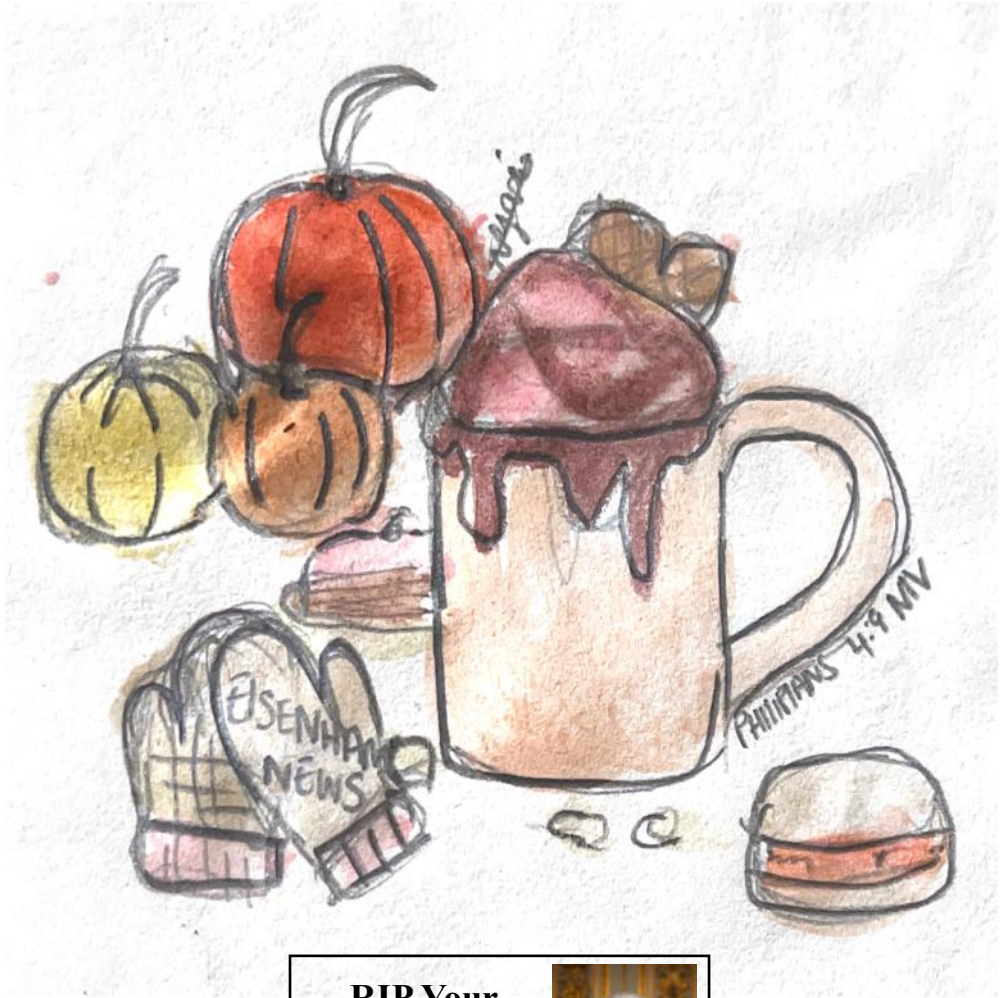


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### **Elsenham Village Regular Monthly or Quarterly Activities**

Parish Council 1st **Monday** of month 8pm (excl. Bank Holidays) Memorial Hall

Natter Night 2nd **Monday** of the month from 7.30pm Bowls & Social Club

Village Café Coffee 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Memorial Hall

& 2nd & 4th **Tuesday** 9.30 - 11.30am Bowls & Social Club

Henham & District Garden Soc 1st **Tuesday** of month 2.30 - 4pm Memorial Hall

Community Choir 1st & 3rd **Tuesdays** of the month 7- 8.30pm Village Hall

Life Drawing 2nd **Tuesday** of month 7.30 - 9.30 Village Hall

Village History Society 1st **Wednesday** of month quarterly 7.45pm Memorial Hall

Church Lunch Club 2nd & 4th **Friday** of the month 12.30pm Memorial Hall

## **October diary**

Sat 1	Bowls Club Quiz	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Mon 3	Parish Council Meeting	Memorial Hall 8pm
Tues 4 & 18	Village Café Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 4	Henham & District Garden Soc	Memorial Hall 2.30pm
Tues 4 & 18	Elsenham Community Choir	Village Hall 7pm
Sat 8	Bingo	Bowls & Social Club 7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon 10	Natter Night	Bowls & Social Club 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 11 & 25	Village Café Coffee Morning	Bowls & Social Club 9.30 - 11.30am
Tues 11	Life Drawing	Village Hall 7.30pm
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Day	Time	Activity	Location
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	10.30am	Health walk	Start at De Mandeville Green
	7.30-8.30pm	Shape to the beat	Memorial Hall (not 1st Monday)
Tuesday	4.45-5.45pm	Rainbows	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6-7.30pm	Brownies	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	7.30-10.30pm	Tennis Club night	Tennis Courts
	8pm	Fitness Yoga/Pilates	Memorial Hall
Wednesday	9.45-11.30am	Tots & Toddlers	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.30-7.30pm	Slimming World	Memorial Hall
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	7-9pm	Scouts	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Thursday	6-7.15pm	Cubs	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
	6.45 - 7.45pm	Jump Fit	Elsenham Village Hall
Friday	10-11am	Little Fishes	Memorial Hall (term-time)
	5.45-6.45pm	Beavers Group 2	Henham Village Hall (term-time)
Saturday	9am-12pm	Junior Football	Playing Field
	8.45-9.30am	Little Kickers Mighty	Village Hall (term time)
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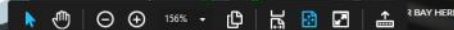
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*From The Editors*

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Perhaps we should stop now and then and give thanks to those around us that give service unstintingly and without looking for praise or reward.

We should thank the lady that picks litter to keep our village looking spick and span, the Parish Councillors who give of their time to try and make village life more pleasant, our vicar and those who help keep our church a part of our community. Let's not forgot those who are part of our Neighbourhood Watch team and the Community Speed Watch team who are trying to keep us safe and secure.

There are probably many more you can think of. Next time you see them, say Thank You.

Last month we had as a front cover the 30mph sign. It was hoped this would be a reminder that we do have a speed limit in and around the village. The speeding problem was highlighted recently when Essex Police joined our Community Speed Watch team. They issued 10 speeding tickets within 30 minutes. That is a ticket every few minutes. Please, slow down.

