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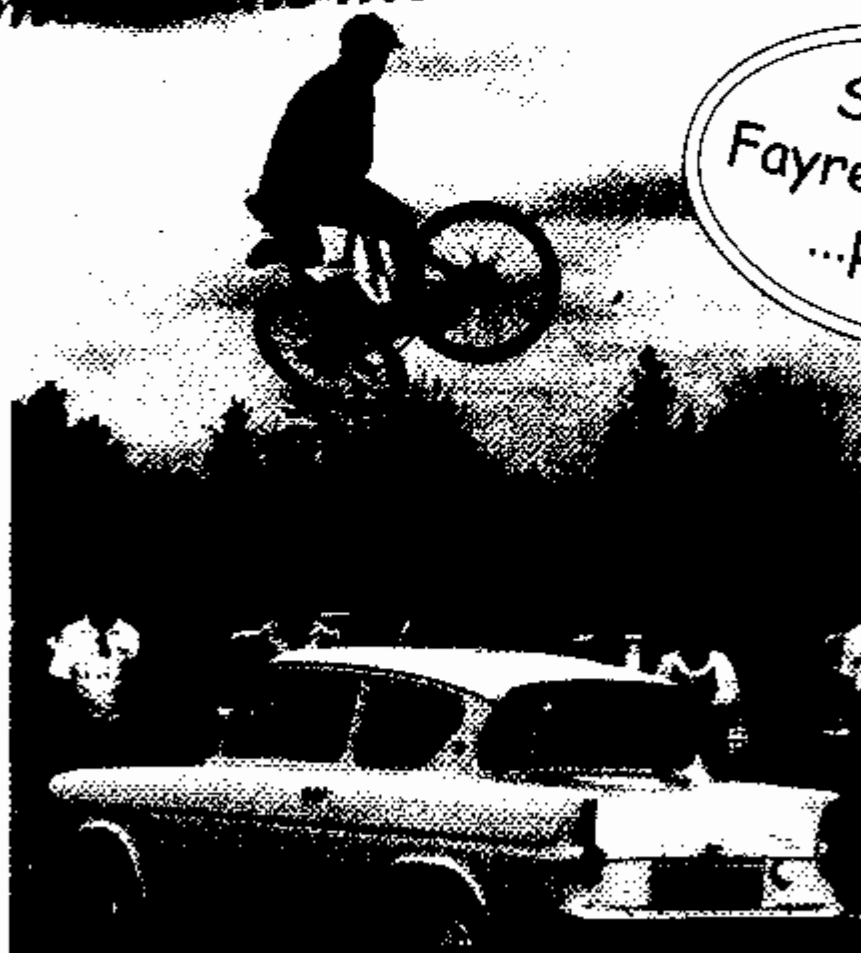


The ELMSWELL Newsletter

OCTOBER 2003

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This Month's
"COMMENT"

is from
**Terry Southgate of the
Autumn Fayre Committee**

My Newsletter 'Comment' is Thank You. To all our helpers on the day. We were overwhelmed with the help I received – I speak on behalf of the other two as well, Peter Edmonds and Graham Newman.

The great thing was it was not only the good old regular ones helping out. We had many new faces this year. Some had

not been in the village that long but still wanted to be a part of the village life. After a few years of what I call the *bad times*. With that spirit in the village we can all move forward together.

We started the build up to the Fayre on Thursday night. Barry Hayward helped with some of the marking out of the site, then back we came Saturday - Peter Dow and Dick Burch cleaning up the site, grass cutting etc. Special thanks Dick for watering the grass (he cut through the water pipe!) Well we had plenty of soggy fun while that lasted.

The day of the Fayre we started to arrive just after 7 am. Malcolm Elliston, was, as ever, first to arrive to help Peter and Harry with their marquee. Then the helpers - Barry Hayward, Roy Finch (plus Grandsons), Tony Marsham, Dave Hollings, David Austen, Edmund & Sue Kiddy and Jean Barker got going. (Some still had the after effects of the night before I feel!) They soon had the main ring in place and the marquee went up like magic.

After this the girls arrived to sort the hall out for the craft stalls, Karen Friend and Christine Miller. And Brit Edmunds got started with the food side of things in the hall and this was to continue all though the day with her helpers Jane Woods, Janet Sparrow and Jean Barker.

The gate was manned by Wendy Southgate and Michaela Glasper from 10am. They were there trying to check out who was paying or not. That's not that easy when some people have 10 helpers on a stall and still wanted to get in free. Things will have to change next year on this I feel.

With so many stall holders coming in free that's a lot of people getting in for

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nothing and we can only help so much. So it looks like tickets for stall holders next year, two for each stall maybe? We will be doing the same for the vintage cars etc, two in cars and the rest will pay. That's more work for the three of us but what can we do?

The gate roster continued like clock work all day. Change-over on the hour with most doing one hour some doing two. David Barker loved it so much he stayed most of the day and had to be told to go home at the end.

The gate helpers were:-

Jean Barker	Val Burch	Jonathon Barker
John Ibbetson	Steve Murphy	Mary Feeney
Babs	Carol Reilly	Dennis O'Leary
Gus Hammel	Sandy O'Leary	Jane Heselden
Wendy Bean	Mick Heselden	Susan Bean
Paul Abbott	Dave Hollings	

John Ibbetson sent all the begging letters out to the local companies before the day for draw prizes. Paul from the Co op arrived on his milk float so it could be used for the draw stand. That's well over 10 years he has been doing this, thanks Paul.

