elmswell, retirement continues to feel very strange. No doubt it is the combination of retiring from full-time Ministry at the same time as having to move from our home.

We continue to miss our friends in Elmswell, but we have been made to feel welcome here in Barningham and are beginning to feel more settled after all the upheaval of moving.

Moira Hansen is Priest-in-Charge of Stanton, Barningham, Hopton, Market Weston and Coney Weston. As time goes on she will be glad of some help from time to time in these five Parishes.

As we see our fine old Elmswell Church standing high overlooking the A14, the thought often comes to us, "Yes, the Church is still standing. It's still there!" May St John's Church be for us and all who see it a beacon of light and hope both in good times as in sad times.

By day and by night it stands as a constant reminder that in all the happiness as well as in the sorrows of our lives, we have an eternal Rock of security in our Lord Jesus Christ.

From Alan Hart of Cross Street

... village council meeting ...

This week I attended the village council meeting (my first I am ashamed to say) to see if the conduct of the meeting was a heavy-handed and insensitive as often depicted in the reports in the Newsletter. There were indeed some anomalies;

1. The public were not allowed time to comment at the end of the meeting (in addition to at the beginning) "because the clerk had not put it on the agenda" Since when does the clerk run the council and, if it were an oversight, why was it not picked up before the agenda was officially finalised? Even at this late stage could the Chairman of a meeting not allow an ad hoc contribution if felt useful?
2. What is the sense of putting a confidential item, requiring the exclusion of the public, in the middle of the agenda rather than at the end when everyone not involved could go home? Is it hoped people would go home anyway and not stay for some other, perhaps contentious items?

In spite of the above, I felt that the meeting was fairly well conducted and controlled. Indeed, personally, I found the loudmouthed and belligerent interjections by one of the other councillors far more offensive. Unfortunately chairmen of committees often have to give rulings that others may not be happy with, otherwise they would be discussing matters not strictly relevant until the early hours of the following morning!

From Lesley Reed - Vice Chair of the B.M.A. (tel. 241009)

Hire of the Blackbourne

For the time being, I am dealing with all bookings for the Blackbourne. If you have hired the Blackbourne for a future function and have not contacted me in the last few days, I would be grateful if you could do so, to confirm that we have not overlooked your booking.

If you have never thought of hiring the Blackbourne, please could I recommend it to you! The hall is large, light and airy with a pleasant ambience. It contains a well-equipped kitchen with the facility for a bar. Almost any function can be accommodated, from weddings to a village Autumn Fayre or just a few hours for a meeting or child's party. Perhaps you need a place to celebrate a special anniversary or birthday party or a venue for a seminar. Look no further! The Blackbourne is on your door-step and the hire charges are very competitive, with special rates for Elmswell residents.

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PARISH COUNCIL

An extra-ordinary meeting was held on 2nd July, although the matters adjourned from the June meeting were not on the agenda. 9 councillors and 6 members of the public were present for an ill-tempered and fractious session at which the following matters were among those discussed.

Agenda Questions were raised during the period allowed for public comment on agenda items concerning the poor arrangement of those agenda items, particularly in relation to the juncture at which the public were to be excluded and concerning the lack of public questions normally allowed towards the end of meetings. The Chairman, Cllr Ronald Curry, asserted that he had no part in setting the agenda and that the fault lay with the Parish Clerk, who was not there to defend herself. He conceded that scope for questions from the electorate might be restored at the next meeting, but could not make a firm promise given that he does not control the agenda. He also agreed to speak with the Clerk regarding her failure to forward details of meetings to District Councillor Carol Milward.

Adventure Playground/Skateboard facility In response to a question from the floor regarding progress on these two 'youth issues', the Chairman declined to reply as he was not personally dealing with them. He suggested that, if the query were raised with any Councillor outside of the meeting, then they might agree to have it placed on an agenda.

Housing development on New Road Councillors decided to support the application for houses on the site of the engineering works on New Road, emphasising concerns regarding the need for a pavement to serve the development, the need for affordable housing in the village, the undesirability of any link with adjacent development sites, the need for care in protecting the privacy of neighbouring properties and the undesirability of the number of dwellings exceeding 7.