In summary, we thank our late Queen for her service and we thank those that serve us every day without us even thinking about it, and we hope you all stay safe and secure in your homes, on our roads or wherever you are in the village.

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## OCTOBER 2022

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We have a new prime minister and government and, for the first time in 70 years, we have a new monarch. On behalf of our district council we wrote to King Charles III to express our most sincere condolences to him and the Royal Family.

Members and officers at district councils have been working flat-out to ensure their local communities could properly mourn the Queen and that the King has been proclaimed. During the period of mourning, political activity was suspended.

I was asked recently about the poor performance by UDC on planning applications. This means that we have had 17% of appeals overturned following the Planning Committees / Officers refusals. The threshold used to be 20% and the Government have reduced the target number. We know that the South East is targeted, driving to the coast is now awash with building. We will continue to resist where we can.

Earlier this month the Development Management and Enforcement Teams 'locked down' for a week to focus on clearing some of the backlog of planning cases which had built up, in order to create more space for existing work and more time to support staff.

A total of 143 planning decisions (approval or refusal) were taken and 41 enforcement cases were decided (either closed or taken forward for formal action). For comparison, figures for the week of 2 August 2021 were 51 and 1 respectively, with the weekly average for planning decisions being approximately 66.

Locally the areas that have been receiving truckloads of mud has stopped and enforcement are investigating the issues.

A simple request please; when popping your refuse bin outside for collection outside please put the handles facing the road. This is very helpful for our refuse collectors.

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At the time of writing, holiday decisions are fluid—so I cannot commit to a surgery date for this month.

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# ELSENHAM PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2022

By Louise Johnson, Clerk. ✉ [louise.epc@gmail.com](mailto:louise.epc@gmail.com) ☎ 07456 791727



The Dandara planning application for 99 new houses on land off Isabel Drive and Stansted Road is on the agenda to be considered by Uttlesford District Council (UDC) Planning Committee on 28 September 2022.

At the same meeting UDC will be deciding on a recommendation to be sent to the Inspectorate for the planning application for 130 new houses on South of Henham Road. As the application went directly to PINS, UDC are only a consultee and can only give advice. If this application is approved; it would have a further impact on the roads in Elsenham. There is an additional aspect to this application, which is that this is Elsenham's last green space. The site is surrounded by several listed and historical buildings, the settings of which will be absolutely destroyed by the proposed development.

To fight against this application, Elsenham Parish Council is to engage a Planning and Transport Consultant to represent Elsenham Parish Council at the hearing.

Two telegraph poles cut in half have been installed either end of the public footpath that leads from Hailes Wood behind the houses to the old cricket ground. This route is very popular with residents but now people with buggies and some disabled people can no longer use it. This is a public footpath, and the issue has been reported to Essex County Council.

The lock on the pedestrian gate on the Smith Road allotments has disappeared. This is the second lock in two months that has gone missing, and it is very sad and disappointing that someone is doing this. Alternative ways of securing the allotments will be investigated.

Touchpoint is a food share for everyone to use, which is becoming very popular in Elsenham. It is run by volunteers who collect the food from supermarkets, using their own cars and petrol. Elsenham Parish Council is to give a grant of £150 to help them with their expenses.

The Parish Council has decided on which company to engage to refurbish the children's play area in the playing field. Once it is completed, hopefully, it will look wonderful and the children of Elsenham will have fun on the new equipment.

Airport parking is a great problem in the village and some residents have been asking for 'No Airport Parking' signs like the signs in Stansted. Essex County Cllr. Gooding said that these came from Manchester Airport. The residents of Stansted had given the signs a mixed response, as they are not enforceable. District Cllr. Le Count is looking into the problem of airport parking in the village.

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## DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

By *Graham Mott* ☎ 812516 ✉ [motts@grahammott.plus.com](mailto:motts@grahammott.plus.com)



The detailed application by Dandara for 99 homes at the west of the village, roughly half each off Isabel Drive and off Stansted Road, was due to be heard by Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee on 28 September. Objections were expected to be made by the Parish Council. Proximity to the motorway means that acceptable noise levels cannot be achieved over all the site and there are not enough bungalows,

Outline approval of the scheme was granted at the end of 2020 on the basis that the developers will supply an additional traffic detector approaching Stansted from Elsenham, in order to reduce the queue on Grove Hill at peak times. This implausible solution will no doubt be used by other developers, including Countryside, whose application for 130 homes to the south of the Crown relies also on the usual models which are beloved of developers because they have no first-hand experience. Predictably, Countryside concludes that there will be no problem. As noted last month, the application will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate, since UDC has been 'designated' by Government on account of too many of its major decisions being overturned at appeal.

There is an argument to be made on heritage grounds against this application on account of the proximity of Elsenham Hall. Similarly, an objection can be made to a recent application for five houses in the grounds of the Old Vicarage in Hall Road because of the impact on the listed building. The access is well on the wrong side of acceptable - it is claimed that it is available already in the decaying form of an ancient farm gate, which has clearly been unused for some decades, or possibly centuries, and has been revealed only recently through the clearance of much undergrowth. Visibility from here onto Hall Road is remarkably poor.

Small developments are normally decided by a planning officer but, if there are good planning grounds for rejection, it can be 'called in' by a district councillor for determination by the Planning Committee. Such is the case with this application. The Parish Council has objected and at the same time made clear that, if it should be agreed, a reasonable contribution to a new Community Hall will be expected.

The Community Hall project has inched slightly closer to realisation with the signing, at long last, of the Section 106 agreement relating to the project to build 130 houses off Hall Road, on the site which wraps around the Old Vicarage. Half of £310,000 is to be paid before the commencement date, and the other half before half of the new homes are occupied. That's all very well as far as it goes, but there is nothing to say when the builders will finally move in.

The ongoing problem with housing applications is that UDC has no five-year housing land supply, and no immediate prospect of a Local Plan. Time is being spent investigating an anonymous proposal from a nameless developer, which might still come to nothing; and while UDC continues fiddle-faffing about, the district is wide open to applications which are difficult to defend.

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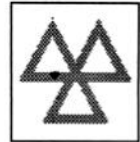
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As well as breath tests, police officers will be testing drivers for drug use with road side impairment tests and targeting those who use the road to commit other types of crime.