The Draw helpers were:-

Debbie Godfrey	Nicky McLoughlan	Marian Abbott
V Abercrombie	M Abercrombie	Dave Hollings
Keith Hale	Paul the Milk	

The tombola was a great success again, Marion Petchey, Wendy Southgate and Joan Hill looked after that one, thanks girls.

A quiet thank you, too, to Alan Sparrow, who lurked secretly, collecting and distributing used notes all afternoon – he told us he was used to having a taxing time.

Thanks must go to Alan Wells for the new hats and shirts with the Fayre logo on them. What must have be the worst job of all is the car park John Petchey & Peter Moore looked after that one all day whilst Ian Kerr did a great job on the vintage cars, getting them in the right place and telling us all the ins-and-outs of the cars in the main ring in the afternoon .

It was brilliant to see Muriel King back with us for the day. She did well keeping us well informed what was going on at the Fayre

There was no messing with our man Tony Marsham over in the car boot section, he soon got them in the right place with no problems this year – nor with the Crockery Smash, where Adele and her friends helped Mum & Dad Lorraine and Chris Nicholls to raise a tidy sum – and leave a tidy site!

Bill Hill was on the Cricket pitch with his bowls. The money was going to be raised for the Fayre but a decision was made to give it to the Helping Hand Club. Bill came all the way from Bury to help with his wife Joan who was on the tombola.

When the Fayre was over it was all cleaned up by 1815 hours and all of us went

home for a rest. I hope all the helpers felt just like me that you had been part of the village life and was satisfied with the days work. We had put something back into the village and that's all the thanks we need.

Big thanks to Mr Finch for the skip, if you need a Skip get one from your local supplier, telephone 240 750.

Yes I have forgotten you! Sorry if I have, I have done all this by memory and it is not as good as it was.

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Needham Market C of E Parish Church (second Sunday of each month), 12.15pm

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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.

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Results

Saturday 6th

1st Team - Murry Rangers (Home) Lost 2-1. Scorer: P Swallow.

Res - Hoxne Res (Away) Lost 2-1.

Saturday 13th

1st Team - Stradbroke (Away) Lost 5-2. Scorers: P Seallow 1, R Fox 1.

Saturday 20th (Cup)

1st Team - Stag Tavery (Away) Won 4-3. Scorers: P Swallow 2, J Vickers 2.

Res - Coddham Res (Home) Lost 6-1. Scorer: Own goal.

Anyone wishing to join the football club please telephone Barry Hayward on (01359) 240951. Training nights Wednesday nights at Blackbourne at 18.15.

Compiled by H Mulley (01359) 240889

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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Time passes quickly and here we are again at the end of a fairly successful season.



Congratulations to the Elmswell players who reached the final of the Suffolk County Bowls Association Somes Cup, losing to Framlingham Bowls Club after a hard fought match by 70-84 shots. The Thursday 'B' won their division and played Woodfield 'A', winners of the Wednesday division, to determine the overall winner, losing by only 4 shots. The Monday 'B' team came second in their Division. Brian Spence and Tony Marsham won the Stowmarket and District Bowls League Men's Pairs trophy. Well played everyone. The Club held it's usual internal competitions. The winners and runners-up are as follows:

2003 Club Competition Results

Presidents Cup

Winner: Clive Allsop; Runner-up: Brian Spence

Horseshoe Trophy

Winner: Mrs Linda Abbott

Jubilee Cup

Winner: Brian Spence; Runner-up: Barry Hayward

Bendall Cup (Men's Singles)

Winner: David Cocksedge; Runner-up: Brian Spence

Guinness Cup (Ladies Singles)

Winner: Marge Bendall; Runner-up: Ruth Armstrong

Gover Cup (Mixed Singles)

Winner: Derek Cross; Runner-up: Barry Hayward

Turner Cup (Mixed Doubles)

Winners: David Cocksedge and Archie Cruickshank; Runners-up: Graham Newman and Ruth Armstrong

Jack Armstrong Memorial Shield (Mixed Triples)

Winners: Tommy Cooper, Barry Hayward

and Brenda Tullett; Runners-up: Elizabeth Bennington, Sheila Faulkner and Al Mudge

Chairman's Shield (6 Drives Trophy)

Winner: Brian Spence; Runner-up Brenda Tullett

Miller Cup (Men's Targets)

Winner: Bob West; Runner-up: Ian Tullett

Tullett Cup (Ladies Targets)

Winner: Ruth Armstrong; Runner-up: Linda Abbott

Walsham Taxi's Shield (Sunday Drive Trophy)

Winner: Alan Sparrow; Runner-up: Tony Marsham

I hope all the members enjoyed their season as much as I did and look forward to seeing all the current members, and hopefully some new members next April for the start of the next season.

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for their hard work this season and especially to the green keepers and their helpers. Without their efforts, we wouldn't have a green to bowl on.