Kiln Meadow Wildlife Project The public had set the tone for the discussion of this item by suggesting that the 'Executive' of the Council was deliberately obstructing proceedings with a view to ending the Council's responsibility for the project and terminating the contract with Anglian Water who own the site. This was denied and support was voiced by the councillors concerned, although to a sceptical audience which numbered some of the volunteers who established and maintain the site as directed by the Council following the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Management Plan. In the light of certain technicalities requiring a change to insurance arrangements for the site, Cllr Ronald Curry tabled a document which paraphrased some of the terms of the agreement with Anglian Water and drew inferences from this suggesting that the only way forward was to terminate the agreement with Anglian Water and suggest that the volunteers shoulder the administrative burden as well as doing the work. It was agreed that this course of action should be put to the volunteers via Cllr Mrs Mary Feeney who has had some involvement with them. Cllr Feeney, having left the meeting for the discussion under the strictures of the new 'Ethical Code', returned and was eventually asked if she would act as spokesperson for the volunteer group. This she declined to do on the grounds that the group is in no way formally constituted, with people coming to help as and when they feel so inclined and that no one person can be said to speak for them. Cllr Curry asserted vigorously that he would find someone else to talk to. Cllr Feeney responded with equal vigour to the effect that, whatever actions certain Councillors took to harm the project, the volunteers would not let it die. Cllr Feeney continued in vigorous response to what had degenerated into browbeating by leaving the meeting.

Improvements at Blackbourne A completely new set of plans for improvements to the main building on Blackbourne were tabled to Councillors at the June meeting and were now listed for discussion. The plans replace those which had been drawn up to include a room where a bar could be sited and a glazed conservatory adjacent to the cricket outfield, together with a new entrance way to replace the much criticised 'chicane' access ramp adjacent to the car park flanked by two timber units housing a storeroom and a Clerk's office. The new plans suggest the conversion of the existing kitchen for occasional bar use and the building of a smaller kitchen adjacent to the new bar area. There is, again, provision for office space and storage. Councillors queried whether the new kitchen is large enough, whether the store is large enough and whether there should be outside access to the store. The need for an office was questioned, and, although the Chairman felt unable to commit himself as to who would use it he did insist that there must be an 'IT Suite' tag attached to it as this would be the only way to secure grants. It was suggested that this might constitute false pretences and that the true purpose behind the proposal was to provide a Parish Clerk's office, a facility ridiculed by the current champions of the idea when they stood for election. A heated debate calmed only when it was decided to send the plans back to the architect.

Bowls pavilion The new bowls pavilion is to be managed by the Parish Council rather than the Blackbourne Management Association, although it is hoped that the Non Domestic Rate thus ensuing will be levied at a concessionary level. The Parish Clerk is to take on the administration following modification to her contract.

The July Ordinary Meeting was held at the Blackbourne on 15th July attended by 7 Councillors and 14 members of the public. The combative atmosphere was rekindled as the Chairman tried to prevent the public from moving their chairs nearer to the debate which they had done so as to be able to hear the proceedings over the noise of the extractor fans. The fans were switched off, a door was opened to provide quieter, low-tech ventilation, the public sat tight and the following matters of interest were among those discussed.

Kiln Meadow The Chairman, Ronald Curry, assured one of the volunteer workers that there is scope for action to allow work to continue on the site once the perceived insurance problems are resolved. He offered further assurances that the letter to Council signed by some volunteers would result in a meeting prior to the next Ordinary Council Meeting in September. He is aware of the Council's liabilities in the matter and the situation is 'continually monitored'. He was in turn assured that the volunteers would not let the hard work of the last few years be wasted by a concoction of bureaucratic nonsense designed to assert the power of certain councillors.

Declarations of Interest It was accepted that Council needs more guidance on the declarations of interest which have to be made under the new Ethical Code. The Chairman could not confirm whether or not there is a conflict of interest relating to the involvement of councillors, their families or, similarly, that of the members of Council Working Parties. However, in a change of policy following discussion with Suffolk Association of Local Councils, the names of those tendering for work or contracts was not withheld from councillors at this meeting.

Police The newly appointed Community Constable introduced the newly appointed Sergeant who will oversee the Elmswell Beat Station. Theft from motor cars has been a feature of the crime statistics in the year to date. There has been a recent spate of antisocial behaviour at Crabtree Meadow where repeated complaints have secured a frequent Police presence. However, similar problems on the cricket square at Blackbourne have resulted in only one reported incident and the Sergeant explained

pointedly that on the basis of one complaint the problem will not be seen as worthy of regular Police attendance.

New bus service County Councillor Mrs Jane Storey reported that, as a result of meetings with Woolpit, Drinkstone, Thurston and Pakenham Parish Councils there is the possibility that a weekend evening mini-bus service might be provided from these villages into Bury and that Elmswell, which had not sent a representative to the discussions, might, nevertheless, also benefit.