### Essex Police is asking everyone to take responsibility by:

- **Stopping family and friends getting behind the wheel if they have had an alcoholic drink**
- **Dialling 999 if you know someone is drunk and you see them getting behind the wheel of a car**
- **Calling Essex Police on ☎ 0300 333 4444 to give police information about someone who regularly chooses to drink and drive**  
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“It’s time we all took responsibility. Don’t let friends or family get behind the wheel of a car if you know they’ve had a drink and report drink drivers to Essex Police or Crimestoppers. Picking up the phone could save a life. Just one drink is too many when driving. One or two isn’t okay regardless of your age, sex or build so if you’re planning a night out designate a driver who will stick to soft drinks.”

“Think about the consequences of drink driving. Losing your licence could mean losing your job and leave you unable to pay your mortgage or rent. More seriously, you could face imprisonment and the prospect of having to live with the guilt of taking a life for the rest of yours.”

The regional manager for Crimestoppers, said: Crimestoppers received over 100 calls about drink drivers in Essex, indicating that this is a real concern. If someone has information about a regular drink driver, they may feel uncomfortable about going to the police. Crimestoppers can take this information 100% anonymously. We do not ask for the caller’s name or any personal details. We do not trace or record our calls and those giving information do not have to give a statement to the Police or go to court. Nobody will know you called.”

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We have launched a campaign that targets bystanders (those who witness street harassment), be those Neighbourhood Watch members or not.

This simple action is a delay technique and part of the 5Ds of bystander intervention developed by Right to Be. By asking, **'Are you Okay?'** we become active bystanders and send the message that harassment is not okay. There are further actions that people can take, but our campaign focuses on the simplest step everyone can take.' Deborah Waller, Head of Communications and Digital, Neighbourhood Watch Network.

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- Fancy dress competition
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- A ghost train
- Lots of spooky fun!!!

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Of course, there will be our lovely farm animals who always look forward to seeing you and don't forget our other exciting farm attractions.

Until then, please do note that we are still open every day, 9am-5pm weekdays and 10am – 5pm weekends.

Events like these are vital to the survival of our farm, so please do support us in any way you can. We also **ALWAYS** need help running these events, so if you would like to get involved, we would **LOVE** to hear from you! Thanks so much.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the latest farm news and updates.

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The end of the Summer term flew past in a flurry of activities, and for a lot of our Scouters it was closely followed by a mass exodus to various family summer holiday locations. Hopefully our fantastic leaders also had the chance to relax and take a break from Scouting, I myself have to admit that I was relaxing by a pool in France when I realised I'd forgotten to submit our article for August's newsletter. My apologies to those who eagerly await our monthly Scouting News update.



Anthea and I have been working hard over the summer in our new Joint Group Scout Leader roles to put policies and procedures in place to ensure our Group has a sound administration, management and governance structure with which to support our Leaders and Scouters, resulting in a long to-do list to work through.

We are about to start our Autumn term activities with our expanded Group developing nicely, and a steady increase in members helping to keep membership healthy. We have planned for a varied programme with input from our young people to ensure our Scouting is "Youth Led" in line with Scouting principles, helping to keep our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts engaged and enthusiastic about our meetings.

As always, we ask for those of you in our community to consider volunteering your time to your Scout Group to help us provide these fantastic opportunities for young people in our communities. It's not just uniformed leaders we need, we also have administration and support roles to be filled, including a quartermaster to look after our garage full of equipment, organising and keeping inventories. Please do let us know if you, or someone you know, may be interested.



And on a final note, our Scout Group are hoping to support the Royal British Legion this year by going door-to-door selling poppies and collecting donations. We intend to be out in the village during the evening of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, so please do have your donations ready when our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts come knocking!

# Mondays to Saturdays

from 1st September 2020

# Bishop's Stortford - Stansted Airport



Services:  
Notes:

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Bishop's Stortford, Interchange, Stop E to	0600	0629	0615	0900	1030	1130	1245	1330	1500	1550	1715	1815	1930
B. Stortford, Herts & Essex Hops Grounds	0608	0651	0827	0912	1038	1138	1253	1338	1512	1602	1727	1827	1938
B. Stortford, Denny Rd, opp Nags Head PH	0610	0653	0829	0914	1040	1140	1255	1340	1514	1604	1729	1829	1940
Bishops, Busby Common	0616	0659	0835	0920	1046	1146	1301	1346	1520	1610	1735	1831	1946
Berfield Grn, Peaseingon Ln, Long Coat	▼	▼	0924	▼	1100	▼	1190	▼	1330	▼	1614	▼	1833
Stansted Mansfield, Crosswale Road (S)	▼	▼	0926	▼	1152	▼	1352	▼	1616	▼	1857	▼	
Stansted Mansfield, Clarence Road	▼	▼	0928	▼	1154	▼	1354	▼	1618	▼	1859	▼	
Stansted Mansfield, Chapel Hill (SE)	0622	0705	0841	0931	1052	1157	1307	1357	1526	1621	1741	1842	1952
S.Mountfitch, Matfield Rd, St Mary's Drive	0626	0709	0845	0933	1054	1201	1311	1401	1530	1625	1745	1846	1956
Stansted Mansfield, Lower Street (NE)	0628	0711	0847	0937	1056	1203	1313	1403	1532	1627	1747	1848	1958
Elsterns, Station Road (N)	0633	0716	0852	0942	1103	1208	1318	1408	1537	1632	1752	1853	2003
Elsterns Railway Station to	0634	0717	0853	0943	1104	1209	1319	1409	1538	1633	1753	1854	2004
Hamam, Church Street, opp Church	0639	0722	0858	0948	1109	1214	1324	1414	1543	1638	1758	1859	2009
Hamam, High Street, Woodend Green	0641	0724	0900	0950	1111	1216	1326	1416	1545	1640	1800	1901	2011
Hamam, Hill Road, Yarnall's Cinema	0643	0726	0902	0992	1113	1218	1328	1418	1547	1642	1802	1903	2013
Elsterns, Hamam Rd, opp The Groves PH	0646	0729	0905	0955	1116	1221	1331	1421	1550	1645	1805	1906	2016
Elsterns, Hill Rd, DeSalle Hotel	0650	0733	0909	0999	1120	1225	1335	1425	1554	1649	1809	1910	2020
Molehill Green, Molehill Green Road	0652	0735	0911	1001	1122	1227	1337	1427	1556	1651	1811	1912	2022
Stansted Airport, Coach Station to to to	0657	0740	0916	1006	1127	1232	1342	1432	1601	1656	1816	1917	2027

# Mondays to Saturdays

from 1st September 2020

# Stansted Airport - Bishop's Stortford

Services:  
Notes:

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Stansted Airport, Coach Stn, Bay 15 to to to	0707	0849	0920	1020	1125	1245	1350	1440	1605	1705	1820		
Molehill Green, opp Molehill Green Road	0712	0854	0925	1025	1140	1250	1355	1445	1610	1710	1825		
Elsterns, Hill Rd, opp DeSalle Hotel	0714	0856	0927	1027	1142	1252	1357	1447	1612	1712	1827		
Elsterns, Hamam Rd, The Crown PH	0718	0900	0931	1031	1146	1256	1401	1451	1616	1716	1831		
Hamam, Hill Road, opp Yarnall's Cinema	0721	0903	0934	1034	1149	1259	1404	1454	1619	1719	1834		
Hamam, High Street, Woodend Green	0723	0905	0936	1036	1151	1301	1406	1456	1621	1721	1836		
Hamam, Church Street, Church	0725	0907	0938	1038	1153	1303	1408	1458	1623	1723	1838		
Elsterns Railway Station to	0730	0912	0943	1043	1158	1308	1413	1503	1628	1728	1843		
Elsterns, Station Road (S)	0731	0913	0944	1044	1159	1309	1414	1504	1629	1729	1844		
Elsterns, Station Road, opp Leigh Drive	▼	0747	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		
Stansted Mansfield, Lower Street (SW)	0754	0732	0918	0949	1049	1204	1314	1419	1509	1634	1734	1849	
S.Mountfitch, Matfield Rd, St Mary's Drive	0738	0754	0920	0951	1051	1206	1316	1421	1511	1636	1736	1851	
Stansted Mansfield, Chapel Hill (NW)	0742	0738	0924	0955	1055	1210	1320	1425	1515	1640	1740	1855	
Berfield Grn, Peaseingon Ln, Long Coat	▼	▼	0927	▼	1058	▼	1323	▼	1518	▼	1743	▼	
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Bishops, opp Busby Common	0748	0804	0934	1001	1105	1214	1320	1431	1525	1646	1750	1901	
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B. Stortford, Herts & Essex Hops Grounds	0755	0941	1008	1112	1223	1337	1438	1532	1653	1757	1908		
Bishop's Stortford, Interchange to	0803	0953	1016	1120	1231	1345	1446	1540	1705	1809	1916		

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- Sd - Monday to Friday Schooldays Only
- to - New Railway Station
- to - Interchange with Express Coaches
- to - For the Airport

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We're asking you to tell us what our spending priorities should be in 2023/24. The consultation runs from Wednesday 21 September until **Monday 31 October 2022**.

### ***Setting our budget***

Each year we have to prepare our budget and decide how much should be spent on the services we provide to the community.

You can [find information on our budget for the current year](#) on our website. This includes details of where we get our funding from and how we will be spending the money in 2022/23.

### ***Give us your views***

You can now give your views on what our spending priorities should be in the financial year from April 2023 to March 2024.

### ***Online***


The easiest way to do this is by filling in the short online budget consultation form on our Let's Talk Uttlesford consultation portal.

[Complete the online budget consultation form](#)

### ***By email***

You are also welcome to email any comments to  [consultation@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@uttlesford.gov.uk)

### ***By post***

For people who do not have access to the internet, we'll be making paper copies of the questionnaire available. You can request a paper copy by calling  01799 510510.

### ***Closing date***

We will accept emails, completed online and paper forms up to and including **Monday 31 October 2022**.

### ***What happens next***

All of the views we receive will be considered as part of the final budget proposals for 2023/24. The proposals will be discussed by the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet before being debated and voted on at the full council meeting in February 2023.

### ***Any questions***

Please contact us by email to  [consultation@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@uttlesford.gov.uk) or call  01799 510510.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH ELSENHAM

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### Thought For The Month by *Louis Wilson*

Hello everyone! On behalf of all the Wilsons, please can I give our sincere thanks for the very warm welcome which we have received since moving to the benefice in August.

Thank you especially to everyone who helped make the licensing service on 5 September such a memorable occasion.

It's been a bit of a whirlwind (finishing in Sussex, moving house, family holiday in France) but we are delighted to be here. In the midst of everything, I thought I would prepare by re-reading a biography of J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission (renamed OMF 86 years later).

Let me tell you why. In the 19th century, inland China was practically unknown. The population was roughly 350 million and essentially there was no Chinese church. Hudson Taylor arrived in 1854 without church organisation backing and no obvious qualification for the task.

What he did have was utter confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in God's sovereign provision (one of his favourite sayings was 'Depend upon it, GOD'S work done in GOD'S way will never lack GOD'S supplies'), plus the most profound compassion for the teeming millions of Chinese who were dying without Christ.

He learned Chinese and out of the highest respect for Chinese culture adopted Chinese hairstyle and clothing. This attracted much criticism, but Hudson Taylor was well ahead of his time. His ambition, he said, was to see Chinese Christians, true Christians but Chinese in every sense of the word, led by Chinese pastors, worshipping in the costume of their fathers, in their own tongue and their own buildings.

He was a consummate doer and a consummate pray-er. His son later said, "He prayed as if everything depended upon the praying... but he worked also, as though everything depended upon the working."

It seems to me that these are abiding principles for all Christian ministry today. Hudson Taylor was thoroughly biblical and Christ-centred, yet ready to change, adapt and experiment in order, like Paul, to "become all things to all people so that by all means possible I might save some (1 Cor. 9: 22)."

But what is most striking is how this very ordinary man patiently endured such extraordinary setbacks and privations for the sake of the Gospel. In 1869, when he had already buried four of his children in the soil of China, his wife Maria became ill and died.

It was personal suffering of a level inconceivable to most of us (certainly to me), yet he was able to kneel by her bed and pray: "Dear God, thank you for giving my darling Maria to me. Thank you for the 12 and a half years of happiness we have had together. Thank you for taking her to your own blessed presence. I dedicate myself anew to your service. Amen."

When he himself died his headstone inscription, still preserved in the city of Zhenjiang, said: "Sacred to the memory of Rev. J Hudson Taylor, the revered founder of the China Inland Mission, born 1832, died 1905. A man in Christ."

A man in Christ. What a remarkable summary of a man's life. And what a great reminder of the priorities to look for in Christian ministry. I do look forward to meeting many of you in the months and years to come.