Results for August

Monday 'A'

Rookery 'A' 76 Elmswell 'A' 70
Elmswell 'A' 87 Haughley 52

Monday 'B'

Stowupland 'B' 83 Elmswell 'B' 74

Tuesday 'A'

St Botolphs 'A' 26 Elmswell 'A' 32
Elmswell 'A' 46 Thornham Magna 22
Debenham 'A' 47 Elmswell 'A' 19

Tuesday 'B'

Elmswell 'B' 40 Stowupland 'B' 29
St Botolphs 'B' 14 Elmswell 'B' 52
Elmswell 'B' 35 Debenham 'B' 33

Wednesday 'A'

Elmswell 'A' 56 St Botolphs 82
Haughley 56 Elmswell 'A' 65

Elmswell 'A' 70 Bildeston 58
Thorndon 61 Elmswell 'A' 70

Thursday 'B'

Needham Market 50 Elmswell 'B' 76
Elmswell 'B' 83 Debenham 55
Earl Stonham 61 Elmswell 'B' 79

Stowmarket League Knockout Triples

Thornham Magna 64 Elmswell 'B' 50
Combs Ford 76 Elmswell 'A' 56

Soames Cup

Elmswell 81 St Botolphs 59

Wednesday Section v Thursday Section Play-off

Elmswell 'B' 63 Woodfield 'A' 67

Ian Tullett, Chairman

ELMSWELL

LUNCHEON CLUB



On Monday September 1st the Elmswell Luncheon Club enjoyed their second outing this year. Billed as a 'Mystery Tour', 35 members toured the by-ways of the Suffolk countryside in glorious sunshine. Our coach driver kept us all guessing as to where we were heading - with lots of conclusions offered - all proving wrong! We finished up at The Crown, Manningtree overlooking the river and with the tide coming in. After a hearty lunch from a varied menu, our group headed off into the countryside once more. The afternoon journey was broken at the Corn Craft centre, Monks Eleigh where much tea and coffee was imbibed and gifts purchased. All in all, a successful day well organised, as usual, by our Secretary, Rosalie Summons.

The Elmswell Luncheon Club meets on Mondays at The Bull, Woopit where we have recently welcomed several new members. If you would like details of the Club, including the transport available, please telephone Rosalie on 01359 240001.

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ELMSWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wasn't the fayre good. Well done to the organisers, it gets bigger and better every year. I enjoyed the Dakota fly-past over Bury, my 10 seconds on the mic (thanks Muriel - my mum remembers you as the bus prefect - a story for another time), it was nice to see the cricket pitch being used for a proper sport (bowls) and I was reunited with my childhood sweetheart, who is now on the committee of the Little Elms Pre-Schoolers (remember me - marine boy - that's definitely a story for another time). I didn't sign many autographs - but I hope the children enjoyed the treasure hunt and parachute games. Next year watch out - we aim to be bigger and better - I shall definitely be bigger!

So we now launch into October with a rush - the first weekend being particularly busy. We shall have on Friday 3rd a 3 churches harvest supper at the Methodist, on Sat 4th a 3 churches barn dance at the village hall (contact anyone from the 3 churches for tickets - all are invited) and on Sunday 5th at 10.30am our own Harvest/Parade service for the local scouting groups at the Baptist Church. If we sold tickets it would be a sell-out (ITFC please note), but we don't so arrive early to avoid disappointment. I shall be looking out for my next victim now you have your own 'informative' column. (I have an Ipswich Town Signed Football). Please support our harvest/parade service aimed for all the family.

On Monday 6th our ladies meet at 7.45pm and on Tuesday 7th our CU club continues every week at 6pm. Please give this a look, we have lost a few to other meetings that take place on a Tuesday in the village so it would be nice to see our numbers go back to around 20 as per last term. The next series of fun and games for this term is under the banner of WWJD. Turn up for a translation. There will be no meeting on

28th October due to half-term but we shall re-start on 4th November with our 2nd birthday party. Anyone from the past, present, or future are invited to this party where a small buffet and party games will be the order of the day.

At the beginning of this month (builder permitting) we shall be starting work on our disabled toilet so if you hear a bit of banging, crashing, sawing or ear piercing screeches, it's not me on the guitar - it's the start of what will be a refurbishment of the Chapel.

If you would like to find out more on our activities, or would like to talk to anyone from the chapel, phone Tony on 241541. See you next month if not before.

Mark

P.S. No-one managed to win the main prize in our treasure hunt, as no-one was able to find a 5p from Doug's wallet. I'll make it a guinea next time!!!

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ELMSWELL W.I.

Elmswell W.I. was formed in 1933 so in September Anne Dyball welcomed members, past members and guests, to celebrate our 70th Birthday.

Blackbourne Hall was decorated with banners, balloons and flowers and everyone sat down and enjoyed a superb meal.

Everyone was interested to hear past presidents tell of their recollections and a large exhibition of memorabilia showed events and achievements from past years. Our Institute encourages more members to join us each year and we are always looking forward to new activities and speakers as well as occasionally looking back.

Why not join us next month on the second Tuesday at Blackbourne Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are made very welcome.

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METHODIST NEWS

After an absolutely wonderful summer the much wanted rain is just hammering down on our thirsty gardens and we, along with most organisations, are now into our Autumn activities.

The Methodist Connexional Year begins on the 1st September, when ministers move to new circuits, or if the time has come, they begin a well earned retirement. We in the Bury St Edmunds Methodist Circuit have no changes this year in the ministerial staff, although our Lay Worker for the past four years, Stephen Roe, has now commenced his year full time training for the Diaconate. We wished him well in special services in our section, and will miss the tremendous work he has done amongst us.

Our Ladies Meeting are now back with their weekly Tuesday afternoon gatherings at 2.45pm. Speakers for the next few weeks: 14 October Mrs Maureen Newcombe. 28th October Mrs Joyce White. 4th November Members Afternoon. 11th November Mr Alan Newcombe.

The Exchange Club meets on 21st September when Mr C J Parfitt will speak on 'In Search of Incas'.

Coffee shop will be open from 10 - 11.30 on Oct 16th, 30th, Nov 13th. Do drop in if you are in the village for coffee/tea and biscuits.