Wheeler bins District Councillor Carol Milward reported that the initiative to provide wheeler bins in Mid Suffolk should come to fruition in March 2003 and that a Recycling Office is to be appointed later this year to oversee the changeover.

Grass cutting Cllr Milward agreed with Cllr Mrs Feeny who reported that the Mid Suffolk grass cutting service is in chaos with no service level in place, little accountability and the best results obtained by those who shout the loudest. There is to be a firm statement of intent, which might include the option of requiring all Parish Councils to pay for grass cutting in their village, later in the year to allow next year's budgeting to take account of the implications.

Repairing the village There was lengthy discussion on a proposal from Cllr Mary Feeny, who chairs the Environment Working Party, about the lack of any progress at all on the maintenance tasks which her group constantly bring to Council's attention and which do not get done. This includes the installation of new litter bins etc., and Cllr Feeny argued for Council to appoint a small pool of preferred contractors so that the Clerk might give instructions for small works, as sanctioned by Council, without the debilitating process of seeking individual quotes for each job, however small. The Chairman argued that this would require a change to Standing Orders and referred the matter to his Finance & General Purposes Working party. No action was determined regarding the backlog of jobs apart from the suggestion from Cllr Mrs Crook that volunteers be sought to do them.

Web site The Chairman confirmed that the Council's web site is installed and that the correct web address might be posted in the Library before he goes on holiday.

Street cleaner In response to an advertisement in the Newsletter, a Street Cleaner has been appointed to start on 1st August. A wheeled skip is to be provided at Blackbourne to take the rubbish.

Grant applications The F&GP Working Party not having met since February, there are outstanding grant applications from village organisations now 6 months old and, in fact, no grants have been made at all in the current financial year. The Chairman is to address the situation.

Youth facilities There has been no progress on the installation of Youth Shelters at Crown Mill or anywhere else. The promised letter of apology to residents who were threatened with the installation of such a facility on Crown Mill has not yet been written. The Drop in Centre at Blackbourne is now closed on grounds of Health & Safety. The toilet unit is to be removed. The background research carried out by Cllr Gruff Rowlands into the provision of a skateboard ramp has not yet resulted in progress.

Jubilee The successful Street Party having cost just £1300 from a budget of some £3000, a Jubilee meal is to be provided in the Autumn for villagers aged 60 and over.

The wastre Close play area The unsanitary and unsafe nature of this facility and the whole field was highlighted in a letter from a resident. This is an area regularly highlighted by the Environment Working Party as needing attention but about which nothing is done. No action was determined.

Blackbourne plans The Chairman resisted calls from councillors and public alike for wide and public consultation on revised plans based on those discussed at the previous

meeting. The plans are not available to the public but would seem to hinge on the provision of an office for the Parish Clerk as Cllr Clark cited 'pressures' to vacate the changing room which the Council has annexed and converted for its own use. The nature of the pressure was not detailed but 4 councillors felt the situation required immediate action and voted to apply for planning permission for the scheme, at which stage the public will have sight of it. It was, again, stressed that an element of 'TT Suite' must remain on the plans if grant aid is to be successfully sought.

Crown Mill play area After some 8 months of deliberation and many complaints, £230 was allocated for repairs to the wooden paling fence and to the wooden fence adjacent to the railway. Quotations for the provision of metal fencing to the play area are to be re-sought as they were obviously not based on a standard specification, varying, as they did, between £5,100 and £32,625.

Grove Lane changing rooms Another saga came to an end when Council finally accepted the legality and plain common sense behind the proposal that they apply for planning permission for the proposed new changing rooms on the 7 acre playing field at Grove Lane administered by the Elmswell Sports Advisory Committee (ESAC). The planning fee is thus reduced by some £900, money saved to the village, but the Chairman had argued, against the clear advice of Mid Suffolk District Council, that such a move would be unlawful. Reassured by yet more legal advice the point is grudgingly conceded after months of wrangling. ESAC will now be in a position to fund the application which is designed to help take the pressure off the facilities at Blackbourne.

Local Plan Review Cllr Mrs Feeney queried the fact that the Mid Suffolk Local Plan is undergoing a consultation process which will result in changes to the policies on housing, transport, planning etc. and that this has not been placed on the agenda of the Parish Council for comment. The Chairman expressed his hope that such a lapse would not happen again. The closing date for this round of consultation comment is 31st July. Copies of the full document are available from the Council officers at Needham Market and there is a copy in the Memorial Library. Comment from individuals is welcomed.