# CHURCH EVENTS IN OUR VILLAGES OCTOBER 2022

## Church Services

St Mary's, Elsenham 8.45am  
Sun 2 Harvest BCP Morning Prayer  
Sun 9 BCP Holy Communion  
Sun 16 BCP Morning Prayer  
Sun 23 BCP Morning Prayer  
Sun 30 BCP Morning Prayer

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am  
Sun 2 Harvest BCP Holy Communion  
Sun 9 Morning Service  
Sun 16 Morning Service  
Sun 23 Morning Service  
Sun 30 Morning Service

Elsenham Village Hall 10.15am  
Sun 2 Harvest Morning Service  
Sun 9 Holy Communion  
Sun 16 Morning Service  
Sun 23 Morning Service  
Sun 30 Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 11.15am  
Sun 2 Harvest Morning Service  
Sun 9 Morning Service  
Sun 16 Holy Communion  
Sun 23 Morning Service  
Sun 30 Morning Service

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm  
Sun 2 Sunday@Six  
Sun 9 Sunday@Six  
Sun 16 Sunday@Six  
Sun 23 Sunday@Six  
Sun 30 Sunday@Six

Events to introduce and welcome our new vicar, Rev. Louis Wilson and family:

Saturday 1 October: Supper and Barn Dance at Henham Village Hall, 6.30pm – 10pm. £5 from Church Office

Saturday 15 October: Quiz at Ugley Village Hall – 7pm

For information on all these events, please contact [office@heuchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@heuchurch.co.uk)

## Other Regular Events

### St Peter's Junior Church

St Peter's, Ugley 10.00am  
Sundays: 2, 9 & 16

### Elsenham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Y1-Y6) Old Franks, Elsenham  
10.15am: 2, 9 & 16

### Henham Sunday Club/Explorers

(Reception-Y5) Church Hall, Henham  
11.00am Sundays: 2, 9 & 16

### Pathfinders (Y6-Y9)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm - leave from service to meet in OSCA

Sundays: 2, 9 & 16

### Crammin' (Y10-Y13)

St Mary's, Henham 6.00pm followed by 7.00pm at The Church Hall, Henham.

Sundays: 2, 9 & 16

## MID-WEEK AND SATURDAY:

Start the Week with prayer  
Church Hall, Henham 9.30am  
Mondays 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

### Seekers After School Bible Club

(Y3-Y4) Old Frank's 3.20pm  
Mondays: 3, 10, 17, & 31

### Christian Play (Y1-Y2)

Rowan House, Elsenham 3.15pm  
Tuesdays: 4, 11 & 18

### Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Church Hall, Henham 10.15am  
Thursdays: 6, 13 & 20

### Little Fishes Pre-School Group

Elsenham Memorial Hall 10.00am  
Fridays: 7, 14 & 21

### Church Lunch Club

Elsenham Memorial Hall 12.30pm  
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### Afternoon Tea

OSCA, Henham 2.00pm  
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N.B. at the present time road closures and temporary traffic lights can make buses run late. I am attempting to get more information from "Central Connect" who run our Bus services.

With thanks to Cate Scott who assisted with this article.

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## STANSTED HALL & ELSENHAM CRICKET CLUB

By David Brown  831011  david1.r.brown@gmail.com

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Cricketers can't complain about the summer of '22. Hot, sunny, true pitches with fast outfields, no matches cancelled because of rain, what more could we possibly want? The club had a great summer of non-stop cricket.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the HEBL Premier Division having lost 4 of the first 5 matches!!! The batsmen certainly scored a lot of runs and the bowlers toiled somewhat. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were eventually relegated from Division 2 but we did have some notable performances particularly from some of our young players. Matches against our sponsors Russell Property and Nockolds were played on 'The Hundred' format and were both close and entertaining. Stewart Pimblett and Nick Racey our very own 'Burger Kings' provided superb bbq's.

The junior section continued to thrive. Our ground at Molehill Green was used by all age groups. The facilities continue to improve particularly the wicket and outfield. The ground was used for nets, matches, and 'All Stars'.

Our coaches have worked really hard this season to help our young members improve their skills and enjoy the game of cricket. Plans are already in place for winter nets and the summer of 2023 – we are considering having a girls' section next summer. David Brown club chairman said "We cannot thank our coaches enough we have the best coaching of a small club in the area – Andrew Mackinlay, Oliver Patmore, Paul Walton, Kevin Fiddell, Jason Brown, Carl Steward, Paul Findlay, plus Frances and Gus Mackinlay a huge thank you".

Also during the winter months the seniors will be netting and quizzes will be held. If you enjoy cricket and are interested in joining our club please contact as above.

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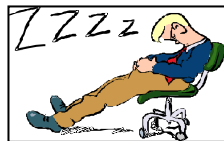
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## Ridley Gardens – Colin and Barbara Cherry

**May 1966:** We went to Elsenham to view two houses using the Green City bus from Loughton to Bishop's Stortford. Arriving at Ridley Gardens, we liked what we saw and decided we would live at number 20. To get back to Bishop's Stortford, Gordon Barker took us in his taxi; as there were no trains for another 24 hours.

**November 1966:** We moved in, with Colin leading the way on his Lambretta 150. Living in Elsenham was so different and it took time to adjust. The trains and buses didn't run every 15 minutes and there were no streetlights.

**Memories of Elsenham.** Walking our children along Station Road to the Orchard to buy apples; letting the children look over the gate into Robinson's field to see the chickens and the pony. Our sons remember Elsenham School, Mrs. Ackerman the Head and Mr. Ackerman's mathematical assortments.

**Wendy Hyman of Ridley Gardens** has been our magnificent helper in this difficult time. Wendy has shopped for us and kept Colin supplied with Crosswords. Could not have got through this without her. Wendy thought of poor Colin only having one carrot; so, she bought a bag for him. She organised our VE 75 Day, flags, bunting, music & cakes. Peter Bunting arranged a Go-Kart flypast, such fun with everyone laughing. A lovely day, all in their gardens.

**54 years**, we still love living in Elsenham; even though it has grown so much. We supported ECA dances in the old Village Hall to buy the playing field; Elsenham School, Scouts & Guides and now the Bowls Club. We look forward to seeing our friends; when we are allowed out and raise a glass in the bar. We hope that all the new residents enjoy living here too and that they can join in the village life.

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### GORDON WILLIAM BARKER

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Gordon William Barker, who sadly passed away on 7 September 2022 at the age of 88.

We would like to thank everyone who has sent messages of condolence and flowers, also for all the support we have received at this difficult time. Your kindness has been a great comfort to us as a family.