The Thursday evening 5.30 - 6.30 youth club is now in full swing. Volunteers to help with this would be welcome.

Preachers for the coming Sundays at 10.45am: Oct 12th Rev. Stephen Yelland. Oct 19th Mrs Maureen Wayman. Oct 26th Rev. Alan Stephens. Nov 2nd Mr Ian Kemp. Nov 9th Rev. Peter Dainty.

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ELMSWELL CRICKET CLUB (sponsored by Manvers Triumph)



Mercifully, we've got to the end of another season and without too many tragedies. We're still in Division 4 of the Suffolk League, having narrowly missed out on promotion. Or was it relegation? I can never remember which. It's all a blur now. At one time we seriously threatened to have a successful year and thought we'd only have to test positive to a banned substance to miss out - unlikely unless the prohibited list was widened to include Carlsberg. However, we stuttered mid-season and then got truly found out - the more we scored, the more the opposition took our bowlers to the cleaners and back... then round again once more for luck.

If cricket, as they say, is a test of character, reintroducing its practitioners to triumph and disaster on a regular basis while requiring them to treat those two imposters just the same - then we have it in abundance. Still, everyone seems to have been a contributor either with bat, ball or barbecue tongs. You couldn't say our misfortunes were due to a lack of talent. Pete van den Berg and David Peachey are quality batsmen, while Deano and Nigel Greathead are a first-rate new-ball bowling attack. OK, so maybe a re-think is needed.

But something is clearly lacking, and there's no shortage of theories - or, at any rate, theories that might get us off the hook. "I've been thinking", said Graham Newman last week. "It must be a leadership problem. Yep, the Chairman must take the rap. I should probably resign." "Hey, hang on there," Wink Peachey protested. "You're not resigning before I do - I'm afraid it's clearly a selection problem so as Captain I shall just have to fall on my Slazenger V600" (painful at any time). "I've got to put my hand up here," interrupted Club Secretary Nigel Bailey. "My performance keeping the minutes at Committee meetings has been disgraceful. I've decided to go before I'm pushed." Before long, everyone from the President to the unofficial social secretary had joined the fray. Resignations? An absolute orgy of self-inculpation followed. Everyone quit. The Club folded and we were all about to take up gardening, devote weekends to our wives/Mrs Brooks/partners and children, and get more involved with the Baptists, in hedgerow surveys, in scouting and the local community generally. There was merely the remaining question - what do we do with all our gear? "Wouldn't mind a game of cricket," said Mr Greathead. "Heck, yeah" said everyone else - so on we go.

Generally, spirits are undepressed and the effect on bar takings around Suffolk has

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been revenue neutral (thanks particularly to the Nigels). Frankly, losing sometimes makes a better story than winning - as in the last League match at Milden. At 22 for 7, the scorebook, with its five fat ducks, resembled a tortured version of the Olympic symbol. Actually, it may be that we're not depressed enough. There have been team meetings, reviews, previews, replays and bonding sessions (I said 'bonding'!) - but most seem to have been held in "The Fox" on a Sunday evening and involved Mr Greathead drinking copious amounts of Stella Artois, at a time when he claimed he should have been going home, while laughing uncontrollably if anyone mentioned the name Edwin! Still, I'd rather it was that way. As my wife would say, we're well-grounded - whatever that means? I've played for teams where you're expected to 'bleed for the Club'. Stuff that. If I wanted to give blood I'd play rugby.

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To finish the season we had an Elmswell Over 35s versus Elmswell Under 35s match. This was amazing on two fronts. Firstly, that we could find enough people for two teams; and, secondly, that I was not allowed to play for the Under 35s. My solicitor is still working on this. Mark (Baptists - Elmswell not Wetherden) would understand the indignity of people not knowing where you are or should be. Anyway, maybe more about this match later. By the way, I hope you weren't too lonely at the Fayre, Mark and that you found the friend you were seeking - maybe dumping last year's hat and retro-shades was the answer after all? And did you see the WI have had a beetle-drive? Perhaps we could start a village competition? Mind you, we'd be a player short as one of our 'dolly birds' has actually joined the WI. Anyway, on your behalf, I'd like to take issue with the 'Scout Report' in the last newsletter as they described the Baptist section you write as 'informative'! Balls. Yep, they want to know if ours are signed by professionals? Answer, not unless you know anyone named Madein India. Lastly, don't forget our **Entertainment Quiz** on November 29 - contact myself or Graham Newman 240846 (also see the separate advert). Book now to avoid disappointment - once again, we trust the Baptists and Bowls Club will slug it out for the bottom spot... and so enable others to achieve respectability. They'll be truly DECAF - Doing Elmswell Cquizzers a Favour!

Doug Reed (Tel. 241009)

MSDChat

The need for  'affordable housing' continues, thankfully, to be accorded a high profile both at Mid Suffolk District Council and in the media. You probably *won't* know that it has been the subject of a recent MSDC

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consultation and that it resulted in no less than 24 significant responses from house-builders, agents, Registered Social Landlords, town and parish councils, and others. Elmswell Parish Council submitted a very considered response and was one of just five parish councils to reply (from the 122 that there are in the District). This reflects well upon the village and ensured that Elmswell's views were taken into due account. The result of the consultation will go to a meeting of MSDC's Executive Committee very shortly and we'll be able to inform you of the outcome at that time. On a not unrelated topic, there is to be a change in the process for dealing with **planning applications** to provide for far greater discussion with local communities at the *pre-planning application stage*. This is good news - for parish councils especially, as it will mean involvement in the process at a much earlier point than now and,