Hedge at Blackbourne The last time Council's attention was drawn to the urgent maintenance works required to the shelter belt hedging at Blackbourne was on 14th February 2000 when the matter was referred for attention in the following autumn. It was raised again by Cllr Mrs Feeney backed up by Cllr Burch who also cited the burgeoning thistle growth at Blackbourne. No action was determined.

Administration costs During the session set aside for public comment, it was pointed out that during the meeting it had been accepted by councillors and public alike that the Parish Clerk is not able to cope with the workload as it is currently presented. She has herself tabled a paper to the F&GP Working Party saying so. It is suggested that more hours are needed, possibly a second clerical officer and, therefore, possibly more office space. The point was made that this has never been the case previously and yet Council is, provably, doing less work. Only 13 letters, many of them simple procedural communications, were sent during the whole of the previous month's business. There were no minutes produced for either of the last two meetings. Meanwhile nothing is progressing and nothing is getting done yet the budget for administration this year amounts to 36% of the money precepted from the people of Elmswell - a 6% increase on the previous high last year. At the recent Parish Meeting, Cllr Clark promised to bring this matter to the F&GP Working Party for urgent consideration. Chairman Curry conceded that this had not yet happened, but it would. The matter will be added to the list of 'issues to be addressed'.

Next meeting The next scheduled meeting will be at the Blackbourne at 7.30 on 16th September.

Report compiled by Peter Dow

What's On in Elmswell ?

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

July

- 17 Elmswell CC v Elmswell FC, Friendly, at The Blackbourne, 6.15pm (Wednesday)
- 20 Kiln Meadow 2nd Cut and Ragwort pull
- 21 Gardening Club Open Gardens
- 28 Elmswell CC v Worlington III, League, at The Blackbourne, 2.15pm (Sunday)
- 29 Elmswell Toddler Group: Picnic at Needham Lake via train
- 31 10.00 am - 3.00 pm, Little Elms Fun Factory Open Day at the Blackbourne

August

- Kiln Meadow Bat Watch - Time and date in August to be decided
- 1 Kiln Meadow Pond Dipping approx 6-6.30pm, children must be accompanied by an adult
- 3 Gardening Club Annual Outing to Hever Castle

August contd

- 4 Elmswell CC v Cavendish Wanderers, League, at The Blackbourne, 2.15pm (Sunday)
- 5 Elmswell Toddler Group: Magic Mickey, Wesley Hall, 2.00pm
- 14 Elmswell Toddler Group: Toddlers Teddy Bear Picnic at the Blackbourne
- 25 Elmswell CC v Earl Stonham, League, at The Blackbourne, 2.15pm (Sunday)

September

- 6 7.30pm. Friends of St John's Church Festival - Cheese and Wine & Concert
- 7 10am-6pm. Friends of St John's Church Festival - Art Exhibition
- 8 10.30am. Friends of St John's Church Festival - Annual Service
- 8 1pm-5pm. Friends of St John's Church Festival - Art Exhibition

September contd

- 8 Elmswell CC v Edwardstone, League, at The Blackbourne, 1.30pm (Sunday)
- 14 All day! - Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
- 16, 23, 30 Soft Furnishing and Upholstery - 9.30am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne
- 17, 24 Keep Fit for the more Mature - 10.30-11.30am at the Blackbourne
- 18, 25 Cake icing and Sugar-craft - 10.00am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne
- 19 Gardening Club, Speaker from Otley College on History of Gardening
- 28 Kiln Meadow Final Cut
- 28 Gift Day at St John's Church
- 29 Harvest Festival Services at St John's Church, 10.30am and 6.30pm.

October

- Kiln Meadow Fungi Foray
- 1, 8, 15, 29 Keep Fit for the more Mature - 10.30-11.30am at the Blackbourne
- 2, 9, 16, 30 Cake icing and Sugar-craft - 10.00am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne

October contd

- 7, 14, 28 Soft Furnishing and Upholstery - 9.30am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne
- 17 Mr Sarman on Variegation/ Origin & Types of Plants
- 18 7.30pm. Concert in St John's Church - Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir

November

- Kiln Meadow Tree Planting
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Soft Furnishing and Upholstery - 9.30am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Keep Fit for the more Mature - 10.30-11.30am at the Blackbourne
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Cake icing and Sugar-craft - 10.00am until 12 noon at the Blackbourne
- 16 2pm, St John's Church Autumn Fair - Blackbourne
- 21 Gardening Club AGM

December

- 3, 10 Keep Fit for the more Mature - 10.30-11.30am at the Blackbourne

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