

Village Business Elephant at Large

If you ever stopped and looked at my washing line, you might be in for a bit of a surprise. You wouldn't find the normal sort of everyday items flapping in the wind but colourful, sparkly and fluffy fabrics,

which all go to make some of the most fun and lovable costume characters you have ever seen!

I arrived with three of my Special Guests at the **Wychwood Day Centre**

Christmas party to help give out the presents; Miss Elli Mentry, Percy Parrot and Rudolph all joined the fun, everyone had a cuddle, including Katherine Gidman and a great time was had by all.

It's Elli Mentry

I have been a costume creator for over 30 years and have made many hundreds over this time, but last year I decided that I should really go back to specialising in promotions and special events using my big walking animals and wonderful eye-catching costumes. I have been involved with all kinds of corporate, private and publicity shows and events my whole life, sometimes with my mother, SKribble the cartoonist, and have made costumes for many charities, holiday camps and other organisations. Freddy Davis once commissioned a 40 foot Chinese dragon. With all this behind me,



I am very excited about the future and what surprises it will bring! These eight-foot high creatures are lovable and cuddly but also very versatile; they can go to a child's party, fete, publicity campaign, shop opening, deliver

flowers, give out certificates, visit schools and many more. They go as the event's 'Special Guest' and will not disappoint the crowds that flock round!

Doolallybird

Of course, this is not the only part of the business, I will also be presenting myself as the real "doolallybird" and as I am an ideas person, will be offering a service to help people set up and run all kinds of events and fun days, using my background from the entertainment world. Somewhere in the back of my mind there is always an idea just waiting to be used for what I love doing best, entertaining!

I am in the process of creating a set of new Mardi Gras costumes as well in the New Year, so watch out, you never know what you might see walking around the streets of the Wychwoods!

If you would like more information regarding the Special Guests, contact me on: 01993 830988 or doolallybird@aol.com

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