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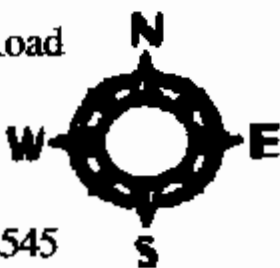
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You'll be well aware of the **TwinBin Scheme** given that Elmswell was one of the first villages to be involved in it. I mentioned before the questionnaire that was issued to all households involved in the pilot project. You may like to know that an unprecedented 5,000 were returned of the 12,000 issued. They demonstrated the high levels of satisfaction (82%) with the implementation. That's not, of course, to say that everything is perfect - but it's a very good starting point. In addition to extending the scheme to the rest of Mid Suffolk, the Council is also reviewing the future of household waste management and, in particular, when 'compostable' materials might be the subject of kerbside collections.

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL

For many years the congregation at St John's Church has supported the work of the South American Mission Society; on 12 October our preacher will be Mr John Batman, who will no doubt give us up to date news of SAMS work, particularly in regard to the translation of the Bible into the local languages of the South American people. This runs alongside SAMS' evangelical, medical and educational work amongst the indigenous peoples of South America.

The Friends of St John's Church, Elmswell

The recent Festival of Art, Music and Flowers was a successful venture both in raising funds for the fabric of the Church and in welcoming a large number of people into the Church and the village. The Preview Evening, which included a Concert by the choir of St Mary's Church Haughley, under the leadership of Eileen Jones was well attended and an excellent start to a very enjoyable weekend. At the Annual Service of the Friends we were pleased to welcome Revd Prebendary John Pearce as our preacher as well as several former members of the Church, who have moved away in recent years. Over 200 pictures by local artists were on display, with beaded jewellery by Pat Catton and flower arrangements by friends of the Church. Also on display was the 1842

Tithe Map, exhibited by the Elmswell Millennium History Group. Various organists entertained us during the exhibition - and a big 'thank you' is due to *everyone* who supported the Friends of St John's Church over this busy weekend.

This year the Friends have commissioned a Christmas card which we are selling to raise funds for the Church fabric. The picture is the reproduction of a water-colour painting by Liz Nicholson and depicts the Church on a snowy night. These are available in packs of five cards at £2.50 a pack - from Jean Folkard (Tel: 242099) as are aprons, bookmarks and keyrings.

The Elmswell Fellowship of Churches
Don't forget the Barn dance and Social Evening! Saturday 4 October at 7.30pm at the Blackbourne. Live band, refreshments, soft drinks (no bar!). Tickets £2 for adults, £1 for children, available from representatives of the Fellowship of Churches (Anglican, Baptist, Methodist) or pay at the door.

Services, etc., at St John's Church, Elmswell

Sunday 5 October

9.30am Family Service
11.00am Morning Prayer
12 noon Holy Communion

Sunday 12 October

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Praise
South American Mission
Sunday



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Sunday 19 October

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 26 October

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 2 November

9.30am Family Service

11.00am Morning Prayer

12 noon Holy Communion

6.30 pm United Service Fellowship of Churches at Methodist Church

Sunday School in the Church Room at 10.30am every Sunday except 1st in month.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

You are invited to sponsor the floodlighting of St John's to help with the day-to-day running expenses of our parish church.

You can choose to commemorate a personal event, an anniversary, or any other special occasion. Alternatively you can simply make a donation.

For October the lights will be on between 7.00pm and midnight.

A night's floodlighting costs £5. Please make cheques payable to "ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ELMSWELL".

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24 remembering a dear Grandad, Kenny

26 in memory of Carl Finch on his Birthday

31 in memory of Roy Clark.

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HELPING HANDS CLUB



It only seems a few days since I wrote our last report for the August newsletter, our last two meetings have been Bingo evenings with a short quiz thrown in for good measure. The Autumn Fayre was a success and I would like to thank

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Profits to BHF

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everybody who gave prizes for our Tombola Stall. Many thanks to the ladies of the committee for getting the prizes numbered up ready. Our thanks go to everybody who visited our stall and supported our club.

On behalf of the members and committee we would like to thank Terry Southgate for organising the Target Bowls competition, the proceeds £42.50p being donated to our funds along with £225.50 from the Tombola stall.

The trip to Cromer for the end of the Pier Show on Saturday September 20th was a brilliant day out both weather-wise and the show which sadly ended all too quickly. By the time you read this report we will have had our harvest supper on Thursday September 25th.

During October we have 2 meetings on the 9th and 23rd when we have some archive film and slides entitled "Old

Stowmarket". New members are always welcome to join us at the "Blackbourne" at 7pm.

Grant Elliston

LITTLE ELMS PRE-SCHOOL

A warm welcome to all those children who have joined us this term. If you have recently moved to the village or have not registered your baby or toddler, you can do so at any age (as a waiting list operates when we are over subscribed). We still have a few places available in the afternoons for children aged 2½ to 4. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact the Play Supervisor on 07762 234336.

If you use the Co-op, you can give the Little Elms share number (203303) at the till. This will help us to raise funds to spend on new equipment for the children.

As part of our ongoing fund raising activities we are holding a family disco at The Blackbourne on Saturday 18th October (6pm to 9pm). There will be games, raffle, a bar and snacks. Tickets are £5 per family and are available from the Mace and Post Office in Elmswell.

Finally, a big thank you to Clarkes of Walsham who donated the sand and cement that we needed to complete our outdoor play area.