We are holding a private family funeral and then at a later date a Celebration of Life service for everyone that Gordon's life has touched over the years. He was such a big part of Elsenham having been born in the village, educated in the village, married in the village and running the local petrol station for the best part of 50 years. He was Elsenham's local historian and frequently raised money for St Mary's Church Fabric Fund. He touched many people's lives with his wit, entertaining stories and factual knowledge.

We would like to invite everyone who knew him to attend his Celebration of Life service which is to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church, Elsenham at 11.30 a.m. and for refreshments afterwards at Elsenham Bowls Club. This day would have been his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.



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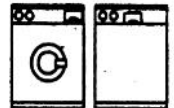
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# ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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As I was putting these notes together I heard of the death of our Queen of seventy years.

WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN. OUR THOUGHTS AND CONDOLENCES ARE WITH THE ROYAL FAMILY, AS WE MOURN THE LOSS OF OUR LONGEST-SERVING MONARCH. WE ARE INDEBTED TO HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THIS COUNTRY.

Sadly, only the day before, we received the news that our President, Gordon Barker had passed away in hospital following a fall at home. Born in 1933 he grew up in a village little changed for very many years. He always had a keen interest in the history of Elsenham and over the years collected very many photographs and other memorabilia telling the story of our village. Many of you will recall the slide shows he put on at the Village Hall narrated in his own inimitable style. It was Gordon who was responsible for the listing of many of our ancient buildings, always keen to preserve the fabric of the village. His ambition was for Elsenham to have its own History Society and in 2010 he was rewarded when he was unanimously elected its first Chairman. In later years when unable to participate he was made President of the Society where he continued to keep a watchful eye on our events



Press dates mean that I am unable to bring an account of our September meeting but hopefully next month I will be able to bring you an account of the 100 Parishes.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November when Richard Till will be along to talk about the “Cutlers of Thaxted”. Did you know that at one time Thaxted had the biggest cutlery industry in the country? Come along and find out more.

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There are fewer ex-Concorde pilots than USA astronauts, so we were very fortunate to have ex-Captain John Hutchinson to speak at our August meeting. His talk was called “Concorde a 20<sup>th</sup> century icon, a celebration of a golden age in aviation”. Flying Concorde for the last fifteen years of a distinguished career in aviation Captain Hutchinson’s love of the aircraft was very evident.

Concorde caught the respect and affection of the general public in Britain and the USA as no other passenger plane has and was loved by the pilots who flew it for it had no parallel. John’s well illustrated talk took us right through the mechanics of a flight from take off to landing. It was absolutely fascinating. We listened, learned and asked many questions afterwards. Quite a number of copies of the book about him, “The Wind beneath my Wings”, were bought and some he signed.

At 7.30pm on October 1<sup>st</sup> at St John’s Church, Stansted there will be a concert by Stansted u3a Singer, Musical Director Isobel Bradshaw. Tickets are £10 and under 14s are half price. The ticket price includes a glass of wine or soft drink. For tickets, please contact Jean on 01279 850275 or Susie on 07803 802617.

The topic for the poetry group at their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October is “The letter S, poet or topic”. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October Margaret Easter will give a talk to the garden group on “Herbs in the Garden”.

At October’s General meeting, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, Martin Lloyd will talk about “Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies.” This is a story about how three passports played their influential role in the course of history: an attempted assassination which altered the regulations for issuing passports; the capture of a spy which caused a worldwide modification to the design of the document and for one person the passport itself which turned into a killer.

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# NATURAL OUTLOOK

By Heather Salvidge ☞ 814153

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Well the drought ended with a “bang” in September but this month can be very wet with “named “ storms, a warm patch up to 24 ° C, cold ones down to 2 ° C and a frost. Whether we get the early autumn as predicted remains to be seen.

We can expect to see more blackbirds and brilliantly coloured jays as they join us from the Continent, especially as the oak trees bear a heavy set of acorns - jays’ favourite. Look out for them on Station Road, on oaks by Broom Farm, Ridley Gardens and on DeMandeville Green. In Station Road there is a very tall silver birch in Alcuin’s garden on which I have seen about forty goldfinches feeding on the birch seeds and a ‘murmuration’ of starlings chattering and doing likewise. Apart from robins, the only birdsong I have heard was a blackbird’s in Golds Business Park warbling under a lamp light.

On quiet days on the playing field, the magpie family collects, adults and juveniles, and also up to ten pied wagtails, some crows and even flocks of wintering seagulls but not so often as before because we use the ground more frequently. Not so long ago we had no resident red kites, now often seen drifting around over Stansted Road, Isabel Drive, The Spinney and the playing field – ‘he’ was there keeping an eye on us over the Fete. And there were reports of a pair checking out the Canada Goose goslings on the golf course.

By mid-October, fieldfares and redwings are here for the season in local fields and at Hatfield Forest for instance. Redwings can be mistaken for song thrushes but they are more sociable, have a thick white eye stripe, and a red-orange patch on their wings and flanks. Fieldfares are about the same size as mistle thrushes and have a range of gentle colours from silvery grey, blue/grey, shades of chestnut brown on the upper parts, and a much speckled breast on yellow buff. They usually arrive and feed in flocks but for several years we had a ‘lone’ one to be seen sitting atop a pear tree on DeMandeville Green or occasionally in our back garden.

During the first half of the month mostly, I have recorded a few remaining butterflies, large whites, small tortoiseshells, red admirals, a comma and a large yellow underwing moth by the porch light. Also bees are still about on flowers such as Michaelmas daisies and anything left in bloom.

Some trees keep their leaves green this month but we get a variety of colours now; the ornamental ashes in a car park at Thorley turn purple, other ashes go lime yellow, we get deep red from dogwoods, shades of green, butter yellow and orange from field maple, a beige from oaks and my spindle goes red and purple.

Local mammals to be seen in daylight or dark are bank vole, grey squirrel, fox, hedgehog, muntjac and fallow deer. So drive carefully.



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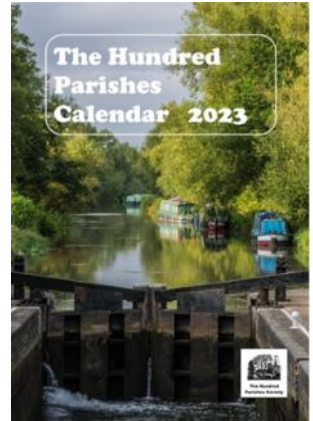
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The Hundred Parishes Society is a membership organisation and also a registered charity. Its formal objectives are to “advance the education of the public in the character and history of The Hundred Parishes”, to provide information for leisure time occupation and to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the area, all for the benefit of the public. We tend to abbreviate this by saying we encourage people to appreciate the area. Over the years, the Society has pursued its aims through a number of channels: regular articles in local magazines, various elements of its website

[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk) and a hardback book, 800 copies of which now reside in people’s homes and libraries. We have recently expanded our activities by launching The Hundred Parishes group on Facebook and by producing a calendar for 2023.