Gary Morgan (Vice Chairman)

ELMSWELL TODDLER GROUP



What a great month we've had. The children have enjoyed hand and feet painting, splashing in the paddling pools and making sand castles at our beach party.

We must not forget the adults night out, they enjoyed ten-pin bowling (the best team won!).

The Autumn Fair was a great success and we made £109.00 profit. Caroline would like to say a big thank you to Mr & Mrs

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Spark for the racing car, Chrissy for the bouncy castle, Brightacres for the generator for the bouncy castle, Grant for the teddy bear drawing and everyone for the cakes and help on the day.

Sadly we have had to lose our Secretary Claire Mears due to work commitments but I would like to welcome Mel Warmsley as our new Secretary.

Dates for the diary: 6th October trip to Elmswell Fire Station, 15th October Playworld and in the evening committee meeting & "Cheese & Wine" at the Brindles, Oak Lane, Elmswell at 8.00pm. With the AGM approaching we are looking for new members with new ideas to help run the toddler group due to some members having to stand down next year. Also 16th October adult night out bingo and 29th October Tempest Photos. It would be a shame to miss out on all that fun!

Christmas is not far away so if you're interested in coming to our Christmas party on Sunday 14th December, get your names down now to avoid disappointment. Elmswell Toddlers meet every Monday 1.30-3pm and Wednesday 10-11.30am at the Wesley Hall, so if you haven't already, wander down and have a free trial session - there's loads to do for babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers - the more the merrier!

Hayley Taylor, Vice Chairman

SCOUT REPORT

On our first night back nine boys were presented with Nights under Canvas badges and one his stage three musician's badge. They all received Participation badges for membership of the Scout movement for between one and five years.

The five-day camp at Great Finborough was attended by nine boys, three leaders and two parent helpers. The boys took part in fifteen different activities ranging from abseiling, canoeing and raft building to quad biking, crate climbing and archery. We would like to thank Geoff Cardy of Grampian Country Pork (Harris) for lots of sausages, which were eagerly consumed by one and all. Thanks too to Derek Groom for the drums on which they were cooked. Useful but rarely available bits and bobs were very kindly donated by Jason, the organiser of the Bury St Edmunds Recycling site. Finally, thanks to Kids Club for giving up their time and being so efficient - and thank you to the folk at Barnard VW garage in Stowmarket for all the ink cartridges.

Coming Attractions

This term has an International theme. As part of working towards their International badges, the boys are filling in quizzes each week on different countries and learning



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about their different customs and way of life with related activities. We are also making preliminary enquiries regarding twinning with a Swiss Scout group.

We hope to have a bowling evening soon; we could be the future ECC stars (three strikes and you're out...). As we camped in hot weather we are going to try in the cold so will have a "frostbite" one night camp in October. We will report back then.

Beaver Day Camp

The Beavers had their first day camp on July 26 at Red House Farm, Haughley. 12 Beavers arrived at 10am and each had a "passport" for four countries. In Australia they made boomerangs and Kangaroos, in China lanterns with night lights, in Africa they embarked on a (White) Elephant hunt and made plaster casts of leaves and twigs and in America they made totem poles and had a barbecue, together with the visitors and District Leaders. The day finished at six with a camp fire and sing song. Thanks to Skip, Jon, Scout Steven, the chief fire maker, all the other helpers and finally Badger for organising a great day.

Elmswell Scouts (10 - 15yrs) meet on Fridays from 7.30-9pm; Cubs (8 - 10yrs) on Tuesdays from 6.30-8pm and Beavers (6 - 8yrs) on Fridays from 5.30-7pm. For more information please ring Skip on 242675 or email him at james.coole@btinternet.com

GARDENING CLUB

On 18th September we resumed our meetings after the summer holidays. For most it has been a lovely hot summer but the lack of water has caused all of us problems in keeping the plants going. Our chairman thanked all who made the "Open Gardens Day" a success and it was decided that a donation of £100 be sent to the Friends of Woolpit Health Centre from the



proceeds. This makes it all worthwhile. The speaker for our first meeting of the session was Bob Jackson from Woolpit Nursery who gave an interesting talk on Winter Hanging Baskets and Containers, demonstrating how to complete a 14" basket with 3 Ivies, 3 thymes (Golden Queen) and 3 "Universal" yellow pansies, making a show all through the winter. Thank you Bob.

Further talks are arranged, the next on Thursday 16th October at 8pm by Mr J L Sharman on "Collecting Plants in the Wild". Then on 20th November we have the AGM when we hope all will attend with your views on how our Club should go forward and what we should aim for. The September competition of 5 Tomatoes was won by Mrs Jean Mason. The competition for October is an Arrangement of Seed Heads.

ELMSWELL COMMUNITY WOOD

Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting

to be held on
**Tuesday 18th November,
7.30 p.m. at the Blackbourne**

Nominations are invited for
the Steering Group.

Please submit nominations in
writing to the Chairman
by Tuesday 11th November

Everyone is welcome to attend to hear
how the project is progressing.
There will be refreshments and an
illustrated talk on veteran trees.

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ELMSWELL MILLENNIUM HISTORY GROUP

The History Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Church Room (inside St John's Church), unless otherwise advertised (members £1, non-members £2.50). After our annual general meeting last month Tony Redman guided us through the conversion (and reconversion) of Suffolk to Christianity and the subsequent development of the Church and church buildings in the county. Despite his misgivings, the talk was well illustrated by a PowerPoint presentation on the big screen in the nave of St John's. Tony is a chartered surveyor, an antiquarian, and a priest at weekends, and so the story he shared with us was multi-layered. At our next meeting, on October 9th, Colin Cooke will tell us about the bells in the tower of St John's. Ashley Cooper's talk on November 13th is called 'Three hundred years of countryside history'.

Enquiries to Norman Kenyon on 01359 241569

www.elmswell-history.org.uk

ELMSWELL COMMUNITY WOOD

Activity for Elmswell Community Wood is hotting up again after the summer break.

The nursery which contains trees donated by villagers back in March is thriving, despite valiant attempts by thistles to take over, and a few weeding sessions have let the growing trees show through.

The Tree Council's Seed Gathering weekend is on 11 - 12 October and Dick Burch, Elmswell's new Footpath Warden, will be leading a walk that weekend, so please join in and gather a few acorns along the way!

Children at the school will be starting their own tree nursery on 15 October with seeds from native English trees from around the village, as the school becomes part of the project.

We will be holding our first AGM on Tuesday 18 November at 7.30 at the Blackbourne. Villagers are welcome to come along to hear a progress report of ECW in its first year, after which there will be refreshments and an illustrated talk on Veteran Trees by Grenville Clark of the Green Light Trust.

And then on Saturday 29 November we'll be joining forces with Elmswell Cricket Club for their annual quiz where we will be splitting the proceeds. So, with all that's going on over the coming months, we hope you can join us at one of our events.

We are always keen to see some new faces, so if you are interested in joining the Steering Group of Elmswell Community Wood, please contact the Chairman before 11 November.

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Letters to the Editors

From Mrs S Barnard of Stowmarket

... grateful thanks ...

I am writing to express my grateful thanks to the kind and honest person at the Elmswell Autumn Fayre who found my cardigan (which I had carelessly dropped) and then hung it on a post near the entrance where I could see and consequently gratefully retrieve it.

My thanks again.

From Tony Chaplin, Poppy Appeal Organiser

... please be as generous as you can ...

Autumn is upon us - the best summer in many years has - at least - officially passed into history. No longer will we talk about the summer of '76 but the days of summer 2003 when many weather records were broken.

The summer of 2003 will, however, be remembered for other things as well as the weather. Once again our service men and women were called upon to do the bidding of their political masters and go off and fight a war. They did not ask "why" or say "it is a long way off and not our business". They went and some did not return, others returned injured, in mind or body, others may yet find themselves in this position. Not for them the choice to say "no", they do the job in a very professional way and better than any others in the world.

They are young, many with young families who depend on them. Yet who do they depend on when the results of their efforts mean that they cannot continue to provide as they would like to, or as the rest of us do.

The Earl Haigh Fund, or Poppy Fund as most of us know it exists to provide for ex service men and women and their dependants in time of need. Many of the people supported are now elderly, having served their country faithfully during the last century. Others are not so elderly having served their country during this century - even though we are not yet four years into it.

Last year the splendid amount of £1563 was raised in Elmswell for the "Poppy Fund". Soon someone will call on you, please be as generous as you can in order that all the support that is necessary can be given to these worthy people. The 'house to house' collection will take place between Saturday October 25th and Saturday November 8th. Anyone who can spare a few hours to help collect would be most welcome, please contact me on 01359 242059.

Thank you.

From Terry Southgate of Rowan Green

...Ronald Curry...

I read last month's centre-page spread about our ex Parish Council Chairman, Ronald Curry, and felt there was something familiar about the list of his offences. I looked out the election literature which Mr Curry has used in getting to power. That's where I'd heard it before – but from a very different angle! For example;

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Having got in...

...used his position to improperly confer an advantage on himself...

...failed to comply with the General principles of conduct regarding honesty & integrity

...deliberately seeking personal gain at the public expense...

...unable to meet standards of Personal judgement, Stewardship & Leadership...

...clearly fails to recognise or give proper consideration to his obligations...

All of the above quotes come from Mr Curry's election blurb or from the findings of the Enquiry into his conduct.

I did write to the Newsletter a couple of years ago about Chairman Curry's conduct. He used his position when bullying through changes to the questions we were putting together for the Village Appraisal. Guess what? He got rid of any questions relating to the need for a footbridge! I am very pleased that he didn't get away with everything he was up to!

One final note. Lots of people have said that he should leave the village. I think not – we know him and his tricks. We'll be ready for him next time. Some new community he moves to might get caught out as we did.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting for September took place at Blackbourne on 15th. 11 members of the Public attended, and the following matters of interest were among those discussed.

Website It was reported that the Company cnb.co.uk Ltd, which had won a £2,000 contract under the previous Council Administration for the setting up and running of a website, has not agreed to the proposal from the current Council to allow early termination of that contract and a financial settlement which would help the Council's finances. Councillors accepted that this is entirely within the Company's rights and that the unfortunate situation is not of the Company's making. Regrets were expressed, however, that the Director of the Company, Mr Ian Duncan, who lives in the village and had been a member of the Parish Council Working Party which had determined the requirements of a proposed website, could not be persuaded to make a concession given that the Council did not wish to continue with the website. To update what exists would be a lengthy task which Councillors did not feel deserved the diversion of energy and attention away from the many other pressing matters requiring 'making good.' It was decided that, within the terms of the Contract, the contents of the site previously contributed by the Parish Council should be removed and replaced with a list of Councillors'

contact details together with a disclaimer pointing out that; *'Elmswell Parish Council does not necessarily support the content of, or views expressed in, this site. A report of Parish Council meetings may be found in the Elmswell Newsletter as posted at www.elmswell.org.uk.'*

Building works at Blackbourne The final payment for the construction of the bowls pavilion has still not been made pending some making good by the contractors. The lean-to extension on the side of the main hall remains unfinished, despite pressure on the Architect who is supervising the project. However, there is still no clear idea as to what the building, costing £25,000, can be used for. Professional advice confirms that there will be no problem in occupying the building in the light of further investigation into regulations relating to the siting of the gas supply.