We hope the Facebook initiative will engage with an additional audience as well as providing existing members with what may also suit some of them. The immediacy and interaction of Facebook complements our established, structured approach - which will remain undiminished.

If you already use Facebook, just carry out a search for The Hundred Parishes.



Once you have agreed to the group rules, you will be able to join the private group, to share in discussion and post photos if you would like to. You do not have to be a member of The Hundred Parishes Society to join the Facebook group.

The Hundred Parishes 2023 Calendar is now available from several local outlets including Elsenham Post Office. It features photos of the local area

and can be purchased for £10. We hope many people will buy a copy to hang on the wall. Please see our website for further details and a full list of stockists.

*The Hundred Parishes is 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is largely unspoilt and is richly endowed with many fine examples of agricultural and built heritage. The area has shared a common history which shaped and preserved its distinctive landscape of small and medium-sized farms linked by winding lanes and ancient rights of way to hamlets, villages and then to small market towns. For more information visit [www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk).*



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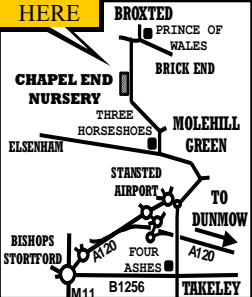
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# ELSENHAM BOWLS AND SOCIAL CLUB

By Sue Waite



Hello everyone, when you read this the bowl's green will have been put to bed for another season and winter activities will have begun inside the club. These are: pool on Mondays, crib on Tuesdays, darts on Wednesdays, short mat on Thursdays and club nights on Fridays. The club opens at 7pm and all are welcome.

Last month, as usual, we held our internal matches organised by Steve Hardy and here are the winners:

- Men's singles – Chris Waite
- Ladies' singles – Therese Clear
- Men's pairs – Paul Jordan and John Todd
- Ladies' pairs – Fiona Jordan and Therese Clear
- Mixed pairs – Colin Cherry and Pauline Martin
- Men's triples – Pip Suckling, Colin Cherry, Tony Martin
- Ladies' triples – Pauline Martin, Sue Waite, Do Hackett
- Mixed triples – David Bright, Trevor Hackett, Pauline Martin
- Charlie Pelling – Trevor Hackett
- 2 wood singles – Paul Jordan
- Tom Wright singles – Paul Morris
- President's Cup – Therese Clear and Matt Clear

We would also like to congratulate Do Hackett on winning her ladies' Monday league.

Also, many congratulations to Captain Chris Waite and his team for his Essex and Herts senior league win, coming top of the league. They celebrated with a gala day and a lovely meal.

Well done everyone.

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## From The Parish Registers

### Burial of Ashes:

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# ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB

By Petra Studholme 📞 814667



## Fun Tournament

What a great fun afternoon we had! 16 enthusiasts playing round robin games accumulating points saw Em Bloom narrowly beating Dave Richie into second place. The coach's choice awards went to 1. Henry Bishop; 2. Jackie Macdonald; 3. Debbie Law King. Well done all, in particular our newbies in their first competitive matches.

## Maintenance

Thank you to all our members who worked so hard this summer to repair and maintain our ETC facilities, including gardening, weeding the courts, painting benches, cleaning and putting up the new table and benches. Looking good!

## Mixed and Men's teams results in the ESC Summer 2022 League

Jon's Men's update: We have had 2 matches both against Dunmow. The home match was tight games but we managed to hold a 11-5 win, with Stuart and Ollie playing and winning 2 sets and Jon and Tom winning 3 sets and drawing 1.

The away match: we managed to play the first games but rain started during these games, we did not manage to win any sets and we then split the points on the 2nd games due to getting too wet and slippery. We should have picked up some more points but did not play well unfortunately! So result was 4:12 loss.

### Petra's Mixed update:

We played away at Roydon in scorching hot conditions. Tom partnered with Petra, Bogdan and Yullia faced strong opposition but managed a 8:8 draw.

Our next game was at home against Bishops Stortford. Amazing 9:7 win, we battled for hours, literally. Well done Jonathan and Em, Petra and Ollie.

And another one away against Pleshey. Sadly a 4:12 loss but Bogdan and Yullia, Jonathan and Simona had great games. We are a young, new team so gained valuable experience. We also have new players joining the team which is fabulous to get more ETC members to play competitively.

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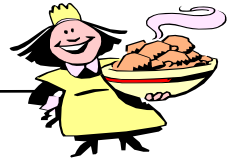
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# COOKERY CORNER

By Sue Johnson ☎ 812704



This recipe is one that has been shared with many over the years. I make no apology for repeating it now.

## FLORENTINE SLICES (Makes 12 to 16)

- 8 oz (225g) dark chocolate, broken into pieces
- 2 oz (50g) butter or margarine
- 4 oz (100g) demerara sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 oz (50g) mixed dried fruit
- 4 oz (100g) coconut
- 2 oz (50g) quartered glacé cherries

Put chocolate in bowl and melt carefully over hot water. Grease and line a 7½ inch (19cm) square cake tin. Spread the melted chocolate all over the base of the tin and leave to set.

Meanwhile, cream together butter and sugar until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs thoroughly. Mix together remaining ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Spoon into the tin and spread over the set chocolate.

Bake in centre of cool oven (150°C/fan 130°C/gas Mark 2) for 45 minutes, until golden brown. Remove from oven and leave until quite cold. Carefully mark into 12 or 16 squares with sharp knife, then loosen with palette knife and lift each square carefully from tin.

### CHEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

After cooking and cooling the florentines, put the tin in the refrigerator until really cold. This way, the slices will come out without any trouble. Try sultanas, raisins, cranberries or any chopped dried fruit (dried apricots work well) instead of mixed dried fruit. As an alternative to glacé cherries, you could use chopped mixed peel. Best kept in the fridge while the weather is warm.