Village Appraisal funds Ex Council Chairman, Mr Ronald Curry, is to be asked to return the computer which was bought with grant aid for the village to use in the compilation of the Village Appraisal in 1999. Enquiries are also to be made regarding residual funding

which apparently remained unused by the project group and which also would seem to have been in Mr Curry's control.

Code of Conduct The Clerk confirmed that the Standards Board for England is pursuing several cases involving councillors who served in the last Administration. Cllr Burch pointed out that one was against him and that all are the result of a one-man campaign by Mr Tony Clark seeking to 'get his own back.' Cllr Mrs Feeney confirmed that the case against her, brought by Mr Clark, had not been proven.

Adjudication Panel for England

The Chairman confirmed that Council has already addressed the four Recommendations made by the Case Tribunal following their decision to disqualify Mr Ronald Curry for serious transgressions of the principle underlying public office, in that;

§ The issue of the Planning Application for the Footbridge site at Crown Mill had been clarified by a proper Resolution to withdraw the Application which had since been done.

§ The Council is well aware of the requirement for the nature of personal interests to be stated and minuted when such an interest is declared and this practice is being followed.

§ There is now absolute transparency in the execution of business by Advisory Committees in that all

Councillors are notified with a full Agenda and invited to attend even if not members of that body and that proper reports are made and minuted.

§ All Councillors have received training in the Code of Conduct, and there remains no doubt in anyone's mind that the registration of ownership of 'land' includes land owned by virtue of it being the land on which a house is built.

Planning Council noted the Refusal of Permission for a dwelling to be built on one of the mobile home sites at Kiln Lane, in line with its own recommendation. Against its wishes, however, is the granting of Permission for an extension at 5 Bennett Avenue which, Councillors had argued, was too large and imposing to be comfortably accommodated without affecting the amenity of the semi detached next door property. There was no objection made to a proposal to vary the Application at the old Printing Works in Cooks Road so as not to tie down the Developer to the siting of the individual houses as submitted on the Outline plan. It was thought that there might be a better chance of making the case against 14 houses on the site, for reasons of highway safety, if there are no side issues to be considered relating to siting within the development and that such considerations must inevitably form part of future detailed plans which will be subject to the Planning process.

Footpath Officer Cllr Dick Burch was unanimously elected as Footpath Office, a post which has not been filled for four years. He undertook to get some footpath walks going again.

Gate at Blackbourne It was agreed that a lockable steel gate should be fitted across the entrance to the car park at Blackbourne for a sum not to exceed £390.07 + VAT. This will allow some control over access and is designed to help prevent the dangers, noise and nuisance caused by cars gathering there.

Modifications to Footpaths 6 & 9 Long standing proposals to rationalise the footpath network in the vicinity of Lord's Bridge so as to allow access from Eastern Way to Blackbourne, the Set-Aside area and the general footpath network have lain dormant for four years. A letter from the land Agent concerned offers the chance to revive this opportunity. In the light of a lack of information from the Agent, the matter was referred to the Planning Committee.

Village Plan Cllr Doug Reed outlined various initiatives which had suffered over the last four years and which his Community Action Advisory Committee now sought to address. One such, a Village Plan, builds on the Village Appraisal and would form an important part of the Village's input to future planning consultations. Grant aid is available and is to be sought, together with the funding left over from the Appraisal exercise.

Youth Working Party Cllr Mrs Tracy Murphy confirmed that all Councillors and all members of the group of individuals who had been looking into provision for young people in the village were invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the Working Party which she had been asked to set up to address 'youth issues.' The new body would work under the Community Action Plan Advisory Committee and full reports would be made to Council.

Next Meeting It was confirmed that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council would take place, in public, on 20th October at 7.30 in the hall at Blackbourne.

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October

- 4 Barn Dance at the Blackbourne, 7.30pm
- 9 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Colin Cooke, The Bells of St John's
- 16 Village Quiz
- 18 Little Elms Family Disco, 6-9pm at Blackbourne
- 25 "Friends" Supper St John's Church Room, 7.30pm

November

- 13 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Ashley Cooper, Three hundred years of countryside history
- 15 Autumn Fair (St John's Church) at the Blackbourne, 2.00pm
- 29 7.30pm, Entertainment Quiz at The Blackbourne organised by Elmswell Cricket Club - proceeds shared with the Elmswell Community Wood. Contact Doug Reed - Tel 241009.
- 30 Musical - 'Rumours of Angels' - at the Blackbourne, 3.00pm

December

- 11 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Johnny Stone, A history of hedgerows

January 2004

- 8 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Gill Hawkins, The Murder in the Red Barn

February 2004

- 12 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm Peter Driver, Suffolk follies and oddities

March 2004

- 11 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, David Alderton, The industrial heritage of East Anglia

April 2004

- 8 History Group, The Blackbourne, 8pm, Dr Catherine Johns FSA, Late Roman treasure from Suffolk

May 2004

- 13 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Monica Place, Mary Tudor, French Queen, Duchess of Suffolk.

June 2004

- 10 History Group, St John's Church, 7.30pm, Nick Sign, Education in East Anglia c.1550-c.1700

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