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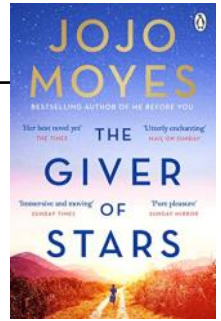
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**'Misfit women rule in a beguiling tale of unlikely love. Moyes writes with warmth and intelligence . . . the most appealing thing about The Giver of Stars, however, is her wonderful way with romance. Delightful.'** *The Times*

This was the choice of the book group this month.

In 1937, a small mining town gets a grant for a town library from an initiative by Eleanor Roosevelt . The community is quite spread out and many dwellings are remote so books have to be delivered by horseback.

The book starts off slowly as we are introduced to the characters. There are two main characters. Alice, an English woman who marries the son of the owner of the coal mines in this town. She becomes stuck in a loveless marriage with an indifferent husband and a bully for a father-in-law. Her family back in England is reluctant for her to admit her mistake and return to England so she stays. The second is Margery. Her father was a wife and child-beating drunk who made and sold local Moonshine. Although none of her family remains alive, memories of her father's behaviour are strong among the townsfolk and many in the town view her negatively. The fact that she is a strong woman who knows and speaks her mind does not help.

Margery, is a good horsewoman, and knows the area well so is a natural to run the library. She recruits women who can ride to help with delivering the books. Alice volunteers and becomes one of the women known as the Packhorse Library. Her family is opposed to her actions which worsens the situation at home as the expectation for women was to keep house and have babies. However, the library thrives and is loved by women who suddenly have access to books, education and information.

The Packhorse Library was real. The story and romantic elements are fictional. There are many strands woven into the story: racism, domestic violence, unfair working practices, prejudice, tragedy and oppression. However, there is also a happy ending with marriage, babies and a resolution.

# Editorial Information

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The **last day** for editors to receive articles, advertising and letters, which must contain the author's name and address (which may be withheld), is the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Articles should ideally consist of a half page of A5 or a full page of A5. Articles over these sizes or letters containing more than 500 words may be edited depending on space.

**Copy submitted after the 8<sup>th</sup> may not be accepted but will, if deemed appropriate, be held over to the next month.** We are happy to receive hand written articles which ideally should reach us earlier than the 8<sup>th</sup> to allow for scanning etc.

**Dates for the Diary** must include date, event, venue and time.

**Please submit all articles, adverts, letters and queries to the editorial team at:**  
[elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk)

## General Notes

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that information is correct, the editorial team cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused through errors or omissions.

The views expressed within this magazine are not necessarily the views of the editorial team or Elsenham Community Association (ECA).

The editors and the ECA can accept no responsibility for the goods or services advertised in the magazine. Advertisements are included in good faith. The editors reserve the right to allow replies to letters/articles to be made in the same edition when appropriate.

**The editors' decision is final.**

**Wanted/For Sale items:** individuals may submit short details of items wanted or for sale etc at no charge. These will be included in the next available issue of the magazine subject to space and acceptance by the editors.

## Subscriptions

*Elsenham News* is available by email (on a pdf) at no charge, or through the post at a cost of £13 per annum. Contact [elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk)

## Advertising

The costs are as follows:

	<b>Single Insertion</b>	<b>Annual Cost (11 issues)</b>
Half Page	£20.00	£190.00
Quarter Page	£10.00	£100.00
Inside Page	£50.00	n/a
Back Page	£75.00	n/a

**Village organisations** attract reduced rates, £5 for ¼ page. Half and full-page adverts attract full rates.

## To place an advertisement:

For any queries, contact Nathalie. Please send your advert as Word or Publisher via email to [elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elsenhamsnews@hotmail.co.uk)

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Cheques should be made payable to "**Elsenham Community Association**".

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**Previous issues of Elsenham News are available on the ECA Website**

[www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk](http://www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Tree Festival Elsenham Church December 3 and 4

### VILLAGE CONTACTS

Airport Roadside Parking		0800 731 2385
Beavers	1sthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
Bowls Club	Jean Platt	816151
Brownies	elsenhambrownies@outlook.com	
Church Office (Old Franks, High St, Elsenham)	Anna Hicks	814285
County Councillor (Stansted)	Ray Gooding	813103
Cricket Club	David Brown	831011
Cub Scouts	1sthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
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ECA (Secretary)	Moyra Jackson	647351
ECA Website	www.ElsenhamCommunityAssociation.org.uk	
Elsenham Surgery	www.elsenhamsurgery.nhs.uk	814730
Elsenham C of E Primary School	Linda Todd Headteacher	813198
Elsenham Church PCC Secretary	David Hill	812397
Elsenham Rights of Way website	www.e-voice.org.uk/erowos/	
Friends of Elsenham School (FOES)	Gemma Mills	07745 036066
Guides elsenhamguides@gmail.com	Gemma Schafer	07792 572423
Henham & District Garden Society	Moyra Jackson	647351
History Society	Mike Rea evhs12@hotmail.co.uk	813634
Member of Parliament	Kemi Badenoch	0207 219 5214
Memorial Hall Bookings	Cheryl Rae	817834
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Francis Lambert	07771 728332
	francislambertnhw@btinternet.com	
Parish Clerk - Louise Johnson	louise.epc@gmail.com	07456 791727
Elsenham Parish Council Website	www.elsenham-pc.gov.uk	
Police		101
Post Office		812175
Rainbows	elsenhamrainbows@outlook.com	
Scouts	1sthenhamandelsenham@gmail.com	
St Mary's Fabric Fund	Elizabeth Barker	813543
Tennis Club	Petra Studholme	814667
Tots & Toddlers	Trudi Marsh	07944 841358
Uttlesford District Councillors (for Elsenham & Henham)	Petrina Lees	814406
Village Hall Bookings	Garry LeCount	07836 346717
Village Hall email address	Annie Gleeson	07809 490731
Womens Institute Secretary	elsenhamvillagehall@gmail.com	647729
WI website	Gill Hathaway	813385
Youth Football Club (Chairman)	www.elsenhamwi.co.uk	
	Ricky Lambourne info@elsenhamyfc.co.uk	

If you would like your village organisation contact to appear regularly in the magazine, please contact one of the editors, see opposite for details.



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### About our Farm Shop

We stock a vast array of produce.

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### Pig Sty Tearoom

All Day Breakfasts & Lunch with both Full Size "Pig Sty" meals as well as smaller "Piglet" size servings and for the youngest among us a "Baby Piglet" menu.

Sunday Lunches with 2 meat choices and a veggie choice every week, including homemade desserts.

Our Afternoon and Cream Teas are fast becoming legendary, freshly made Sandwiches, Scones & both Home Made Cakes and Belgian Patisserie.



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